

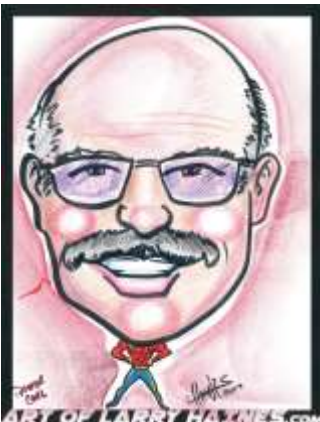


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News And Views

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 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



Our annual fireworks sale is here! 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 are 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 is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your favorite time(s). June 28th to July 2nd, the booth is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On July 3rd and 4th we're open until 10 p.m.

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



It's time for new sign-ups for our small diner's groups. Everyone who signs up will be organized into small groups of 6- 8 people. Each small group will then get together for meals and/or activities of their choice, once a month. Some of our past groups have enjoyed inviting others to join them. Some groups have had such a good time that they keep getting together! It really is a fun way to get to know people outside of Sunday worship.

Sign ups will be taken in July and August for the new groups to get together in September, October and November. A sign up sheet will be available Sunday July 8th.

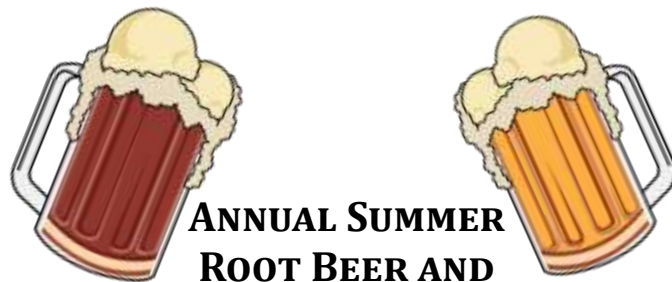
**SPIRIT-EMPOWERED WITNESSING
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS JULY 11—AUGUST 1
SCHULTZ HALL—AFTER A POTLUCK DINNER
AT 6:00 P.M.**

Our mission statement as a congregation begins, "Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the Good News ..." I would like to invite you to join me this summer in a Bible study to consider what that means for our daily lives. We will look at passages from the Gospels to see how Jesus prepared his disciples and those coming after them (that includes us!) to receive all that is needed from the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of the new life the Savior won for all. We will also look at passages from the Acts of the Apostles to see how the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples and those coming after them (that includes us!) to witness to what Jesus accomplished through his life, death, and resurrection.

It is my belief that many people are open to hearing this Good News. We, however, need to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to it. Otherwise, we are simply trying to convince people of its truth by our own arguments or witnessing out of a mistaken belief that we can bring people to a saving relationship with the Lord by our own power. Scripture makes it very clear that people aren't "convinced," they are "convicted." That doesn't happen by our power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. Having been convicted of sin, they realize the salvation given to them by the grace of God. Our part in this process is simply to accept God's call to spread this Good News through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sound interesting? Then come to Schultz Hall on Wednesday evenings, July 11 through August 1 at 6 p.m. for a delicious potluck followed by a Bible study on "Spirit-Empowered Witnessing."

Pastor Carl



**ANNUAL SUMMER
ROOT BEER AND
ORANGE SODA FLOATS
SUNDAY JULY 15, 2018**

The Evangelism Board will provide and serve the root beer and orange floats following the services in the courtyard. This is a great event for a warm afternoon. It is enjoyed by both adults and children. Pat Webb will pick up the ice cream and Carole Vance will pick up the root beer and orange soda. We will scoop ice cream on Friday, July 13th at 9:30am.

**Let's Have
Lunch
TOGETHER**

**OUTREACH LUNCHEON
AUGUST 4, 2018**

I have been to Yum Buffet and I reserved the Room. We will not be able to get separate checks, however the server will give us an estimate of our cost. The cost for Adults is \$12.99 per person that includes tax and tip. For children ages 3 - 6 the cost is \$9.21 and children ages 7 - 10, the cost is \$11.89. This includes a drink, tax and tip. We will need to pay in cash.

A sign up sheet will be on the Opportunity Table on July 8th.



The Worship & Music board has scheduled a Luau for September 22, 2018, and we are looking for lots of help: setup, take down, servers, and folks willing to prepare food (from delicious recipes provided by Triss), and baked goods to auction.

If you are interested in helping, please come to a brief meeting after worship on Sunday, June 24, to discuss in more detail, and bring ideas!

