

The Guided Light

Memorial Lutheran & First Presbyterian Churches

October 2020

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Happenings...

Every Sunday

Adult Sunday School ZOOM 9:00

In-person Worship 10:15

Facebook Worship 10:15

Every Tuesday

Busy Bunch 9:00

Every Wednesday

Staff Meeting: 10:00 am

October 2

Pecan orders due

To Cindy Totty

October 4

World Communion Sunday

Session Meeting

Care Team Calls to Homebound

October 11

ZOOM book discussion 2:00

October 12

Worship Committee ZOOM 6:00

October 19

Council Meeting 6:00 pm

October 25

Reformation Sunday

October 26

Newsletter deadline

October 31

Trick or Trivia
under the Pavilion 1-4:00

*Mission: "Growing the faith, connecting with the lost,
and helping those in need as we share God's Word
through education, sacraments, worship,
praise, and fellowship"*





...from the Pugh

My Siblings in Christ,

Having been here a week, I am overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness Memorial First has bestowed on Danny and me. For the amazing meals to my freshly painted and decorated office to the amazing welcome plant full of gift cards, thank you, thank you, thank you! I want to thank the call committee and council for their prayers and due diligence in this process. I want to thank Pastor Steve for his leadership in the interim. I truly feel this call is from God and that we are here in this place, at this time to serve an amazing God together. There is an excitement full of possibility in the future. While I know church as we knew it in January will never come back – the same God that we worshipped and glorified is with us always.

So, as we go forward in a world of technology and newness, we go together. Where zoom calls replace full rooms and halls, and new vocabulary of Vimeo, live streaming, and social media jargon become the norm, we march on, Memorial First! We march on to spread the good news of the gospel to Texas City and beyond.

It is important to me that I meet each one of you in a small group setting so I get to know each of you a little better. So, when you are asked to sign up for a small group, please do. The small group can be in person or virtual via zoom. It will take about 90 minutes. I have a form I would like each of you to fill out asking for Memorial First's strengths and what you would like to change. I have a few get to know you questions to ask. Easy peezy, lemon squeezey.

Some things that we are working on for the future:

1. Confirmation – if you have a child you are interested in registering for Confirmation classes, please call the church office and let us know. The goal is to begin in October.
2. Or, if you are an adult and would like an adult confirmation program, let the church office know.
3. If someone is interested in baptism, please let the front office know.
4. If you know a child interested in first communion, let the front office know.
5. If you speak a language other than English, please let the church office know. We are planning a special event during the Reformation worship service. Reformation is October 25 and All Saints is November 1. My installation will be November 15 @ 4:00. More details will follow soon.

We are off to a good and solid beginning, Memorial First! Thanks again for the hospitality. Keep serving wherever you are.

Blessings,
Pastor Chon

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



Prayer is one of the basics in a life of faith. From a young age we often are taught to pray before we go to bed and before our meals. When you have a significant event in your life, good or bad, praying about it always helps, and then also having others pray about the event makes it so much better.

Did you know there is a Prayer Chain here at Memorial/First? Well, there is and here is how it operates.

1. You have a prayer request you want others to share.
2. If it concerns another person, you ask that person if it can be shared.
3. If it can be shared, contact the church office either in person or by email with the specific prayer request in writing. It can be a person or a thing. (Please do not call the church office with the information. We would hate to spell a name wrong or get an event wrong because of a communication problem.)
4. Prayer requests can be concerns, deaths or thanksgivings. We want to pray for the birth of your new children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. Weddings are also a celebration to be thankful for.
5. Once a prayer request arrives at the church office, it is shared with the people on the church prayer chain. (More on the prayer chain to follow).
6. The prayer request will be on the prayer chain list for two weeks and prayed for in church for two weeks.
7. After two weeks, the prayer request will be removed and it will need to be resubmitted to the church office if needed.



UFA Monthly Collection Items: Since food stamps can't be used to buy non-food items, the United Faith Alliance is asking churches to collect non-food items on a rotating basis. **Pet food has been designated for the October collection.** Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the church narthex.



Are you a prayer warrior - someone who incorporates prayer into your daily life - and would like to be a part of Memorial First's prayer chain? If so, contact the church office and get on the prayer chain list. What does this entail?

1. A prayer request is received in the church office.
2. The prayer is then sent to the prayer chain.
3. As a member of the prayer chain, you'll receive the prayer request and pray the request during the next week.
4. Each week you will receive a new prayer list on Thursday. As new prayers come in each week, they will be added to the Thursday prayer list and forwarded to you.
5. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you

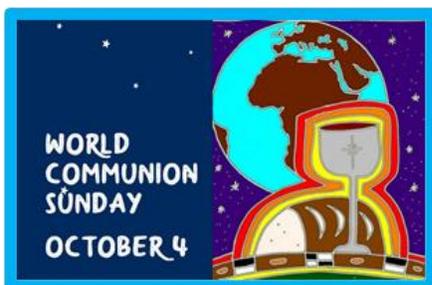
Dear Memorial / First Family,

The family of David Palmer really appreciated your expressions of sympathy and support at this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, cards, & delicious meals meant so much to us. We would not have gotten through this loss without the support and comfort you provided.

