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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



Our days are filled with temptations ourselves to take “the easier way” or having to deal with the results of others taking “the easier way”. Perhaps there is an area of conflict with your husband or wife or parents or children that needs to be resolved, but facing it together honestly is avoided, or

everyone involved just tries to get their own way. That seems easier than really trying to work it out. Perhaps there is a situation where someone is hurting and it could make a difference if you reached out, or you really need someone to be there for you, but no one reaches out. It seems easier for folks who aren't under the heavy load to keep away so they won't feel the weight of the load themselves.

When Jesus considered the suffering ahead as he would face the power of sin, death and Satan during Holy Week, he said, “I am too deeply troubled now to know how to express my feelings. Should I say, ‘Father, save me from this time of suffering? No! I came for this time of suffering. Father, give glory to your name.’” (John 12:27-28)

We need to realize that the desire to keep away from the challenges that honest struggle with hard issues and situations causes is real and human. Jesus, who was fully human, struggled with this. During his time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, he sweat blood as he considered what was ahead of him and asked his Father to take the

cup of suffering away from him. An angel from heaven had to appear and give him strength. (Luke 22:41-44) Don't ever feel like a failure or judge others because it is hard to honestly face difficult situations when it is tempting to take “the easier way”. Jesus, himself, struggled with this.

But Jesus went forward and did what he was called to do. His overriding concern was to give glory to God. He most certainly did.

Giving glory to God through our actions isn't always our overriding concern. Giving glory to God isn't always the overriding concern of others. Peter, the disciple, wasn't “there for Jesus” when Jesus really needed him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Peter fell asleep while Jesus was sweating blood in prayer. Jesus said to him, “Couldn't you stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake, and pray that you won't be tempted. You want to do what's right, but you're weak.” (Matthew 26:40-41) Peter kept falling asleep. Some never wake up to what it means to act on an overriding concern to give glory to God rather than taking “the easier way”.

The Good News is that the act of Jesus on the cross gives us forgiveness and new life in him. Peter knew the power of this forgiveness and new life. He learned not to rely on himself when he had a hard time facing difficult situations or facing the hurt when others were not there for him. Listen to what he writes. Take it to heart from someone who really knows.

“Turn all your anxiety over to God because he cares for you. Keep your mind clear, and be

alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour. Be firm in the faith and resist him, knowing that other believers throughout the world are going through the same kind of suffering. God, who shows you his kindness and who has called you through Christ Jesus to his eternal glory, will restore you, strengthen you, make you strong, and support you as you suffer for a little while. Power belongs to him forever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:7-11)

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



Announcing A Contemporary Liturgy for Spring and Summer

You asked, we listened. A number of members and friends of St. Luke’s have asked if we could try a contemporary liturgy. There are folks who find contemporary music very meaningful and believe it is useful in attracting others to come hear the Good News about Jesus’ love for us. Part of our mission is to spread the Good News, so if some contemporary music can help with that, let’s try it.

Be assured we won’t be making wholesale changes to worship. Beginning the Sunday after Easter Sunday and going through the summer, we will simply use some contemporary music for portions of the service. We will continue to choose the three hymns for the service from various styles of music to fit the theme for the day and they will be accompanied primarily on piano and organ.

We don’t need a worship band to do contemporary music well. Our music director, Brooke Barr, is well versed in contemporary music as well as many other types of music. She not only can play and lead contemporary music with great skill and spirit, she also exudes the youthful vitality that is the heart of contemporary music. All the contemporary music we will be using has very good keyboard accompaniment that preserves the feeling of

the music when led on piano. We also have a skilled organist, Jane Fanucci, with gifts we have not used. As you may know, Jane plays guitar, flute and violin as well as piano and organ. She will provide accompaniment in addition to Brooke playing piano that will be on the appropriate instrument and have the proper feel for the music.

Look forward to an exciting time in worship starting Sunday, April 27 as we make use of some contemporary music in our worship service. Spread the word!



The Youth Board is currently accepting donations of small individually wrapped candies and plastic Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. Please place them

in the blue box marked Easter Goodies or bring them to Room 2 before or after church or give them to Kirsten Ireton. We will need all candy and eggs by April 13th and we usually need more candy than eggs. Your help in making the kids smile on Easter morning is greatly appreciated!