Thank you for your assistance in making this fun event a success.

I'm not begging ... oh, yes, I am!

In His Service,

Karen Linfor

916-803-7988



Summer is here and SLY is on the move!

July 8th- Monthly SLY Meeting and Shirt Decorating 12pm-2pm
Bring in a white shirt and get ready to be creative.

July 15th—20th- Mount Cross Trip

July 22nd- Youth Loft 12pm-1pm
Bring your muscles and elbow grease; we will be preparing the youth loft to paint.

August 3rd (Tentative Date)-SLY Church Sleepover

August 12th- Monthly SLY meeting

September 9th- Monthly SLY Meeting
12pm - 12:30pm

September 28th- Congregational Camp-Out
SLY members will be hosting the 2nd Annual St. Luke's Lutheran Church Congregational Camp-out. Members of all ages, as well as friends and family of St. Luke's, are welcome to join us for a night of food, fun, and faith. Bring your tents, sleeping bags, favorite games, and side dishes and join us as we camp under the stars and finish up with a pancake breakfast.



SLY membership is free and open to all 6th through 12th graders. For more information please contact Laura Tice at 916-271-7566 or Samantha Basquez at basquezfamily916@gmail.com.



BUNCO - June 2 was the annual Bunco Night hosted by the women of WELCA. Door opened at 5:30PM, Dinner was at 6 PM (nachos and/or taco salads), with Bunco at 7 PM. Everyone had a great time and it was a great success. We raised almost \$2000 that will go to WELCA's annual benevolence which will be distributed in January. Many thanks to all who attended this fun event, helped, or donated in some way. The mission collection for the month were items for the Sacramento SPCA.

Summer Family Potluck and Study coming Wednesdays, July 11 – August 1, at 6PM.
Please sign up on the Opportunity Table or call the church office (421-5039) so we know how many people will be attending. Bible Study this summer will be the "Spirit Empowered Witnessing."

Mission collections for July & August will be for the School Supply Drive.

Fall Festival is just around the corner and plans are afoot. Please plan to attend a planning meeting and join the fun of the event. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table in areas you would like to help with for the special and fun event.

Marlene Kiser, WELCA President



31ST ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT – MERLE ZBROG

Thank you for the opportunity to be the female congregational representative to the 31st Annual Synod Assembly June 1-3 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. The title of the event was “We are the Church together: This is our Neighborhood.”

ELCA Draft Justice for Women Social Statement included some powerful and heart-wrenching stories from several young women who have been victims of sexism and patriarchy. Both are learned behaviors, yet there were no suggestions made to eradicate this.

Keynote speaker Rozella Haydee White spoke each day on The Art of Neighboring: Seeing, Knowing and Loving.

Report from Bishop Mark W. Holmerud was based on Romans 12:9-16. Bishop Holmerud challenged us to give up our love affairs with our buildings and consider repurposing buildings. He reminded us that our greatest assets are our faith and our people, not our properties.

Bible Study was on the Greatest Commandment was conducted by Rev Tracie Bartholomew, Bishop of the New Jersey Synod.

Worship Friday evening included fabulous musical offerings by The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus and Bishop Tracie Bartholomew of the New Jersey synod preached the gospel according to Mr. Rogers calling all of us to love our neighbor. Sunday's closing worship included contemporary worship songs. “Dance With Me” was delightful.

Offerings of \$4796 were collected, which will benefit the Sierra Pacific Synod Candidacy Committee Scholarship Fund, Saint John's Program for Real Change, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

Greetings were received from many throughout the ELCA and the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee (SPSYC) brought us an update and a story of faith experience.

BUDGET 2019-2020 passed

RESOLUTION 2018-1 passed

RESOLUTION 2018-1B passed

Bylaw Amendment regarding retired voting members to synod assembly passed.

RESOLUTION 2018 - 2 Anti-Racism Guidelines and Strategy was deferred to the Racial and Ethnic Mission Strategies Discipling Team

There were numerous elections and an installation service. Dinner Saturday evening was tasty and significant anniversaries of congregations and rostered ministers were acknowledged and celebrated.

I enjoyed the opportunity to attend. My impression is that the synod sees the number of Lutherans dwindling, but has no clear idea of how to increase membership. I would have relished the opportunity to offer my suggestions and to hear others' suggestions that would be practical to implement.

Next year will be a one day meeting in Lodi. Mark **Saturday, May 11, 2019** on your calendar.

