



June 2018

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH The PULSEBEAT

**Dear faithful First family and friends,**

The major Festival seasons of the Church Year have come to a close. Once again, we anticipated the coming of the Messiah with Advent, celebrated His birth with Christmas, and witnessed the adoration of the wise men or magi at Epiphany. Then, along with three disciples, we heard again of Jesus's Transfiguration and journeyed together through Lent culminating in the Festival of Festivals or the Feast of Feasts, Easter. For fifty days, we sang "Alleluia" and offered our praises to the Lord for the gift of new life given from Christ's Resurrection. Finally, we celebrated Pentecost and the birth of the Christian Church and recalled the mystery of the Trinity on Trinity Sunday.

So, now what?

It is now the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. Gone are the blue, white, purple, and red vestments. Now, we are in the "green" season. Yet, even though the major festival season is over, there are still others—saints—whom we still remember. June presents us with three Lesser Festivals: Barnabas, John the Baptist, and Peter and Paul.



Lesser Festivals is the term Lutherans use to celebrate the lives of saints who lived around the time of Jesus. (Major Festivals or Feasts are celebrations of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.) We celebrate many Lesser Festivals throughout the year. **On June 11th, we remember Barnabas, Apostle, who, as we read in the book of the Acts of the Apostles, accompanied Saint Paul on many missionary journeys. June 24th marks the festival of John the Baptist, cousin of Jesus and forerunner of the Messiah.** John the Baptist is, of course, the one who proclaimed that the Messiah—Jesus—was coming into the world. By the way, during Ordinary ("green") time, a congregation may choose to celebrate one of the Lesser Festivals and, if the date doesn't fall on Sunday, the congregation may transfer the Festival to the closest Sunday near the date. So, for example, since June 11th falls on a Monday this year, a congregation may choose to celebrate Saint Barnabas day on Sunday, June 10th. This year, John the Baptist day falls on Sunday, so here's your warning that I will most likely be sprinkling the assembly during our liturgy that morning. **The last Lesser Festival in June is June 29th, Peter and Paul, Apostles.** It is a Festival that recalls the martyrdom of these two great apostles and the witness they were for the early church.

In addition to Lesser Festivals, our Lutheran tradition sets aside certain days as commemorations for others. These commemorations are significant men and women of the faith, but these are people who did not live during the time of Jesus. In June, we have 13 commemorations, including the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession on June 25. This document was central to the Lutheran movement as it addressed key issues of our faith for the Church in Rome in the early days of the Reformation. It is one of our foundational doctrinal statements of what we as Lutherans believe.

So, as we continue our journey through the month of June, I encourage you to remember our forebears of the faith, whose lives continue to inspire us in our own walk of faith. And if you're interested in seeing a complete list of Lesser Festivals and Commemorations celebrated throughout the year, visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calendar\\_of\\_saints\\_\(Lutheran\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calendar_of_saints_(Lutheran)).

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



## Save the Date for Our First Communion Class

For any parents and children interested in learning more about the Sacrament of the Holy Communion in preparation for receiving First Communion, Pastor Darryl and Martha Radatz will be leading a class on Saturday, July 28 at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Pastor Darryl at [pastordarryl@firstlutheransd.org](mailto:pastordarryl@firstlutheransd.org).



## Council Update: A Positive Spirit

by Carol J. Schultz, Council Secretary

Even though “May gray” is here and our tasks often are challenging, your Council continues to work with a positive spirit. At our May meeting, we addressed these matters.

**Financial Status.** As of the end of April, First Lutheran’s checking account had fallen below the level that comfortably covers month-to-month operations. After careful consideration, the Council decided to redeem a money market fund (reserve fund) that has been earning low interest and to transfer those monies to First Lutheran’s checking account. This decision will preserve First Lutheran’s cash flow and avoid incurring repeated fees for money market withdrawals.

**Custodian.** Finding a reliable, individual custodian has proved unworkable. The Council will determine the more cost-effective solution between (1) hiring a custodial firm to clean the entire building twice a week and (2) hiring a custodial firm to clean the first floor and Wayne Boss, Facilities and Security Administrator, to clean the second floor, also twice a week. Custodial firms typically charge more per hour than individuals and, unlike individuals, provide their own cleaning supplies, making careful cost comparison essential. Savings from other budget items will allow the cost increase associated with a commercial firm to stay within the overall budget. In the interim, Wayne has assumed custodial duties, and the Council is grateful for his willingness to take on extra work.

