THE LUTHERAN LIGHT

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ORLAND

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ARTOIS



Pastor's Letter

Dear disciples of the Lord Jesus based in Orland and Artois,

Church Year 2023 is ending, and a great year of church ministry

will conclude, so the new Church Year 2024 is approaching on

the First Sunday of Advent, that is on December 3rd. We are the church, and we are ministers of God.

What is ministry?



Ministry is service. Ministry is discipleship. Ministry is to follow Jesus in words and deeds. Ministry is to share the gospel, to evangelize, to preach, to teach, and to communicate the message to everybody. Every baptized Christian is called to be a minister, a messenger of Jesus, an evangelist, and a witness of the resurrection. We are the church, and the church is the living body of Christ. The ministry of the living God is developed using us: God's work our hands. God is a living God, and a living God is always acting, moving, transforming, creating, healing, saving, inspiring, liberating, and reconciling. The living God makes all these wonderful and amazing deeds using his children, his people: the church.

The Bible says that the church is the body of Christ, as in Romans 12, 4-8 we can read:

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Now that the Church Year 2023 is ending, I want to give thanks to all the amazing volunteers and disciples of Jesus in our congregations in Orland and Artois that have served the Lord this Church Year. You have blessed our communities with your ministry. Thanks for all the blessings and all the love you have shared for the sake of the gospel of Jesus.

Receive the blessing of the living God and the gratitude of the whole body of Christ.

The God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (1 Thessalonians 5, 23-25 and 27-28)

Your Pastor. The Rev. José Luis La Torre Cuadros.





A Letter From the President

Hope everyone had a good summer. This fall will be busy for our churches with two major events scheduled. The first is Sunday, October 1st with the annual Oktoberfest at St. Paul's. Second is Sunday, October 29th at First Lutheran with our annual Reformation Sunday pulled pork barbeque. Thank you, Phill Anderson, for your barbequing skills.

We also have some ongoing improvements and repairs going on at First Lutheran. First is the sprinkler system repair and upgrades for the yard around the church and parsonage and the installation of a raised planter for a vegetable garden in the backyard. The continuous pruning, weeding and general maintenance of the church grounds is ongoing task. Thank you, Carol Anderson, Dianne Krueger and Jill and Steve Elliott, for your work around the church grounds more VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Contact Carol Anderson if you can help. Second, beginning in late September we will be upgrading the parsonage kitchen with new cabinets and appliances. Thank you, Phil Heuchert, for leading this project. Also, after worship on October 29 we will be having our Fall Congregational Meeting. The Main topics for this meeting are the 2024 Church Budget, the 2024 Church Council, and our plans for Advent and Christmas. Particularly the worship service schedule for Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th needs to be clarified.

Finally, we need to give our greatest and sincere thank you to Marlene Askeland who will be retiring after decades of service as our church organist. Thank you, Marlene and may God bless you.

As always feel free to contact me, Pastor or any Church Council member with your concerns, ideas, and willingness to volunteer to help around the church. Do not forget, if you have not done so, please get your contact information and picture to Pastor or Barbara Testerman for our new updated church directory. We want to complete this project this fall.

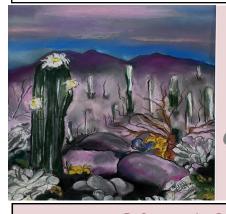
God's Peace, Chuck Schonauer Call/Text (530)570-9388

Art & Soul

Thursdays @ 1:00

First Lutheran Hall

Call or text Glenys at 530-680-5653 for more information.



A Special Thank You To Marlene Askeland For Her Dedication to

First Lutheran Church



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First Lutheran Church

Worship Role	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Pastor	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis
Lector	Dianne K	Paul G	Jackie S	Karen T	
Prayers	Connie	Connie	Connie	Connie	Connie
Musicians	Nelia	Marlene	Nelia	Marlene	Nelia
Live Stream	Morgan & crew	Morgan & crew	Morgan & crew	Morgan & crew	Morgan & crew
Slideshow	Jill	Frances	Paul	Gary	TBA
Hymn of Praise	All Hail the Power of Jesus	When I Survey the Wondrous	What Feast of Love	Take My Life that I May Be	The Church's 1 Foundation
Hymn of the Day	O, That the Lord Would Guide My	Thine the Amen	Let us Break Bread Together	Immortal, Invisi- ble God Only W	Built on a Rock
Sending Hymn	Lord Take My Hand & Lead	What A Fellow- ship	Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart	Lift Every Voice & Sing	A Mighty Fortress
1st Reading	Ezk 8:1-4.25-32	Isa 5:1-7	Isa 25:1-9	Isa 45:1-7	Jer 31:31-34
Psalm	25: 1-9	80: 7-15	23	96:1-9(10-13)	46
2nd Reading	Phil 2:1-13	Phil 3:4b-14	Phil: 4:1-9	1Thes 1:1-10	Rom 3:19-28
Gospel	Matt 21:23-32	Matt 21:33-46	Matt 22:1-14	Matt 22:15-22	John 8:31-36

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Worship Role	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22	Oct 29
Pastor	P. Jose Luis	P. Jos Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis
Volunteer 1	Susan T	Janet W	Lenus deR	Myrna L	Spike S
Vol. 2—Flowers	Rochelle M	Beth N	Patty R	Susan T	Kathy vonB
Volunteer 3					
Hymn of Praise	Holy, Holy, Holy	For the Beauty of the Earth	Immortal Invisible God Only W	Come Thou Fount	A Mighty Fortress is our God
Hymn of the Day	Praise to the Lord Almighty	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	O Jesus I Have Promised	I Love Your Kingdom Lord	The Church's One Foundation
Sending Hymn	Now Thank We All Our God	Sing to the Lord of Harvest	Lift High the Cross	Oh What has Now Been Sown	Thy Strong Word

