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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



"Give us this day our daily bread."
Matthew 6:11

Jesus invites us to ask our Father for daily bread. Just what is this daily bread? Is it what we can get at the highest priced grocery store in town? Is it what's on the menu at the fanciest restaurant in town? Is it the finest of everything? NO! These luxuries might be nice to enjoy occasionally if we can afford them, but they don't give our lives meaning and purpose. They don't draw us closer to God. Requesting them as our daily bread doesn't fit in a prayer in which we are asking that God's name be hallowed, His kingdom come, and sins be forgiven.

Is daily bread, then, the basic stuff necessary to sustain our lives? If taken without deeper understanding, I would again say, NO! The sustenance needed to maintain existence doesn't in itself give our lives meaning and purpose. Food and clothing and other material goods don't necessarily draw us closer to God. As a matter of fact, folks can become quite comfortable with always having enough and become complacent about their relationship with God.

What is this daily bread, then, that Jesus invites us to request from our Father? It has two aspects. The first aspect is certainly material. We are asking for food and clothing, and everything needed to sustain our lives. But we are doing this with the

understanding that these things are provided for us to help enable our growth in relationship with God in this life. In the context of the Lord's Prayer, we ask for our daily bread so we can be a part of making God's name hallowed each day, we can be a part of making His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven each day, we can be spread His forgiving love each day, not so that we can just do our own thing. We are aware our daily bread comes from God's gracious hand and we give thanks to Him for it as it is made available for us each day.

The second aspect of daily bread is spiritual. In the Church, bread is a symbol of spiritual sustenance. When we come forward for The Lord's Supper we receive bread, which is the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. This bread sustains us spiritually. So when we ask our Father for daily bread, we are asking that we be sustained spiritually each day. We are asking that we be drawn closer to God and that His will be manifest in our lives each day.

This is the daily bread Jesus invites us to request from our Father. Sometimes, however, the two aspects of this daily bread seem to clash. Sometimes we experience suffering and deprivation as we are being brought closer to God and having His will manifest in our lives. Let's look at Jesus as our example. He is the one who told us to ask our Father for daily bread. Yet, He suffered mightily, had many hungry and homeless days, and finally died with even his clothes stripped from Him. That doesn't sound like daily bread was provided for Him. But, if you think it through, you realize He

was sustained with what He needed materially each day so that He was able to truly hallow God's name and make His kingdom come. He was sustained spiritually each day through all His suffering. God made His will powerfully manifest in Jesus' life and poured His forgiving love through Him bountifully.

So what the daily bread we ask from our Father is really all about is that we will be sustained, even through any suffering and deprivation we experience. We ask our Father to give us what we need each day so that His name is hallowed by us, His kingdom comes to and through us, and His will is manifest in our lives. After a tragedy or great difficulty, I often hear from folks, "I don't know how I would have made it without God providing for me through this time." That is daily bread at work—the sustaining, guiding power to get us through the roughest times. For that we give thanks.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



Greetings as we roll into the autumn season with many occurring and planned activities for folks and the community around St. Luke's.

We had a great picnic followed by assembling all the donated school supplies for Mack and Parkway schools. The music program luau was a great event of good food, fellowship, and fun. On the horizon is the WELCA Fall Festival on Saturday, October 4th. There are lots of areas in which you can get involved and enjoy this fun, fellowship, and community activity. This is an important event in helping WELCA raise funds for the many benevolent programs that they support during the year.

The education program is up and going with many folks helping out with teaching our young children and Pastor launching off on leading our study of the New Testament. THANK YOU to all who are enabling us to reach out and meet some challenges while fulfilling our commitment to our mission.

The Boards and church officers are entering the budget cycle for 2015 and reviewing our programs and fixed-expenses to enable us to further our mission of spreading, serving and sharing. In addition, we will be looking to fill a few positions on the council so we'll have a nominating committee in place to look for those willing to serve in the leadership of the church. We all have talents to share in our church's mission. Please consider how you can use your time and talents to be a part of our work here. We always have space for new ideas and enthusiasm in spreading the Good News.

