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News And Views

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Pastoral Perspective



"So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good..." --Galatians 6:10

After considering when to do something, my father would have one of two responses. Either he would do it "now" or he would say he would do it "some of these days".

If he decided to do it "now", we knew it would get done. If he said he would do it "some of these days", we could pretty much forget about it getting done.

I have always remembered my father's way of dealing with opportunities to do things. I try to be honest with myself as I consider whether to do something "now" or "some of these days". If I believe something is really important to get done, I take the time to do it "now". If, on the other hand, I convince myself that something can wait, I tell myself I will get to it "some of these days".

Every day, each of us has the opportunity to do good that day. It can be as simple as sharing a kind word or a thoughtful deed. If we do it at the time, it makes a difference. I've experienced special joys when I have taken the time to share when the opportunity arises. I've experienced special joys when others have taken the time to share with me. On the other hand, when put off until "some of these days", nothing is shared and it doesn't make any difference what might have been.

I invite you to remember with me that "now" is the time to share. If we say we will do it "some of these days", the opportunity might be gone when we decide to get around to it. "This is the day the Lord has made." What we share today really matters!

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



Summer is on its way out and we look forward to our church activities again this fall.

Each day we face various challenges whether it is our health, family, job, or relationship with others. St. Luke's isn't any different as we strive to provide a healthy environment in which to grow and learn, meet the needs of families both inside and outside the church, help those who may be down due to lost or under employment, and offer an opportunity to grow in relationship with our Lord and with others. It's all part of our Spread, Serve, and Share elements of

our mission statement.

Each year at this time the Boards and Council begin looking ahead to programs to meet the needs of our church whether it is education programs, property enhancements, outreach to the community, supporting our staff, or providing worship opportunities. We all realize that these efforts will not be successful unless we have the support and participation of members of the congregation. Thus, it is also a time for each of us to reflect on what we can offer and do through time, talents, and treasures to make St. Luke's a caring and sharing community.

We have some opportunities to lend a hand with our annual stewardship emphasis and Council nominating committee. We will be looking for some folks to fill these opportunities to serve; if you are interested or need more information, let Pastor or me know and we will gladly share on how you can get involved.

St. Luke's will mark its 90th anniversary in June 2015 and we have initiated the formation of a committee to look at what might be an appropriate recognition of this milestone. Howard Triebwasser has volunteered to lead this effort so, if this is something in which you might be interested, contact Howard and let him know.

We look forward to some great fall programs and events as detailed throughout this News & Views.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



I am honored to help you read through the New Testament in such a way that you'll understand its message clearly and be able to apply its message to life situations effectively.

First, let's break down the New Testament into manageable daily readings. I'll provide material to help you understand what you're reading each day. Sessions will be held each week on Sundays at 9:15 AM in Room 3 of the Education Wing beginning September 14th, Tuesdays at 10:15 AM in the church Office beginning September 16th, and Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the Hoppman Home (8953 Royal Gate Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624) beginning September 18th. Come to whichever session best fits your schedule. You may change the session you attend at any time. Daily New Testament readings will start on September 14th for all three groups and continue each day regardless of whether we might need to skip a session for some reason. The sessions will consist of an explanation of the passages read that week, consideration of questions and insights group members have, and application of what was read to daily life.

Use whatever translation of the Bible that is easy for you to read and understand. I will be using and recommend The New Living Translation (NLT) 2007 edition. I have large print hardcover copies available for a suggested \$10 donation. The New Living Translation has an excellent study Bible if you would like to get into more depth. Online, The New Living Translation is available at www.biblegateway.com. There is a Kindle version of this translation as well.

Look forward to an exciting and Spirit-filled time this fall of really learning the New Testament!



