

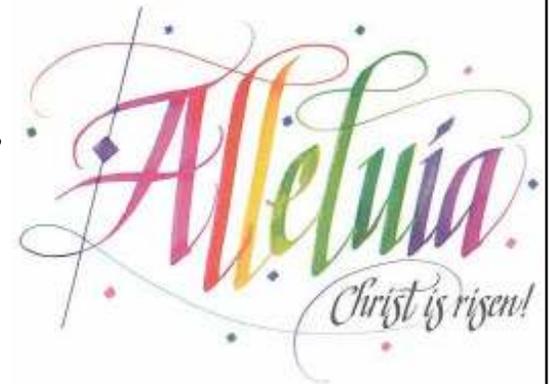


April 2018

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH The PULSEBEAT

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Dear faithful First family and friends,

With that phrase, “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” and the response “Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!” we welcome the Easter celebration and the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Indeed, nothing could keep Christ in the grave and so on that third day, God raises Jesus from the dead ushering in new life and hope for all of creation.

As I mentioned in last month’s newsletter, Easter celebrates an event so great that it cannot be limited to one day. Thus, Easter consists of fifty days, a “week of weeks.” But Easter Sunday itself is not even limited to just one day. In fact, the days following Easter are known as the Octave of Easter—eight days of celebration of the Lord’s resurrection. The Octave of Easter continues through the second Sunday of Easter, that is, the first Sunday after Easter Sunday (celebrated this year on April 8). Hence, it’s eight days or an octave. Note, too, that since the season of Easter lasts for fifty days, the Sundays in Easter are called Sundays of Easter. It’s a way of really driving the point home that Christ’s resurrection is something to be celebrated far longer than one Sunday and far longer than when local stores put away the Easter candy and decorations.

Like Christmas, Easter is meant to last, so that we may linger in the celebration. But even when the season of Easter is over, we are reminded about that incredible event, as each Sunday in the church year is a celebration of Easter. For now, let the festivities begin. Let the waters of baptism and the sprinkling of that water awaken your faith. Let the songs and “alleluias” be on your lips as we praise the One who breaks the darkness and bursts forth in radiant light. And may the celebration of Easter continue to fill your days of the Season of Easter with Christ’s presence.

Peace and Joy,
The Rev. Darryl W. Kozak
Intentional Interim Pastor

Council Update: Equinox Reflections

by Carol J. Schultz, Council Secretary

It seems fitting the March Council meeting fell on March 20, the same day as the 2018 Vernal (Spring) Equinox. We observe the equinox twice a year, in the spring and fall, when the hours of daylight and darkness are approximately equal or when day and night are balanced. And balance is the state of affairs the Council continuously strives for—balance of First Lutheran’s income and expenditures, worship and social activities, staff and volunteer efforts, and so on.

So, here are the main points the Council addressed on May 20.

Financial Status. At the end of February, First Lutheran had an overall deficit of \$5,734 compared to the 2018 budget. Given that First Lutheran adopted a deficit budget for 2018 for the first time in a number of years, the Council will carefully monitor this situation each month.

2018 Council Officers:

President: Dick Krueger

Vice President: *Vacant*

Treasurer: Kem Taylor

Secretary: Carol Schultz

Financial Secretary: Anke Hartung

Council Members:

Frank DeLouise, Joe DeMers,
Jeremy Kaercher, Melinda Person,
and Susan White.



TACO Facility Use. During the height of the Hepatitis A outbreak, First Lutheran and TACO agreed to limit TACO's use of First Lutheran's library and portions of the lounge. Although the outbreak has weakened, the Council is concerned about transmission of other infectious diseases in these areas if unlimited use resumes. Following the Council's direction, President Dick Krueger met with TACO Executive Director Jim Lovell to discuss these concerns and request a written description of TACO's proposed uses.

Smoking Area Test. Ideally the First Lutheran premises would be smoke-free, but the reality is smoking happens and smokers are congregating on the sidewalks, creating a barrier to the patio for nonsmokers. The Council agreed to designate a small smoking area adjacent to the parking lot under the shade trees and to evaluate it after 60 days. The Property Committee will work with Facilities and Security Administrator Wayne Boss to set up the test area.

