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# News And Views

## Pastoral Perspective



“Success” has long been the accepted goal in this world. Our educational system rewards “success” from start to finish. We love hearing “success” stories about someone who has made it big. We want to be “successful” ourselves.

Mastering highly marketable techniques or skills seems to be at the heart of “success”. A professional athlete needs to master skills that the team wants in order to be “successful”. A “successful” teacher, preacher, or whatever has mastered the techniques of the profession that are in demand.

This “success” is not wrong. We celebrate it at the time of graduation, promotion, and during sports playoffs. But being overly “success oriented” can cause problems. The quest for “success” has gone too far when a person views self-worth and the worth of others simply in terms of “success”. If nothing matters but “success”, and a person is willing to do whatever it takes to be “successful”, there is a real problem.

Success that is truly lasting and satisfying is something other than what is described above. Success, in this sense, comes by focusing on being successful in relationship with God rather than focusing solely on being “successful” in relationship with the world. There are no techniques or skills to be marketed, just thanks to give. The truly

successful person begins by viewing his or her very life as God’s, to be managed for Him, under His guidance. God gets the glory for anything that is achieved. That person might or might not be “successful” in the eyes of the world. That’s not what matters. What matters is living and growing in a close working relationship with God.

As you consider your life and direction, would you call yourself successful? If you don’t believe you are successful, all you need do is thank God for allowing you the use of all you are and all you have, and then ask Him to guide you in managing it well for Him. No matter what, you will always have enough to do this. I guarantee it. Congratulations on your success! Keep up the good work!

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,  
 Pastor Carl





The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: **Therefore be it Resolved** by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

Sunday, November 11 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. We will celebrate on that day with a special Veterans Day service to give thanks for all those who have served and currently serve the cause of freedom and peace. It is all important that we give thanks for those who serve that the people of the world would be free and relate in peace.

We will have special recognition of our veterans that day along with special music and a service to recommit ourselves to the cause of freedom and peace for all.



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sunday, November 11 is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, now known as Veteran's Day. We will have a special service featuring patriotic music. Our veteran's banners will also be displayed that day. If you or a member of your family have served in the military and are not represented on our veteran's banners, please contact the church office with their name, branch of service and dates of service so we can add their star to the banners.

# Women of the ELCA

The Fall Festival was on October 6, 2018. Hope all that were able to attend had a great time.

The November WELCA meeting will be on November 10th, at 11:30AM at the church. Please bring either a soup or salad to share for lunch. Our Mission Support for November is the Valley Hi Family Resource Center, we will be gathering wipes, diapers and household paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc). There will be a speaker from Valley Hi Family Resource Center for this meeting,

Christmas is just around the corner and so please also remember to mark your calendars for the December meeting for the WELCA Christmas Party on December 8, 2018 hosted by WELCA.

Yours in Christ,  
Marlene Kiser,  
WELCA President

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 21 followed by the annual pie social. We will be decorating for Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any fall produce you would like to share for the display, please bring it to church between Sunday, November 11 and Wednesday, November 14. We would welcome pumpkins or other winter squash, gourds, corn, wheat or any other thick-skinned fall fruit or vegetable. You may have them back after the Thanksgiving Eve service.



## Thanksgiving Pie Social

Following the Thanksgiving Eve Service, we'll be having our annual Pie Social. If you'd like to, please bring a pie to share. We can't have too much, as all the leftovers are donated to the Narcotics Anonymous (NA) marathon meeting that our resident NA groups host for those who are in need of extra support through the holiday weekend. Any and all leftovers are always very welcome!



## Thankoffering service

On Sunday, November 18, the Women will be hosting the annual Thankoffering Sunday. We will be leading worship, gathered together to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us. If you are interested in being involved in the service please let Triss Hoppman know, or keep a look out for a sign-up sheet to participate in the service.



