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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



This issue of the News and Views contains the 2015 annual reports from the leadership team of St. Luke's. We were very blessed during 2015 with a strong and dedicated group of leaders for our congregation. As you will read, they focused in concert on our congregational mission

to "spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus." A very important addition to the leadership team during 2015 was our new president, Paul Maki. He, as well as the officers, board chairs and members, and other leaders of the congregation, kept us on track and moving forward in faithful ministry. I give thanks for so many who volunteered time and talents during 2015 for the vital ministries of our congregation. You are truly faithful servants of the Lord.

2015 saw the end of many years of service by our office secretary, Deanna Dockter. We are extremely grateful for her support to the congregation and its ministry in so many ways. Lauren Orcutt has taken over the reins of this essential ministry of communication, coordination, and caring for St. Luke's from the common area of our church office. Lauren is doing a wonderful job encouraging and uplifting folks in ministry.

Our music ministry continued to be powerfully led

during 2015 by our music director Brooke Barr and organist Jane Fanucci. We are very blessed to have such inspirational musical ministers. Through her sensitive leading of the music in worship and her dedicated work with our Adult Choir, Brooke has brought our worship experience to new heights. Jane has provided great support for worship on the organ as well as flute and guitar. Our Bell Choir has continued to provide delightful special music for worship. Our Children's Choir, under the leadership of Judy Saxby and Morgan Furry, has added a precious element to our worship experience.

Our Sunday School ministry, led by parents and others committed to the Christian development of our children, flourished in 2015. Each Sunday, a good group of children took part in learning and growing in the Lord with solid and caring guidance. I was blessed once again during 2015 to teach the Confirmation Class. We had deep and very meaningful discussions of our faith as we studied the Bible in depth. I began a small group adult study of the Psalms in 2015. We have been carefully unpacking the tremendous and timeless message of this Biblical book.

All of this and so much more was celebrated at the 90th Anniversary of St. Luke's in June of 2015. The church was packed as we gathered for worship and a lunch program to give thanks for the Lord's work among us so far and look forward together to a bright future in ministry. Something that really

made the celebration special was when our bishop pointed out how blessed we are to have babies and children taking part in congregational worship and ministry. He was quite impressed with how welcoming we are to their presence. That brought joy to my heart. He also pointed out the great blessing we are to the community in the many ways we are a positive presence and force for good.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor during 2015. Triss, Holly, and I give thanks for your tremendous love and support as we minister together. Let's commit ourselves to take part together regularly in worship and service for a bright 2016 and beyond.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2015 was a year of celebration and a testimony of this congregation's faith and dedication. One of the many highlights of the year was the 90 years of Celebrating the Victory of Jesus Christ at St. Luke's. Wow! what an amazing event as we all gathered in this celebratory time. An event like this would not be possible were it not for the many dedicated people and Board members that worked and planned to make this such a special day. A special thank you to Howard Triebwasser for organizing this celebration.

In this issue of News and Views you will have an opportunity to learn in greater detail what each Board has accomplished over the past year and their vision for the year ahead. I am very thankful for each of our Boards and what they have contributed to the Church. If you have ideas or would like to be a part of the Board, please contact me or Pastor Carl.

My plan for 2016 is to continue to address long-term strategic planning for the years ahead. More specifically, how we can better outreach to the local

community to grow our current ministry. Pastor Carl and I will be meeting to begin to formulate what the next steps will be in this process. Meanwhile, I would welcome hearing your ideas on how we can keep our ministry welcoming and meaningful for our community.

Remember, you are loved.

Paul Maki

New Board Chairs

Let us welcome our new 2016 board chairs!

Carole Vance, Evangelism
Jack Fenske, Financial Secretary
Peggy Moser, Worship & Music
Kelly Boyer, Property

The following people will continue in their current roles:

Paul Maki, President
Holly Hoppman, W-ELCA
Al Moser, Community Concerns
Kirsten Ireton, SLY
David Saxby, Finance
Karen Linfor, Council Secretary
Carolyn Andrews, Treasurer
Larry Dockter, Vice President

Many thanks to all of you for serving our congregation in such crucial ways.



Upcoming Events



We hope you join us for the 15th Annual Crab Feed. It's a western theme this year! Yee-haw! If you need tickets, please contact Ron Webb.

