



January

Tidings 2021

**Join the FIRST Family on Sundays at
9AM Worship Service — 11AM Servicio de Adoración**



01/3 ONLINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Christmas - John 1:1-18

Sermon: Be Blessed, Be Lit



01/10 ONLINE WORSHIP

Baptism of Our Lord - Mark 1:4-11

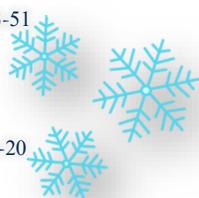
Sermon: Beloved CHILD OF GOD



01/17 ONLINE WORSHIP

Second Sunday after Epiphany - John 1:43-51

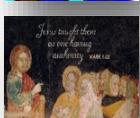
Sermon: God's Eyes Are On You



01/24 ONLINE WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Epiphany - Mark 1:14-20

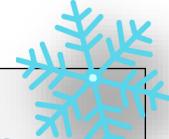
Sermon: Called to Something New



1/31 ONLINE WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - Mark 1:21-28

Sermon: Jesus Our Ultimate Authority



2021 Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregation Meeting on
Sunday January 31st via Zoom at 10:00am

*Zoom link will be sent via email
following our Bilingual Worship (Online) at 9:00AM*

The agenda will include:

Approval of secretary's minutes

Treasurer's Report

Budget Approval

Nominations Approved

New Business – Approve updated (but FLC specifics unchanged) constitution.

A Quorum is required to be in attendance.

Prayer Requests **FIRST Family** ~Milly Erickson, Linda Jacobson, Becky Mack, Quintin Beaman, Cynthia Corelis, Duane Bryson, Lucia Uribe, Florence and John Spann, Joe and Sandy Cottrell, Josefina Saucedo, Rosa Anam, Teresa and Margaret Sandoval.

FIRST Friends ~ Jerri Luque, Phin Hause, Derik Scriba and Derik Scriba Jr, Lori Tschirhart, Gerald Bowles, Janet Erickson, Justin Linde, Marci Heatly, Anthony Pilutik, Terry Wildermuth, Dylan Hayman, Teresa Lopez, Julie Hinkhouse, Isabel Jones, Paul Wenk, Kim Tschirhart, Chris Receles, Paul and Melanie Gruber, Cathy Cintron, Miriam Alcantara, Blake Schneekluth, Michael Woods, Nick Brinkly and family, Clara Gomez, Ronald and Susana Thompkins, Tom Matthew, Jorge Zarza, Dan Martin, Tanya Bryson, Matthew Clayton, Jennifer Guest, Krystina Stredwick, Tim Snell, Dan Martin, Paul Slonaker

At Home ~ Sylvia Morrison, Beatrice Bertram, Audrey Murphy, Pat Dickson.

In Military Service ~ Bradley Wygal USN
(USS Kidd), Nelson Reyes USN,
Karla Flores USN



- 01 Zakaria Hawkins
 - 03 Ruth Skort
 - 04 Joseph Cottrell
 - 08 Thomas Corelis
 - 12 Cynthia Senecal
 - 14 Jessica Navarro
 - 15 Rianna Alcantara
- Brandon Contreras

- 18 Heriberto Ortiz
- 22 Miles Hanson
- 24 Chelsea Zarate
- 26 Ysabella Zarate
- 28 Spenser Pira
Grant Pira



Council Meeting
on 12/20 @6:30PM
ZOOM Meet

Look for minutes, financial reports, agenda and zoom invitation over email.



tacklehunger.org

Souper Bowl Sunday
February - 7th

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7th by bringing canned soup and dropping them off at our church office, this will go to our local shelters.

If you'd like to give, you may send you gift by mail or through our website or App. Make the checks payable to FLC please

FROM YOUR TREASURER 2020

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Ramon Zarate (760.415.3897)

Income			End of November	
Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget		
\$370,000	\$284,630	76.93%		
Expenses				
Annual Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget		
\$370,000	\$277,475	74.99%		

Like our **Facebook**
and **Subscribe**
to our **YouTube**

channel so you get
the notification from
our **LIVE streaming**

Join Pastor Ramon
for Reflections During Our

*Epiphany
Season*



We are •**LIVE** on every
Thursdays (Español) 6:30pm
Fridays (English) 11:00am



Confirmation classes 3:30 PM Through ZOOM

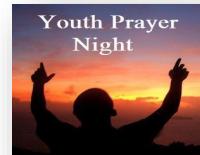


Please know that now we are meeting
only the 2nd and the 4th Sundays of the month.

