



May 2018

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH The PULSEBEAT

Dear faithful First family and friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

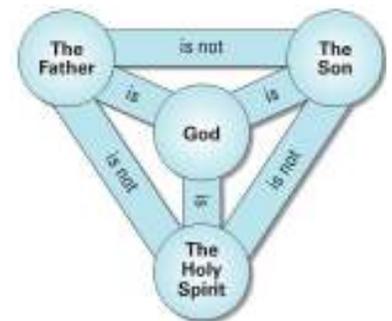
Can you believe it's already May? I'm not sure about you, but 2018 is going by far quicker than any previous year. Maybe it's an indication of my getting older! With May upon us, we are approaching the end of the Easter Season, which brings us to three more Festivals.

First, a Festival that occurs forty days after Easter is the Ascension of Our Lord. You may recall that this is the day when Christ spoke one last time to His disciples and then ascended to the right hand of God. In fact, this is an event we recite on most Sundays when we confess our faith in the words of both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, in which we confess "He ascended into heaven." From Christ's post-Ascension days, He now rules through all eternity at God's right hand. Yet, He remains as near as the bread and wine we receive each Sunday. Like much of our faith, this, too, is a mystery: the ascended Christ in heaven is still present with us.



Speaking of the Presence of God brings us to our next Festival: Pentecost. Pentecost happens fifty days after Easter and this ends the Easter season, ushering in the Sundays after Pentecost. In Saint John's Gospel, Jesus promises that when He leaves, He will send the Spirit, the Advocate, to the people. This promise was fulfilled on that first Pentecost, when the disciples, gathered in Jerusalem, received the Presence of the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as flames or tongues of fire. From that miracle, these disciples were able to speak in the various languages of the people. In fact, Peter preached a message to this crowd, and about 3000 became believers that day (see Acts 2 for the story). Yes, Christ had ascended, but now the Spirit had descended upon the people, thus showing that God is ever-present.

So, we've encountered the Ascension of Christ and the descent of the Spirit, now it's time to celebrate all Three Persons of the Godhead on the Festival of the Holy Trinity, which is the Sunday following Pentecost Sunday. The Trinity is a unique concept, a unique doctrine, and one that is difficult at times to grasp. Yet, on this Festival, it gives us time to reflect upon the Trinity—the Three Separate Persons Who are yet One God. Even though we hear the invocation on Sunday of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, on this Sunday we emphasize this great mystery. That God is, indeed, Three Persons: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; three job descriptions, if you will, yet emanating from One Being—God. May the Presence of the One Trinity guide your hearts and minds now and always as we meditate on God and upon all the blessings God gives to us.



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

Council Update: Heavenly Minded vs. Earthly Good

by Carol J. Schultz, Council Secretary

As I write this update I'm recalling we just celebrated Earth Day on April 22, a time to give thanks for the blessings of our planet and to re-commit ourselves to its stewardship. And I'm reminded of the quote attributed to Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., "Some people are so heavenly minded that they're of no earthly good." I like to think our Council is capable of being both heavenly minded and of earthly good—assisting worship and ministry as well as addressing personnel and maintenance at First Lutheran.



You can see for yourselves as you review the items our Council addressed at its April meeting.

Financial Status. At the end of March, First Lutheran reached the level of contributions projected for that time period, thanks to a generous, once-a-year donation. As grateful as we are for that contribution, the Council will be carefully monitoring income and expenditures each month. First Lutheran adopted a deficit budget in 2018 for the first time in a number of years, and we anticipate using reserve funds to balance income and expenditures during 2018. Looking ahead, however, First Lutheran will pay off its mortgage in 2019.

Oromo Donations. Pr. Darryl Kozak has learned the Oromo congregation, which First Lutheran supported by its Lent offerings in 2015, has left the ELCA. No details are available. Pr. Darryl will contact any donors who have designated recent gifts for the Oromo congregation to ask how they wish to have their contributions used.