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Confirmation Program
"Confirmed In The Word"**

I am very excited about writing the Confirmation material, "Confirmed In The Word". In two school years, it will give your student a solid undergirding of Biblical faith for life. The first school year (September—May) we will consider the Old Testament in depth by discussing about seventy Old Testament passages. The second school year we will consider the New Testament in depth by discussing about seventy New Testament passages. I will lead the discussion each Sunday from 12 to 12:45 PM in the Youth Room (the room behind Schultz Hall). We will usually discuss two passages each Sunday. I will email the material to be discussed beforehand for those who would like to consider it ahead and for those who will be missing the next class session. If a student misses a class session, I will count on a parent or mentor to discuss the material missed with the student and sign the discussion sheet so I can be assured each student has discussed each unit. At the end of the second school year those students who have discussed all the units in class or with a parent or mentor will be eligible for Confirmation. Confirmation takes place at a Sunday worship service in late May or early June. Confirmation is a very special event when each student states publically that he or she desires and promises to make the faith in which they have been brought up theirs for life. It is accompanied by the blessing of the Holy Spirit and a celebration by the congregation.

All 6th through 8th graders are invited to take part in this program. They don't have to be members of St. Luke's to take part. Please contact me for more information and registration material. Classes will start Sunday September 14th. Presentation of the Youth study Bibles will be Sunday, September 7.

Pastor Carl



We are back – Judy Saxby and Carol Carney, once again, hope you have a lot of "White Elephants" moving from place to place because you are not sure what to do with them! We would love to have you consider

donating them for the Fall Festival, October 4. If this sounds familiar – well it should because we say the same thing every year – but you know the old saying "if it's not broke – why fix it"? So, we would appreciate any gently used items, you may have, such as furniture, kitchen items, decorations, bikes, art, tools, jewelry, toys – ANY reusable and sell-able items. We will not be selling clothes but please remember the barrel in the office for St. John's Shelter.

If you are able, please bring your donated items to the church and put them in the overflow room. If you have any questions, need help getting them to the church or unloading them from your car please contact one of us and we will make every effort to have someone help you. We would appreciate having all items at the church no later than Sunday, September 28 however; we will be sorting and pricing a couple of days prior to October 4 and would gladly accept donations at that time, as well. All items, not sold, will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you,
Carol Carney – 335-0847
Judy Saxby – 667-9008





Sing to the Lord

If you like to sing, join the Chancel choir this fall. No previous experience is required. There are no auditions and it is not necessary to know how to read music. The only requirements are a desire to praise the Lord with song and a willingness to attend Wednesday evening practices and Sunday morning 10:30 worship.

Choir practice will resume Wednesday, September 10. The first anthem performance will be September 21. Regular practices are Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Sunday mornings the choir gathers at 10:00 a.m. for rehearsal of the piece for the day. We are blessed to have Brooke Barr as our Music Director. She is good-humored, patient and persistent, as well as an excellent accompanist.

We are also blessed with a growing Children's Choir. They meet the second and fourth Sundays for 20 minutes after church in Room 2 of the Education wing. Judy Saxby is their enthusiastic leader. Many thanks to Judy for leading this important ministry. If you know a child who would enjoy taking part, please contact Judy or any member of the Board of Worship and Music for more information or just bring your child to the next rehearsal.



Congratulations to Jesse and Katie Iniguez at the birth of their second son, Alexander Richard Iniguez. Alexander was born August 7. He weighed 8lb 12.2oz and was 21.5" long. Benjamin is now a big brother. Proud grandparents are Al and Peggy Moser.



Al Minning is now with his Heavenly Father. Please pray for his wife Marcella Minning, daughter Nancy Minning and the entire family as they mourn his passing.



HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR THE FLOWER CHART?

You may have noticed that we are no longer using the wall flower chart. You will find our new flower charts in the clear slanted file on the Opportunity Table in the back of the sanctuary. To sign up for altar flowers, just remove that month's chart from the file, add your name and the occasion and place the chart back in the file. It's that easy! You will also find the altar flower payment envelopes on the table. Cost of each bouquet requested is \$20.



IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BBQ/PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Following the 10:30am service, the Evangelism Board invites you to come to the Annual Congregational Picnic. All you need to bring, if you can, is a salad to share. The board is providing hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hot dogs, condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard and pickle relish), lettuce, tomatoes, onions, chips, cookies and beverages.

Following the BBQ/Picnic, Community Concerns, W-ELCA and the Youth Board will coordinate the God's Work, Our Hands project of putting together all of the backpacks and school supplies that have been collected this summer. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS T-SHIRTS!**

We do need help on Saturday morning, September 6, at 9:30am, setting up the pop-ups, tables and chairs in the courtyard so that we will have plenty of seating and shade for everyone. We also could use a few extra hands cleaning up on Sunday after the BBQ. Please let me know if we can count on you to help.