We continue going through our materials of Re:FormTraditions materials

Youth Middle and High School ZOOM Prayer and Reconnecting

on 1/8 from 6:30PM to 7:30PM



Calling all youth for a zoom prayer time
Please mark your calendar and be there to
reconnect and pray for the needs of our youth group. It is very
important to check and pray with each other during this difficult
time. [Look for the email invitation. Click on the link and join in.](#)

YOUNG ADULT (18 or college age -26 years old) PRAYER & RECONNECTING

Friday the 15th, 6:30PM to 7:30PM



As we continue to follow the guidelines for COVID-19, we are trying to
find ways to reconnect as a church. Please join Pastor for a time of prayer
and to reconnect with each other through **ZOOM**.

Letter from Pastor – I AM BLESSED

Wow!!!! What a Year!!!!

To what can we compare this year? A roller coaster? Wait! A roller coaster can be fun! I asked around and some of our members said “2020 was challenging, unexpected, frustrating, different, messy, chaotic, unpredictable, and my favorite, the year that wasn’t”, and these are just a few of the responses - the list is long. To me, it was indeed like a roller coaster. I dislike them, I get sick, I throw up, and I want to get off at the middle of the ride. But I can’t, and I feel powerless and so vulnerable. That is how year 2020 felt!

As I think about how this year has been hard for me, it is simply the fact that I couldn’t stay connected with my brothers and sisters in Christ. As with many families this past year, it is the empty businesses that were not here a year ago— or the empty chairs at our family tables, or empty homes in our neighborhoods, empty pews in our church (when we return). Some are feeling emptiness toward God! And that’s why I want to remind you in this letter and for this New Year, we have hope in Christ! As God has always been showing up through the toughest times, we can trust and wait in the Lord for God’s blessing for this new year. It is often said that God works in most unusual ways. Take for example the gospel we read on Christmas Eve. The account of the meeting of Mary with her cousin Elizabeth. They were both pregnant at the time. I am sure these babies and the way that they came to be caused a lot of troubles for these two women. We don’t know their ages for sure but we know that Mary was very young and Elizabeth was very old. So in both cases, these babies will bring a challenging and difficult year. But despite all of that, God’s purpose was to redeem the world. So in all the troubles, God still blessed them and through them, blessed us.

Don’t lose sight of that. God is still in control. And God keeps God’s beautiful promise. And as some of you also said on your responses, “there were good things in the midst of what we went through” and felt blessed. Or like some others said, “not everything was bad”. I too will say amen to that. In a lot of cases people have grown closer to God. and people have also grown closer to their family members. Or they learned a lot more about their loved ones because of the way they were forced to be together. We made new friends, started new relationships, and learned new things. So whatever this year was like, focus on God’s promises and focus on God’s blessings.

For sure this year has been exactly how it is described above, and we couldn’t wait to end it. But reading the story of the birth of our Lord Jesus again and again, I found such glorious words of hope; not only in this Christmas time, but also as we begin a New Year. I have heard it said so very often this past month, “2021 has to be better than 2020!” I stand with all of you who have said these words or have thought them.

Certainly, we hope the pandemic will be controlled soon. We hope to be back together with family, loved ones, and church friends. We hope to freely hold family gatherings and feel safe going into a restaurant and stores. We hope that our kids can safely go back to school. Let’s work together, keep everyone safe and what is most important: keep hope and faith alive! And I want to leave you with this verse from Isaiah and hope it will help you to keep hoping in God’s promise during this coming year.

1But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. *Isaiah 43:1-3*

Health and a Happy New Year are my wishes for my FIRST family.
Pastor Ramon Zarate

We will mailed your offering envelopes for 2021
Please let us know if you didn't get them



Join us from the comfort of your home to Crochet, Knit, Loom, Knitting or the craft of preference on Tuesdays at 11:00AM
All are welcome!
Please use the same email link you have been using for the rest of the month.

Join us for FREE MOVIE ON OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT

Bring your whole family, friends and enjoy a COVID Friendly movie. Bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy in your car.