Thank  
Offering



## MINISTRY FAIR NOVEMBER 25, 2018

After the 10:30 a.m. service on November 25th, we will have our annual Congregational Ministry Fair. The Boards and Ministry Group Leaders will set up tables in Schultz Hall. You can browse the various Ministry Groups and Boards, get more information, ask any questions, and sign up for the Groups and Boards you want to join for 2019. At the Ministry Fair, we will also collect estimate-of-giving cards for 2019. Your Ministry Group and Board sign-up sheet and estimate-of-giving cards for 2019 will be sent out in November to help you prepare for the Ministry Fair.

Please pray about these opportunities and consider joining one (or more!) Groups or Boards to support our mission as a congregation.

Here are the Ministry Groups and Boards for you to consider joining:

• **Greeters  
Ministry Group**

• **Welcome Leader  
Ministry Group**



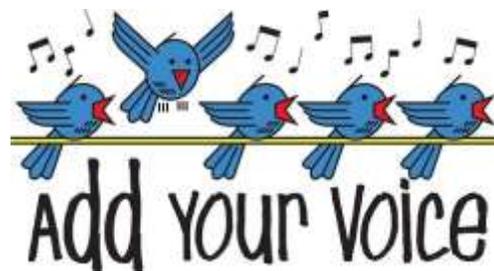
• **Communion Servers  
Ministry Group**

• **Altar Care  
Ministry Group**



• **Ushers Ministry Group**

• **Soul Stitchers  
Ministry Group**



• **Choir Ministry Group**



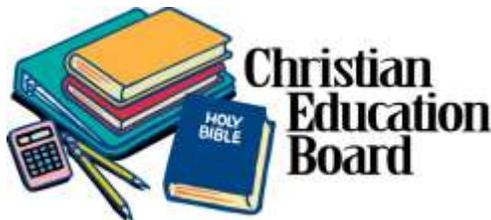
### • Community Concerns Board

*Board responsibilities:* Food and clothing collection and distribution, working with community groups on

mutual ministry, pastoral assistance fund, Winter Sanctuary, Share-a-Sole, Trunk-or-Treat

### • Christian Education Board

*Board responsibilities:* Sunday School, nursery, adult education



### • Evangelism Board

*Board responsibilities:* Parish visitation with Pastor, refreshments after worship, greeters, visitors' gifts, outreach, Easter breakfast, potlucks and going out for meals, diners' groups, publicity (web, advertising, Facebook, etc.), Lenten soup suppers, Epiphany breakfast



### • Finance Board

*Board responsibilities:* Financial audit, insurance, office supplies and equipment, overseeing important financial documents, offerings counters, taxes and fees, budget, working with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary



### • Property Board

*Board responsibilities:* Landscape service, cleaning and janitorial services and supplies, supervising janitorial and landscape workers, facility maintenance, repairs, improvements, watering and sprinklers, church work days



### • Worship & Music Board

*Board responsibilities:* Worship services and music, worship and music supplies, adult choir and bell choir, Luau, flowers, acolytes, ushers, readers, prayer leaders, altar guild, supervising the music director and organist, children's music programs

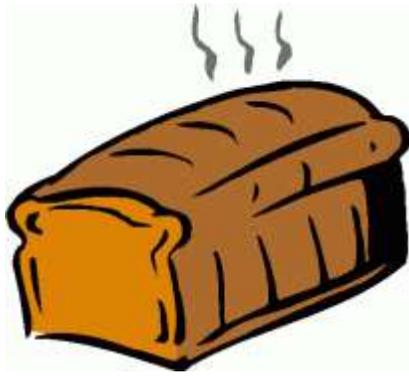


## St. Luke's Youth

### • Youth Board

*Board responsibilities:* Youth meetings, outings and events, youth gatherings and trips, Easter egg hunt

## PUMPKIN BREAD



St. Luke's Youth will begin taking orders for mini loaves of delicious pumpkin bread from Sunday, November 4th, until Sunday, November 11th. Please check the Opportunity Table for our sign up sheet.

