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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



All of us, no matter what our age, are constantly exposed to advertising--in newspapers and magazines, on radio and television, on billboards, in circulars and catalogs that come in the mail, by telemarketing phone calls, and by ads on our computer screens. We are constantly being urged to buy goods and services, to invest some of our resources for a return in the future, or to indulge ourselves in food, drink or entertainment for the gratification of our desires.

We have been stung by our purchases or investments at least a few times. The toy we bought fell apart as soon as the kids began to play with it. The appliance we purchased never worked right. The car we got turned out to be a lemon or a gas-hog. The value of our savings and investments was challenged by a volatile economy. The medicine for which we paid dearly turned out to not really help at all.

Now along comes Jesus with his fantastic offer: "Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke over your shoulders, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble. Then you will find rest for yourselves because my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) This really sounds like one of those "too-good-to-be-true" offers!

Nothing to send in, no limited time, no purchase required, no minimum order--just Jesus, who makes this tremendous invitation, to come to him and find rest.

But wait just a minute before dismissing Jesus' offer. Have you ever felt cornered by a chain of events that appeared to back you deeper and deeper into a situation from which you could see no escape? Have you ever felt on the verge of sheer panic as you faced choices which seemed to offer only varying degrees of disaster? Have you ever lain awake at night, burdened with anxious fears or a broken heart? You don't have to live very long to experience some of these feelings. And Jesus knows that. He knows where you are in the world all the time, and he knows how desperately you need the comfort and hope, the living love, that his offer promises.

Don't think for a minute that this offer is for someone else but not for you. Jesus came into the world to be with you in the challenges this world brings. If you find yourself laboring through life, trying to make some sense out of everything that is going on, this offer is for you. If you bend beneath time's load, longing for the relief you anticipate when the bundle of years is finally lifted, this invitation is for you. No matter what your situation, this offer is for you.

So, come to Jesus in faith. Believe in him as the Son of God sent into the world to live, suffer, die

and rise from death to reveal God's compassion and care for you in your present situation and every situation to come. He offers to yoke with you so you will have strength for the moment and rest from trying to carry everything on your own shoulders. Don't miss out on this fantastic offer. It really is true. Act now! You'll be glad you did.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,
Pastor Carl



Summer is here and we're off and running! Fireworks Booth through July 4th, Wednesday potlucks and discussions

through July, and summer Sunday School are only a few of the activities happening around St. Luke's.

The Fireworks Booth is always a fun time of sharing and working together to raise funds for our property needs. Whether you sell fireworks, provide water or goodies, or just show up for fellowship and to visit, it's always a highlight of the summer. If you are going to purchase fireworks, come on out and our friendly folks will be happy to help and visit. If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in purchasing fireworks, send them to our stand where they will get great service and smiles (even if it is a hot and muggy day or evening).

We had a good response to our pleas for helping reorganize the children's Sunday School program and we look forward to it starting in July. Those involved will continue to need our support and encouragement as it is a step "outside of the box" for many and a new adventure. We pray that this new group will come together and provide a fun and enriching experience for our children. We stand ready to assist in nurturing this most important program for our congregation. If you

would like to assist, there's always room for willing hands.

I hope you enjoy the summer and continue to make St. Luke's a priority for worship, fellowship, and support.

See you in church!
Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



Congratulations to Nick and Alicia Moser who welcomed their second daughter, Kennedy Lee on May 27. Kennedy weighed 9lb 10oz and was 21". Brooklyn is now a big sister and proud grandparents are Al and Peggy Moser.



I wanted to say thank you to my church family and friends for the outpouring of support, good wishes, cards and gifts I received upon my leaving for UC Berkeley. Excited doesn't even begin to tell you how I feel to finally be starting my studies in Materials Science and Engineering. Going to Cal is a dream finally achieved! I will miss helping out with Sunday school, the acolytes, and being in the Bell Choir, but know that I will be back for visits. Go Bears!

Julie Ireton



Congratulations to our 2014 Graduates

High School

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| Corey Anderson | Kennedy High |
| Allison Garcia | Elk Grove High |
| Gabriel S. Gavia | Elk Grove High |
| Fidell Kromah | Valley High |
| Zachary Monroe | Whitney High |

Trade School

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| Sean Bryan | WyoTech | Electican |
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College

Gwendolyn Petersen graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Major in Health and Human Resources

Congratulations to Walter Ramsey, who graduated from the Episcopal School for Deacons on May 18. Walter will continue with Chaplaincy training over the summer. Katie Ramsey is his proud sister.

Congratulations to Taehyun Ahn who graduated from the Pacific School of Religion on Sunday, May 25 with a Doctor of Divinity degree.



Thank You To Our New Teachers

A miraculous response!!! The response to the Sunday School survey in June was a miracle. **Eight people volunteered to help teach Sunday School during the 10:30 AM service.** We will have a teacher training on Sunday, June 29 at 12 Noon in room 2 of the Education wing. We would love to have you join the excited and enthusiastic new group of teachers. Please see Pastor Carl for more information or just come on June 29 and check it out. Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, July 13. This is truly and answer to prayer for which we thank and praise God!