Calling all St. Luke’s Youth!!!

We will be filling Easter Eggs on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00am! Please come and help fill all the eggs and then come back on Easter morning at 9:00am to help the Easter Bunny hide the eggs. On Sunday, April 27 we will be going to Leatherby’s for lunch and ice cream and then to Miwok Park for a fun afternoon of frivolity. You are welcome to bring friends to help with any of these activities. See you then!



The Women of the ELCA held its 3rd meeting of the year on Saturday, March 8th, with over 20 in attendance. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a potato bar. Many thanks go to Peggy Moser for preparing all the potatoes. This month we collected diapers, wipes, baby food and formula for a local non-profit organization, Chicks in Crisis; an organization working with young teen mothers and their children.

Next month we will be meeting on Saturday, April 12th, at 11:30am. All are invited to an appetizer or finger food to share as we collect hygiene items and undergarments for WIND Youth Services, an organization for homeless teens.

W-ELCA is putting on many upcoming events that we will begin planning in the months to come. On Thursday, April 17th we are hosting the Passover Lamb Dinner. If you would like to be involved please let Linda Duffek or Holly Hoppman know. We will have planning meetings to prepare for the meal. Keep an eye out for Ticket sales soon.



Calling all Golfers

Last December and again this year, W-ELCA supported an organization called Christmas Promise that anonymously provides the promise of Christmas to local families in need. Christmas Promise is holding their annual fund-raising golf tournament on September 8th, 2014 at North Ridge Country Club. Details will soon be available at: www.christmaspromisegolftournament.com if you are interested in supporting this cause.

W-ELCA Bulletin Board



A W-ELCA bulletin board has been put up in Room 5 to post information about upcoming events and opportunities for support, along with correspondence we receive from some of the organizations we support. Check it out the next time you're in there.



2014 Crab Feed

We had another successful Crab and Shrimp Feed this last month. After Expenses were calculated we raised a total profit of \$8,480. The generosity of everyone involved with this year's Crab and Shrimp Feed was astounding and is much appreciated. The money made will go to support vital programs and projects at St. Luke's.

Many thanks go to the wonderful volunteers we had helping with the Crab Feed this year:

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| Al Moser | Bob Behr |
| Bruce Kiser | Carol Carney |
| Carolyn Andrews | Corey Anderson |
| Craig Eckles | Dave Davis |
| Deanna Dockter | Debbie Silverberg |
| Debi Lentsch | Dorothy Haney |
| Ed Ireton | Jack Fenske |
| Jennifer Connell | Jerry Carney |
| Judy Saxby | Julie Ireton |
| Justin Tice | Karen Kiser |

Karen Linfor	Katie Iniguez
Kelly Boyer	Ken Lentsch
Kevin Webb	Kirsten Ireton
Larry Dockter	Linda Duffek
Marlene Kiser	Michael Duffek
Micki Fenske	Pastor Carl Hoppman
Pat Webb	Peggy Moser
Phillip Connell	Rachel Kiser
Ron Webb	Samantha Basquez
Triss Hoppman	

Key Clubs from Monterey Trails, Franklin, and Pleasant Grove high schools

I would also like to take the time to thank everyone who donated to our raffle this year:

Boulevard Bistro, Elk Grove, CA
 Brenda Sulzman
 Bruce Kiser
 Carol Woods
 Chili's, Elk Grove, CA
 CVS Pharmacy, Elk Grove, CA
 Dorothy Haney
 Fresh Market, Elk Grove, CA
 Kevin Webb
 Kim Fenske
 Leatherby's, Elk Grove, CA
 Logan's Roadhouse, Elk Grove, CA
 Mama Susanna's, Sacramento, CA
 Mike's Diner, Elk Grove, CA
 Mimi's Café, Elk Grove, CA
 Mr. Perry's, Sacramento, CA
 Noodles & Company, Elk Grove, CA
 Nugget Market, Elk Grove, CA
 Oil Stop, Elk Grove, CA
 On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina, Elk Grove, CA
 Original Perry's, Sacramento, CA
 Outback Steakhouse, Elk Grove, CA
 Palermo Ristorante, Elk Grove, CA
 Pat and Ron Webb
 Paul Heaton
 Ron and Pat Webb
 Texas Roadhouse, Elk Grove, CA