Custodian. Will Duenez has resigned as First Lutheran's custodian. Council members Dick Krueger and Susan White are working with Facilities and Security Administrator Wayne Boss to identify the best person to fill this position. In the interim, Wayne will assume custodial duties, and the Council is grateful for his willingness to take on extra duties.

Council Resignation. Dan Kjonogaard's resignation in March left two vacancies, one for a Council seat and the other for the office of Vice President. The Council voted to name Frank DeLouise as Vice President, which also carries the responsibility of TACO Board Liaison. The Liaison sits on TACO's Board, and TACO's Bylaws give its Board final approval of the Council member selected to serve. The Council then elected Margie Wahlsten to serve the remainder of Dan Kjonogaard's term, which extends through the end of 2018.

Property Maintenance. Dick Krueger, Property Committee lead, reported the Committee has successfully addressed a number of maintenance issues: (1) plumbing failures related to a highly pressurized system, an in-operative shutoff valve, and the blocked baptismal font filter have been fixed; (2) a privacy screen for Office Administrator's door has been installed; (3) the kitchen floor was patched because estimates for complete resurfacing ran \$10,000-14,000; and (4) a malfunctioning steeple light was replaced. He also reported turnout for the church cleanup day on March 24 was disappointing; although many tasks were completed, a number remain and will carry over to the next cleanup day.

The Council continues to have dialog with TACO concerning use of areas that have difficult-to-clean surfaces like upholstered seating and carpet. The recent hepatitis A outbreak heightened everyone's awareness of the need to have procedures and supplies in place to maintain high standards of cleanliness throughout First Lutheran's facility.

Financial Procedures. Under Dick Krueger's leadership, the Council reviewed, revised, and adopted comprehensive procedures for counting and depositing monies. Finishing this task completes the needed policies and procedures identified in the 2016 financial audit.

Synod Assembly Representatives. The Council designated Paul Engel and Jan Neuhaus as First Lutheran's voting representatives to the Synod Assembly at Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert on May 18-19, 2018.

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.

2018 Council Officers:

President: Dick Krueger

Vice President: Frank DeLouise

Treasurer: Kem Taylor

Secretary: Carol Schultz

Financial Secretary: Anke Hartung

Council Members:

Joe DeMers, Jeremy Kaercher, Melinda Person, Marjorie Wahlsten, and Susan White.

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 \$6554.35 as of this printing!

God's Peace to you all,
Your 2018 Council

**Thank You
for Your
Support!**



Notes from the Call Committee

dis·cern·ment

də'sərn mənt

noun

1. the ability to judge well.
2. (in Christian contexts) perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual direction and understanding.

What the dictionary definition of “discernment” leaves out is the time factor required. Probably because no one can predict how long discernment takes, especially when several parties (Synod, First Lutheran, and pastoral candidates) are involved.

To recap the process, a congregation seeking a pastor posts its Ministry Site Profile on the Synod’s website, and a pastoral candidate interested in exploring a call sends the Synod his or her Rostered Minister Profile. The Synod screens the Profiles and forwards those it thinks are suitable to the congregation’s Call Committee.

Recently, the Pacifica Synod sent First Lutheran’s Call Committee two candidates. Our Committee has conducted Skype interviews with both these pastoral candidates and is moving forward with one of them at this time. Your prayers and patience are vital to this discernment process. Thank you!



Join the Fun and Walk with Us at 2018 Pride Parade

Saturday July 14th will be the annual Pride Parade, and First Lutheran will be marching in support of our LGBTQ friends and family. What will make the day special is if we have a large contingent of walkers. We will be wearing specially made T-shirts and although the committee hasn’t finalized this, we will likely have “props” and/or giveaways for the crowd. It’s always a fun and re-

warding day so add your name to the list of walkers today so we know how many T-shirts to order.

Our theme this year will be *Persist with Pride*, which denotes persisting in welcome and resisting intolerance. Although our biggest need is lots of walkers, we will also have other tasks such as perhaps setting up a “viewing area” for those who want to attend but can’t march. Contact a Pride

Committee person to learn more about ways you can help. A sign-up sheet for walkers will be available every Sunday until the parade so please add your name at your earliest opportunity.

