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News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



What a privilege it is to be chosen to be in a wedding party. It makes you feel special, and you are. You were chosen because of your special relationship with the wedding couple. You didn't earn the position. It was given to you. You have some special ways you get to

take part in the wedding celebration. This is something about which to be happy and excited.

The wise person who is chosen to be in a wedding party receives instructions, learns his or her part, does what needs to be done to get ready, and helps out (there are always ways to help out). The wise person goes with the flow as things progress, because they rarely progress just the way they have been scheduled. The foolish person doesn't pay any attention to instructions, doesn't prepare for his or her part in the celebration, is selfish and self-centered rather than helpful, and certainly doesn't go with the flow as things progress.

Jesus tells a story in Matthew 25:1-13 about ten bridesmaids chosen to take part in a wedding celebration. The five wise bridesmaids in Jesus' story knew they were to get in place with lighted lamps and, when the bridegroom came, go to meet him and escort him into the wedding hall. They didn't know when the bridegroom would come, so they needed to make sure to have enough oil to

keep their lamps burning until he came. They went with the flow and, even though the bridegroom was later than they expected, were ready to take part and they did. What a joy! What a blessing! What a celebration! The five foolish bridesmaids were invited but didn't pay attention to the fact that it was unknown when the bridegroom would appear, so didn't bring adequate fuel for their lamps and ended up missing out on the wedding celebration.

Jesus is using this story to make a point about His reappearance at the end of time to usher us into the great celebration of the coming kingdom of heaven. You have been chosen to participate in this great celebration because of the special relationship you have with Jesus. You didn't earn an invitation to participate in this celebration. It was given to you. You have some special ways you get to take part. This is something about which to be happy and excited. You are not in charge of the preparation for this great celebration, but your participation is important. The wise person realizes this and responds accordingly. The wise person pays attention to what his or her part is, makes proper preparation for it, and goes with the flow as things progress.

The foolish person doesn't. This makes all the difference. The foolish person, for whom Jesus has died and promised to reappear, rejects the faith and lives turned in on himself or herself. When Jesus reappears, there will be no faith response. There will be no participation in the celebration of the kingdom of heaven. What a tragedy!

Jesus will reappear to usher us into the celebration of the kingdom of heaven. Our instructions are to receive him now in faith. We then are to prepare for His reappearance simply by living lives of faith in Him until He appears. The wise person does this. There are plenty of ways to help out with the preparation for the celebration of Jesus' return through acts of caring and sharing. And the wise person goes with the flow. God knows when Jesus will reappear, we don't. We are simply to keep living lives of faith. Then we will truly rejoice when He does reappear. What a celebration that will be!

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



FATHER'S DAY PIE AND ICE CREAM SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH

To celebrate all the special men in our congregation, and let them know how much they are appreciated, we will be serving Pie and Ice Cream following the services on June 17th. We will have a sign up sheet for the pies on the Opportunity Table beginning Sunday June 3rd.