Last year, the crab feed raised just over \$8400 to support ministries here at St. Luke's. \$500 of that profit was used for the 90th anniversary celebration in June. Evangelism was able to use a portion of the money to purchase name tags and a magnetic board for the narthex. We set aside some money for future hand bell refurbishment, and the Property Board was able to use the remainder of the monies raised to complete some much-needed facility

projects. Thank you to everyone who supported the 2015 Crab Feed.

If you are interested in being involved in any way in this year's event, please contact Holly Hoppman, Committee Chair.

<http://slelca.org/events/event/st-lukes-crab-feed/>

LENT BEGINS: ASH WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10, with a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. All are invited to attend and enjoy delicious soup and warm fellowship. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion follows at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this special service, we experience our mortality with the Imposition of Ashes and the hope of new life in the Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

Weekly Lenten services will be held in the multi-purpose room beginning February 17. They begin at 6:00 p.m. with a soup supper. A brief service with dramas begins at 6:30 p.m. Clean up and choir practice follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday soup supper will be hosted by W-ELCA. Different congregational groups will host the following soup suppers (by setting up; providing soups, breads, and desserts; and cleaning up): Council, W&M and Choir, Evangelism and Community Concerns, Property, and Youth and the congregation. We will have sign up sheets available at the Council Meeting on January 19th.

Family devotional material will be available beginning January 31. One per family, please. Lenten coin folders will also be



available January 31. All individuals who would like to participate are encouraged to take a folder. These folders are used to collect quarters as a daily reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us. The collection starts on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent on weekdays and Saturdays (Sundays are excluded). The contributions are used for the Pastoral Assistance Fund to help community members in need. The folders can be turned in on Easter or the following week.

EASTER LILIES



We will begin taking orders for Easter Lilies on February 28. Easter Lilies can be given in memory or honor of loved ones or to the glory of God. The requested donation is \$10.00.

DINERS' GROUPS

For February, March, and April

If you haven't signed up for this fun small group experience of meals together once a month for 3 months, please contact Carole Vance or Pastor Carl and we will be happy to get you in a group.

WINTER SANCTUARY

On February 28, we are hosting Winter Sanctuary, a rotating winter shelter for adults experiencing homelessness in the Sacramento region. W-ELCA will provide a nice hot dinner. W-ELCA is also preparing toiletry kits, and SLY is making sack lunches. The Sacramento Youth Band will play some live jazz.

We're looking for volunteers to support Winter Sanctuary by coming to socialize with the participants, a very important part of this ministry.

W-ELCA

If you are interested in getting involved in W-ELCA in 2016, our next gathering will celebrate Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 13th, with lunch, games, and prizes! Bring a quiche or salad to share. This meeting, our missions collection will support a service project we'll be doing, following the celebration, to support Winter Sanctuary. So please bring any of the following items, and we'll see you in February!

Items to collect for Winter Sanctuary:

- band aids
- cotton balls
- Q-tips
- tooth brushes
- floss picks
- trial size containers of:
- body wash
- mouth wash
- shampoo
- lotion
- soap
- toothpaste
- hand wipes
- bottles of water
- hard wrapped candies
- packets of nuts
- instant coffee
- cheese and crackers
- peanut butter and crackers
- raisins
- any single-packet snacks

Thank you to everyone who supported W-ELCA in 2015, and we look forward to seeing you in 2016! For more information about our upcoming activities, please see our website: <http://slelca.org/living-mission/st-lukes-council/w-elca/>

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President

ST. LUKE'S YOUTH

The first SLY meeting of 2016 was held on Sunday, January 10th, and we got the new year off to a great start. We have lots of activities planned for the year already. Here are a few for your calendars in case you missed the meeting.

- January 24th @ 12:45 p.m.—next meeting—card making party—bring your own lunch.
- February 28th @ 12:45 p.m.—Winter Sanctuary sack lunch making—email signup will be sent out later for all the items needed.
- March 5th @ 5 p.m.—Crab Feed—youth will be selling desserts & sodas at the Crab Feed.
- March 13th @ 12:45 p.m.—laser tag—join SLY as we go to Carmichael Laser Tag. Permission slips will be sent home at a later date. Parents and siblings are encouraged to join us for this fun outing. Other church members can come too!
- March 26th @ 10 a.m.—fill Easter Eggs.
- March 27th @ 9 a.m.—hide Easter Eggs.