TGIF, Elk Grove, CA
 The Bible House, Elk Grove, CA
 The Brick House, Elk Grove, CA
 The Carney Family
 The Commons at Elk Grove, Elk Grove, CA
 The Cookie Jar, Elk Grove, CA
 The Fenske Family
 The Ireton Family
 The Lentsch Family
 The Old Spaghetti Factory, Elk Grove, CA
 The Petersen Family
 The Popcorn Store, Elk Grove, CA
 The Saxby Family
 The Secret Garden, Elk Grove, CA
 Trader Joe's, Elk Grove, CA
 Violet Gibson

Holly Hoppman
 Crab Feed Chair



The Board of Community Concerns worked with W-ELCA and The Youth Board to host the Winter Sanctuary on March 23rd this year. It was an excited time of sharing with almost 100 local homeless folks. Thank you to everyone who was involved with the project this year.



23 of us joined together for lunch at the Black Bear Diner on Saturday, February 22, for great food and a special time of sharing with one another. If you have ever enjoyed a meal at a Black Bear Diner, you know that you never leave hungry.

Thanks to Walt and Pauline Arndt for doing a wonderful job of coordinating this event.



Our Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, with a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA. 65 people enjoyed many delicious soups, breads and desserts. Following the soup supper, we joined together in the sanctuary for a special worship service and the imposition of ashes.



Thank you to Worship & Music, Choir and the Bell Choir for hosting the next Wednesday's soup supper that was enjoyed by approximately 45 people.



Please plan to come to the remaining Lenten soup suppers that will be hosted by the following boards or church groups as it is a wonderful time of fellowship:

Wednesday, April 2 – Church Council
Wednesday, April 9 - Congregation

All the remaining worship services will be from 6:30 to 7:00pm in Schultz Hall following the 6pm soup suppers.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of this very special time of fellowship and worship.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



EASTER BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, APRIL 20

You won't want to miss our annual Easter breakfast served in Schultz Hall from 8:30am to 10am.

Ron Webb and Carol Carney, co-chairs of this year's breakfast, plan a wonderful menu of French toast, scrambled eggs and more, but they need your help. You will find sign-up sheets in the entry way for both Saturday's (April 19) set up, decorating and food prep, and Easter Sunday's kitchen help, servers and clean up.

A freewill offering will be available to help offset expenses.

We look forward to a wonderful time of celebrating Christ's resurrection.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry Dockter and family upon the death of Larry's mom, Karen Meadows. A Memorial Service was held on March 13.

Thank You!

To all of our St. Luke's Family,

I just wanted to say Thank You for all the wonderful cards, texts, and emails received after the death of my mom, Karen (Petrali Dockter) Meadows. I know my mom would have loved reading them. Although she hadn't been an active part of St. Luke's since the early 60s, she had some wonderful stories of Pastor Schultz from those days!

I wanted to share this picture of my family from the 1964 St. Luke's church directory:



Pictured are my mom (Karen) and dad (Walter), my sister Kerri, myself in the middle, and my brother Darren. Not shown is my brother Gary and sisters Lynn and Kim.
In Christian Love,

Larry & Deanna Dockter and family



The Children's Choir is off to a slow start with only 3 signed up at this time. We need more voices!! WE NEED YOU!! Easter is coming soon and we want to present our new choir at that time. The practice times will be after church on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's (non-communion

days) for about 20 min. The songs are also practiced during SS.

We have received a gift from First English Lutheran (through our Sr choir member Mary F. Harris, and that gift is Jr Choir robes. We will be using them for the first time on Easter!

Please sign your child up asap by filling out a form which you can pick up in the Sunday School room or by calling Judy Saxby at 916 798 0825. Thank you so much.



Relay For Life Pasta Feed

Team Friends In Faith is having a Relay For Life Pasta Feed on Saturday, April 5th at 6:00pm to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Tickets are only \$10 and there will also be a great raffle. The menu is Chicken Alfredo & Pasta with Meat Sauce, Caesar salad, bread and dessert. For tickets and more information please see Kirsten Ireton or Peggy Moser or any other member of the Relay For Life team. You are also encouraged to join us at the Relay. We will have a speaker, information about Relay and the programs of the American Cancer Society at this event.