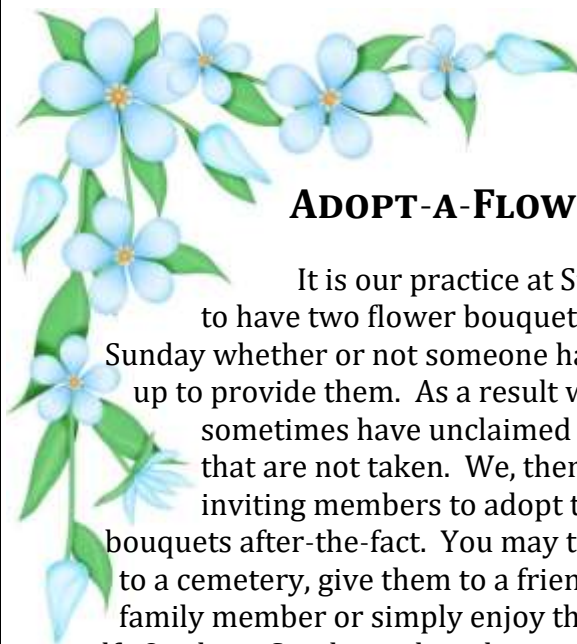
SUMMER MUSIC

We are looking for people who would like to do a special presentation for worship during the summer. You may sing a solo, get a small group together, play an instrument or even read a poem. Let your lights shine. Contact anyone from the Board of Worship and Music or Jane. Board members are Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor, Marlene Kiser, Shirley Prouty, Caroline Andrews, Mary Harris and Triss Hoppman.



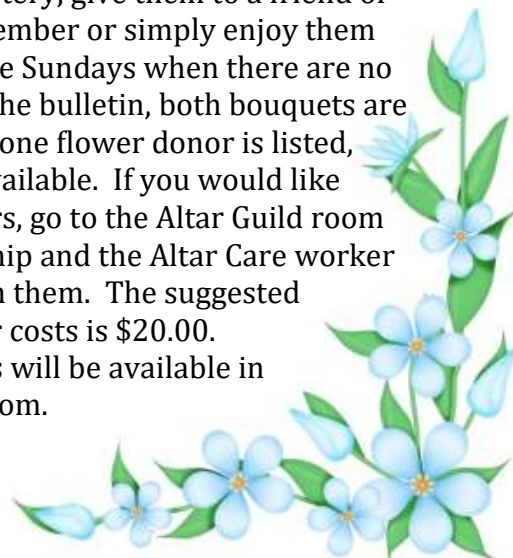
OUTREACH LUNCHEON

We are planning an Luncheon on August 4th at the Yum Buffet Restaurant. Location is in the Southgate Shopping Center, 4300 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA. Time is 11:30. This is a great opportunity for Fellowship. We will have a sign up sheet on the Opportunity Table by July 8th along with a copy of the Menu. The cost is \$12.00 per person including Tax and Tip.



ADOPT-A-FLOWER

It is our practice at St. Luke's to have two flower bouquets each Sunday whether or not someone has signed up to provide them. As a result we sometimes have unclaimed flowers that are not taken. We, therefore, are inviting members to adopt those bouquets after-the-fact. You may take them to a cemetery, give them to a friend or family member or simply enjoy them yourself. On those Sundays when there are no flowers listed in the bulletin, both bouquets are available. If only one flower donor is listed, one bouquet is available. If you would like to take the flowers, go to the Altar Guild room after 10:30 worship and the Altar Care worker will help you with them. The suggested donation to cover costs is \$20.00. Flower envelopes will be available in the Altar Guild room.







MOTHER'S
DAY
LUNCHEON





19TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE JUNE 28TH – JULY 4TH

It's time to start spreading the news – our annual fireworks sale is just around the corner! Our booth is again located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We're again looking for a lot of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out this year. Here's some ideas where you can help: selling fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), coming by and visiting, bringing snacks and drinks to share, helping to unload/load the truck each day, waving flags and banners to attract passersby to our booth, buying your fireworks from us, and encouraging your friends and family to do the same!

If you can volunteer to work in the booth, there will be a sign-up sheet soon in the Narthex to reserve your favorite time(s). The booth opens at noon on June 28th, and then every day after that from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through July 4th (we're open until 10 p.m. on July 3rd and 4th).

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help as a volunteer, just call or see me. We have a lot of fun every year (including Fireworks Booth Bingo), so don't miss out.

In His Name...

Larry Dockter
Fireworks Booth Committee Chair



Special Thank You's

The Duane Kiser Family would like to thank our St. Luke's Family for all your prayers and cards at the sudden passing of Marlene's Mother on her 100th Birthday. Though Betty (Mom) was not a member of St Luke's she always felt loved when she attended church here. Thank you so much for making her always welcomed.