Dear First and St Paul's members here is the new Bishop information:



The Rev. Jeff R. Johnson, Berkeley, Calif., was elected to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. First Lutheran is a part of this synod. He will be the pastor to the pastors and serve as our representative in the larger church and society.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of University Lutheran Chapel of Berkeley and as a member of the Spiritual Care Team at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, since 2013. Previously he served as pastor of First United Lutheran Church in San Francisco (1990-1999), as a mission developer for Lutheran Lesbian and Gay Ministries in San Francisco (1990-1995), as HIV education director for Lutheran Social Services of Northern California (1988-1989), as assistant night minister for San Francisco Night Ministry (1987-1988), and was an intern at the Lutheran Office of Public Policy and at First English Lutheran Church in Sacramento (1986-1987).

Johnson received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Bachelor of Arts in German from California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, in 1984 and his Master of Divinity from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1988. Johnson was ordained in 1990.

Bishop Johnson will be installed in December. We hold him and the synod in our prayers.

Blessings to you all.

The Rev. José Luis La Torre Cuadros

Pastor



Bible Study

Hosted at First's Hall

Tuesdays 10 AM
Led by Doug Boone and Paul Griffin



Prayer Requests

Donna B, Dee, Tim V., Bob H., Gary M.,
Patricia, Austin, Katy V, Rae T., Ken & Sue Shuey, Debbie C
Ethel, Bryden, Tom G, Audrey, Donna D
Peggy T, Haylee Grace P, Karen O



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Artois Sunday October 1st, 1-5 PM



Reformation Sunday, October 29th

Worship at First Lutheran Church

Worship Role	Nov 5	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26	
Pastor	Jose Luis	Jose Luis	Jose Luis	Jose Luis	
Lector	Dianne K	Paul G	Jackie S	Karen T	
Prayers	Connie B	Connie B	Connie B	Connie B	
Musicians	Marlene	Nelia	Marlene	Nelia	
Live Stream	Morgan /staff	Morgan/staff	Morgan/staff	Morgan/staff	
Slideshow	Jill	Frances	Paul	Gary	
Gathering Hymn	Shall we Gath- er at the River	My Lord, What a Morn.	Mine Eyes Have Seen the	Crown Him with Many	
Hymn of the Day	Blest are They	Come We That Love the Lord	I Want to Walk as a Child of	Jesus Shall Reign	
Sending Hymn	For All the Saints	When Peace like a River	Soon and Very Soon	Rejoice, for Christ is King	
1st Reading	Rev 7: 9-17	Amos 5:18-24	Zeph 1:7,12-18	Ez34:11-16.20-	24
Psalm	34: 1-10, 22	70	90:1-8(9-11)12	95:1-7a	
2nd Reading	John 3:1-3	1Thes 4:13-18	1Thes 5:1-11	Eph 1:15-23	
Gospel	Matt 5:1-12	Matt 25:1-13	Matt 25:14-30	Matt 25:31-46	

Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Pastor	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	P. Jose Luis	
Volunteer 1	Patty R	Ernie P	Susan T	Janet W	
Volunteer 2 Flowers	Janet W	Kathleen Z	Helen A	Laura B	
Gathering Hymn	For All the Saints	Son of God Eternal Savior	I Know that My Redeemer Lives	Crown Him with Many Crowns	
Hymn of the Day	Rise up O Saints	O, for a Thousand Tongues	Sing Praise to God, the High	All Hail the Power of Jesus	
Sending Hymn	Ye Watchers and Ye Holy	Let All Things Now Living	Rejoice, O Pilgrim	Rejoice the Lord is King	

October Birthdays



2 Patti Rehse, 3 George Burnett, 4 Dale Askeland, 7 Francia Barbier, 8 Tina Miles, 9 Michelle Ellis, Max Wackerman, 10 Glenys Anderson, Selina Edwards, Stachia Hazlett

12 Brint Foster, 13 Miranda La Torre Cuadros, 15 Chris Stifter, Rachelle Miller, 16 Brittany Overstreet 18 Tara Bautista, 22 Savannah Nethington, Brooke Davis,

23 Rae Turnbull, 24 Alton Johnson, 25 Paul LaFrance, 26 Carol Schmutzer, 27 Norma Tehan Pieper, 28 Rob Overstreet, 29 Donna Osborn,

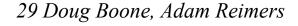
Jill Elliott, Lynda Fitzgerald, 30 Nancy Burnett

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST

Food Pantry distribution Mondays 10-12 Wednesdays 3-5
Commodities — Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 22)
(Food arrives the day before)
Green Bag days—second Saturday of every even month
(next October 14th, December 9th)
Pantry Board Meeting 1st Wednesday @ 12:00 each month
3rd Sat. Senior boxes go out @ 8 AM done by 9AM

November Birthdays

3 Chai Vongvilayphonh, 4 Kathy Zabell, 6 Tammy Overstreet, 7 Connor Schmidt, 10 Bunny Woods, 11 Cater Testerman, 17 Pastor Stephen Jahn, Addy Lynn Davis 19 Reed Testerman, Thalis Hunt, 21 Bev Askeland, Angel Goings, 24 Janet Wackerman, Lisa Reimers, 28 Nicki Osborn.



30 Samantha Turnbull





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