Holy Week

**Palm Sunday—April 13
8:15AM & 10:30AM Services**

**Maundy Thursday—April 17
Passover Supper 6:00PM
Holy Communion 7:30PM**

**Good Friday—April 18
7:30PM**

**Easter Sunday—April 20
8:15AM & 10:30AM**

**Easter Breakfast
8:30AM—10:00AM**

**Easter Egg Hunt
10:00AM**



St. Luke's Beach Party Crab & Shrimp Feed 2014

**Our MC, Larry
Dockter and
helpers Micayla
Shower and
Isabella Basquez**



**Holly
Hoppman
and Dorothy
Haney**



**Justin,
Laura and
Amelia
Tice**



**St. Luke's Very
Own Beach Bum
Pastor Carl**

More Enjoyment and Family Time at our Annual Crab Feed



Mark and Suzanne Zemke



Kelly Boyer and Lois Sherrets



Bob Behr and Sarah Thomas



**Jared Kiser, Deanna Dockter and
Victoria Diaz**



**Bekka Roberts, Megan Thomas,
Rylee Shower and Olivia Duffek**



Paul Heaton and Sande Trezise



**FINANCIAL
SECRETARY'S REPORT
FEBRUARY
2014**

April 3 Chelsey Fernandez
 April 4 Adeline Weston
 April 4 Mike Wilke
 April 6 Larry Dockter
 April 9 Don Englund
 April 12 Clarence Korhonen
 April 16 Erwin Kiser
 April 16 Marilyn Sodergren
 April 16 Charles Yakabe
 April 17 Megan Dockter
 April 17 Heidi Harrison
 April 19 Reuben Jones
 April 20 Margaret Crooks
 April 20 Mary F. Harris
 April 21 Brooke Barr
 April 24 Connie Reule
 April 24 Amelia Tice
 April 25 Rylee Shower
 April 27 Lisa Englund
 April 30 Rachel Kiser

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$16,527	\$32,049
Compared to Budget	-\$977	-\$2,083
	-6.0%	-6.0%
Compared to 2013	-\$887	\$1,916
	-5.0%	6.00%
Contributors:		
2014 (Current Year)	82	82 Aver.
2013 (Last Year)	93	87 Aver.

Note: Positive values (no +/- sign) means **above**; negative values means **below**.



April 6 *Deanna Dockter for Larry's birthday*
 April 13
 April 20 *Marlene and Duane Kiser for Erwin Kiser's birthday;*
Mary F. Harris for my birthday
 April 27

Other Special

Gifts:

- a) Sunday School \$21.31
- b) Flowers \$120.00

Ron Webb
 Financial Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes
April 6 Daniel Encinas
April 13 Ryan Johansen
April 20 Amber Mansfield
April 27 Joshua Bell

Altar Care
8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Peggy Moser, Samantha Basquez

Communion Servers
Janette Payne, Connie Reule, Peggy Moser

Counters
April 6 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 13 Don Schell, Bob Behr
April 20 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters
April 6 Ron, Debbie and Ryan Johansen
April 13
April 20
April 27

Head Ushers
8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders
April 6 Janette Payne
April 13 Mary Harris
April 20 Bob Behr
April 27 Betty Englund

Psalm Leaders
April 6 Elizabeth Wilson
April 13 Sierra Etchison
April 20 Aiyana Tice
April 27 Amber Mansfield

Readers 8:15 AM
April 6 Kelly Boyer
April 13 Maribel Herrera
April 20 Ron Webb
April 27 Eric Linblade

Lenten Readers 6:00 PM
April 2 Kirsten Ireton
April 9 Sylvia Kohler
April 17 David Saxby

Readers 10:30 AM
April 6 Al Moser
April 13 Larry Dockter
April 20 Marlene Kiser
April 27 Tracy Etchison

Refreshments
April 6 Ofelia Ojeda
April 13 Mack and Carole Vance
April 20 **Easter Breakfast**
April 27 Ron and Robin Zoesch, Carole Vance

Visitors Gifts
April 6 Carolyn Andrews
April 13 Pat Webb
April 20 Carole Vance
April 27 Walt Arndt

Welcome Leaders
April 6 Peggy Moser
April 13 Pat Webb
April 20 Chet Madison
April 27 Carolyn Andrews

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



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Maundy Thursday April 17

Good Friday—Service of Shadows April 18

Easter Sunday April 20