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Pastoral Perspective



Go to a university campus and you will see inscriptions on buildings showing that they are legacies to individuals who made large monetary contributions. Most of us are not able to leave legacies like that. We figure we are blessed if we have anything left at the end of our lives. If we have a bit to leave to loved ones and the church or charities we feel extremely blessed.

We are, however, able to leave a rich legacy, no matter how much or how little we have to pass on. That legacy is the living legacy of Jesus that is passed on through us.

Firstly, Jesus passes on through us a tremendous legacy of love. This legacy stands firm against all the hatred, all the apathy, and all the sin in the world. The legacy of love towers over all that would tear it down. We pass on this legacy by living in the love of the Lord and passing it on to others through word and deed.

Secondly, Jesus passes on through us the legacy of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. The Holy Spirit works God's loving purpose in the world. As we pray for the Holy Spirit to work through us, and then act on those prayers, we are establishing a living legacy greater than any other monument. This is a monument to the continued work of the Lord in the world through His people.

Finally, Jesus passes on through us the legacy of peace. We wonder if we will ever have peace. The truth is, we already have it, and we are blessed to be able to pass it on. In John 14:27 Jesus says, "I'm leaving you peace". This is not the absence of conflict in the world. It is the ability to realize harmony and wholeness with the Lord and work in that harmony and wholeness in the midst of the conflict and challenges of the world. It is the peace that sees us through and allows us to help others through the tough times. What a legacy to leave.

So don't ever feel poor, no matter how little you might have to pass on. Realize, rather, that as you pass on the three-fold legacy of Jesus, you are passing on something priceless that will stand forever.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,
Pastor Carl





The Presidents' Corner

Summer is right around the corner and, in fact, it seems quite toasty as I write this column tonight. We have

various activities this summer to enjoy and support so stay involved or come get involved and have fun through fellowship and service to our mission. There is Bunco sponsored by WELCA to raise funds for their many outreach missions, the fireworks booth to support property maintenance activities, and our usual worship times. We don't take the summer off but continue to rely on everyone's support and involvement as we move through the summer.

We appreciate everyone's gifts through offerings to support our operations and outreach. The Financial Secretary's primary function is to record each individual's giving so that those who donate can get a record of their giving at the end of the year. Ron Webb, our current Financial Secretary, needs our assistance to make sure he can maintain accurate records. We can help by using our assigned envelopes for offerings or, if using the pew envelopes, by including a clear name on the outside of the envelope. It has become challenging recently to clearly read names and make sure the proper credit is recorded. If you need assigned envelopes, see Ron and he will gladly provide. Then, try to remember to use those envelopes and his job will be made easier and he won't struggle to read someone's name. I thank you for consideration to make Ron's job less hectic.

Our services and board functions continue throughout the summer. So enjoy those vacations and time away but don't forget about St Luke's. We need your continued support year round.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Bob Behr



We welcome Adalyn Rae Kiser into the family of Christ. Adalyn was baptized on April 27. She is the daughter of Jared and Rachel Kiser and sister of Jacob. Sponsors are: Daniel Connell, Selena Connell, Holly Hoppman, Kevin Kiser, Kristin Willoughby and Monica Willoughby. Proud grandparents are: Phillip and Jennifer Connell and Bruce and Karen Kiser and Great-Grandpa Erwin Kiser.



We welcome Victoria Grace Diaz into the family of Christ. Victoria was baptized on May 11. She is the daughter of Anthony Diaz and Deanna Dockter. Her sponsors are: Jeremy and Renee Roberts. Grandparents are: Larry and Deanna Dockter.



We welcome Angela Hairston into the family of Christ. Angela was baptized on May 11. She is the daughter of Vincent and Angela Hairston and granddaughter of Latasha Lawrence. Her sponsor is Jasmine Stead.



At a luncheon for South Kaiser Hospital Volunteers, Ferd Boschee was awarded a certificate from the President of the United States for his dedication of giving over 4,000 volunteer hours.



**Join us in welcoming
our new members:**

John, Lauren and Lucy Orcutt

Latasha Lawrence
Jasmine Stead, Angela Hairston

Esther Battyany

Faith Thomas

Elizabeth Brasier
Stephanie Espinoza



Thank You

I wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Passover Supper. It was a huge success; we had about 80 people attend. I am so thrilled that we are able to keep the tradition going.

I also want to say a special thanks to the Connell's for their generous donation.

Linda Duffek
Passover Supper Chairperson



Thank You

What an absolutely beautiful morning it was for our Easter celebration! Ron Webb and Carol Carney were honored to have been asked, once again, to co-chair the Easter Breakfast and we can't thank everyone enough for all the love and support shown to make it such

a wonderful time of Christian fellowship. We thank everyone who came and ate and for your generous contributions towards covering the cost of the meal.