The youth will once again be collecting candy and plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will start collecting the items at the beginning of March.

SLY would like to thank all who purchased a 2016 wall or pocket calendar. Your purchase helps fund our outings and service projects. If you are interested in being a part of the SLY planning committee, please contact Kirsten at 296-5907. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to engage our youth.

Deaths in our
Congregation

Betty Ley

Betty Ley died on November 21, 2015, and was taken by her Good Shepherd, Jesus, to the heavenly kingdom. Please pray for her children, Ron and Joyce, and their families as they mourn. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on December 5.

Robert Kent Bach

Thoughts and prayers go out to Shirley Gay Bach and family at the death of her husband, Robert, on November 27, 2015. A memorial service was held at George L. Klumpp's Chapel of Flowers on January 9.

Susan Landaker

We mourn the death of Susan Landaker, who was taken up into the heavenly kingdom December 8, 2015. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on December 17. Please pray for her husband, Cliff, and the rest of her family during this time.

Violet Gibson

Our heartfelt sympathies are with Pat Webb upon the death of her beloved mother, Violet Gibson, on December 11, 2015. Violet Gibson, or "Vi" to friends and family, was a loving, dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. A Celebration of Life service was held at St. Luke's on January 7, 2016. Please give thanks for Vi's long and loving life among us and for the new life she has with those who have gone before her. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Please pray that Pat and Ron Webb and the whole family are upheld by the Lord's tender care and love.



Thank You

The family of Violet Gibson would like to thank Pastor Carl for his love and support for Mom during her last days and for the beautiful Celebration of Life service. We are also very thankful for all the prayers, cards, emails, and support from our wonderful church family. Special thanks to the Comfort Committee and all those who helped provide the delicious lunch following the service.

Ron and Pat Webb

Many thanks to all of you, and especially Pastor Carl, for the beautiful cards, phone calls, prayers, love, support, and concern you have shared with me as I go through the series of treatments for lymphoma. I can't imagine how hard it would be if I did not have my incredible church family and faith to get me through this. It has been an amazing journey, so far, and believe me all of you have been a great part in making it that way. Jerry and our whole family appreciate it, as well. May God bless all of you.

Carol Carney

At the Epiphany Service & Breakfast, we had a wonderful time learning more about who the Wise Men were and where they probably came from, as well as the part they played in God's revealing of his son. We also learned about the gifts the Wise Men brought and how they were used. It was very interesting, and we wish to thank Pastor Carl for the wonderful message. We had a nice turnout of 19 people and enjoyed delicious casseroles prepared by the board, an assortment of muffins, breads, and pastries, and the special baked apples prepared by Betty England. Thank you to everyone who brought the beautiful nativities to share. A special thank you to Ron and Pat Webb and every-

one else for helping with the setup, preparing the casseroles, and cleaning up.

Updates

Esther Battyany's birthday is January 3.

Craig Eckell's birthday is also January 3.

Genie Sommer has a new address:

3585 Round Barn Blvd #217
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

2015 Reports

PROPERTY BOARD

The St. Luke's Bylaws states that the Property Board (P.B.) is responsible for the "general custodial management of this congregation's property and facilities." These responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and improvement of St. Luke's equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds.

The funds to accomplish the P.B. activities are received from the General Budget (primarily expended for routine maintenance effort) and the P.B. Special Funds, which are reserved for major maintenance and improvement projects. The Special Funds, which are critical for maintaining and improving the facilities, are received wholly from the annual Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fundraiser events. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

In addition to the routine maintenance activities, the P.B. completed the following noteworthy efforts in 2015.

General

- Set the sprinkler controllers for drought conditions, in accordance with the City's requirements (limited hours, two days a week).
- Conducted an All Members Work Day on two Saturday mornings (one in the spring and one in the fall), during which minor maintenance tasks were accomplished.
- Deposited money into the Parking Lot Reserve account for resealing the parking lot on a scheduled basis; \$2,000. This work is required every five to seven years.