Two initiatives that have come out of our strategic planning have addressed (1) updating our website to be more informative and easily accessible and (2) introducing a more contemporary liturgy into our worship and music. The website will be up in October, so check it out and let us know what you think. Also if you have any feedback that you would like to provide on the worship service changes, please feel free to provide to Pastor or any Council member. We are continuing to work on our forward planning and evaluating where we are going and how we can make St. Luke's remain viable and a stable influence in our community.

Finally, let us continue to keep in our prayers those church members, friends, and others who may face challenges. May they continue to receive the strength and comfort so freely given to all of us through our faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



**Something's new...
What could it be??**

Answer: slelca.org (St. Luke Lutheran Church's new and improved official website)

Official Launch date: October 5, 2014

You have to check it out. The website committee (Larry Dockter, Holly Hoppman, Carl Hoppman, Lauren Orcutt, Rochelle Jaeger and myself) worked diligently to redesign and update our community resource, and we hope you will be pleased with the outcome.

The new website will allow Board Chairs or their assigned members to keep the church and the community updated on what is happening at St Luke's. Event information can now be updated in a flash. Rochelle Jaeger, our web designer along with Lauren Orcutt, our web content writer have done a fantastic job on making our website relevant for the needs of today's community.

We urge you to check it out. Let us know what you think. Click on the links and find out where St Luke's has been, where we are going, our mission and what we are offering to the community and our members.

We hope you like what you see and enjoy using it.

Carolyn Andrews
Website Liaison



Dear St. Luke's,

Thank you for the backpack. I like them a lot and thank you for the school supplies a lot.

From *Larayna Sisco Osako-Cain*



Are you ready to say Dollar Store and card shops no more for a while? We are excited that WELCA will once again give us

the opportunity to order cards, by the box, and support our Benevolence program at the same time. Many of you will remember, we have done this in the past and by popular demand we are bringing it back. For each order WELCA will receive a little less than 50% profit which will help us to continue to support the less fortunate in our community.

Look for the sales table in the Narthex starting on October 5, providing you with a catalogue, order form, sample cards and other information you would like in order to take advantage of this opportunity. The deadline for ordering will be October 26, so that those who order Christmas cards will have them in time for use this year. You may take a catalogue home, fill out your order form and simply return the form and check made out to St. Luke's W-ELCA - we thank you in advance for your support.

Carol Carney and Pat Webb

Co-Chair's of the Greeting Card's project!



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!



The Friends in Faith Team is back at it again and we hope to have an even bigger team and raise more money to fight cancer! Join our 2015 Relay team at www.RelayForLife.org/elkgroveca. You can speak with Peggy Moser or Kirsten

Ireton if you have any questions about Relay. The event is currently scheduled to be held May 16th-17th, 2015. For more information about the American Cancer Society, its programs and services, visit www.cancer.org or call 1-800-227-2345 24 hours a day/7 days a week. They are available to answer all your questions about cancer, treatment and support services.



CROP Walk on Sunday, October 12! Join SLY as they walk to raise money & awareness about hunger in our community and around the world. You can walk with them or donate to the team. Money raised will go to help feed local hungry families.

The walk is on Sunday afternoon and is always a lot of fun. The walk registration starts at 2:00pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church 1300 N Street, Sacramento with the walk commencing at 2:30pm. Youth will gather after Confirmation for lunch and carpool to the walk site together from St. Luke's. Contact Kirsten Ireton for more information or if you would like to join in on the fun!



God's Work, Our Hands

WOW! Because of the effort from the whole congregation we were able to supply both Parkway Elementary School and Charles Mack Elementary Schools with needed school supplies and backpacks. Each school received 54 filled backpacks along with much needed supplies for the teachers as well. Thanks to Mack Vance, Peggy and Al Moser for making sure the schools got everything in a timely matter but it couldn't have been done without help from all of you. Al reported that as the car was being unloaded at Parkway School there was a little girl named Treasure waiting for a backpack since her old one had just ripped. She had been to the office the day before but they had nothing to share. You can imagine her delight as she saw our car trunk opened and overflowing. Your generosity is a true blessing to others, thank you all.