Want to know more? Have questions? Contact a committee person: Frank DeLouise, Chuck Leib, Susan White, Sylvia Herman, Debby Hays, and Allison Emery will be happy to tell you more.



Happy Easter!

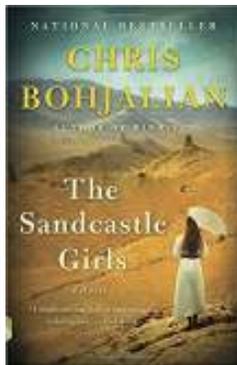
Unburying the Alleluias

Pastor Darryl sprinkling the congregation to remind us of our baptism



Hugo Sterzik being baptized at the 9:00 service





Book Group Notes

Our selection this month is also this year's "One Book One San Diego" selection, *Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian. A sweeping historical novel, it begins in 1915 Armenia, when Elizabeth Endicott arrives from Boston as a volunteer with "Friends of Armenia" to give aid to refugees of the Armenian genocide. Fast forward to the present day, where we meet Elizabeth's granddaughter, a novelist living in New York. A friend of hers claims to have seen a newspaper photo of her grandmother promoting an exhibit at a museum in Boston. This discovery leads her on a journey back through her family's Armenian heritage, revealing a wrenching secret that has been buried for generations.

Please join us for fellowship and discussion of this novel on Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jessica Friedrich. All are welcome! Newcomers may jump in at anytime!

Looking forward to June: *The Latehomecomers* by Kao Kalia Yang.

Electronic Giving

First Lutheran Church has an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account, or put on a credit card. The program is called Vanco Give+. You can sign up for it through the "Give" section of the newly redone First Lutheran Church website (www.firstlutheransd.org). You can schedule a single payment or a recurring payment, using either your bank account or a credit card.

Those who are already paying through Vanco can use their email addresses to access their accounts and make any changes or updates as needed.

Volunteer Counters Needed

One of the critical volunteer jobs at First Lutheran is that of the counters. Counters meet after second service on Sunday. They categorize, total, and record the cash and checks that have been received during the week and from the Sunday services. Detailed procedures and safeguards are in place to ensure that counters are protected and the counting is both done correctly and double checked.

A team of counters is needed so that individual counters do not have to perform the work every week. Currently there is a shortage of at least two counters that would allow a reasonable rotation interval. If you think you would be willing to be a counter at First Lutheran, please contact Anke Hartung, who is the Financial Secretary. Thank you for considering being a member of this essential team.

Wanted: Worship Assistants

We really need some new volunteers, especially for the 11:00 service. The positions are **assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, greeters, nursery assistants, and altar guild.**

If you are willing to fill one of these vital roles, please contact the church office.

Church Cell Phone Numbers

Pastor Darryl: 619-990-4589

Hannah: 619-977-2646

Church Email Addresses

Pastor Darryl: pastordarryl@firstlutheransd.org;

Hannah/Church Office: administrator@firstlutheransd.org

May Birthdays

1: Kristen Munnik

5: Mark Hallerberg

5: Meaghann Harbinson

5: Joe Slevcove

11: Simon Alli

11: Dale Cleland

17: Mary Robinson

18: Sharon Carlson

18: Jeremy Kaercher

21: Diana Foley

21: Kristin Westerman

23: Katie Diepholz

24: Leah Carter

25: Pat Hendrickson

29: Abrehet Berhan

29: Francie Montgomery

29: Bill Radatz

30: Kathryn Kanaan

30: Shelby Mehlow Morris

31: Blair Siverts



Save the date: 8th Annual Homeless Treasures



Saturday, June 23, 2018

@Clairemont Lutheran Church

To benefit:

The **Third Avenue Charitable Org.**!

We are having a one-week blitz again! Please begin setting aside your donations! As you Spring clean, fill a box of those items that no longer bring you joy, they may fill a need for someone who is looking for that special bargain. Collection dates will begin the week of June 18, 2018.