We could not have done it without each and every one of you – we especially thank Jack and Micki Fenske for purchasing all of the ingredients and preparing the eggs as well as for taking all of the left-overs down to the Union Gospel Mission (another blessing of sharing with the community). We thank Justin Tice for washing the dishes and all of the following who helped set-up, decorate, help with food preparation, serve and clean-up: Corey Anderson, Pauline & Walt Arndt, Bob Behr, Ben Bri-el, Karen Cagle, Jerry Carney, Dave Davis, Linda Duffek, Marlene Kiser, Karen Linfor, Janette Payne, Kelly Sobkowsky, Carol and Mack Vance, Pat Webb and Ron Zoesch. If we have forgotten anyone please accept our apology and know your help was just as much appreciated as everyone else.



The women of the ELCA held their annual Mothers day lunch on May 10. The theme this year was tea cups. The room was beautifully decorated and we had a great turn-out.

Thanks to all who helped make the decorations, decorate, prepare the food and clean-up. Thank you Pastor Carl, Al Moser and Mike Duffek for serving us.

Thank you Peggy (Mrs. Moser) for teaching us the proper way to make a sandwich. Also, thank you Katie for the trivia games. We learned quite a few interesting facts about moms around the world.

Thank you again.

Linda Duffek

Chair of the Mother's Day Lunch



THANK YOU TO
Miss. Kirsten
and Julie
You will be missed

We have been very blessed to have Kirsten Ireton as our Sunday School teacher for several years. Her daughter, Julie, has also been a tremendous help. Starting in June, Julie will be attending U.C. Berkeley and Kirsten will be focusing her time and energy on working with our Youth. We also wish to thank Tracy Etchison and Katy Etchison for all their help with our Sunday School children.

New leadership for our children's Sunday School is needed. There will be a meeting after worship on Sunday, June 8th in Room 3 of the Education wing to share ideas and resources to make sure this vital ministry continues to grow and flourish at St. Luke's. All parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone else who has children involved in Sunday School or has ideas or would like to help are urged to attend. Pastor Carl will lead the discussion. It can't be stressed enough how important it is for some of us to step forward to be used by the Lord in this ministry. The children are really counting on us. They love Sunday School and look forward to it so much.

**Sunday School
Teachers Needed!**



German Lutheran pastor and teacher, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, stands out among the Christian leaders during the Nazi era, for he was one of the few to actively resist the Nazi regime. In addition to his legacy of courageous opposition to Nazism,

Bonhoeffer's writings are still an inspiration to Christians throughout the world and his life is an example of what it truly means to act on one's faith. The life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer will be the theme of the four-session Bible study on the Wednesdays in July this year starting July 9. Pastor Carl will lead the study. We will start each week with a potluck at 6 PM and then continue with our study. Sessions will be held in our delightfully air conditioned Schultz Hall. Consider who you might like to invite to this life and faith deepening study!



Father's Day Sunday, June 15

June is here and that means you are in for a special treat. Please join us on Sunday, June 15, after the 10:30am service, for our annual Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social. This is our way of thanking all the men in our congregation and to let them know how much we appreciate them. You will find a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table if you would like to bring a pie to share.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Getting to Know Each Other Better



Esther Battyany - Born in East Chicago, Indiana, moved to Wisconsin as a toddler, then to Sacramento with her husband and, in 2009, to Elk Grove, closer to her daughter, MaryAnn Janes, who attends St. Luke's occasionally with her mom and her husband, Bob Janes. Enjoys knitting and crocheting - - she has the neatest pattern for a shawl for someone in a wheelchair -- and exercising. She is a former member of Lutheran Church of the Master in Sacramento.



Lou Juan Hubbard - Born and raised in Sacramento, she also lived in Portland, Oregon and Palm Desert, California. She currently lives in Elk Grove, closer to one son. She has two other sons, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Retired dental assistant. Enjoys knitting scarves, playing bridge and attending St. Luke's and Bible study classes. She was a charter member of Lutheran Church of the Master.



Latasha Lawrence - Born and raised in San Francisco, she moved as a young adult to Sacramento. She doesn't have time for hobbies because she is currently raising four grandchildren. Two of them, Jasmine Stead and Angela Hairston, who are also new members. A senior at Capitol City High School, Jasmine's favorite subject is English, and she enjoys rollerblading and listening to music. A second grader at Charles Mack Elementary School, Angela's favorite subject is math, and she enjoys playing in the park.



The 2014 Relay For Life of Elk Grove was amazing! This year I was blessed to be the Event Chair for the entire Relay. There were 55 teams and about 575 participants so far raising \$61,706 for the American Cancer Society.