Getting to Know Each Other

Faith Thomas - Faith was born in Borger, Texas and moved to California when she was three weeks old. She also lived in Iowa and Nebraska with her husband. Faith is retired from a technical processing documentation position with

Social Security Administration; in other words, she was a "bureaucrat", she said. She loves to sew comfort blankets and stuffed animals as a member of the Teddy Bear Ladies of Parkway. The Ladies donate their sewing projects to Child Protective Services for children to select when first becoming a foster child. She also loves to read Christian fiction about families and murder mysteries. Faith joined St. Luke's because of its proximity to her home and its activities. She is a former member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Sacramento.

Megan Calleja - Megan, 16, was born in Sacramento and lived in California until she was 11, then moved to Mississippi. She currently lives with Faith Thomas, her grandmother. She is a senior at Pleasant Grove High School. Her favorite subject in school is art. In her free time, she loves to draw and paint watercolors. She also loves to experiment with makeup. On September 13 and 14, she was a timer for a gold panning competition in Foresthill, California. She will be attending St. Luke's with Faith.

make our Annual September Congregational BBQ/Picnic such a wonderful day. Special thanks to Walt and Pauline for taking charge and making sure everything went smoothly. We sincerely appreciate those who helped set up the pop-ups and tables the day before so that everyone had a comfortable place to sit. We especially thank Ed and Kirsten Ireton for all the time and effort they put into the picnic, including the delicious BBQ'd hamburgers and hotdogs. I also want to thank all our board members plus Ofelia Ojeda and Thelma Williams for baking the wonderful cookies and, of course, to all those who helped clean up.

Because of my accident, Ron and I could not be there. However, we heard that there was a sea of goldenrod God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts and that, following the BBQ, many hands filled over a hundred backpacks with all the school supplies that were so generously donated during the summer. It is clear that our St. Luke's family is very caring and loves to share with others. What a blessing to be able to provide so many children with what they need to succeed in school.

It was truly a time of fellowship, sharing and an exciting way to celebrate the start of our fall Sunday School and Adult Education classes.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



The Evangelism Board members, Carolyn Andrews, Pauline and Walt Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Joyce Jensen, Carole Vance, Pat Webb and Robin Zoesch, wish to thank everyone who helped to



FALL FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY

The Women of the ELCA's biggest event of the year is just days away—Our Annual Fall Festival and Family Fun Day.

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Hours: 8am – 2pm

Invite your family, friends and those within our very own community to join us for this exciting event.

In Christ's Service
Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President



ANNUAL HERITAGE REFORMATION SUNDAY POTLUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
(FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM SERVICE)

This potluck is a favorite of many and one you won't want to miss! You can always count on a wonderful variety of delicious food as everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing their heritage or a family favorite to share. There will also be an opportunity to see how much you know about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

We would love to have you help us decorate the tables by bringing a family keepsake or something to share that shows off your heritage.

Please sign up so we will know how many plan to be a part of this fun celebration.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair





We welcome Brooklyn Rae Moser and Kennedy Lee Moser into the family of Christ. Brooklyn and Kennedy were baptized on September 12. They are the daughters of Nick and Alicia Moser. Brooklyn's sponsors are Katie Iniguez and Alison Moore and Kennedy's sponsors are Erin Sullivan and Matthew Singer. Grandparents are: Al and Peggy Moser.



Thank you so much to everyone for their prayers, cards, emails, gifts, love and support following my accident. God was watching over me when I was hit and he continues to work healing in my body so I know your prayers are working. Ron and I are so blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring church family.

Hope to be back with all of you very soon.

Pat Webb



St. Luke's is known for being a friendly church and welcoming church family. One way to continue this beautiful way of sharing with those we know as well as visitors is to be a Greeter. You will find the sign-up sheet in the church entryway if you would like to give in this very special way.



Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Tom Simkins and Sydney Alexander and the entire family at the loss of their father, Hazen Simkins who died September 10. Services were held here at St. Luke's on September 18.



We have so many wonderful volunteers here at St. Luke's and some of them participate on the Comfort Committee. This group of volunteers is so important to those who have lost loved ones. They set up a gathering place, prepare food, clean up afterwards and give much needed comfort to the families. Thank you to all of you who are part of this wonderful committee.