Maintenance

- Hired a technician to repair the kitchen icemaker; \$432. Subsequently, it was determined that a new part was required; \$213.
- Hired a plumber to repair the Sanctuary toilet and snake a portion of the long waste line; \$664. Later, the plumber snaked the entire length; \$325.
- Directed St. Luke's janitorial contractor to deep clean the Schultz Hall carpet; \$462.
- Directed St. Luke's landscape contractor to mow the tall grass and weeds in the non-irrigated areas, as required by the City; cost \$600 (mowed three times).
- Directed the St. Luke's janitorial contractor to strip and wax all vinyl tile floors.
 - ⇒ Education Wing floors; \$675.
 - ⇒ All other vinyl tile floors; \$770.
- Hired a tree service firm to trim the trees along Tangerine Avenue and Center Parkway; \$1,500.
- Developed and executed a revised Contract for Janitorial Services, based on feedback received, meetings with the contractor, and experience gained. The revised contract became effective November 1. The janitorial contract issues and revised contract required considerable effort from the P.B. in 2015.
- Hired a painter to paint the Education hallway and Sunday School room; \$1,000.

Maintenance/Improvements

- Hired a firm to replace (a) the parking lot pole, which was hit and toppled by an unknown vehicle in late 2014, and (b) the lighting fixtures for both poles with efficient LED lighting; total cost \$7,470. St. Luke's share was \$2,298, including the \$1,000 deductible.
- Installed a drip irrigation system for the small planting area at the northeast corner of the Sanctuary; \$150.
- Replaced five exterior doorway lighting fixtures with vandal-resistant, LED fixtures; \$670.
- Hired a concrete contractor to remove and replace the walkways at the southeast corner of the Sanctuary; \$1,976. The walkways were a tripping hazard and removal was necessary to install a new drainage inlet (see next item).
- Installed a drainage inlet for the downspout at the southeast corner of the Sanctuary to resolve a long-standing drainage issue; \$213.
- Completed the following Sunday School room improvements:
 - ⇒ Procured/installed a 4'x8' corkboard; \$250.
 - ⇒ Replaced the vanity and faucet; \$192.
- Hired a landscape contractor to re-landscape the planting area along the east side of the Sanctuary; \$3,000. This work included installing a drip irrigation system and a French drain, the latter to improve drainage for this area.

Comments

Fortunately, unlike last year when there was a rash of burglaries and vandalism, no burglaries occurred in 2015 and there was only one significant vandalism event. The trash bin was set on fire, which burned the trim boards on the enclosure. The repairs remain to be completed.

The Board devoted considerable effort this year to security and homelessness issues. Although the City took some action in November to remove a homeless camp, the issues continue to persist. The

concerns include the creation of unsanitary and trashy areas.

In 2015, the P.B. was busy, but blessed; much was accomplished. The Board greatly appreciates the support received throughout the year. Thank you.

In 2015, the P.B. members were Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, Bruce Kiser, Clarence Korhonen, and at the end of the year, Kelly Boyer. On St. Luke's behalf, I thank the board members for their dedication and hours of devoted work. At the end of this year, I will conclude the second two-year term as board chairperson (the limit). Thus, Kelly Boyer will be assuming the chairperson duties in 2016. I will continue on the board as a member.

Clarence Korhonen
Property Board Chairperson

ST. LUKE'S YOUTH (SLY)

The SLY Group continues to flourish; we are a small but mighty group. Two of our SLY members (Katy & Daniel) graduated in May and have gone off to college. We couldn't be more excited for them and what the future has in store for them!

SLY started out 2015 with a movie night and sleepover. It was so much fun and we decided to do it again in October. The girls really enjoy spending time together and Pastor and Kirsten don't seem to mind sleeping on the ground too much. Some of our other fun outings included going to see the new Cinderella movie in March and glow-in-the-dark mini golf in July.

But SLY isn't all fun and games; the group enjoys giving back. In March we assisted with the Winter Sanctuary, once again providing 100 sack lunches for the homeless. Some of the group members gave of their time at the church crab feed, selling sodas and desserts. SLY also was once again in charge of the Easter Egg hunt and it was another success!

At our church anniversary lunch, the youth could be found assisting older congregants and small children with plates of food, helping with cleanup, and serving dessert.

In the fall, the youth held a couple of fundraisers: selling calendars and yummy pumpkin bread. These fundraisers help offset the costs of their activities and supplies. Thank you for supporting SLY in all of our endeavors.

In 2016, we look forward to Confirmation Camp, more service projects, and continuing to serve the members of the church and our community while still enjoying each other's company.