The pumpkin bread will be available for pickup in the kitchen on Sunday, November 18th, after the worship service. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help fund youth group activities and outings.

We are also currently accepting donations of the following items: flour, sugar, and eggs.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Tice at (916) 271-7566 or via email at lpierson92@yahoo.com

## POINSETTIA ORDERS



We are once again taking orders for Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. The cost is \$10 each. Orders will be taken from November 25 through December 9. Please place your order in the offering plate or turn it in to

the office. A list of the honorees will be printed in the bulletin December 16, 23 and 24. You may pick up your plants after the 7:00 p.m. service Christmas Eve.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



*Kinsley Kay Connell has arrived.*

*October 1, 2018*

*She weighed 8lbs 13oz and 22" long*

*Mariah and baby are doing great. Daniel is one proud daddy.*

*Parents: Mariah & Daniel Connell*

*Grandparents: Phillip & Jennifer Connell*

*Brian & Kellie Morningstar*



## FALL FESTIVAL

Due to the loving support and generosity of the members of our Congregation and other friends, when we asked for your gently used white elephants, no matter how large or small, the response was once again amazing and greatly appreciated. Even though we were not able to sell them all they have been donated to other organizations that have the same goals we do, to somehow support the less fortunate in our community.

The support we had to donate, sort, organize, sell and clean up, were far beyond what we expected and we can't thank each and every one of you, enough for giving us your time in anyway and as much as you were able. It made it a true time of fun and fellowship as we toiled away!

Due to the list of volunteers and only so much space in the News & Views we are unable to list each of you individually but you know who you are and we do too.

However, since this was a WELCA event we must sincerely thank the Property Board men and others for their unending hard work, namely, Bob Behr, Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Ron Franklin, Bruce Kiser, Jeff Kiser, Dave Saxby, and Ron Webb.

Last but certainly not least we thank Keri Furry (Judy & Dave Saxby's daughter, not her first year) for taking time from her own shop, with her expertise and coming to help us sell. Note: Might want to ask Judy about the shop!

So, please start putting those little white elephants away – sure we may be back next year!

With Loving Appreciation,  
Carol Carney  
Judy Saxby



## THANK YOU WORK DAY PARTICIPANTS

Although the number of "All Members Work Day" participants on October 13 was small, several critical tasks were completed. Specifically, the work group (a) removed debris from the roofs and gutters, (b) removed the excess Redwood debris from

under the eaves, (c) reset the new clean outs and seeded the area, (d) sprayed Round Up on unwanted vegetation, (e) cleaned the Courtyard of debris and stains, (f) rehung a chime pipe in Sanctuary (for aesthetic only, not for use), and (g) removed and tossed several heavy items from the Fall Festival discard pile. As the Property Board chairperson and a Work Day participant, I thank Bob Behr, Ben Briel, Carol and Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Bruce Kiser, and Clarence Korhonen for their assistance on this Work Day. You made the day productive and a success.

Kelly Boyer, Chairperson  
St. Luke's Property Board



**NOVEMBER 25**

**SCHULTZ HALL**

**11:45 A.M.**

# MINISTRY FAIR

# FALL FESTIVAL









Shirley and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Luau on September 22nd! We also thank all who helped make the event success; our Master of Ceremonies, Paul Maki, our salad makers, (so yummy), cooks, (the food was delicious), Pat Webb for hosting the dessert auction, and everyone who brought the fantastic desserts, and those who purchased them; last but not least, those who helped with setup and cleanup. It takes "teamwork to make the dream work!" We sincerely appreciate all who pitched in and did things they saw that needed to be done and jumped in to see that it got done.

In His name, and for His Glory!

