

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Redlands
eNewsletter



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

**Sixth Sunday
after
Epiphany
February 16, 2025**



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe to” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Readings and Psalm

- [Jeremiah 17:5-10](#)
Blessed are those who trust the Lord, they are like trees by water
- [Psalm 1](#)
They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)
- [1 Corinthians 15:12-20](#)
Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died
- [Luke 6:17-26](#)
Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full



Every Sunday we offer two ways to worship:

In person worship each Sunday at 9am.
Large Print Bulletins available in the Narthex

Online Worship is also available through our website at
www.firstlutheranredlands.org

We livestream our online services. You can watch it live at 9 am or anytime throughout the week on our YouTube Channel.

This Week at First

Thursday	02/13	11:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
		7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/PH
Saturday	02/15	6:00 PM	Caring and Sharing - PH
Sunday	02/16	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		10:30 AM	Adult Forum
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church - Sanctuary
Wednesday	02/19	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters

Upcoming Dates

- February 12 - Theological Day of Reflection @ 6:30 AM
 - February 22 - Council Mini Retreat @ 9 AM Conference Room
 - February 24 - Monthly Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM Conference Room
 - March 1 - WELCA Spring Meeting @ King of Glory Lutheran Church
 - March 5 - Ash Wednesday Service @7:00 PM
 - March 9 - Daylight Savings Begins!! Spring Forward!
 - March 13 - Lenten Soup Supper/Service Series @ 6:00PM
- Note: these suppers/services will take place on Thursdays this year.*

An Urgent Request

URGENT: On Friday, Global Refuge received a stop-work order from the government calling for us to immediately stop serving the nearly 6,000 newly arrived refugees in our care. These children and families fled war, violence, or persecution and came to the United States through the official U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. They arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs and rely on the initial assistance Global Refuge provides for urgent needs like housing, food, healthcare, finding work, and enrolling their children in school.

Stand with refugees.

Your gifts are the only way we can assure that refugees in our care can access the essential resources promised to them. Provide critical support to newly arrived children and families today at globalrefuge.org/withrefugees.

WELCA Spring Gathering

On March 1st the Women of the ELCA will meet at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach CA. The speaker will be Pastor Juli Patten, Vice President of Pacifica Women of the ELCA, Chaplaincy Minister, Oahu, HI Registration forms are available by email, the narthex or the church office. Registration deadline is February 23rd.

Preliminary Schedule (**always subject to change. Update to follow**)

Saturday, March 1, 2025

9am	Registration open with Continental Breakfast by SWO Board
9:30am	Opening
9:45am	Bible Study with Pastor Juli Patten
10:45am	Workshops
11:45am	close of auction
noon	Lunch
12:45pm	Guest speakers
1:45pm	Silent Auction reveal / Convention update
2:00pm	Worship & Closing



Silent Auction Basket Reminder

We are asking all churches to provide a basket or item for our silent auction to help support our three Scholarship funds:
Convention, Seminarian and Triennial

We will have silent auction forms upon arrival at the Event for you to fill out!
No theme is needed. No item is to big or too small!

Women of the ELCA—Pacifica Synod Spring Gathering



Saturday, March 1, 2025
9am - 3pm

King of Glory Lutheran Church
10280 Slater Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Registration \$30.00 by February 23, 2025

TWO ways to register.

1) send Registration to: welca@verizon.net and **pay at the door**

OR

2) send registration & payment to: (postmark by 2/26/2025)

Make checks payable to: **Pacifica Women of the ELCA**
mail to: **Karen Ronchetti**
8305 Magic Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Please Print Clearly: (or affix an address label)

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
Email: _____
Church: _____ Church City: _____

Turkey _____	Ham _____	Tuna _____	Chicken _____
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We have a new website!

Please head over to <https://www.firstlutheranredlands.org/> and check us out!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this website what it is today - your hard work, dedication, and creative input are deeply appreciated!

Please be aware that the Tithe.ly online giving platform will be phased out as of January 1, 2025. Please use ServantKeeper for online giving. If you need assistance with setting up your giving, please contact the office.
Thank you!



Adult Forum

Sunday Adult Forum - in the Chapel at 10:30 AM



**Youth Forum will be held February 23
in the Youth Room at 10:30!**

Thursday Morning Zoom Bible Study

11:00 am on zoom.

Join us as we discuss the upcoming gospel reading.
Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89545663534?pwd=MVRNYzd0bnRmT2ZDdWtPcIBBSTRlZz09>

NEW Zoom Meeting ID: 898 6088 6981
NEW Passcode: 739765

Let's wish our February Birthdays and Anniversaries a blessed day!



Jo Duarte	February 03
Matt Pool	February 06
Danielle Fortier	February 12
Janice Jacobson	February 12
Theron Pace	February 14
Cindy Pool	February 14
Carol Smethers	February 15
Larry Davenport	February 18
David Garcia	February 18
Lenore Lewis	February 21
Abraham Dree	February 24
Aiden Victor	February 26
Winta Andom	February 27
Jack Houser	February 28
Emily Houser	February 28
Tina Kundig	February 28
DeeAnn Grip	February 29



Lloyd "Jake" and Janice Jacobson	February 6, 1959	66 years
Larry and Kathy Davenport	February 27, 1971	54 years



Ash Wednesday

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5th, 2025 at 7 pm in the sanctuary.