This is a very special time of fellowship and sharing, and it's an exciting way to celebrate the start of our fall Sunday School and Adult Education classes.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Aloha – Tickets are now available for the annual St. Luke's Luau. Adults: \$15.00, Youth (3-12) \$5.00; children under 3 are free.

The theme this year is "An Evening in Paradise". The date is Saturday, September 20th in Schultz Hall.

So get out your hula hoop and start practicing for the hula contest.

Please see Karen Linfor or Janette Payne to get your ticket to paradise.



Elk Grove Food Bank
1974 to 2014

40 Years
Fill the Need. Feed the Hope.

Celebrating 40 Years of service to the Elk Grove Region

You are cordially invited to attend the Elk Grove Food Bank Services Open House on Thursday, September 18th, 2014 from 4:30PM to 7:00PM at 9820 Dino Drive, Suite 140 Elk Grove.

This monumental occasion is a tribute to our supporters, partners and many volunteers. It promises to be an enjoyable and festive event.

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Haiberg at 685-8453 or to RSVP, Marie Jachino at 690-8869.

We look forward to seeing you on September 18th!



As we round off the summer and head into our fall programming to end the year we have so many blessings to celebrate and activities that we can look

forward to. Many thanks to everyone involved in this summer's Family Potluck & Bible Study. It was a meaningful time for those in attendance.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE DAY

Over the summer our church family has come together to collect school supplies for Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary Schools in our local community. Many thanks go to Carol Carney & Faith Thomas and the support of the Community Concerns Board in facilitating and organizing the supplies as we prepare for the annual service day "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on September 7th, 2014. Hopefully you are able to join us after worship as we stuff backpacks on Sunday, September 7th. I would like to encourage everyone to spend this day of service in service of others; if you are unable to join us find another way to pay forward the many blessings God has given you.



W-ELCA BOARD HOSTED BRUNCH

Sooner than we realize the fall will be upon us and we have many exciting opportunities for everyone to get involved. On Saturday, September 13th the women will be meeting in Room 5 for brunch at 11:30am.

No need to bring food to share as your W-ELCA Board will be hosting the brunch. At our September meeting we will have the opportunity to collect hygiene items and school supplies for two local organizations: Moral Values and Courageous Connections.



Moral Values is an organization that teaches values to the young people it serves. Services are provided to as many as 85 children at one time. Along with teaching them the values, they feed and house children in need; helping them with their education and advocating for their wellbeing.

Courageous Connections is a non-profit located in Elk Grove whose purpose is to improve the life experiences and outcomes of current and emancipated foster youth.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL HERITAGE REFORMATION SUNDAY POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 (FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE)

This potluck is a favorite of many as we always have a wonderful variety of delicious food as everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing their heritage or a family favorite to share. Start thinking now about what special dish you want to bring. Not only will there be amazing food, but you will also learn more about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet in mid-September.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



FALL FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Our biggest event of the year is right around the corner. Our Annual Fall Festival and Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 from 8am – 2pm. If you are interested in being involved please let Holly Hoppman know. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information to come!

In Christ's Service
Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President



Country Store



Crafters Corner



White Elephant



Books

Food Court



Plants



Rent-A-Space

Are you looking for a way to help during the Church Service? Do you like to say "Hi"? Do you like to answer questions or to help people? Do you like to give hugs or want to find a way to get to know other members of the Church better? Whether you answered "yes" to any or all of those questions, have you considered being a Head Usher? We're looking for Head Ushers and you can do any or all of these things!



Sunday Service Head Ushers Needed

The role of the Head Usher is to prepare the Church for the Sunday Service (everything except for the duties of the Altar Guild) and it takes less than an hour on Saturday to prepare for service and then serving during each Sunday 10:30am Service. Head Ushers normally sign-up for a month at a time (but other schedules can be accommodated). There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the coming year.

If you need additional information or would like to see the "job description", please see the Usher Coordinator, Larry Dockter, or call the Church Office.