I know Dave would have been so pleased with Pastor Richard conducting the wonderful service and the choir singing the benediction. It was beautiful. It was also very special to have Pastor Chon at the family lunch that the church women provided.

You all are very special, and I am so thankful to be part of the Memorial/First family.

Thank you,
Joyce, Debbie and Suzie



2020 Music Trivia Challenge

Saturday October 31, 2020 from 1pm to 4pm

Memorial Lutheran Pavilion
2021 29th Street, Texas City

Teams of up to 5 members will compete naming songs and artists from several genres and timeframes.
Cost is \$5 per person to play and \$50 to be a Sponsor; funds raised benefit Memorial First youth

This Music Trivia event has been moved outside.
Face masks will be used throughout the grounds.

- To minimize contact, tables will be spaced apart, and there will be no refreshment tables.
- Teams of up to 5 people may each decide whether to use face masks at their table, but any movements away from the team table must be masked.

Entry deadline: October 28th at 5pm.

For more information, contact Larry Edrozo at edrozo@sbcglobal.net

Please share the above information with your friends. This will be our first event at the church in some time, and we want to let folks know we're up & running but safely! As this will be outside, we will need help with moving tables out there. Also, a sign up sheet for volunteers is now in the narthex. I know we will need drinks, small Halloween bags, and treats to put in them. Thanks for all you do to support outreach in our church.
-Larry Edrozo

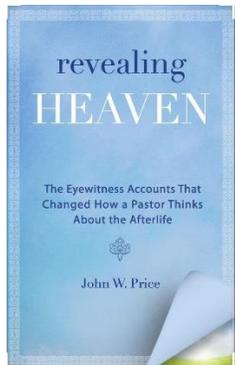


Consistent with our calling to love and care for one another and for the health of our neighbors, any person attending in-person worship at Memorial First has been wearing a mask and maintaining physical distancing. Thank you for showing you care!

Persons who choose to attend in-person worship must also agree to inform the church promptly if they learn they have been exposed to COVID-19. Notice of COVID-19 exposure should be made by calling Pastor Chon at 480-560-6616 and should inform her of the relevant date(s) of in-person attendance at any church event.
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The church will then make appropriate, anonymous notifications to others who may have been in attendance on the same date, so they may take appropriate steps to protect their health and safety.

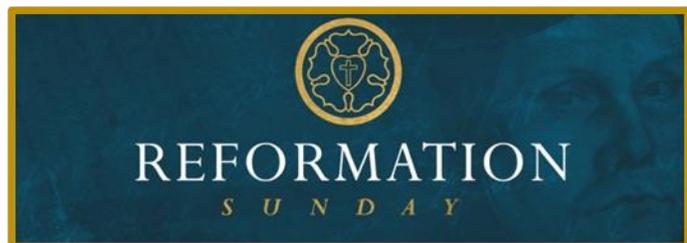
Thank you all for your continuing efforts to keep your friends and family safe!



The adult Sunday school class will host a Zoom discussion of the book Revealing Heaven. Fr. John Price, author of the book, will moderate. The Zoom class has been set for 10/11 at 2pm. If you'd like to join, please contact Larry Edrozo.



When I arrived, Pastor Steve passed on a list of people he was following for pastoral care. These are the people I will follow up with in the future. *To get added to this pastoral care list, I need the individual requesting pastoral care to notify me or the church office. This insures the person wants pastoral care.* So if you are having surgery and would like a pre-surgery prayer, let me know. On the other hand, please don't get upset if you don't receive a pre-surgery prayer if I didn't know you were having surgery. Know my office door is always open if you need to talk. Or you can make an appointment. You are important to me. Blessings, Pastor Chon



OCTOBER 25



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| October 5 | Doug & Pam Caldwell |
| October 6 | Suzanne & Johnny Galvan |
| October 10 | Arvin & Sheryl Holland |
| October 23 | Max & Tilli Herrera |



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| October 7 | Cheryl Rose |
| October 10 | Joe King |
| October 13 | Joyce Palmer |
| October 14 | Paula Smith |
| October 18 | Celeste Pelc |
| October 26 | Debbie Guthier |
| October 30 | Cathy Brown |
| October 31 | Karen Bernhardt |



Pecan Sales began August 9th and the deadline is this week!! Tell your friends and family members! **Orders must be placed by Friday, October 2nd.** Call Cindy Totty at 409-771-5793 to place a last-minute order or let her know of orders you have taken but haven't reported to her.



October 26