If you are able to give of your time, we need **volunteers!**

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Martha Radatz: 619-575-2845,
m28rz@icloud.com.



TACO Corner

Fight Hunger, Find Beauty
 Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**La Jolla United
 Methodist Church**
 6063 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, CA 92037

\$25 suggested
 donation

Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger and here is how you can help:

CHOOSE a handmade bowl, donated by local artisans

FILL with delicious soup and bread from your favorite local restaurants

GIVE all proceeds go to TACO (Third Avenue Charitable Organization)

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 1420 Third Ave. • San Diego, CA 92101
 Phone 619.235.9445

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 Clay Artists of San Diego
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First Lutheran Worship Assistants – May & June

ALTAR GUILD

MAY

9:00 a.m. Service

Susan White

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

JUNE

9:00 a.m. Service

Peggy Quintana

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper

USHERS

MAY

9:00 a.m. Service

Sharon Province & Marjorie Wahlsten

11:00 a.m. Service

Anke Hartung & Melinda Person

JUNE

9:00 a.m. Service

Tony & Peggy Quintana

11:00 a.m. Service

Ladonna Piper & Luke Williams

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Greeters	Nursery Attendants	Flowers
May 6	9:00 11:00	Brian Shuman Mary Ann Horton	Jim Ehlers Joe Slevcove	John Hoff Slevcoves	_____ _____	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
May 20	9:00 11:00	Kathryn Kanaan Beth Slevcove	Chuck Leib Nancy Eckert	Sylvia Herman Ruth Clayton	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
May 27	9:00 11:00	Richard Phillips Paul Finneseth	Lynne Falcon Martha Radatz	Kem Taylor Elizabeth Connolly	_____ _____	DeMers
June 3	9:00 11:00	Jan Neuhaus Mary Ann Horton	Shaun Travers Joe Slevcove	John Hoff Slevcoves	_____ _____	Marjorie Wahlsten
June 10	9:00 11:00	Eric Sloniker _____	Melody Ruth Matthew Eckert	Dennis Arenas & David Oakes _____	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
June 17	9:00 11:00	Jeremy Kaercher Beth Slevcove	Russ Hoxie Luke Williams	Marjorie Wahlsten _____	_____ _____	Kjonegaards



May 2018 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12 pm AI Anon	2 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	3 12 pm AI Anon	4 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	5
6 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	7 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	8 12 pm AI Anon	9 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	10 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP 6:30 pm TACO Board Mtg	11 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	12
13 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	14 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	15 12 pm AI Anon 6:30 pm Church Council	16 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	17 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP	18 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	19
20 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality	21 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	22 12 pm AI Anon	23 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	24 12 pm AI Anon 1 pm HICAP	25 9 am Acupuncture 9 am Bread Day 12 pm AA	26
27 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY 9 am Worship 10:10 Hospitality 11 am Worship 12:10 Hospitality 3 pm German Svc	28 MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) 12 pm AA 4 pm Free Meal 5:30 pm Evening Clinics	29 12 pm AI Anon	30 9 am Acupuncture 12 pm AI Anon	31 12 pm AI Anon		

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

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Deadline for next month's Pulsebeat is **the 15th, noon.**

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Save the Date!

**Second Sunday Social (to be held on the
third Sunday)**

**May 20
12:30 p.m.**

Come join your fellow FLC members for an
afternoon of games and munchies. Guests are
also welcome!



Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

The annual Rock 'n' Roll Marathon will be held on Sunday, June 3 this year. There will be many road closures in downtown San Diego, including Ash Street. In the past, organizers have created a pass to allow First Lutheran members to come down Beech and then drive the wrong way down Third Avenue to access our parking lot, but we have not yet heard if they will be doing this again this year.

Remember, between the closures and the greater numbers of people downtown, it will take longer to get to church that day. Please plan accordingly!

You can visit the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon website to view the road closures:
<http://www.runrocknroll.com/san-diego/the-races/road-closures/>



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