Our Lenten Soup Supper/Service will be held on Thursday nights this year starting Thursday, March 13. Soup Supper will start at 6pm and the service will start at 7pm. Both will be in the Parish Hall. Each week we'll hear a meditation on The Lord's Prayer. The choir will rehearse after the service at 7:30pm in the sanctuary.



CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Chancel Choir is currently rehearsing anthems for the 2024-25 season at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the sanctuary. Current and former members interested in participating as well as other members who like to sing in a group setting are urged to attend. No auditions are required. The choir will continue to rehearse every Thursday at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

During the Lenten season, March 13 to April 10, choir rehearsal will take place on Thursdays at 7:30 pm



2025 Altar Flower Ordering Information

We love it when flowers are gracing the worship space!
Please reserve your bouquet by following the process below:

- Choose a date on the 2025 flower chart
- Write your name AND phone on the date desired.
- Fill out a reservation form (located on the counter in the narthex) and place the completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Flowers will be ordered for you.

- Please pay the church \$55 for the arrangement during the month of your reservation. Please note with your payment "altar flowers for (date)."

Questions: Contact Mitch (909-798-3320)

Thank you for your contribution!



Best wishes for our very own star, Lucas Shea who will be auditioning for America's Got Talent! He will be auditioning with his amazing singing talent. His audition has been set for the 5th or 6th of March!
Keep giving him good thoughts and wishes!



Youth Hope Meal Delivery

First Lutheran is happy to support Youth Hope Ministries. Our “God’s Work, Our Hands” project of donating ponchos was greatly appreciated. In addition, in cooperation with Plymouth Village, we pick up meals they have prepared, and deliver them to the Youth Hope facility (on Redlands Blvd). This simple service happens about once a month. If you would like more information or you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Frederickson, Sue Lehner or call Lauren in the church office.

Next delivery is January 29th



As part of our ongoing ministry at First Lutheran we will be sending cards out to members for their Birthday or Anniversary. We would also like to send a card for support if there is a need (sympathy, serious illness). A card will be sent through regular mail or by email if necessary. Please contact the Church Office or Alison Schooley directly with the information needed to send a card. We want everyone to know they are thought about and that their Church family cares.



Peace,

Alison Schooley

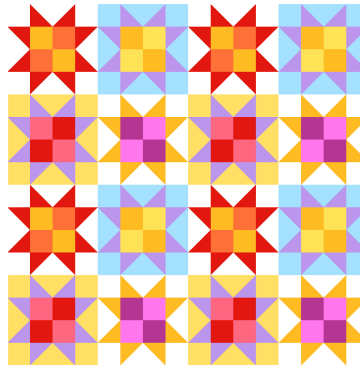
alisonschooley@yahoo.com

C.O.M.I.C.
(Cloths of Many Incredible Colors)

Quilters Group News

Our meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the Fireside Room (right across from the Pre-School building.) We welcome all women and men who want to share in the fun & camaraderie in learning and sharing quilting skills. No experience is needed. I have learned so much from all the more experienced quilters, who so generously share their knowledge & skills. The COMIC Quilters not only make quilts for special events, but we also work on some very simple quilts for the CCLM (Central City Lutheran Mission) Men's shelter.

All are welcome...
Come & check us out!
Sue Lehner
(909)798-7925



January 2025 Financial Notes
(Please also see 2024 Annual Reports for Financial Information)

P&L Year to date Actual vs Budgeted (less parsonage)		
Total income	\$421,812	Up 15%(GREAT NEWS)
Total Expenses	\$414,350	Down 7%(Good news)
YTD Net Income/Loss	\$ 7,462	

WAYS to GIVE

Pew Envelopes - Cash or check. Please write your personal tithing number on the front.

Online giving through ServantKeeper .

Scan the QR Code below and it will take you to our website where you can find the Green Give button.

Many members do not use tithing envelopes anymore, because they are tithing either online or by bank bill pay.

If you are one of those members and would not mind changing your number at the beginning of the year, we would love to be able to save your printed envelope for new members and issue you a new number for 2025. Please let us know if you are interested in doing this via email or a note in the offering plate.



Meet your 2025 Church Council Members!

Introducing Your Church Council and the Unsung Heroes

We want to take a moment to introduce you to the dedicated individuals who serve on our Church Council, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our church thrive. These unsung heroes play a vital role in fulfilling our mission and creating a vibrant worship and community experience for all.

Council meetings are held at 6:00 PM on the last Monday of the month in the Conference room adjacent to the Office.

Pastor Rachel Reeder (Pastor); Larry Davenport (President); Jerry Bean (Vice President)

Alison Schooley (Secretary); Kim Hudson (Treasurer);

At-Large Members are: Richard Thibedeau, B.B. Quinones, Roger Swenson and Abraham Dree

**Council members will be installed during the worship service
on February 16**

**Please Note that our office hours have changed
Monday - Thursday 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**The Office is closed on Fridays.
Pastor Rachel's days off are Friday and Saturday.
However, she is available by phone or text!**

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