“We are church together: Working in God's **Vineyard**” **10:00 am – 4:30 pm**

MISSION LIFE

This is the second 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.

Time with Bob and Ruth Reidel

I got my first taste of malaria on my ship ride from Heldsbach to Lae Kris had to use the bathroom and when she opened the ship door there was about 10 inches of 90 degree water sloshing on the floor and her glasses fogged up but she could use the facilities. Beautiful ocean views and Dolphins jumping on the waves but I felt a pinching in the back of my neck (I learned that was the first sign of malaria) The Reidels had been missionaries for a few years and so we went to stay with them for about a week during the first couple of days at their house my malaria came on with great chills and diarrhea. Sometimes I would be on the toilet and vomiting into a bucket my fever was high, when I heard Kris and the Reidels laughing in the other room I thought they were conspiring to kill me! But they were just having fun. While there I remember Bob talking about a Christian who had been raised from the dead??

Bob was supposed to travel with us on a Bush trip in their circuit but Bob was in poor health (read poor ass missionary) so Kris and I went on the trip (Not so great thinking by Bob to send a man with active malaria on a bush trip but, with malaria it follows a two week cycle for the main symptoms to return, with a couple indigenous Christian leaders and two young women who were our porters



carrying our gear in bilums (net bags woven from hemp) I Needed their help because my weakened condition from the malaria. While walking I asked at each stream crossing if the water was safe to drink and if the answer was yes I would drink my fill



At one of the first villages Kris and I were given a live chicken and I carried it in a bilum for a couple of days finally I asked what to do with the bird and I was told to ask the people to cook it for us and so I did so the bird came back cooked minus feathers but all entrails still in place so, Kris and I cut up the bird leaving the

innards thankful I didn't have to carry the poor

bird any longer one of the unforgettable days took us from Obaman to Nimbako.

Down into a valley and up the other side climbing up roots and pushing Kris up the mountain When we arrived at The Village I sat down and fell asleep on the porch of the house; Kris was concerned!



We slept that night in a house that was used for food, copra (cocoa nut storage and all night long the rats jumped around keeping us awake, but no hoard attacked us. At one of the villages there was a discussion concerning a woman who had twins and it was

believed that a woman must have sex with two men to have twins since the discussion took place in a local language I didn't understand. I was very limited in my interceding for the woman

While in Lae I talked to Rev Norm Imbrock and he suggested an enclosed vehicle to prevent people from stealing stuff from an open vehicle I settled on an Isuzu Trooper diesel which wasn't on the approved

vehicle list but got it anyway started driving it to break it in and on a short trip the engine overheated and died got it back to the dealer and since the plug for radiator coolant had fallen out we were given a new White Trooper started the break in process but it was time to drive to Alkena. Later, I put in some air shocks to handle the heavy diesel and kerosene drums

we were told shopping was limited in Mt. Hagen (province Capital of WHP) So we bought a wringer washing machine and a sea grass mat to take with us; since maps and directions were sparse we took a student with us part way to Goroka area SHP

the first 1/4 of trip was paved road beautiful driving at 60mph then at the Kasam pass changed to gravel and dirt (red clay) after letting off our guide we proceeded in trepidation to Mt Hagen.

... to be continued.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Community Concerns is hosting our annual School Supplies and Backpack drive for Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary! WELCA has purchased backpacks and pencil cases. Join us to fill them up on Sunday, August 5th! Meanwhile, we are collecting these items:

- Binders
- Book covers
- Color paper
- Color pencils
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Glue
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Kleenex
- Markers (washable)
- Notebooks
- Paint sets
- Paper clips
- Pencils (#2)
- Pens
- Pocket folders
- Reams of copy paper
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Sharpeners
- Wide ruled paper



Many children can't afford basic school supplies, and our donations give them a fair chance to succeed. We can encourage them greatly by showing that they're not alone—someone cares about them and wants to support them. It's a wonderful, concrete way we can minister to our local community. Thank you for all your support!



Boston Erickson

Woodcreek High School
Cousins of Dorothy Haney

Dalton Erickson

Woodcreek High School
Cousins of Dorothy Haney

Holly Erickson

Woodcreek High School
Cousins of Dorothy Haney

Raegan Hamilton

Rampart High School, Colorado Springs
Granddaughter of Pat Hamilton

Jared Perry

Juan Diego Catholic High School, Draper Utah
Jared will be attending Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Washington on a baseball scholarship. He will be studying physical therapy.
Grandson of Kelly Boyer &
Great Grandson of Lois Sherrets





The Schell Family. Don Schell passed away peacefully at home on June 1st. Please give thanks for his wonderful life here and the new life he has with his Lord Jesus for eternity. Memorial Service will be on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 11:30am at *St. Luke's Church.* Lunch to Follow.