In Christ,
Kirsten Ireton
SLY Board Chair

EVANGELISM BOARD

The year started off with the board hosting the annual Epiphany breakfast and worship service on January 6. It was a great time of sharing and learning more about the wise men and the important part they played in God's revealing of Jesus to the world. One of the highlights is to see all the beautiful nativities that everyone brings.

During January and February, the board took the lead in organizing photo appointments for our new 90th Anniversary Pictorial Directory and arranged for host and hostesses to assist the photographers on photo days. I think everyone will agree that our new photo directory is a wonderful resource as it will help all of us to get to know each other better.

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, W-ELCA hosted our first Lenten soup supper, and we all shared in the Holy Communion worship service. Five more soup suppers (hosted by our boards, church council, and the congregation) and worship services followed. We enjoyed many delicious soups, breads, and desserts each Wednesday. Each week the dra-

mas presented gave us the opportunity to see how different people felt about Jesus during the time of his crucifixion.

We were blessed again with a delicious Easter Breakfast co-chaired by Carol Carney and Ron Webb. Special thanks to Carol, Ron, and all those who helped with set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up so that everyone could share in this special Easter celebration. Ron and Carol announced their retirement--they have co-chaired the breakfast for five years! Thanks to Dave Davis who has agreed to chair next year's breakfast.

Another fun event was our fundraiser/dinner at Palermo's Ristorante in June. Not only did we have a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoy good food, but also we raised \$177 for future projects.

Also in June, we hosted our annual Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social, and in July we provided our very popular annual root beer and orange soda floats.

To celebrate the beginning of our Sunday school and adult Bible study classes in September, the board hosted the annual Congregational BBQ Picnic. Thanks to Ed and Kirsten Ireton for doing a great job cooking all the hot dogs and hamburgers and to everyone who brought salads to share. Thanks also to everyone who helped with set up and clean up, making this event possible for all to enjoy.

In October, we celebrated Reformation Sunday with our Annual Reformation Potluck. As always, there were many delicious dishes from which to choose. This year everyone had a chance to color their own Luther's Rose as Pastor Carl shared its meaning and what each color represents.

In conjunction with the annual December congregational meeting, we hosted the last potluck of the year. Thank you to W-ELCA for the great Christmas table decorations and to everyone who brought

food or helped set up, serve, and clean up.

Many again participated in the small Diners' Groups enjoying meals and activities throughout the year.

We looked for ways to make the narthex a more welcoming place, return the flower chart to its former location in the narthex, move the Opportunity Table from the Sanctuary to the Narthex, and create additional space for our current and future magnetic name tags. We worked with the Property Board to develop a plan to remodel the narthex. This work will begin in February!

This year we also considered ways to share God's word and the relationship we have with Jesus with others. This is a very exciting time as there are many new home developments in Elk Grove as well as the proposed Delta Shores housing community off of I-5.

We continue to join Pastor Carl in his Tuesday visitations of those who are ill, in need of a visit, or find it difficult to attend regular worship services. These visits mean so much to those we share with as well as to those who go out with him.

We also continue to coordinate after-service refreshment servers and those who hand out our visitors' welcome gifts. Thank you to everyone who has helped serve or provided refreshments. Without you, we would not be able to enjoy this special time of sharing with each other.

Thank you also to Pat Hamilton, who coordinates our Sunday greeters. It is so important for everyone to receive that special welcome as they come to worship.

It has been a very rewarding year and much has been accomplished, but none of this would be possible without such hard-working board members. It has been wonderful to work with Carolyn Andrews, Pauline and Walt Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Joyce

Jensen, Carole Vance, and Robin Zoesch. I especially want to thank Pastor Carl for his love, support, and guidance this year.

It has been a blessing to serve as Chair of the Evangelism Board for the last four years, and I know that your new Chair, Carole Vance, and the board will continue to provide leadership and direction for our congregation.

In loving service,

Pat Webb
Evangelism Board Chair

BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC

The 2015 Worship and Music Board was chaired by Janette Payne. Mary Harris, Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser, and Triss Hoppman continued as members, with Pastor Carl and Brooke Barr as ex-officio members.

