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News And Views



2015

Pastoral Perspective



Our full congregational mission statement is: "By the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world." We confess right from the start that we don't have the power to do the Lord's work on our own.

We must be empowered by the Holy Spirit if we are going to be effective. Jesus tells His followers just before His ascension that "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8) The Holy Spirit has come upon the Church, the people of God. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we accept God's call to participate in the Lord's work.

We focus on three vital actions that we accept as God's call for us. The first is to "Spread the Good News". On Christmas night the angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10, 11) When the shepherds saw the baby, "they made known the saying that had been told them concerning the child." (Luke 2:17) We then, join in a long line of folks who have seen with eyes of faith that the Savior has come in Jesus the Messiah of the world. We accept God's call to spread that Good News, because it is "for all the

people". Our worship and music ministries, educational ministries and elements of our evangelism ministries are all about "Spreading the Good News".

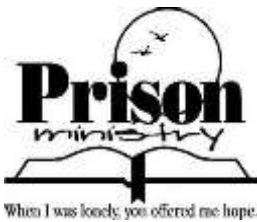
The second part of our mission is to "Serve those in need." When Jesus appears at the end of time He will say to those who have seen with the eyes of faith who He really is and so served in love those in need, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." (Matthew 25:34-36) We know in our hearts that whenever we serve those in need we are actually serving Jesus. He comes to us in many "distressing disguises" to allow us the privilege of serving Him. Our community concerns ministries, much of our evangelism ministries, and a great deal of the ministry of the Women of the ELCA are all about "Serving those in need."

The third part of our mission is to "Share the Victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world." Paul writes at the end of some wonderful sharing about the resurrection, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:56, 57) The powers of sin and death cannot overcome us because Jesus has won the victory over them. We accept God's call to share this victory because it is for all of "us" throughout the world. Our property ministries are

important not only for our facility needs but the needs of so many groups within the community to share. Our stewardship and finance ministries are all about the victory we take part in as we share the resources God gives us to use. In our youth ministries we are sharing with young people the victorious life in the Lord's love. Our church council and special committees help facilitate our sharing of the victory of Jesus Christ.

As we start a new year in the Lord's service, let's keep focused on our mission in all our ministries. As we do, the Lord will continue to use us mightily for His life-giving work in the world.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



Dear Pastor and other ministers,

It is Thanksgiving time of the year and I want to seize this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude, as well as thankfulness and appreciation from our Christian Fellowship Protestant Group at Pelican Bay State Prison.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$125 towards our Christmas Service and Banquet that will take place on December 20-21, if God will allow! Your willingness to help is another step that will make this event possible. Your donation will help purchase food for the Christmas Celebration Banquet. Those inmates who attend religious services are allowed to have two special services per year with food (dinner style). They didn't have such events for the last few years. They are eager for the Christmas special service and, yes, food as well!

We will have a special Christmas Service, guest speakers, Nativity Story Movie and Christmas Dinner. The main goal for this event is to share The Spirit of Christmas! We believe that everything will work out and our inmates who are members of

Christian Fellowship at Pelican Bay State Prison will experience true spiritual blessings, since this is an essential part of the whole rehabilitation process!

We would love to keep you in our prayers,

Sincerely in Christ,

Protestant Chaplain Rev. Alexander Valuiski
Pelican Bay State Prison
Alexander.Valuiski@cdcr.ca.gov

SLY News!!!



Mark your calendars now for our January movie and overnighter on Friday, January 16th starting at 7pm until Saturday at 9am. We will be watching Despicable Me 2, having a pajama contest and our monthly meeting will take place that night as well. Bring your favorite game or activity to share with the group. Snacks will be provided!



Daniel Encinas is working on a service project for the SLY group. If you have any ideas for Daniel please let him know. Projects need to be good for youth grades 6 - 12 and ones that can be done on the weekends. SLY Members are always willing to give back to our community and church family and we look forward to spreading, serving and sharing with you!



Bible Readers

Pastor Carl is leading three groups through the New Testament Letters and Revelation during winter/spring 2015. Bible Discussion Material booklets starting with Romans are available on the opportunity table. Groups start meeting January 11 on Sundays at 9:15 AM in Room 3, Tuesdays at 10:15 AM in the church office and Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the Hoppman Home (8953 Royal Gate Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624). Put Bible reading on your 2015 calendar and look forward to growing in relationship with God and others in your reading group.