The Family of Pastor Chuck Carlson. He was taken by his Lord Jesus to the heavenly kingdom on June 12, 2018. Please give thanks for Pastor Chuck's life here as a faithful servant of our awesome God. Please commend Pastor Chuck in prayer to his Lord and Savior who has removed all Pastor Chuck's pain and replaced it with new life for eternity. Please pray for Pastor Chuck's family, that they are held close to one another and the Lord in His love.



Keith Spear	July 01
Bruce Kiser	July 05
Kris Niemi	July 06
Bekka Roberts	July 07
Alvin Boschee	July 16
Steven Lee	July 17
Lily Neidich	July 20
Pat Webb	July 27
Linda Olsen	July 28
Ron Zoesch	July 29
Nolan Jaeger	July 30



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

May 2018

Comments:

- This month is a four-Sunday month.
- May was not a good month for offerings, as the above figures show.
- Please use numbered envelopes, when feasible. Thank you.
- If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering plate
- 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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- July 01 **Maria Schell**
 For Military Service
 Men & Women
- Karla, Kathee and Steve Lentsch**
 In Memory of their Father, Kenneth Lentsch
- July 08 **Shirley Prouty**
 In Memory of her Mother, Emma Tate
- July 15 **Karen Linfor**
 In Memory of Jerry's Birthday
- July 22 **Ron Webb**
 For Pat's Birthday
- July 29 **Thelma Williams**
 In Memory of James Williams

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$14,559	\$82,077	
Compared to Budget	-\$2,445	-\$5,341	
	-14.4%	-6.1%	
Compared to 2017	-\$3,283	-\$8,808	
	-18.4%	-9.7%	
No. of Contributors			
2018 (Current Year)	79	86	avg.
2017 (Last Year)	82	88	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$21	
Flowers		\$120	
Crab Feed Fund		\$120	



Note: Plus values are good; minus values are not.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
July 01 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman
July 08 Connie Reule
July 15 Ben Briel, Dave Saxby
July 22 Steven Lee
July 29 Karen Linfor, Mary F. Harris

Communion Servers

July 01 Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer, Linda Duffek
July 15 Betty Englund, Pat Hamilton
Mary Frances Harris
July 29 Kirsten Ireton, Marlene Kiser, Karen Linfor

Counters

July 01 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 08 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
July 15 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
July 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
July 29 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

Greeters

July 01 Kelly Boyer, Lois Sherrets
July 08 Mack & Carole Vance
July 15 Jack & Micki Fenske
July 22 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 29 Walt & Pauline Arndt

Prayer Leaders

July 01 Triss Hoppman
July 08 Holly Hoppman
July 15 Katie Iniguez
July 22 Marlene Kiser
July 29 Al Moser

Psalms Leaders

July 01 Aiyana Tice
July 08 Elizabeth Wilson
July 15 Isabella Basquez
July 22 Sierra Etchison
July 29 Kimiya Ricciardi

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Kelly Boyer & Michael Schell
Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
July 01 Phil Petersen; John Orcutt
July 08 Lydia Toloy; Maria Schell
July 15 Ron Webb; Max Schell
July 22 Christiana Wilson; David Saxby
July 29 Kristine Felgenhauer; Judy Saxby

Refreshments

July 01 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman
July 08 Marc & Alison Thomas
July 15 Root Beer and Orange Floats
July 22 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets
July 29 Jacob & Christianna Wilson

Visitors' Gifts

July 01 Joyce Jensen
July 08 Carol Carney
July 15 Steven Lee
July 22 Carole Vance
July 29 Gail Weber

Acolytes

July 01 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
July 08 Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts
July 15 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
July 22 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
July 29 Isabella Basquez, Aiyana Tice

Welcome Leaders

July 01 Pat Webb
July 08 Gail Weber
July 15 Al Moser
July 22 Chet Madison
July 29 Kelly Boyer

Sunday School Teachers

July 01 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
July 08 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
July 15 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
July 22 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice
July 29 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice



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Come on out and join us!

Fireworks Booth

Hours

**June 28th 12pm-9pm
June 29—July 2 9pm-9pm
July 3 & 4 9pm-10pm**

**Located at
Food Source Parking Lot
between McDonald's &
Starbucks**