Council Resignation. Dan Kjonggaard has tendered his resignation as Council Vice President/TACO Liaison because circumstances require him to care for his mother. First Lutheran's Bylaws authorize the Council to fill this vacant seat. The Council also will designate the Vice President/TACO Liaison. Both actions will be on the Council's April agenda.

Committees and Goals. The Council approved committees and goals for 2018 and assigned leadership responsibilities as follows. Prior to the April Council meeting, each committee and task force will develop a work plan and timetable for its activities in 2018.

- **Finance Committee.** Members are Treasurer Kem Taylor (lead person), Financial Secretary Anke Hartung, and Council member Jeremy Kaercher. Together they will oversee all aspects of collections, disbursements, and financial reporting.
- **Property Committee.** Members are President Dick Krueger (lead person), congregation member Kathryn Kanaan, and congregation member Richard Phillips; Dick plans to add a fourth member to share the responsibilities. Together they will address current repairs, plan for maintenance needs outlined in the recently-completed assessment report, and oversee all aspects of property upkeep, including restoration of the stained glass windows.
- **TACO Facility Agreement Task Force.** President Dick Krueger and Secretary Carol Schultz volunteered to draft a facility agreement with TACO. The Council has requested TACO to name two persons to serve on this task force as well.
- **Pride Parade Task Force.** Council members Joe DeMers and Frank DeLouise will lead the work for participating in the Pride Parade on July 14, 2018.
- **Volunteer Participation Task Force.** Council members Susan White and Melinda Person will work on increasing congregational participation in ministries and volunteer activities.

Representing the interests of First Lutheran is a privilege and a responsibility Council members take seriously. Please share your questions, concerns, or appreciation with any Council member.

God's Peace to you all,
Your 2018 Council

Homeless Treasures



Save the Date and Start Saving!

"Homeless Treasures," TACO's Rummage Sale, will be Saturday, June 23, at Clairemont Lutheran Church. Keep us in mind as you begin your Spring Cleaning, and if you'd like to volunteer, clear your schedule and join us June 18-22! Details forthcoming!

Questions? Contact Martha Radatz at m28rz@icloud.com or 619-575-2845.



Second Sunday Social

In preparation for participating for the 15th Annual Agape House Chili Cook-off and Cookie Chill-off, First Lutheran Church will be holding its own Chili Cook-off and Cookie Chill-off for our April 8 Second Sunday Social. So, what does this mean? We are looking for you to prepare and bring your award-winning chili and cookie that will be tasted and voted on at our Second Sunday Social on April 8.



We will gather at 2:30PM for a time of fellowship and begin the tasting at 3:00PM. As you sample the chili and cookies, you'll cast your vote for your favorite chili and cookie. The winner of our contests will have his or her chili and/or cookie entered on behalf of First Lutheran for the Agape House event.



If you have any questions, please call or email Pastor Darryl. A signup sheet is located in the narthex for you to sign up to bring a chili, cookie, or both.

Let the contest begin!

Chili 15th Annual Cook - Off

Benefiting **Agape House**

Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry @ SDSU

**SUNDAY APRIL 29, 2018
3:00-6:00PM**

**SAINT DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6556 PARK RIDGE BLVD**

Featuring the best chili and cookie recipes by local congregations, along with salad and grilled cheese.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

**All are welcome!
Free Entry! Door prizes!**

*Support Campus Ministry by making a donation today! Gifts received by the end of the event will be credited toward your congregation's chili. The congregation raising the most money will receive bragging rights and the highly coveted Golden Ladle and Golden Spatula!



For more information Call 619-583-3972
or e-mail agapehousesdsu@gmail.com

April Birthdays

2: Melody Ruth

4: Shaun Travers

5: Sheri Bengtson

7: Bob Ravenscroft

8: Eddie Collins

10: James Boyd

15: Heidi Hoxie

16: Diana Johnson

18: Sierra Schreiber

19: Nathaniel Pratt

22: Laura Olsbo

26: Ruth Clayton

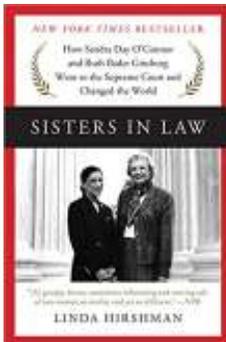
27: Stephanie Boomhower

28: Rachel Line

28: Martha Radatz



Book Group Notes



The title of our April selection, *Sisters in Law* by Linda Hirshman, sounds like it might be a family drama, but if you look at the full title, *Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*, it quickly tells you we are going to learn about two remarkable women, the first and second women to serve as Supreme Court justices. Republican and Democrat, Christian and Jew, rancher's daughter and city girl, these trailblazers have shaped the legal framework of modern feminism. A combination of legal detail and warm anecdotes, this book tells a moving story of a remarkable friendship.

