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News And Views

April 2015

Pastoral Perspective



It was an astonishing discovery the women made that first Easter morning. The gray shimmers of dawn found them approaching the forbidding chamber into which, not many hours before, the broken body of Jesus had been placed. They came with spices to complete

the sad task of burial. Their hope was nowhere in sight. Their expectations were shattered. They were looking for nothing more than dealing, as best they could, with the reality of their Lord's death. The biggest thing on their minds was who would roll the large stone away from the tomb so they could perform one last act of love for Jesus.

Were they ever in for a surprise. The stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone from the tomb. An angel was there to let them know what had happened. Jesus had risen! He was alive! There was new life! They were to go and tell the disciples.

This discovery of new life was overwhelming to the women and the others. It was hard to believe. But the risen Jesus appeared several times during the next forty days, quieted their fears and gave them assurance of this new life. Jesus had won new life for them and was going to do all he could to make sure they received and lived in it. He had paid too much to win it to let them continue without hope or expectation beyond the power of sin and death.

Jesus is there for you now to quiet your fears and give you assurance of new life. Jesus has won new life for you and is going to do all he can to make sure you receive and live in it. He paid too much to win it to let you continue without hope or expectation beyond the power of sin and death.

The promise is that, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life." —Romans 6:4b

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,

Pastor Carl



... just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ROMANS 6:4

Holy Week Services and Activities



Thursday, April 2 we commemorate the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion at our Maundy Thursday worship at 7:30 p.m. At this special service we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his betrayal and arrest. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar to remind us of Jesus' captivity. This service is preceded by a Passover dinner at 6:00 p.m. during which we recall the story of the Exodus of the Jewish slaves from Egypt. This Passover remembrance is especially designed for children.



Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. we gather for the Service of Shadows. With several readings from the Bible and special hymns and anthems, we remember Jesus' sacrifice of himself on our behalf. As is our tradition, the congregation is invited to nail their burdens on the cross. The service concludes in silence and darkness.



Saturday, April 4 we will be preparing the chancel area for our Easter celebration. If you have greenery or cut flowers for the Living Cross please bring them to the sanctuary Saturday. between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, April 5 we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. The church will be adorned with Easter Lilies and the beautiful Living Cross. Special music will be presented by the Bell Choir, the Children's choir and the Chancel Choir at the 10:30 a.m. service. The Easter breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall before the 10:30 service. The Easter egg hunt for children through the sixth grade starts at 10:00 a.m.



**Easter Breakfast,
Sunday, April 5,
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

Please join us for this wonderful celebration in Schultz Hall. A delicious breakfast of French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, fruit, Danish, coffee and juice will be served from 8:30 am to 10:00 a.m.

Carol Carney and Ron Webb, co-chairs, can use help on Saturday morning, April 4, at 9:00 a.m. with set-up, decorating and food prep, and on Easter Sunday with kitchen help, serving and clean-up. Please sign up on the sheet on the Opportunity Table if you would like to help.

A freewill offering will be available to help offset expenses.



Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held promptly at 10:00 a.m. Easter Morning. The Easter Bunny will be here with us to join in on the fun and festivities of the morning. Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets to collect all those eggs.



Our St. Luke's Stories

As part our 90th anniversary celebration, the committee is collecting stories of special moments in St. Luke's past and visions for the future. A questionnaire is included in this issue of the News and Views. Please complete it and return it to the opportunity table or church office by the end of April. Additional forms will be available on the opportunity tables throughout the month of April. The stories will be compiled and presented as part of our 90th anniversary program.



JUNE 7TH, 2015

Put this date on your calendar as a reminder that you will attend church service that day to help us observe the 90th ANNIVERSARY OF ST LUKES LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION.

This will be a special 10:30AM service with a guest preacher along with a luncheon after the service. There will be displays of our history with pictures of significant events and people.

Howard Triebwasser, Chairman
90th anniversary planning committee
916-428-7414



Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

Those participating in our soup suppers and services have enjoyed not only delicious food, but also a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing.

Thanks to the following boards and groups for hosting this year's soup suppers:

W-ELCA, Council, Worship and Music, Choir, Property, Youth, Evangelism, Community Concerns and the congregation.

The dramas gave us a different perspective of how Nicodemus, Mary (Martha's sister), Mary Magdalene, Barabbas, and the Centurion felt about Jesus. Thank you to everyone who took part in telling their stories.

Pat Webb, Chair
Evangelism Board



Soul Stitchers Ministry

This group is having so much fun getting together and working on comfort wraps, scarves, newborn caps and much more. If you would like to find out more about what they are doing, just ask Peggy Moser. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:00 pm in the church office meeting room.

Pastor Carl has given several of the comfort wraps to some of our homebound members who need that special warm hug to show them that someone is thinking about them. He said that those who have received them have been so appreciative.