**TACO Lift.** TACO President Bill Radatz and Board member Jean-Claude Chaama presented the detailed plans for installing a three-stop Savaria lift on the exterior of First Lutheran’s building. The lift will be located on the north side of the church building and will stop at the first level (church offices), parking lot, and second level (TACO offices). This project requires joint oversight by TACO and First Lutheran because TACO is paying for it and First Lutheran is the property owner. The TACO Board recently approved installing this lift. The Council concurred in their approval and directed the President to work out a Memorandum of Understanding with TACO that spells out the respective responsibilities of both organizations for the lift project. TACO will take the lead in scheduling the contractor, and both organizations will sign the construction contract. First Lutheran will designate a contact person for day-to-day responses to any contractor issues. This project illustrates both the independence and inter-dependence of First Lutheran and TACO.

**Pride Parade.** Council and congregation members are organizing marchers for the San Diego Pride Parade on July 14, 2018. See Council members Frank DeLouise or Joe DeMers if you’re interested.

**Congregation Participation.** Members of the Council are planning a 10:10 presentation between worship services on June 10, 2018, to explain the urgent need for money counters, ushers, and greeters on Sunday mornings and to encourage increased participation. Look for an article elsewhere in this Pulsebeat for more information.

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

God’s Peace to you all,  
Your 2018 Council

## Notes from the Call Committee

The Call Committee has completed interviews with all of the candidates provided by the Synod. Things are moving toward a finish. We are working quickly to complete our selection. The congregation has been very mindful of our need to work as a committee, not publicly. The work of the Holy Spirit takes patience on our parts and yours. It is God’s time, not exactly ours. We not only must select someone best matched to First Lutheran’s needs; that individual must discern whether coming here is in God’s plan for him or her. Our efforts are paying off, however, and we are getting there! Think of your prayers for a new pastor-elect as a ‘gift’ to the Holy Spirit’s work.

### 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.



# Pacifica Synod

Final Review



31st Annual Synod Assembly—May 18-19, 2018—Hope Lutheran, Palm Desert

## Go & Tell: Giving Voice to Faith, Justice & Blessing

The 31st Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly was held on the campus of Hope Lutheran Church in Palm Desert. A change from our history of holding synod assemblies at hotels, the expansive church campus and warm hospitality of the members of Hope Lutheran provided the perfect location for our synod to gather. We are extremely grateful for their hard work both prior to and during the assembly. Our theme of “Go & Tell: Giving Voice to Faith, Justice & Blessing” shaped our time together as we heard the stories of others, along with sharing our own stories, of God’s presence in our lives and in our world.

The ELCA’s Churchwide Representative for this assembly was Mr. William “Bill” Horne II, ELCA Vice President. This year’s keynote addresses were provided by four of our synod rostered ministers, who shared examples of giving voice to faith, justice and blessing in their lives and ministry, through their heartfelt and moving reflections.

Throughout the assembly, we were given the opportunity to hear the many stories of God’s faithful people from across our synod. Business of the assembly was conducted through elections, resolutions, memorials and budgets. Reports were shared, grant recipients celebrated and ministries lifted up. We were blessed to close our day on Friday with an inspiring worship service.

We give thanks to all who attended this assembly. Your participation and dedication to the ministries of and through this synod are a gift to this synod and the wider church. We also are grateful for those who prayed for this assembly. We especially give thanks for the village it takes to hold a synod assembly—our Assembly Planning Team, Synod Council, worship team and the MANY on-site volunteers and staff from the two local congregations (Hope and St. John’s) and elsewhere. We ARE church together for the sake of the world!

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY ACTIONS

**SA18.05.01 VOTED** to accept the amendment to the standing rules of 30 minutes discussion, with two 10 minute periods to follow if approved by the assembly.

**SA18.05.02 VOTED** to approve the rules and agenda for the 2018 Pacifica Synod Assembly.

#### Synod Council Recommendations:

*Baseline Salary Increase for Rostered Leaders*

**SA.18.05.03 VOTED** to approve a 2.5% increase\* in the Baseline Salary for Rostered Leaders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament & Ministers of Word and Service) of the Pacifica Synod for the year 2019. This action would bring the current baseline salary (including salary and housing allowance) to \$65,596 for Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

*Constitution and Bylaw Update*

**SA.18.05.04 VOTED** to accept the amendment to constitution S10.06.

**SA.18.05.05 VOTED** to accept the bylaw change S10.07.01, S10.07.02, S10.07.03, S10.07.05, S10.07.06, S10.07.07.

#### Resolutions:

*Resolution 18-01:*

**SA.18.05.06 VOTED** to pass Resolution 18-01, First Call Theological Education.

*Resolution 18-02:*

After discussion regarding the resolution,

**SA.18.05.07 VOTED** to pass Resolution 18.02, Encouragement to Study “Woman and Justice”.

#### Synod Budget:

**SA.18.05.08 VOTED** to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget.

#### Memorials:

*Memorial 18-03:*

**SA.18.05.09 VOTED** to pass memorial 18.03: Towards an Open and Healthy Articulation of Human Sexuality.

*Memorial 18-04: Appropriate Social Media Conduct*

#### Amendment:

**SA.18.05.10 VOTED** to amend the memorial, and the final resolved to read: RESOLVED, that this synod assembly submit ~~the following~~ this memorial for consideration at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