Our Relay team, Friends in Faith had their best year yet; so far raising \$5,060! It was wonderful to see so many people from church come out: Larry & Deanna Dockter, Jerry & Carol Carney, Peggy & Al Moser, Katie & Benny Iniguez, Rachel, Jacob & Adalyn Kiser, Robin Zoesch, Kristin Willoughby & Ryder, Monica Willoughby, Robin Zoesch, Pastor Carl & Holly Hoppman, Pat Hamilton, Laura, Justin, Aiyana & Amelia Tice, Ron & Pat Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Mark, Suzanne, Miles & Margot Zemke, and Ed, Julie, & Ben Ireton. We even had 12 survivors on our team! I hope I didn't forget anyone.

In case you don't know about Relay For Life, it is a 24-hour team event where team members take turns walking around the track for 24 hours all to raise money for the American Cancer Society programs, research and support services. There are 3 ceremonies during the event. The Celebrate Ceremony was started by Suzanne Zemke beautifully singing the National Anthem. The Fight Back Ceremony had us all listening to an Aussie named Blue talk about Road to Recovery and how he helps drive cancer patients to treatment. At our Remember Ceremony, Aiyana Tice read a poem called "One Little Candle" and Holly signed the words with her.

St. Luke's was very much a part of Relay this year. "Cancer doesn't sleep, so neither will we" This message was taken to heart for so many of us this year. Pat Hamilton walked over 23 miles! I know Carol & Connie walked circles around every-

one and Ron Webb walked about 5 miles, which explains the limping on Sunday morning. My son Ben dressed up as a beauty queen and raised \$121 for the team in the Miss Relay Contest and even came in 3rd place. While I only officially made it around the track about a dozen times, I did manage to log 20 miles during the weekend with 15 of them on Saturday! I can't forget to thank Katie, Peggy and Carol for making our campsite look amazing! We had a fun (and eventful) cake decorating contest with 2 beautiful cakes donated for the cause. While Pat walked pretty much all night long, Peggy and I held down the fort. The Zemke's even brought their tent and had a camp out!

Relay is such a great event and while I am glad the event is over I am sad at the same time because I enjoy it so much. I hope that next year we can get even more of St. Luke's involved. Let's provide rides for our members who are survivors but can't otherwise make it out to Relay on their own. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers this past year. We may even be doing a couple more!



In Christ,
Kirsten Ireton

For more information visit www.cancer.org or www.RelayForLife.org/elkgrovec



Ben Ireton as Miss Relay at the Relay for Life Walk

He won 3rd Place



15th Annual Fireworks Sale June 28th - July 4th

It's that time of year again and this will be our 15th year for having a fireworks booth. Wow, just seems like yesterday when we started this venture. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many projects around the church that always come up.

This will be our 8th year in our current location - on the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. We're looking for a lot of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out this year. Here's some ideas where you can help -

Sell fireworks in the booth (must be at least 18 years of age to work in the booth) - training provided and you're never alone.

Come by and visit for a few hours for fun and fellowship and we'll challenge you to a game of Fireworks Booth Bingo! You do not have to be 18 for this or the following:

- Bring snacks or drinks to the booth
- Wave flags or banners to attract others to the booth (maybe in an Uncle Sam costume?)
- Buy your fireworks from our booth
- Encourage friends and family to come to our booth
- Arrive at 8:30am to help unload the truck
- Stay late to pack up everything into the truck

If you can volunteer to work in the booth, there will be a sign-up sheet soon in the Narthex to reserve your favorite time(s). The booth will open at noon on June 28th, and then every day after that from 9am to 9pm through July 4th (note that we can stay open until 10pm if we're really busy which is usually on July 3rd and 4th).

Everyone has been very supportive in past years, and it's so appreciated by all. Remember, all funds raised go to a great cause!

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help as a volunteer, just call or see me. We do have a lot of fun every year (including Fireworks Booth Bingo), so don't miss out.

In His Name...

Larry Dockter
Fireworks Booth Committee Chair



All those who enjoy needlepoint or are interested in learning, here is your chance. Paul Heaton has generously donated Ruth's collection of needle-

point items to our Crafter's Group. Dorothy Haney has taken the time to organize all of it and would love for you to contact her and come by her home to pick out needlepoint kits, patters and pattern books. We only ask for a donation. You are welcome to invite family and friends.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

APRIL 2014

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$17,354	\$69,615
Compared to Budget	-\$1,681	
	-8.8%	4.4%
Compared to 2013	-\$1,018	\$3,070
	-5.0%	4.40%
Contributors:		
2014 (Current Year)	102	92 Aver.
2013 (Last Year)	93	92 Aver.

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School \$20.50
- b) Flowers \$360.00

Ron Webb

Financial Secretary

Happy Mother's Day



Does anyone know how to make a buttered sandwich? Well, Mrs. Moser can teach you.