I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers after my mom's passing. Also, I want to thank the comfort committee for helping with the memorial.
Linda Duffek

PRAYER CONCERNS

A prayer concerns sheet is available in the Narthex on the Opportunity Table. Please feel free to write down any prayer requests you want to share with our congregation. Pastor Carl will include them in the prayers during the service.

MISSION LIFE

This is the first of several articles about Rev. Stan and Kris Niemi's missionary ministry in Papua New Guinea during the 1980s. The Niemis are new members of St. Luke's. They would be happy to share more with you about this exciting adventure and the importance of world missions. They come Sunday mornings to the 8:15 a.m. service.



Call to PNG (Papua New Guinea) - 1981/DWMIC Rev Bud Hestermann of the then ALC (American Lutheran Church) recruited me in seminary because I had expressed interest in overseas mission work and Kris and I chose Papua New Guinea over Tanzania because it had More trees than the area near Mount Kilimanjaro we would have gone to and PNG had no Tse tse flies I didn't know much about insects at the time

ARRIVING IN PORT MORESBY

Kris and I met Eric and Sue Midthun +baby peter at the San Francisco airport to fly together to PNG on Quantas airline via Hawaii the flight to Hawaii was an easy 4-5 hour flight then the flight to Australia was another 12 hours to Australia and crossed the international dateline i believe we were served breakfast lunch supper then breakfast again hot towels to wipe face after supper but losing a day Australia to Moresby was just a couple of hours we were met at the airport by an American missionary who had made us lunch when we walked through the Moresby airport there were hundreds of ceiling fans about half of them in working order (this was a good indicator of what was to come)

PORT MORESBY TO LAE

after a night in the Lutheran guesthouse we traveled with visas in hand to Lae spending some days meeting the town missionaries and bishop Getake Gam getting ready for our trip to our station Midthuns to fly to Kainteba and Niemi's to drive to Alkena

LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Midthun's and Niemi's went to heldsbach-finschaffen for a month to learn "Tok Pisin". It was a school for teachers and Ron and Elsa Schardt oversaw us. This area was coastal PNG with Siki beach about a 5-minute walk; John Temal was Kris and my instructor john was from the Alkena area instructing young farmers in the highlands of PNG we went on walks on the corral based roads and learn Tok Pisin one trip we repeated many times was a walk to Sattleburg an early church site about 2500ft. above the ocean it had been a gun emplacement for the Japanese during WWII.

SMELL One day while sitting and studying I detected a faint new smell I searched for the source and realized it was me! my new diet had produced a new smell. "(mostly vegetarian)

We spent several days walking up to the hydroelectric plant and swam with young Natalie Schardt in the warm waters of the stream that powered the electric turbine.



... to be continued.

Baptisms



Jarrold Jeremiah Rowland

Parents: Jeremiah & Juliette Rowland

Sponsors: Emily Stockman & Rob Corona

We welcome Jarrold into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. May he join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Our New Members

Stan & Kris Niemi

6107 Ridge Creek Court
Elk Grove, CA 95758
916-683-1521

Jacob & Christiana Wilson

5045 Summerbrook Way
Sacramento, CA 95823
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Celebrating Their
Confirmation

From Left: Kelly Boyer,
Darnell Osako,
Ernestine Roberts and
Aiyana Tice





Karen Cagle	June 01
Phillip Connell	June 03
Phillip Petersen	June 03
Laura Sondrini	June 07
Elizabeth Wilson	June 08
Peggy Moser	June 15
Caliana Osako	June 20
Shirley Prouty	June 21
John Orcutt	June 22
Cannon Thomas	June 23
Stan Niemi	June 26
Morgan Furry	June 28
Paul Edwards	June 29

GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 10, 2018

Parents, grandparents, and other proud family members, is anyone in your family graduating this year? This applies for any type of graduation, from high school onward - college, grad school, trade school, or professional school. Let us know so we can celebrate with you by including your graduate in our Graduation Sunday festivities!