#### Amendment:

RESOLVED, that the Bishops, Seminaries, and their committees be ~~empowered to impose per discipline~~ encourage to engage counseling and correction for those whose actions are incompatible with the character required by the constitution and/or by-laws of the ELCA. Be it finally **Amendment:**

RESOLVED, that the Bishops, Seminaries, and their committees be ~~empowered to impose proper discipline~~ encourage to engage counseling and education for those whose actions are incompatible with the character required by the constitution and/or by-laws of the ELCA. Be it finally

**SA.18.05.11 VOTED** to cease debate.

**SA.18.05.12 VOTED** to accept the memorial as amended

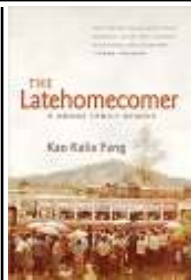
After further discussion of the memorial

**SA.18.05.13 VOTED** to defeat the amended memorial





## Book Group Notes



Kao Kalia Yang, the author of this month's selection *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*, was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and immigrated to St Paul, Minnesota when she was 6 years old. Thousands of Hmong families made this journey from the war-torn jungles of Laos to America, but their history remains largely unknown. Kao Kalia Yang was inspired to share her family's story after the death of her grandmother. Her memoir is a tribute to the remarkable woman whose spirit held them all together. As one reviewer has written, "A must read for all Americans. Ms. Yang has written her family's story that is all of our stories as descendants of immigrants."

We will meet for discussion and fellowship on Thursday, June 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Susan White's condo in Banker's Hill. It will be hosted by Susan White and Margie Wahlsten. Newcomers can start at any time and will be warmly welcomed!

PLEASE NOTE: We will be selecting books for the second half of 2018 at this June meeting, so please be thinking of recommendations and bring them to the meeting! If you are unable to attend, be sure to send your suggestions to one of our hostesses.

Looking ahead: July's selection will be *The Witch of Lime Street* by David Jaher.

### Your Church Needs Your Help!

Being a member of a congregation can be more than coming to worship on Sunday. Lots of jobs need doing; most don't require a huge commitment of time, and you can get better acquainted with other members by working together.

On Sunday, June 10, there will be a 10:10 presentation between services about these jobs by members who do them. You will learn about any necessary skills, time commitment, and more. If you come to the 9 a.m. service, plan to stay a little later. If you come to the 11 a.m. service, plan to come a little earlier. Jobs covered will include Usher, Greeter, Altar Guild, Sunday School, Nursery Assistant, and Offering Counter.



"Many hands make light work" is an old saying that is certainly true here. The more people who volunteer as ushers, for example, the less often any one person is asked to volunteer. We hope to see you on June 10.



### How About a Summer Project?

June is the month summer rolls around, and we are blessed in San Diego to have mild weather while other parts of the country heat up and begin to swelter. Summer is also a good time to adopt a much-needed project around our church facility to keep it in good repair. First Lutheran Church's facility is heavily used, with something going on six days a week. There are several projects, both inside and out, that need to be done to keep our church facilities in good shape and present a clean, welcoming place. Examples include paint touch-up, window cleaning, organizing, minor repairs and landscape improvements. A list of projects is posted on the kiosk in the lounge, or you may contact Facility Committee members Richard Phillips, Dick Krueger, or Kathryn Kanaan (landscape projects).



### June Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2: Geri Jenkins    | 7: Joshua Grace     | 13: Lynda Brown      | 20: Tony Quintana    |
| 4: Emily Kirn      | 9: Ted Carlson      | 14: Lynne Falcon     | 23: Frank Jessie III |
| 5: Joel Radatz     | 9: Jack Lindquist   | 17: Brian Jensen     | 26: Kathy Boeckelman |
| 6: Matthew Eckert  | 9: Phillip Waldchen | 17: Wallace Robinson | 29: Brian Shuman     |
| 6: Merv Rettenmund | 10: Gary Randall    | 20: Joe DeMers       | 29: Eric Sloniker    |



## TACO Corner

As 2018 races along at record speed, all of us at TACO are feeling VERY fortunate and thankful. As many of you know, our Empty Bowls fundraiser was held recently and raised over \$16,000. Behind this success, as always, are the many volunteers who helped plan and execute this flawless event. Indeed, volunteers are the very heart of TACO, and the reason we can offer the services we do. And there are so many ways to volunteer. Look for the flyer in this newsletter regarding Homeless Treasures for additional volunteer opportunities.