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! A sign-up for the study is on the opportunity table in the back of the church.





Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every

Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



St. Luke's Annual Fireworks Booth

Our Location is in the Food Source Parking Lot on the Corner of

Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive. We will be open June 28 beginning at 12 Noon until 9PM. June 29—July 4 our hours will be 9AM to 9PM depending on how busy we are (we can stay open until 10PM).

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)

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 or visiting for 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 (well, ok, you have to be 18 to buy fireworks too!)

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

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

EVANGELISM BOARD

What a beautiful day we had for our Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 15. It was a wonderful way to thank all the men in our congregation and to let them how much we appreciate them all year long. Thank you to everyone who brought pies and to our faithful board members for serving and cleaning up. Special thanks to Walt and Pauline Arndt, Ron and Cheryl Franklin, Paul Heaton, Bruce Kiser, Duane and Marlene Kiser, Jeff Kiser, Mack Vance, and Ron Webb for setting up and taking down the pop-ups, tables and chairs.

It is very exciting to see the wonderful response we have had with our new name tags. So many of you have told me it is so nice to be able to call everyone by name.

Pat
Evan-
Chair



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REFRESHMENTS NOW BEING SERVED IN THE INNER COURTYARD

Did you after ser-
ments
moved?
through



notice that our
vice refresh-
have been
Please come
the double



doors into the inner court-
yard and enjoy light re-
freshments and a special
time of fellowship.



IT'S JULY AND TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER ICE CREAM TREATS

On Sunday, July 13, the Evangelism Board invites everyone to join them for a refreshing root beer or orange soda float after worship. Be sure you don't miss out on this special treat.

SMILES AND HANDSHAKES WANTED



Pat Hamilton, our greeter coordina-
tor, is looking for more greeters for
the summer. It is so important to
have someone there to extend a
special welcome to everyone as they come into our
church. Please sign up on the greeters list in the
entry way or call Pat at 682-3818 and let her know
that you would like to be a greeter.

Simple practices for safe food shopping:

- Remember the 2 hour rule - refrigerate perishable food within 2 hours.
- Don't let perishable food sit in the car!

- Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from other foods in your grocery shopping cart, grocery bags, and in your refrigerator when you put it away.
- Check that fresh cut fruits like packaged salads and pre-cut melons are refrigerated at the store before buying.



Getting to know each other

John Orcutt - Born and raised primarily in Connecticut, moved here for his job and because his wife Lauren's family lives in Orland (near Chico), California. John is a small business litigation attorney. He enjoys brewing beer at home and biking on the American River bike paths.



Lauren Orcutt - Born in San Diego, moved to Chico, then to Northern Virginia for college, where she met John through mutual friends. Lauren teaches high school writing groups and writes content for websites. She enjoys reading, both fiction and non-fiction, biking and playing fantasy baseball.



Lucy Orcutt - Born in Virginia. A second grader being home schooled, Lucy's favorite subject is math. She enjoys building things from Legos and blocks, setting up small-scale train tracks and biking to the

local park.

Please keep in prayer Walt and Pauline Arndt and their entire family at the sudden death of their son, Ken Arndt. A service was held at St. Josephs Catholic Church on June 19.

The St. Luke's Youth Group got off to a great start this summer with a fun outing to Leatherby's and Miwok Park. A large group of 19 had lunch and ice cream first then most of the youth and adults went to Miwok Park where lots of fun ensued. The Ireton's brought their volleyball net and we played volleyball, badminton, and some of the youth even played at the park. Best of all, we had a chance to get together and share.

We decided that our next outing was to be a pool party at the Korhonen's house on June 22nd with a BBQ lunch.

During the summer we will try to arrange pool parties at church member's homes. So, if you have a pool and would be willing to let us splash around, please contact Pastor Carl.



Looking forward to the fall, we will be helping out with the community service project (so SLY

would be helping out September 7th service project mark your cal-

BUNCO 2014





To our St. Luke's Church Family:

Walt and I want to thank you all for your prayers, good wishes, kindness, support and many cards. We appreciate you very much and know we were sent to St. Luke's by the Lord.

We especially want to thank the Comfort Committee: Pat and Ron Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Micki Fenske, Dorothy Haney, Mary Harris, Kirsten Ireton, Al and Peggy Moser, and Carole and Mack Vance for such a wonderful luncheon. They were also assisted by my special friend, Mark Peletta. Everyone mentioned how great it was and our family was extremely pleased.

Of course words can't express our deep gratitude to Pastor Carl who has stood by us through this loss and the wonderful way he led the sharing part of the day. What a joy to hear those great stories about Ken .

We will miss our dear son, Ken, very much. But we are so grateful that he left us his dear wife, Gail and two wonderful grandchildren, Stephen and Michelle. We are so very proud of him. And know he is with our Lord and in peace.