Saturday January 23 @6:00PM

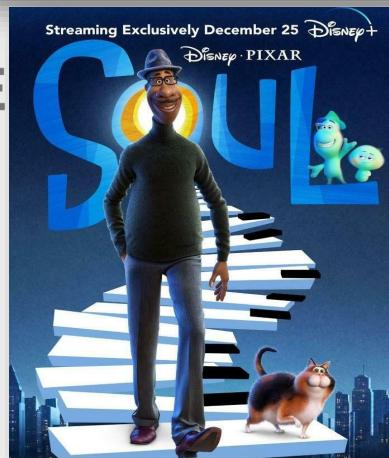
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1410 Foothill Dr Vista Ca**



Thanks to all the generous families who were so willing to support Operation Hope and gave to pay for meals. Now we are in need of families who would like to warm up the meals, get drinks and deliver it to the shelter.

Let us know and put it on your calendar. It is for every 3rd Saturday of the month.

Please send us an email to info@firstlutheranvista.org
Or call (760)724-5440



LAS NOTICIAS EN ESPANOL

SERVICIOS DOMINICALES EN LA IGLESIA Y EN LINEA

Domingos a las 11:00AM

Adoremos al Señor con un corazón alegre. Tenemos adoración, enseñanza y comunión **en linea**. Esperamos que se senlace cada domingo y adore al Señor desde su casa y con su familia.

Preparese con

SU BIBLIA, COMUNION Y VELA.

REFLEXIONES EN LINEA

Jueves 6:30PM

En estos estudio estaremos viendo Temas apropiados para estos momentos difíciles.

No Falte a estos estudios de bendición.

Integrese al estudio por medio de la internet cada jueves.

Busque en el FACEBOOK o en el YouTube.

CLASES DE CONFIRMACION

Domingo a las 3:30PM

Estaremos viendo el tema del los Materiales del libro Anti-Work Book

Traiga su biblia para emprender esta jornada de madurez espiritual. Estaremos en LINEA por medio de ZOOM. Solo el segundo y el cuarto domingo del mes.

NOCHE DE PELICULA EN EL AUTO

Sabado a las 6:00PM

Estaremos viendo SOUL

Traiga a su familia y amigos Sera en los etacionamientos de la iglesia en el 88.7AM

Traiga sus snaks y bebidas.

Sera un evento gratis para toda la familia. No Faletes!

JOVENES Y JOVENES ADULTOS

Vean en las otras paginas la invitacion para una reunion de ZOOM para orar y reconnectar con cada uno de ustedes. Espero que puedan asisitir.

JOVENES DE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Viernes 8th a las 6:30pm

JOVENES ADULTO

De 18 a 26 años de edad.

Viernes 15th a las 6:30pm

REUNION CONGREGACIONAL

El 27 de Enero a las 10:00AM

Es importante su asistencia y Puntualidad. Este domingo el servicio sera a las nueve y sera bilingue y la reunion sera enseguida del servicio a las 10:00AM

DIA DEL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

El 7 de Febrero a las 11:00AM

Traga sus dolaritos para ayudar y colectar dinero y comida para los que sufren de hambre en el mundo. Este dia los jóvenes estarán colectando sus donativos para mandarlos a Souper Bowl of Caring.

OFRENDA Y DIESMOS

Continúe apoyando a su iglesia y hagamos ministerio durante estos tiempos difíciles.

Visite nuestro sitio web, Busque el boton que dice DONATE.

www.firstlutheranvista.org

O puede ofrendar de estas otras formas.

APLICACIÓN GIVE+ - CORREO REGULAR

- PASAR POR LA OFICINA Y DEJARLAS EN EL PLATO EN LA VENTANILLA.



NOAH'S ARK NEWS

Next Month

Souper Bowl of Caring is

Sunday, February 7.

Our families will collect soup, other can foods or dollars to help feed those in our community. The children may bring their donations to school to fill up the shopping cart in the Greeting Area.



Together we can continue to help others and share our giving hearts!



Teddy Bear Days 28 & 29

Each child may bring a favorite stuffed bear from home. These little visitors will sit at circle for a story, eat snacks with us and while we are out at play, they will get into all kinds of bear Mischief!



JANUARY 4 ~ FIRST DAY BACK TO CLASS IN 2021!

FLAPJACKS AND FLANNEL DAYS has been rescheduled for Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th.



With the cooler weather these days, our cooking project will be making a warm pot of soup on 14 & 15 for **SHARING SOUP DAY**. The children will bring a favorite vegetable to cut, add to a pot of stock and while it's cooking, hear the story of "Stone Soup". It's about a little town that learns how to share what small bits they have with their neighbors, to make a tasty feast together.

School will be closed Monday 18 for **M.L. KING, JR. DAY**