Greeters Wanted

If you have never been a greeter or it's been a while we would love to have you. As a greeter you are given the opportunity to share with those coming to worship. The sign-up sheet is in the church entryway.



All Members Work Day September 27

The Property Board is holding an "All Members Work Day" on Saturday, September 27, from 8 to noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

If you are not available for the entire morning, come and work as long and whenever it is convenient for you. Tasks "to do" include

- pick up trash and debris (including behind the bushes),
- spray Round Up on pavement weeds/grasses (bring sprayer if possible),
- complete some touch up painting,
- weed selected planter areas,
- clean gutters without gutter guards,
- remove needles from roofs and paved areas, and other minor tasks.

Hope to see you in the morning on Saturday, September 27. Your help will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Clarence Korhonen, Chair
St. Luke's Property Board.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JULY 2014

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$14,715	\$119,937
Compared to Budget	-\$3,444	-\$5,432
	-19.0%	-4.3%
Compared to 2013	\$510	\$5,770
	3.6%	5.05%
Contributors:		
2014 (Current Year)	73	89 Aver.
2013 (Last Year)	88	88 Aver.

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School
\$7.02
- b) Flowers \$125.00

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary

ST. LUKE'S BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

AN EVENING IN PARADISE

LUAU

September 20th



DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

for fellowship and activities

DINNER AT 6:15PM

TICKETS: \$15.00

YOUTH (4-12YRS): \$5

CHILDREN 3 & UNDER ARE FREE

Dinner includes:

Our fabulous Hawaiian Apps
Kalua Pork
Huli Huli Chicken
Hawaiian Salads
Sweet Potatoes, Rice, & more!



Activities include:

Contests
Carnival Games
Sing-a-long
Tiki Trading Post
Prizes

Performances from St. Luke's Choir,
Children's Choir & Handbell Choir



Proceeds of this "Fun"raiser will be used to
support music ministry at St. Luke's.

St. Luke's Women of the ELCA Fall Festival



Saturday

**October 4th, 2014
8:00 am—2:00 pm**

- **White Elephant**
- **Crafts**
- **Country Store**
- **Books, Plants & Popcorn**
- **Breakfast** (suggested \$3 donation for pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee or juice)
- **Lunch** (suggested \$3 donation for hot dog, chips & drink, \$5 for pulled pork lunch meal deal)
- **Kid's Activities**



Community Yard Sale New & Used Items Rent-A-Space

\$15 for a 12x12 space
\$25 for a double wide
(suggested donation/
approximate size)

Bring your own chairs, supplies,
pop-ups, umbrellas, tables, etc.
Take away all your own trash,
leftovers, etc.

Call Deanna Dockter at 842-
6812 from 9am to noon Monday
thru Friday to reserve your space
now before they are all gone!

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7595 Center Parkway
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916-421-5039 for more information

Proceeds benefit the St. Luke's Women' of the ELCA (W-ELCA) Benevolence Fund



September 2	Marlene Kiser
September 4	Elise Mihanovich
September 5	Esther Becker
September 7	Pauline Arndt
September 7	Barbara Manlapig
September 13	Iva Bates
September 23	Angela Hairston
September 23	Patricia McLendon
September 23	Lou Tice
September 24	William Lehman
September 25	Alexander Blair
September 25	Mildred Franklin
September 26	Jeff Boyer
September 29	Jack Fenske
September 30	Helen Fischer
September 30	Lynn Gavia

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



September 7	<i>Karen Linfor in memory of my Dad, Harlan Stubblefield</i>
September 14	<i>Clarence and Elizabeth Korhonen for 50th Wedding Anniversary</i>
September 21	<i>Ron and Pat Webb for Kevin's birthday; Larry and Deanna Dockter to celebrate 35th Anniversary;</i>
September 28	<i>Kelly Boyer for Jeff's birthday</i>



If anyone is interested, I have a pattern for a crocheted wheel chair wrap.

I am also wondering if anyone might like to crochet as a group. If so, please contact Robin Zoesch at 385-9312.



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Worship and Music An Evening in Paradise

Date:
September 20th
Time:
6:15 for Dinner

**Music, Games and Fabulous
Food For All**