Contact the office (421-5039 or office@slelca.org) to let us know the graduate's name and degree, the name of the school, and the school's colors.



June 03	Ralph & Merle Zbrog For all our blessings
June 10	<i>Needed</i>
June 17	Walt & Pauline Arndt In loving memory of their son, Kenneth Arndt
	Kelly Boyer For her Daughter Shannon's Birthday
June 24	Karen Linfor In memory of Anniversary

TO COMMEMORATE A SPECIAL DAY

Sign up to provide flowers for our worship services.

The flower chart is in the narthex. Select the date, write in your name and the name of the person you want to remember, the event or to the Glory of God. The flowers will be ordered for you for the selected date and delivered by the florist.

You may take your flowers after worship. Please pick them up in the Altar Guild room (behind the choir loft) at the conclusion of the 10:30 service. The suggested donation is \$20.00. The Board of Worship and Music will send you a reminder before the date you have chosen. The reminder will include an envelope you may use to make your payment.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

April 2018

Comments:

- This month is a five-Sunday month and includes Easter Sunday.
- At the end of April, one third of the year has been completed. The offering comparisons are negative; however, the negative amounts are not alarming; i.e., within budgeting norms.
- Please use numbered envelopes, when feasible. Thank you.
- If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.
- When using pew envelopes, please write legibly. Thanks.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$18,955	\$67,518
Compared to Budget	-\$665	-\$2,896
	-3.4%	-4.1%
Compared to 2017	-\$2,652	-\$5,525
	-12.3%	-7.6%
No. of Contributors		
2018 (Current Year)	90	88 avg.
2017 (Last Year)	101	89 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School		\$47
Flowers		\$160
Memorials		\$5
Lenten Offering*		\$406

*Note: Plus values are good; minus values are not.
 * Designated for Pastoral Assistance, per Council.*



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin

(10:30 a.m.)

June 03 Kelly Boyer, Steven Lee

June 10 Marlene Kiser

June 17 Dave Saxby, Carol Carney

June 24 Peggy Moser

Communion Servers

June 03 Peggy Moser, Connie Reule,

Caroline Andrews

June 17 Faith Thomas, Gail Weber

Howard Triebwasser

Counters

June 03 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

June 10 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman

June 17 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig

June 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

June 3 Gail Weber & Pat Hamilton

June 10 Ofelia Ojeda & Friend

June 17 Duane Kiser & Jeff Kiser

June 24 Steven Lee & Joyce Jensen

Prayer Leaders

June 03 Betty Englund

June 10 Tracy Etchison

June 17 Mary Frances Harris

June 24 Christina Hisamoto

Psalm Leaders

June 03 Aiyana Tice

June 10 Amber Mansfield

June 17 Angie Martinez

June 24 Lucy Orcutt

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin

10:30 a.m. Kelly Boyer

Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)

June 03 Christiana Wilson; Kirsten Ireton

June 10 Kristine Felgenhauer; Marlene Kiser

June 17 Eric Linblade; Al Moser

June 24 Sarah Madison; Barbara Manlapig

Refreshments

June 03 Ofelia Ojeda & Carole Vance

June 10 Pat Webb

June 17 Pie and Ice Cream

June 24 Mack and Carole Vance

Visitors' Gifts

June 03 Stephen Lee

June 10 Carole Vance

June 17 Joyce Jensen

June 24 Pat Webb

Acolytes

June 03 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

June 10 Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts

June 17 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

June 24 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

Welcome Leaders

June 03 Mary Francis Harris

June 10 Betty Englund

June 17 Carolyn Andrews

June 24 Pat Webb

Sunday School Teachers

June 03 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto

June 10 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez

June 17 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews

June 24 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice



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MEGA BUNCO FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Dinner will be served at 6PM

BUNCO begins at 7PM

Limited Seating

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

it's easy and fun!