Fun at the Luau

Hosted by: Worship and Music





Luau

This event was one of St Luke's best "FUN" raisers of the year! On sept. 20th, 94 of us enjoyed a superb Hawaiian dinner which included Kalua Pork, Huli Huli Chicken and assorted Hawaiian salads. There was also a fabulous dessert table with treats galore. Before dinner there were games to play and prizes to win. After dinner we were all entertained by our very own St. Luke's Choir, Children's Choir and Hand Bell Choir. Our musical theme for the evening was Disney movies and a fun choice it was. I can't forget to mention the sing-a-long too. Thank You to all those that performed! And a special THANK YOU to Triss Hoppman and her kitchen crew for the wonderful food, Peggy Moser for being in charge of the games, and to Janette Payne for keeping us all on track. Last but not least, our MC for the evening, Dave Saxby. Dave kept the evening going and the Pig jokes flying, thanks Dave. Every year this event gets bigger and better. Can't wait to see what is planned for next year. As a reminder, all proceeds from this event will be used to support our musical ministry here at St. Luke's.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

AUGUST 2014

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$18,579	\$138,415
Compared to Budget	-\$19	-\$5,552
	0.0%	-4.0%
Compared to 2013	\$3,645	\$9,323
	20.0%	7.00%
Contributors:		
2014 (Current Year)	82	88 Aver.
2013 (Last Year)	92	89 Aver.

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

Other Special Gifts:

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

Ron Webb

Financial Secretary



October 1 Fred Sommer
 October 2 Micayla Shower
 October 3 Ferd Boschee
 October 3 Hannelore Marchuk
 October 4 Howard Triebwasser
 October 7 Gail Weber
 October 7 Thelma Williams
 October 8 Vivian Blazic
 October 8 Ron Franklin
 October 8 Jeffrey Kiser
 October 8 Ofelia Ojeda
 October 19 Duane Kiser
 October 19 Katie Ramsey
 October 21 Joan Mooney
 October 21 Charles Parent
 October 22 Ben Ireton
 October 23 Chach Parent
 October 28 Christina Hisamoto

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



October 5 Marlene and Duane for Jeffrey's
 birthday;
 Adeline Weston in memory of
 Harry's birthday;
 Genie Sommer for Fred's 99th
 birthday;
 Kelly Boyer for Amanda and Shelby's
 birthdays

 October 12 Walt and Pauline Arndt in memory of
 brother Skip

 October 19 Ron and Pat Webb for anniversary;
 Marlene Kiser for Duane's birthday

 October 26 Karen Linfor in memory of Mother,
 Margaret Stubblefield;
 Kelly Boyer for Easton's 1st birthday



Daylight Savings time is almost here. Don't forget
 to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday even-
 ing, November 1.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

Oct. 5 Daniel Encinas
Oct. 12 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
Oct. 19 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
Oct. 26 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Peggy Moser, Triss Hoppman

Communion Servers

Peggy Moser, Pat Hamilton, Connie Reule

Counters

Oct. 5 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Oct. 12 Don Schell, Bob Behr
Oct. 19 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Oct. 26 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters—Needed

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Craig Eckels

Prayer Leaders

Oct. 5 Janette Payne
Oct. 12 Judy Saxby
Oct. 19 David Saxby
Oct. 26 Alison Thomas

Psalm Leaders

Oct. 5 Amber Mansfield
Oct. 12 Angie Martinez
Oct. 19 Aiyana Tice
Oct. 26 Elizabeth Wilson

Readers 8:15 AM

Oct. 5 Ron Webb
Oct. 12 Christiana Wilson
Oct. 19 Kelly Boyer
Oct. 26 Eric Linblade

Readers 10:30 AM

Oct. 5 Ron Zoesch
Oct. 12 Larry Dockter
Oct. 19 Tracy Etchison
Oct. 26 Holly Hoppman

Refreshments

Oct. 5 Ofelia Ojeda
Oct. 12 Ron and Robin Zoesch
Oct. 19 Mack and Carole Vance
Oct. 26 Annual Heritage Reformation
Potluck

Visitors Gifts

Oct. 5 Joyce Jensen
Oct. 12 Carole Vance
Oct. 19 Thelma Williams
Oct. 26 Pending

Welcome Leaders

Oct. 5 Peggy Moser
Oct. 12 Pat Webb
Oct. 19 Chet Madison
Oct. 26 Carolyn Andrews

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



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Heritage Potluck Lunch October 26th

Join us following the
10:30 service