Diner's Groups

Diner's Groups are a great way to get to know folks and enjoy great times together. Signups for February, March and April groups are now underway. Sign up on the opportunity table as a couple or single, or perhaps with a friend. You will be put into groups of 6 or 7 persons. Each group will then get together once a month for three months for a meal or activity of their choice. When the group dines out, each person or couple pays for their own meals. If you have questions, please talk with Triss Hoppman or Pat Webb.



We'd love to have you join us. Our Choir is open to all who enjoy praising the Lord through song. Rehearsals are Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the

choir loft. We are very blessed to have Brooke Barr as our director. She is a great teacher and an inspiring leader. She is very encouraging and affirming to those in the choir. We will start the winter/spring choir season on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.



St. Luke's 90th Anniversary

In June we will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary here at St. Luke's. This will be a special time for all to share and enjoy. We are looking for volunteers to help put together this event to remember the past as well as making new memories for the future. If you are interested in helping, please contact Howard Triebwasser who has generously volunteered to chair this event.



Epiphany Breakfast and Service,

Tuesday, January 6, 9:30am
in Schultz Hall

Start out the New Year by joining us for the breakfast and service celebrating Epiphany, God's revealing of His Son, Jesus, to the world. The Evangelism Board will provide breakfast casseroles, coffee and juice. Those attending are encouraged to bring muffins, coffee cake, nut breads or fruit to share as well as nativity sets for display on the tables. Following the breakfast, Pastor Carl will share a special message about Epiphany. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the opportunity table. It really helps us to know how many are coming so we can make sure we provide enough seating and food for everyone.

In loving service,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Dear Members and Friends,

To celebrate our church family on our 90th Anniversary and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life our church
- ◆ Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- ◆ Introduces our church to friends, the community and new members
- ◆ Enhances fellowship by helping us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at www.slelca.org. Sign-ups begin at church on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Monday-Tuesday, February 2-3, 2015
Friday-Saturday, February 20-21, 2015

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the

day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those who would like them prior to photography.

This professional photography session is a great opportunity to invite your extended family and get portraits with everyone together. In addition, it's a great reason to invite friends and neighbors to our church. Each visiting family will receive their own complimentary 8x10 portrait. They don't need to be members of the congregation or be in the directory.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. Lifetouch offers so many ways to capture the memories. Your portraits are sure to become valued family keepsakes.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. I am encouraging 100% participation!

Pastor Carl

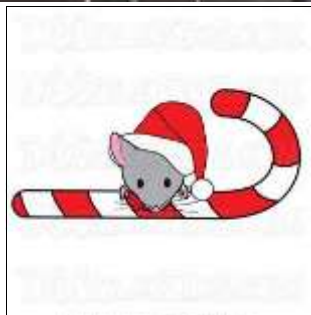


Hello! In anticipation of St. Luke's 90th anniversary, we are gathering photos of significant events in our history for a new display in the church.

We are especially interested in weddings and baptisms, and other church social gatherings. Do you have a photo that you would like to share? If so, please bring it to the church office in an envelope, marking who is in the photo, when it occurred, and your name. We will scan it, and return the photo to you. You can also email a digital copy to me at churley55@comcast.net. We will select a representative sample of events through the years. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions, please call me at 209 712-1541.

Colleen Hurley

St. Luke's Women of the ELCA Christmas Celebration





Women of the ELCA

It was wonderful to see everyone who joined us for our annual Christmas Gathering on December 13th. We had a fun time caroling, sharing, and eating together. Each table was themed slightly differently thanks to each of the women who helped decorate. Thank you Karen, Carol, Pat, Katie, Peggy, Kirsten, Marlene, Carolyn, & Dorothy! Our December Mission Support this year was for Christmas Promise again. On December 1st, I picked out two families from Christmas Promise; we were also presented with an opportunity to support a friend of our church family for a total of 3 families. All items had to be purchased and returned for delivery to Christmas Promise by December 15th. With such a short turn around time, I am so proud of how our congregation came together to support these families. We collected over 160 gifts and over \$600 in gift cards for the families.



Benevolence

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next business meeting the second Saturday in January. We'll be meeting at 11:30am in Room 5 to determine our 2014 Benevolence disbursements and go over our 2015 calendar of events. Hope to see you there.

Holly Hoppman
WELCA President



CRAB FEED

Put on your poodle skirts and leather jackets and join us for our 14th annual 50s Sock Hop themed All You Can Eat Crab Feed on March 7th, 2015. Tickets are \$45/adult and available now!! See Ken Lentsch for tickets. Tickets will also be available after church each Sunday as well as through the church office. Hope to see you there!! If you are interested in helping, please let Holly know!