90th Anniversary 2015 Pictorial Directory

We can all look forward to a beautiful new directory. We had 95 families participate! We have so many people to thank--Pauline Arndt and Carole Vance for doing a wonderful job coordinating this project; Pauline Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Carol Vance and Pat Webb for helping everyone select an appointment date and time; and Carolyn Andrews, Kelly Boyer, Carol Carney, Deanna Dockter, Carole Edwards, Micki Fenske, Pat Hamilton, Nancy Mining, Peggy Moser, Janette Payne, Connie Reule, Judy Saxby, Faith Thomas, Carole Vance, Pat Webb and Ron Zoesch who served as volunteer hosts and hostesses for each day's photo shoots.

The two photographers, Alexa and Hami, were delightful to work with, and we have heard from many of you about how happy you are with your photos.

What would we do without Al and Peggy Moser! We could always count on them to make sure the church was open early so the photographers could set up and be ready for their first appointment and then came back to lock up the church after the photographers were finished.

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We are delighted to announce that Paul Maki has agreed to serve as the president of our congregation. Paul, along with the other officers and Board members for 2015, will be installed at worship on Sunday, April 12.



Some Winter Sanctuary Volunteers

Winter Sanctuary Community Concerns

On behalf of the Community Concerns Board, I want to thank everyone who helped with this year's Winter Sanctuary held on March 22. With everyone's help we were able to host 100 of our city's homeless. Not only were we able to house them overnight and feed them a wonderful dinner, but each guest was sent away with a tote bag filled with hygiene and snack items as well as a bagged lunch made by our youth group. We were even able to entertain our guests with the Sacramento Youth Band who stayed and shared dinner with our guests. It was a wonderful night and such a rewarding experience for all who were involved. You cannot believe the gratitude from our guests for a simple meal but especially the homemade cookie! A special thank you to the congregation for collecting all the hygiene and snack items we were able to share. A big thank you also to W-ELCA for putting together all the tote bags as one of their Mission Projects, enough was collected to put together over 146 bags. THANK YOU ALL for sharing God's love.

Al Moser
Community Concerns Board Chair



2015 Crab Feed

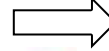
We had another successful Crab Feed on March 7th! With most expenses calculated we have raised a total just over \$8,000. The generosity of everyone involved with this year's Crab Feed is remarkable and much appreciated. The money made will go to support vital programs and projects at St. Luke's.

It would not have been possible without the wonderful volunteers we had helping with the Crab Feed this year:

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| Al Moser | Bob Behr |
| Carol Carney | Carolyn Andrews |
| Debi Lentsch | Dorothy Haney |
| Ed Ireton | Jack Fenske |
| Jerry Carney | Judy Saxby |
| Karen Linfor | Katie Iniguez |
| Ken Lentsch | Kevin Webb |
| Kirsten Ireton | Larry Dockter |
| Linda Duffek | Marlene Kiser |
| Micki Fenske | Pastor Carl Hoppman |
| Pat Webb | Peggy Moser |
| Ron Webb | Triss Hoppman |
| Key Clubs from Monterey Trails, Franklin,
and Pleasant Grove high schools | |

Thank you go all the volunteers and to everyone who came out and supported this event. See you next year!

**Our MC
Larry Dockter**



**Karen Linfor is
ready to do the
twist.**



**Mom and daughter
duo—Peggy Moser
and Katie Iniguez
are ready for the
Sock Hop.**





W-ELCA

The Women of the ELCA held its 3rd meeting of the year on Saturday, March 14th, with many in attendance. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a potato bar. Many thanks go to Peggy Moser for preparing all the potatoes. This month

we collected diapers, wipes, baby food and formula for a local non-profit organization, Chicks in Crisis; an organization working with young teen mothers and their children. At the meeting the women completed a service project; we filled 146 tote bags with an array snack items and hygiene items donated throughout February. The totes will be handed out to each individual in attendance at the Winter Sanctuary even on March 22nd. Many thanks go to everyone who donated items or helped with prepping this project. We will have some bags left over to assist any folks that come by the church in need. W-ELCA is putting on many upcoming events that we will begin planning in the months to come. Join us for the ritual Passover meal and Lamb dinner before Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 2nd. A new addition this year, we will be offering grilled chicken for those who don't like lamb. All are welcome! We will be taking a donation at the door. Hope to see you there!

Finally, be sure to join the women on Saturday, April 11th, at 11:30am. All are invited to bring an appetizer or finger food to share as we collect non-perishable food items to support the Elk Grove Food Bank.

For up to date information on what the Women of the ELCA are up to, check out our page on the church's website: <http://slelca.org/living-mission/st-lukes-council/w-elca/>

SLY Preparing sack lunches for our guests at the Winter Sanctuary. They are always happy to lend a helping hand.