In January it was decided that the Schubert (classical) liturgy would once again be used for the Epiphany and Lenten seasons, with a return to the contemporary liturgy at Easter. The hand bells were sent to the manufacturer for overdue recommended maintenance. The maintenance costs approximately \$1,600 and is recommended to be performed every 5 years. The cost was paid from donations, Luau funds, and Crab Feed funds. A special fund was established to set aside money every year for the maintenance in the future. The bells were returned in February in much improved condition.

A thank you brunch and training was held for the Altar Guild on February 28. An illustrated training manual, detailing the duties required after the 10:30 service, was prepared beforehand and presented at the training. Future training on baptisms is planned .

Lenten services began February 18 with Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. Weekly services

were held in Schultz Hall after the Lenten soup suppers. Dramas were presented featuring Pastor Carl and others. The services and suppers were well attended. Lenten Devotionals and Coin Folders were made available. The proceeds from the coin folders went to the Pastoral Assistance fund, used to assist community members in need; over \$450 was collected.

Holy week featured the usual activities, with a cleaning day the Saturday before Palm Sunday, decorating with palms and Easter lilies, and the beautiful living cross. As always, thank you to Bruce Kiser for providing the palms. Thank you also to Holly Hoppman and Rachel Kiser for getting up at 5:00 a.m. on Easter morning to decorate the cross and to everyone who purchased Easter lilies for our Easter celebration. The choir performed a mini-cantata, "Sing Alleluia," for Easter. The Bell Choir also performed.

After Easter, the Board noted that sign-ups for flowers have declined since the flower chart was moved. The possibility of returning the flower chart to its original location was discussed with the Church Council, as the name-tag boards currently occupy that space. As a result, the Council decided to look into renovation of the narthex area. As of the end of 2015, plans for the renovation are underway and a new flower chart is being designed.

The choir performed a new piece, Green Grass and White Stones, for Memorial Day. The choir performed two favorite pieces, "A Mighty Fortress" and "Majesty/How Great Thou Art" for the 90th anniversary celebration. The children's choir and bell choir also performed special pieces for that day.

After the 90th Anniversary, the choir took a summer break. Throughout the summer, special music was provided by soloists, duets, small groups, the bell choir, and the children's choir.

The Luau was held on September 19. There were performances from the bell choir, adult choir, and

children's choir. There were several games with prizes before dinner as well as a couple of contests during dinner. The Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest was won by Mary Harris. The menu was the same as in prior years, with Kalua pork and Hawaiian barbecued chicken. A dessert auction was held. Over 70 people attended and a great time was had by all.

Choir resumed in September with practice of Sunday anthems. "American the Beautiful" was performed on Veterans Day. The women of the ELCA lead worship for the annual Thank Offering service, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, which focused on service.

Our Music Director, Brooke Barr, went on maternity leave at the end of September after a "wipes and dipes" shower on September 20. Jane Fanucci, our organist, filled in for Brooke during the months of October and November. She led the choir, provided all the service music for those months, and rehearsed the choir for the Christmas Cantata. Thank you to Jane for her faithful and good-natured leadership last fall, and congratulations to Brooke and Dave on their new arrival.

Sign-ups for readers and prayer leaders went out in the fall. Barbara Manlapig agreed to continue serving as the coordinator, setting the schedule for these worship assistants, and sending reminders each week. Larry Dockter continued as coordinator for the ushers. Jeff Kiser faithfully filled the candles with oil each week.

The Board participated in the ministry fair hosted by the Stewardship committee in November. The scheduling of Altar Care, Welcome Leaders and Communion Servers will change from monthly sign-ups to rotating schedules prepared by coordinators for each role. Pastor Carl will be the coordinator for Communion Servers, Peggy Moser will coordinate the Welcome Leaders and Triss Hoppman will coordinate the Altar Guild.

The opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias for Christmas in memory or honor of someone continued. Dave Saxby once again purchased a beautiful – and huge – tree. We hosted a decorating party. The angel's wing on the large nativity was accidentally broken, so that display was not used. Arrangements are being made for repair so that it can be used again in 2016.

The choir presented its annual Christmas Cantata on December 20. The Children's Choir participated in the Cantata, and the bell Choir performed a Christmas piece.