Walt Arndt, Al Moser and Ron Webb relaxing and enjoying the new tables in our courtyard.

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14th Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, March 7th, 2015

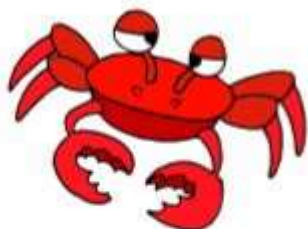
Doors open @ 6pm, Dinner @7pm

Donation: \$45 for Adults

\$15.00 for Children ages 6-12

Children 5 and under are free

Soda and Dessert by donation



This year's theme is: **50's Sock Hop**

Join us for a fun night and try your
chance to win a raffle prize!!

Let's Go To The Hop!



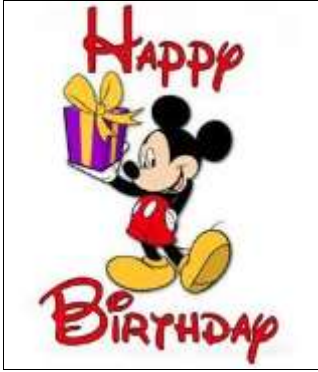
*Chicken will be available for those who do not like crab.
Please indicate chicken when you purchase your tickets!*

St. Luke's Children's Choir



Directed by: Judy Saxby and Morgan Furry

Whisper Snippets Designs
make a
joyful noise
unto the
Lord.
PSALM 66:1



January 1	Johnathan Dockery
January 2	Shirley Clark
January 2	Kathryn Felgenhauer
January 2	Darnell Osako
January 3	Jacob Kiser
January 3	Craig Eckels
January 3	Andrew Roberts
January 5	Nick Moser
January 6	Pat Hamilton
January 8	Lauren Orcutt
January 9	Betty Litz
January 10	Karen Linfor
January 11	Melissa Jensen
January 12	Shirley Martsch
January 13	Deanna Kay Dockter
January 16	Walter Arndt
January 19	Dennis Fischer
January 24	Stella Loveless
January 26	Susan Landaker
January 29	Amy Franklin
January 30	Bernie Johansen
January 30	Joe Payne
January 31	Kirsten Ireton
December 31	Adalyn Kiser

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



January 4	Kelly Boyer In memory of father
January 11	Larry and Deanna Dockter for daughter, Deanna's birthday
January 18	
January 25	Janette Payne In memory of Mom and Dad's birthdays



Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Jacob Wilson and family upon the death of his brother James.

We pray for Vicki Esparza and family upon the death of her father. Services were held here at St. Luke's on January 10 at 2PM.

Our condolences are with Stella Loveless and family upon the death of her brother Evan Denney.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

Jan. 4 Daniel Encinas
Jan. 11 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
Jan. 18 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
Jan. 25 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Marlene Kiser, Connie Reule

Communion Servers

Ken Lentsch, Karen Linfor, Pat Hamilton

Counters

Jan. 4 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Jan. 11 Don Schell, Bob Behr
Jan. 18 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
Jan. 25 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

Needed

Head Ushers

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

Prayer Leaders

Jan. 4 Larry Dockter
Jan. 11 Tracy Etchison
Jan. 18 Holly Hoppman
Jan. 25 Marlene Kiser

Psalm Leaders

Jan. 4 Isabella Basquez
Jan. 11 Sierra Etchison
Jan. 18 Morgan Furry
Jan. 25 Amber Mansfield

Readers 8:15 AM

Jan. 4 Ron Webb
Jan. 11 Christiana Wilson
Jan. 18 Kelly Boyer
Jan. 25 Eric Linblade

Readers 10:30 AM

Jan. 4 Alison Thomas
Jan. 11 Faith Thomas
Jan. 18 Laura Tice
Jan. 25 Pat Webb

Refreshments

Jan. 4 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
Jan. 11 Jerry and Carol Carney
Jan. 18 Paul Maki and Chona Sison
Jan. 25 Mack and Carole Vance

Visitors Gifts

Jan. 4 Joyce Jensen
Jan. 11 Pat Webb
Jan. 18 Pauline Arndt
Jan. 25 Carolyn Andrews

Welcome Leaders

Jan. 4 Peggy Moser
Jan. 11 Pat Webb
Jan. 18 Chet Madison
Jan. 25 Carolyn Andrews



***Thanks
for
Serving***

2014 In Review

Epiphany



**Children Preparing for
Easter Egg Hunt**



Crab Feed



BUNCO



Fireworks Booth



Fall Festival





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EPIPHANY
Breakfast and Service

**Tuesday
January 6
9:30 AM**