May God Bless all of you, dear friends
Walt & Pauline Arndt



Our 10th Annual MEGA BUNCO was on June 7th and it was another great event. We had 88 players this year that enjoyed a wonderful pasta dinner thanks to Kirsten Ireton and her kitchen assistant Julie. Thank you both. I also want to thank everyone that donated to our raffle, an important part of the evening. Many thanks to Katie Iniguez and Dorothy Haney for working on the raffle as well as keeping the game moving during the night. I can't forget to thank Larry Dockter, our MC for the night. Again this year we collected towels, blankets, food and toys for our local SPCA. So not only did we have a fun night, collected items for a well deserved organization but we made a total of \$1,834.51 that will go towards W-ELCA benevolence fund. If you missed this event, we hope to see you next year.

Peggy Moser – Chairperson



We are in need of volunteers to help out with Altar Guild. Please prayerfully consider signing up for this very important part of our worship service. If you have never helped with Altar Guild in the past we will be happy to train you. Please see Janette Payne or Karen Linfor.



Gods Work. Our Hands.

The ELCA “Gods Work. Our Hands.” campaign is asking congregations across the nation to do a service project on Sunday, September 7th. The Community Concerns Board is working with the W-ELCA Missions Board in collecting school supplies from now through September 7th. Following the congregational picnic on Sunday, September 7th we will fill backpacks with school supplies for students in need at Charles Mack and Parkway schools. We will do it together as one body, using our hands to do God's work.

So find those sales and stock up on school supplies for this celebration. You can bring any donations to the church office or to the Wednesday potlucks throughout July. The schools have specifically asked for backpacks, paper, and facial tissue. We are collecting all types of supplies including, but not limited to: backpacks, lined paper, printer paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, crayons, color pencils, rulers, erasers, binders...



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S
May 2014**

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

| | This Month | Year to Date |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Total Offering | \$15,637 | \$85,021 |
| Compared to Budget | -\$445 | -\$4,794 |
| | -2.2% | -5.3% |
| Compared to 2013 | \$329 | \$3,168 |
| | 2.2% | 3.87% |
| Contributors: | | |
| 2014 | 88 | 91 Aver |
| 2013 (Last Year) | 96 | 94 ^{Aver} |

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School
- b) Flowers \$100.00

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary



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| July 3 | Ken Lentsch |
| July 4 | Harold Sodergren |
| July 5 | Bruce Kiser |
| July 6 | Clifford Landaker |
| July 7 | Bekka Roberts |
| July 8 | Rosie Johnson |
| July 16 | Al Boschee |
| July 18 | Hazen Simkins |
| July 24 | Juanita Guilbeau |
| July 26 | Bob Janes |
| July 27 | Pat Webb |
| July 29 | Ron Zoesch |

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



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| July 6 | <i>Debi Lentsch for Ken's birthday on July 3rd</i> |
| July 13 | <i>Karen Linfor in memory of Jerry Linfor's Birthday</i> |
| July 20 | |
| July 27 | <i>Ron and Pat Webb for Pat's birthday</i> |



Here at St. Luke's we have an E-Prayer Chain. If this is something you would like to be a part of please contact Pastor Carl at carlhoppman@gmail.com and we would be happy to add you to our list of participants. This is such a wonderful way of keeping our church family and friends in our prayers for all sorts of situations.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

July 6 Katy Etchison
July 13 Ryan Johansen
July 20 Amber Mansfield
July 27 Joshua Bell

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Linda Olsen, Brenda Sulzmann

Communion Servers

Kirsten Ireton, Carol Carney, David Saxby

Counters

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

Greeters

Greeters Needed

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Jerry Carney

Prayer Leaders

July 6 Peggy Moser
July 13 Janette Payne
July 20 Joe Payne
July 27 Ken Lentsch

Psalm Leaders

July 6 Aiyana Tice
July 13 Amber Mansfield
July 20 Isabella Basquez
July 27 Elizabeth Wilson

Readers 8:15 AM

July 6 Maribel Herrera
July 13 Ron Webb
July 20 Eric Linblade
July 27 Phil Petersen

Readers 10:30 AM

July 6 Ken Lentsch
July 13 Joe Payne
July 20 Janette Payne
July 27 Kirsten Ireton

Refreshments

July 6 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
July 13 Root Beer and Orange Soda Floats
July 20 Paul Maki and Chona Sison
July 27 Jerry and Carol Carney

Visitors Gifts

July 6 Joyce Jensen
July 13 Carol Carney
July 20 Carole Vance
July 27 Pauline Arndt

Welcome Leaders

July 6 Peggy Moser
July 13 Pat Webb
July 20 Chet Madison
July 27 Carolyn Andrews

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



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Bible Study And Potlucks

Wednesdays
July 9, 16, 23 & 30
6:00PM

We will gather in Schultz Hall

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