There will be a meeting for our 90th Anniversary on Sunday, April 26th at 11:30AM, immediately following service. We will meet in room 3. There are two groups that could use volunteers. The first is, decorations, programs and invitations and the second is, our menu and preparation. This is an exciting time in our Church's history and future.

SLY (St. Luke's Youth)



The SLY Group had a great time at the movies on Saturday, March 14th. There were 5 youth and 4 adults that attended the opening weekend screening of the Disney classic, Cinderella. The movie has been made anew with live characters but still features the same magical characters we all love. A good time was had by all.



We look forward to April when we will fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10:30 am and then hide them at 9:30 am on Ester Sunday. We will also be joining Pastor Carl at The Commons for his monthly church service in April. Stayed tuned to your emails SLY for updates.



The youth gathered on Sunday, March 22nd to put together the lunch bags for the Winter Sanctuary. Kirsten would like to give a huge shout out to everyone for pulling together and gathering all the supplies and making the bags, from what she heard, absolutely wonderful. It is because of the generous donations of the SLY group that the Winter Sanctuary lunch bag program has been so successful these past 3 years and we look forward to it being so for many years to come.



I would like to say "Thank You" to Walt and Pauline Arndt and Carole Vance. Without their help, the monthly News & Views would not have been completed each and every month. Now that they have retired from these duties, I would like to announce our new volunteers: Nancy Minning and Connie Reule. Thank You—Nancy and Connie.

Deanna Dockter
Church Secretary

Crab Feed Servers

Key Clubs from: Monterey Trails, Franklin and Pleasant Grove High Schools



Sacramento Youth Band

Giving to others by entertaining the homeless at the Winter Sanctuary





Players in the Wednesday Lenten Dramas

Larry, Duane, Al, Carl, Ron the Centurion, Katie and Janette



Kirsten Ireton, our Youth Leader, along with Amber, Kristen, Hannah, Daniel and Joshua.

They were all gathered to help clean Nielson Park right in our very own neighborhood.





April 3	Chelsey Fernandez
April 4	Adeline Weston
April 4	Chris Wilke
April 6	Larry Dockter
April 9	Don Englund
April 12	Clarence Korhonen
April 12	Linda Olsen
April 16	Erwin Kiser
April 16	Marilyn Sodergren
April 16	Charles Yakabe
April 17	Megan Dockter
April 17	Heidi Harrison
April 19	Reuben Jones
April 20	Margaret Crooks
April 21	Brooke Barr
April 24	Connie Reule
April 24	Amelia Tice
April 25	Rylee Shower
April 27	Lisa Englund
April 30	Rachel 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.



April 5	Ken and Debi Lentsch for Michele's birthday; Deanna Dockter for Larry's birthday
April 12	Joe and Janette Payne in memory of our parents
April 19	Mary Frances Harris birthday joy April 20th; Larry and Deanna Dockter for Megan's birthday
April 26	Larry and Deanna Dockter for Rylee's 8th birthday



The Office is looking for one volunteer to put together our weekly bulletins. This requires you to come in once a week on a Thursday or Friday to staple and fold the bulletins for Sunday services. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the church office or see Deanna Dockter.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Altar Care
8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Bob Behr, Janette Payne

Communion Servers
Faith Thomas, Pat Hamilton

Counters
April 5 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 12 Don Schell, Bob Behr
April 19 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
April 26 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters
April 5
April 12 Brenda Sulzmann, Linda and Lisa Olsen
April 19
April 26

Head Ushers
8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders
April 5 Samantha Basquez
April 12 Kirsten Ireton
April 19 Ron Zoesch
April 26 Larry Dockter

Psalm Leaders
April 5 Elizabeth Wilson
April 12 Aiyana Tice
April 19 Isabella Basquez
April 26 Daniel Encinas

Readers 8:15 AM
April 5 Christiana Wilson
April 12 Kelly Boyer
April 19 Eric Linblade
April 26 Sarah Madison

Readers 10:30 AM
April 5 Joe Payne
April 12 Janette Payne
April 19 David Saxby
April 26 Alison Thomas

Refreshments
April 5 Easter Breakfast
April 12 Ofelia Ojeda
April 19 Mack and Carole Vance
April 26 Kelly Boyer

Visitors Gifts
April 5 Pending
April 12 Carole Vance
April 19 Pat Webb
April 26 Walt Arndt

Welcome Leaders
April 5 Peggy Moser
April 12 Pat Webb
April 19 Chet Madison
April 26 Carolyn Andrews

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for
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Easter Breakfast
8:30AM—10:00AM

Easter Egg Hunt
10:00AM

Holy Communion
8:15AM & 10:30AM