Jane has advised the Board that the organ is need of repair. A provision for the repair has been made in the 2016 budget, and the repair will be scheduled soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Triss Hoppman for the Board of Worship
and Music

WOMEN OF THE ELCA (W-ELCA)

W-ELCA was busy but blessed in many ways in 2015. Throughout the year we had four general meetings (in January, April, September, and November). We celebrated Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and Christmas with our traditional annual gatherings. We distributed over \$4300 for our 2014 benevolence to a variety of local, national, and international organizations.

Our biggest events each year are Mega Bunco and our Fall Festival. We had just over 100 people come together for a pasta dinner and a fun evening of Mega Bunco in June. In October we held our annual Fall Festival and Family Fun Day. We hosted many local vendors and community members for a day of yard sales, food, and sharing. Our very own Kirsten Ireton made her television debut when Good Day Sacramento's Cambi Brown came out for the event.



At the end of the day, the Salvation Army brought a truck and we were able to donate all of the leftover white elephant items.

One of my favorite things about our women's group is our mission support. We take different collections each month for local organizations that could use a variety of in-kind donations, from diapers, wipes, and baby food for Chicks in Crisis, to towels, pet food, and supplies for the Sacramento SPCA. This year we had the opportunity to participate in a couple of service projects. In March we assembled tote bags of snacks and toiletries for the group that was staying at the church for the Winter Sanctuary overnight. In September we participated in the congregational service day for God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, collecting school supplies and filling backpacks for 107 students from either Charles Mack Elementary or Parkway Elementary schools. Finally, for our Christmas collection in 2015, we adopted 3 families from Charles Mack Elementary school, just across the street on the opposite side of Neilson Park. We collected 113 gifts and \$530 in gift cards that we split between the families. Many thanks go out to the 26 volunteers we had wrapping gifts the week before Christmas. The families were very grateful for the support we were able to provide.

One of the families thanked us for the groceries she was able to buy and sent us a picture of our gifts under their tree.

I want to thank everyone who made 2015 so successful for the Women of the ELCA. It is because of the generous support of so many this past year that we are able to donate over \$4500 in benevolence funds to organizations both locally and internation-

ally. I am continuously impressed by the generosity of our congregation. The volunteers for our various events, the donors who give either monetarily or in-kind gifts, and those of you who were able to support us by attending any of our events, made a meaningful difference and we thank you! I would like to specifically thank Pauline Arndt, Peggy Moser, and Triss Hoppman for their commitment to the Comfort Committee. Pauline chaired the committee for a long time and has since passed the baton to Peggy and Triss. This ministry is one of the most vital ministries we provide—offering caring support to families grieving from the loss of a loved one.

Thank you to everyone who supported W-ELCA in 2015, and we look forward to seeing you in 2016!

For more information about our upcoming activities, please see our website:
<http://slelca.org/living-mission/st-lukes-council/w-elca/>

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President



FINANCE BOARD

This year, the following items were addressed:

- A six-month review of the church's budget and financial condition.
- 5% raises for the Choir Director and the Organist. It's been three years since the last salary adjustment.
- A similar raise for Pastor Carl.

- The \$740 budget shortfall from the 90th Anniversary Celebration.

The Finance Board made the following recommendations:

- Approve a 5% salary increase for both the Choir Director and the Organist.
- Approve a housing allowance increase (based on 5% of current salary) for Pastor Carl.
- Approve the transfer of \$216.50 Unassigned Memorial funds and the difference from the Reserve Account to offset the \$740 deficit for the 90th Anniversary Celebration.
- Various recommendations to Church Council pertaining to the 2016 Budget.

David Saxby
Finance Board Chair

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Community Concerns Board started our year with Winter Sanctuary on March 22. We hosted 89 homeless persons, providing a wonderful hot dinner, a bagged lunch, and a tote bag filled with hygiene products and food snacks. The Sacramento Youth Band was on hand to add music to the night. As well as the music, we supplied a few movies too. We want to thank W-ELCA for supplying the dinner, SLY for supplying the bagged lunches, and the congregation for gathering all the hygiene and food items. It was a great success.

In September, with the help of the congregation, we were able to fill 107 backpacks with much-needed school supplies. We also had items such as bulk paper, pens, pencils, Kleenex, and hand sanitizer for the teachers and staff. All items were divided between Parkway Elementary and Charles Mack Elementary schools.