Please join us for a lively discussion on Thursday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sylvia Herman. New members are always welcome, and may start at anytime!

Looking ahead: May selection will be *The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian.

Lenten Offering Update

For the 2018 Lenten season, First Lutheran decided to support the Lutheran World Relief efforts in Puerto Rico.

Our goal this Lenten season had been to raise \$3000. Thanks to the generosity of the First Lutheran members and our visitors, we have raised \$5699.35 as of this printing!



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CAMPAIGN

BARN RAISING FUNDRAISER

**JUNE 9TH SAVE
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DATE**

@Luther Glen

The Barn Raising Fundraiser is your opportunity to see Luther Glen, enjoy fellowship with our community and help raise enough money to begin building the Luther Glen Barn!

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**Barn Raising Fundraiser
Saturday, June 9
3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

3-5 Activities/Silent Auction
5-5:30 Presentation/Blessing
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30 Live Auction

Friends of camp!

We want to thank you for joining us in collecting bottle caps! We have received over the limit we were expecting. Your passion for collecting them is truly appreciated! So, we no longer need any more bottle caps at this time. :)

We now have a new collecting campaign for you to join in on. Summer is coming and we are in the process of prepping for our summer programs. To help us get ready for summer, we are in need of crayons, markers and friendship bracelet string! These items play important roles in

our summer sessions.

If you are willing to assist us in donating and collecting these for camp, we would be forever grateful. If you come to either site, you're welcome to bring them with you. If LRCC staff come to your church for a visit, they would be happy to take them off your hands.

Thank you so much for your generosity! - LRCC Staff

P.S. Spread the word!





Call Committee Update

Discerning whom to call as First Lutheran's next pastor is a thoughtful and prayerful process involving the Synod, First Lutheran Church, and the pastoral candidates. Initially the Call Committee received two candidate names from the Synod and, after Skype interviews with both pastors, one withdrew. Only recently, the Synod forwarded two additional names, and we are conducting Skype interviews with them as well. Your prayers and patience are helpful; we Call Committee members know you are working with us.

May I Tell You About Kairos-Outside?

Women who have a loved one in prison often lead very isolated lives and sometimes struggle in secret. They, in fact, "do time" on the outside as much as the one incarcerated.

Kairos-Outside is a ministry for women affected by incarceration, who are leading clean and sober lives, and who need a safe, loving place of acceptance and understanding.

If you know a woman who might be helped by such a fellowship, I would love to share more about it with you.

Thank you,
Lee Kaercher

San Diego Pride Parade

First Lutheran Church will once again march in the Pride Parade. A FLC RIC committee is being formed to organize the event.



We are called to share God's love in the heart of

our city, and what better way to do so than with thousands of people that attend the parade? This is a fun event, and we hope that you will join FLC Council members Frank De Louise and Joe DeMers to make it another success.



Please prayerfully consider offering your time and talents. Contact either Frank (fpdcl@yahoo.com) or Joe (jdemers620@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game...

Out at the Park is back! Join with others in the San Diego LGBT community and your friends from First Lutheran as we

prepare to enjoy an exciting evening of entertainment and baseball when the Padres take on the Mets. Your Out at the Park ticket purchase includes a seat in the Out at the Park section, a commemorative Padres hat, \$5 donation to San Diego Pride, and access to the pre-game VIP space in Park at the Park.

Don't delay! We have a limited number of tickets.

Contact Chuck Leib for tickets. (619)518-0615 / CGLFPD@Yahoo.com

You will have to forgive me, a native and longtime resident of Long Island, NY, if I spontaneously begin singing "Meet the Mets" (their theme song) during the game!