This year alone we have served food to over 6000 people for a total of 8500 meals, not to mention the medical and social services that are being provided to 250 people per week. In addition, our shoe drive was also a huge success with over 100 pairs donated and given out. Add to this a full summer slate of volunteer groups, and record donations (jackets, clothing, hygiene, blankets, backpacks, etc.) and you have one very successful year already.

On this note, all of us at TACO want to thank you for all the support you have given us, and extend an invitation to volunteer if you have the time.

—Brad Young, TACO Volunteer Coordinator  
byoung@tacosc.org

## Join Us In Serving the TACO Meal

On Monday, June 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Board of TACO invites you, as a member of First Lutheran, to join us in serving the meal for the homeless that evening, and have the opportunity to learn more about the many programs TACO facilitates during the week. If you know about TACO but have not had the chance to experience it in action, this is a great opportunity. Please let Bill Radatz know if you would like to join us that night: ratzb@me.com

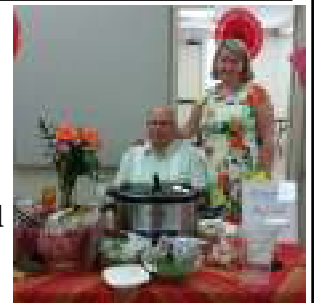
## Dear Friends from First Lutheran Church,



Joe & Martha DeMers, representing FLC with their cookies, winners of the Cookie Best Presentation Award

We want to take the time to sincerely thank you for your participation and donation to **Chili Cook-off & Cookie Chill-off on April 29th of 2018**. As you know, this event supports our efforts to provide a place for young adults to explore their faith and call to service at San Diego State University, and your **\$744.75** contribution helps us get one step closer to our goal.

Thanks again for your generosity and support,  
From the Agape House Community, Staff and Board



Ken & Kem Taylor, representing FLC with their chili

## Sunday School



Our Sunday School year came to a close at the end of May. A big thank you to Kara Oien and Martha Radatz, our lead teachers, whose ongoing commitment to the children is truly a blessing. Also many thanks to all of our assistants and substitute teachers: Elizabeth Connolly, Paul Engel, Ginger Hallerberg, Sylvia Herman, Heidi Hoxie, Russ Hoxie, Lee Kaercher, Kathryn Kanaan, Mary Krueger, Jim Lovell, Sophia Lovell, Francie Montgomery, Elizabeth Moss, Gary Muhlbach, Jan Neuhaus, Bill Radatz, Marie Ruth, Melody Ruth, Shelly Schreiber, Beth Slevcove, Joe Slevcove, Rosemary Spruce, and Susan White. Thanks to all of our volunteers, we were able to provide classes for two age groups all year and maintain our two-adult policy.

Classes will resume in September.





## First Lutheran Worship Assistants – June & July

### ALTAR GUILD

**JUNE**

**9:00 a.m. Service**

*Peggy Quintana*

**11:00 a.m. Service**

*Ladonna Piper*

**JULY**

**9:00 a.m. Service**

**11:00 a.m. Service**

*Ladonna Piper*

### USHERS

**JUNE**

**9:00 a.m. Service**

*Tony & Peggy Quintana*

**11:00 a.m. Service**

*Ladonna Piper &  
Luke Williams*

**JULY**

**9:00 a.m. Service**

*Jim Boyd, Ruthann Maxwell,  
& Kem Taylor*

**11:00 a.m. Service**

*Ruth Clayton &  
Ladonna Piper*

Date	Time	Assisting Minister	Lector	Greeters	Nursery Attendants	Flowers
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 Paul Finneseth	Melody Ruth Matthew Eckert	Dennis Arenas & David Oakes Dawn Moats	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
June 17	9:00 11:00	Jeremy Kaercher Beth Slevcove	Russ Hoxie Luke Williams	Marjorie Wahlsten Ruth Clayton	_____ _____	Kjonegaards
June 24	9:00 11:00	Chuck Leib Paul Finneseth	Frank Jessie Elizabeth Connolly	Frank De Louise & Chuck Leib Elizabeth Connolly	_____ _____	Dorothy Hunter
July 1	9:00 11:00	Frank Jessie Mary Ann Horton	Jeremy Kaercher _____	John Hoff _____	_____ _____	_____
July 8	9:00 11:00	Frank Jessie Luke Williams	Dennis Arenas Nancy Eckert	Pr. George & Ethel Falk Marlene Garich	_____ _____	Ladonna Piper
July 15	9:00 11:00	Brian Shuman Beth Slevcove	Ronn Garton Martha Radatz	Shaun Travers Ruth Clayton	_____ _____	Melinda Person



# June 2018 Calendar of Events

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

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

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## 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 rewarding 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, Joe DeMers, Chuck Leib, Susan White, Sylvia Herman, Debby Hays, and Allison Emery will be happy to tell you more.



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