All year long, the Children's Clothing Place was open to supply clothing to those in need from size newborn to 5 toddler. All clothing has been donat-

ed, washed, and separated. We also have items such as car seats, high chairs, toys, and walkers available. We have had a limited supply of diapers but we have had them available also. We would like to see this important project used by more people. At this time we have more givers than receivers. We will make it a priority in 2016 to see that there is more publicity so more know about this service. Thank you to all those that donated clothes and to those that kept the clothes in order.

Al Moser
Community Concerns Board Chairperson



February 14

Al and Peggy Moser
for all those we love

Thelma Williams and John Johnsen
in memory of our mother

February 21

Karen Linfor
in memory of Jerry's life

February 28

Bob Behr
for Megan's 7th birthday



Diane McDonald February 1
 Daniel Connell February 3
 LaRayna Osako-Cain February 3
 Daniel Encinas February 7
 Jesse Iniguez February 7
 John Mansfield February 7
 Steven Mihanovich February 8
 Landon Cooper February 10
 Holly Hoppman February 10
 Brooklyn Moser February 10
 Debbie Silverberg February 11
 Kim Osako February 12
 Ron Zoesch February 13
 Ed Ireton February 15
 MaryAnn Janes February 16
 Eric Linblade February 17
 Andrew Encinas February 18
 Katy Etchison February 19
 Ron Webb February 22
 Lajuan Andrews February 24
 Megan Thomas February 27
 Cheryl Franklin February 28



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

December 2015

Offerings (General Fund Only)			
	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Offering	\$26,913	\$218,976	
Compared to Budget	\$1,968	\$5,771	
	8.0%	3.0%	
Compared to 2014	\$5,776	\$7,476	
	27.0%	4.00%	
Contributors			
2015			
(Current Year)	99	91	avg.
2014			
(Last Year)	90	89	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$14.85	
Flowers		\$510	

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

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Acolytes			Readers 8:15 a.m.
Feb. 7	Daniel Encinas	Feb. 7	Christiana Wilson	
Feb. 14	Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson	Feb. 14	Kelly Boyer	
Feb. 21	Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez	Feb. 21	Kathryn Felgenhauer	
Feb. 28	Morgan Furry, Lucy Orcutt	Feb. 28	Eric Linblade	
	Altar Care			Readers 10:30 a.m.
8:15 a.m.	Cheryl Franklin	Feb. 7	Pat Webb	
		Feb. 14	Bob Behr	
	Communion Servers	Feb. 21	Larry Dockter	
Feb. 7	Daniel Encinas, Peggy Moser, Bob Behr	Feb. 28	Tracy Etchison	
Feb. 10	Janette Payne, Al Moser, Betty Englund			Lent Readers
Feb. 21	Howard Triebwasser, Kelly Boyer, Mary F. Harris	Feb. 10	Ron Webb	
		Feb. 17	Linda Birlew	
		Feb. 24	Betty Englund	
	Counters			Refreshments
Feb. 7	Don Schell, Bob Behr	Feb. 7	Ofelia Ojeda, Carol Carney	
Feb. 14	Nancy Minning, Connie Reule	Feb. 14	Joyce Jensen, Kelly Boyer	
Feb. 21	Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser	Feb. 21	Mack and Carole Vance	
Feb. 28	Carolyn Andrews, Jack Fenske Micki Fenske	Feb. 28	Ken and Debi Lentsch	
	Head Ushers			Visitors' Gifts
8:15 a.m.	Ron Franklin	Feb. 7	Laura Sondrini	
		Feb. 14	Pat Webb	
	Prayer Leaders	Feb. 21	Joyce Jensen	
Feb. 7	Faith Thomas	Feb. 28	Carole Vance	
Feb. 10	Laura Tice			Welcome Leaders
Feb. 14	Judy Saxby	Feb. 7	Mary Francis Harris	
Feb. 21	David Saxby	Feb. 14	Ron Zoesch	
Feb. 28	Lauren Orcutt	Feb. 21	Pat Webb	
		Feb. 28	Chet Madison	
	Psalm Leaders			Sunday School Teachers
Feb. 7	Angie Martinez	Feb. 7	Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto	
Feb. 10	Aiyana Tice	Feb. 14	Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez	
Feb. 14	Lucy Orcutt	Feb. 21	Alison Thomas, Debi Lentsch	
Feb. 21	Aiyana Tice	Feb. 28	Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez	
Feb. 28	Hannah Encinas			





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