Hope you can make it!

—Chuck Leib



When: Friday, April 27, 2018

Where: Petco Park

Tailgate: 4:30pm - 7:00 p.m.,
Park at the Park

Game: 7:10 - 10:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$25.00



First Lutheran Worship Assistants – April & May

ALTAR GUILD

APRIL

9:00 a.m. Service

Marjorie Wahlsten

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

MAY

9:00 a.m. Service

Susan White

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

USHERS

APRIL

9:00 a.m. Service

Jim Boyd & John Hoff

11:00 a.m. Service

Ruth Clayton & Marty Topp

MAY

9:00 a.m. Service

Sharon Province &

Marjorie Wahlsten

11:00 a.m. Service

Anke Hartung &

Melinda Person

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Greeters	Nursery Attendants	Flowers
April 1 (Easter)	9:00 11:00	Jeremy Kaercher Beth Slevcove	Sylvia Herman Joe Slevcove	Pat Hendrickson & Marjorie Wahlsten Slevcovs	_____ _____	Marjorie Wahlsten
April 8	9:00 11:00	Eric Sloniker Paul Finneseth	Carol Schultz Elizabeth Connolly	Dennis Arenas & David Oakes _____	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
April 15	9:00 11:00	Chuck Leib Mary Ann Horton	Pat Hendrickson Nancy Eckert	George & Ethel Falk Desi Kuster	_____ _____	
April 22	9:00 11:00	Frank Jessie Paul Finneseth	Jan Neuhaus Martha Radatz	Shaun Travers Elizabeth Connolly	_____ _____	
April 29	9:00 11:00	Ronn Garton Luke Williams	Jim Boyd Matthew Eckert	Dick & Mary Krueger _____	_____ _____	Hoxies
May 6	9:00 11:00	Brian Shuman Mary Ann Horton	Jim Ehlers Joe Slevcove	John Hoff Slevcovs	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
May 13	9:00 11:00	Nate Pratt Luke Williams	Frank De Louise Elizabeth Connolly	Frank De Louise & Chuck Leib Desi Kuster	_____ _____	Dorothy Hunter



April 2018 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER SUNDAY 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	2 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	3 12 pm Al Anon	4 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm Al Anon 5 pm Dental Clinic	5 12 pm Al Anon	6 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	7
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	9 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	10 12 pm Al Anon	11 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm Al Anon 5 pm Dental Clinic	12 12 pm Al Anon 1 pm HICAP	13 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	14
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	16 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	17 12 pm Al Anon 6:30 pm Church Council	18 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm Al Anon 5 pm Dental Clinic	19 12 pm Al Anon 1 pm HICAP	20 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	21
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	23 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	24 12 pm Al Anon	25 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm Al Anon	26 12 pm Al Anon 1 pm HICAP	27 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	28
29 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality 3 pm German Svc	30 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics					

Monday evening clinics include acupuncture, medical, dental, and legal services.

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TACO Corner



With Spring already here, it's easy to forget just how cold San Diego can be in the winter AND in the spring. Although there is now bridge housing for over 700 (thank goodness), there are still over 1000 people living on the streets in Downtown alone. We cannot count the number of souls encountered huddled up trying to keep warm over the past six months alone. Sometimes they have nothing but the shirt on their back (not even a coat), and are sleeping on damp pavement. Sometimes they huddle in groups under covered areas for protection and warmth, and sometimes even children with their parents holding each other for warmth.

And on that note, a great thank you to First Lutheran's generous donations over Palm Sunday. The coats and clothing that you have all graciously provided make a HUGE difference to a great many people. Imagine for a minute having to spend all night outside with no jacket, blanket, or any other "comfort." Thanks to all of you, many of TACO's clients won't have to. It's easy to see the proof constantly as one walks around Downtown, and you can see the guests we've been able to help with a jacket during the meals. Often people will come up during the meal without even shoes and ask if we have a jacket or *anything* because they are *freezing*. You can see the desperation and discomfort in their face. Your donations allow us at TACO to say yes, and for that we are all eternally grateful.

Have a blessed Easter everyone, and please feel free to contact us if you have any comments, suggestions, or questions.

—Brad Young, TACO Volunteer Coordinator



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