There is nothing like the love of a Mom and her children



Mr. Moser serving one of our special ladies, Aiyana Tice



BUNCO 2014



W-ELCA is hosting their Annual BUNCO on June 7th! The cost is \$15 per person. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner begins at 6:00pm and BUNCO is at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Come for the pasta dinner and stay for a fun dice game and raffle prizes!



WELCA's Mission Board will be collecting donations to support the Sacramento SPCA (SSPCA) this month.

The SSPCA has been working to reduce pet overpopulation for 110 years through affordable spay/neuter services, promoting humane treatment of animals through education and outreach, and assist pet owners through a variety of programs and services designed to keep pets and their families together for life. Their mission is to foster a loving and compassionate community for animals and people by providing assistance, creating lifelong relationships, and saving lives.

Current needs of the SSPCA include:

Liquid hand sanitizer gallon refills (foaming and regular liquid)
Bath towels
Blankets
Can openers (manual)

Canned dog food
Cat food, canned
Cat toys
Cat trees and scratching posts
Collars
Dog toys and treats
Leashes
Long-handled squeegees
Metal pot scrubbers
Office supplies (pens, scissors, Sharpies, etc.)
Peanut butter
Plastic litterboxes (small)
Soft e-collars (cones)
Stainless steel dog and cat bowls
Ziplock bags (two gallon)



Many thanks to everyone who donated new undergarments for women and children that were collected for St. John's Program for Real Change. Starting in July we will be collecting backpacks and school supplies through the summer to support our local elementary schools in the Parkway Neighborhood



Keep an eye out for more information from the Community Concerns Board about the church wide annual day of service, God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 7!



June 1 Karen Cagle
June 1 Paul Heaton
June 3 Phillip Connell
June 3 Phillip Petersen
June 5 Phyllis Englund
June 6 Mikayla Dockery
June 8 Elizabeth Wilson
June 14 Marcella Minning
June 15 Peggy Moser
June 20 Caliana Osako
June 22 John Orcutt
June 23 Cannon Thomas
June 26 Joshua Anderson
June 27 Susan Mihanovich
June 27 Ryder Roberts

If your birthday is this month
and you are not on our list
please notify the church office,
so we can update our files.

June 1

June 8 *To Celebrate Brooke Barr and her
students Piano Recital*

June 15 *Kelly Boyer for Shannon, Jordan and
Jasmine's birthdays;
Hannelore and Inge Marchuk in
loving memory of our father, Eugene
Marchuk*

June 22 *The Etchison's for Sierra's 8th
birthday*

June 29



You are welcome to sign up for flowers on the
Flower Chart on the opportunity table in the back
of the church. As you can see, there are many dif-
ferent reasons people sign up for flowers—
birthdays, anniversaries, in honor of loved ones,
special occasions etc. The cost is only \$20 and you
are welcome to take the flowers after worship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

June 1 Daniel Encinas
June 8 Ryan Johansen
June 15 Amber Mansfield
June 22 Joshua Bell
June 29 Katy Etchison

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Janette Payne, Karen Linfor

Communion Servers

Karen Linfor, Howard Triebwasser and
Pat Hamilton

Counters

June 1 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
June 8 Don Schell, Bob Behr
June 15 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
June 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
June 29 Carolyn Andrews, Jack Fenske
Micki Fenske

Greeters

June 1 Al and Irene Boschee
June 8 Ofelia Ojeda
June 15 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
June 22
June 29

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Ken Lentsch

Prayer Leaders

June 1 Tracy Etchison
June 8 Marlene Kiser
June 15 David Saxby
June 22 Larry Dockter
June 29 Sylvia Kohler

Psalm Leaders

June 1 Amber Mansfield
June 8 Isabella Basquez
June 15 Angie Martinez
June 22 Elizabeth Wilson
June 29 Sierra Etchison

Readers 8:15 AM

June 1 Ron Webb
June 8 Eric Linblade
June 15 Phil Petersen
June 22 Christiana Wilson
June 29 Kelly Boyer

Readers 10:30 AM

June 1 Betty Englund
June 8 Bob Behr
June 15 Holly Hoppman
June 22 Mary F. Harris
June 29 Alison Thomas

Refreshments

June 1 Jerry and Carol Carney
June 8 Kelly Boyer
June 15 Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social
June 22 Mack and Carole Vance
June 29 Ken and Debi Lentsch

Visitors Gifts

June 1 Robin Zoesch
June 8 Joyce Jensen
June 15 Thelma Williams
June 22 Pat Webb
June 29 Walt Arndt

Welcome Leaders

June 1 Peggy Moser
June 8 Pat Webb
June 15 Chet Madison
June 22 Carolyn Andrews
June 29 Pauline Arndt

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



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Saturday, June 7

Dinner 6:00PM
BUNCO 7:00PM

We are gathering new or gently used towels, blankets, pet toys, leashes, collars and pet food to support the Sacramento SPCA.



Your Host: St. Luke's
Women of the ELCA