Karen Linfor, Chairperson  
Shirley Prouty, Co-Chairperson



# Camp Out 2018





Hannah Encinas	November 06
Andrew Harrison	November 07
Judy Saxby	November 10
Billie Becker	November 11
Julie Ireton	November 14
Marc Thomas	November 15
Alison Korhonen-Kerian	November 16
Christine Herndon	November 19
Micki Fenske	November 27
Carl Hoppman	November 27
Mark Encinas	November 29
Dax Moser	November 30



Nov 4	<b>Al &amp; Irene Boschee</b> For their 68th Anniversary
	<b>Maria Schell</b> In memory of her Father, Fred Brandt
Nov 11	<b>Jack &amp; Micki Fenske</b> For their 54th Anniversary
	<b>Shirley Prouty</b> In memory of husband, Robert Prouty
	<b>David Saxby</b> For Judy's birthday
Nov 18	<b>Walt &amp; Pauline Arndt</b> For their son's birthday
Nov 25	<b>Jack Fenske</b> For Micki's Birthday

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

September 2018

## Comments:

- September was a five-Sunday month.
- After mediocre offerings in August, September's offerings were fantastic – a superb rebound. See “this month” comparisons to the Budget and last year.
- However, the “year-to-date” figures continue to fall short of the Budget and last year offerings, although the shortfalls decreased significantly in September.
- The decrease in the number of contributors continues to be a concern.
- When making a special contribution, please clearly mark in large, bold letters what the contribution is for. Thank you.
- 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
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$20,909	\$154,378
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	\$793	-\$4,548
	4.5%	-4.3%
<b>Compared to 2017</b>	\$3,550	-\$5,187
	20.4%	-3.3%
No. of Contributors		
<b>2018</b> (Current Year)	83	85 avg.
<b>2017</b> (Last Year)	89	89 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School		\$32
Flowers		\$220
Special Gifts (Pastoral Assistance)		\$50

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



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin  
(10:30 a.m.)  
Nov 4 Ben Briel, Steven Lee  
Nov 11 Carol Carney  
Nov 18 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman  
Nov 21 Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor  
Nov 25 Brenda Sulzmann

## Communion Servers

Nov 04 Linda Duffek, Betty England,  
Pat Hamilton  
Nov 18 Mary Frances Harris,  
Kirsten Ireton, Marlene Kiser  
Nov 21 Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser,  
Connie Reule

## Counters

Nov 4 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
Nov 11 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman  
Nov 18 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
Nov 25 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

Nov 4 Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett  
Nov 11 *Needed*  
Nov 18 Lady's Choice  
Nov 25 *Needed*

## Prayer Leaders

Nov 4 David Saxby  
Nov 11 Judy Saxby  
Nov 18 Lady's Choice  
Nov 21 Larry Dockter  
Nov 25 Gail Weber

## Psalm Leaders

Nov 4 Sierra Etchison  
Nov 11 Aiyana Tice  
Nov 18 Lucy Orcutt  
Nov 21 Amber Mansfield  
Nov 25 Jai Lia Vang

## Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin  
10:30 a.m. Larry Dockter

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

Nov 4 Phil Petersen; Mary Frances Harris  
Nov 11 Phil Petersen; Karen Linfor  
Nov 18 Lady's Choice  
Nov 21 Katie Iniguez  
Nov 25 Ron Webb; Kirsten Ireton

## Refreshments

Nov 4 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman  
Nov 11 Marc & Alison Thomas  
Nov 18 Paul Maki & Chona Sison  
Nov 21 PIE SOCIAL  
Nov 25 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets

## Visitors' Gifts

Nov 4 Carole Vance  
Nov 11 Carolyn Andrews  
Nov 18 Lady's Choice  
Nov 25 Joyce Jensen

## Acolytes

Nov 4 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain  
Nov 11 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez  
Nov 18 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson  
Nov 21 Amber Mansfield  
Nov 25 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

## Welcome Leaders

Nov 4 Al Moser  
Nov 11 Chet Madison  
Nov 18 Kelly Boyer  
Nov 25 Mary Francis Harris

## Sunday School Teachers

Nov 4 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser  
Nov 11 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser  
Nov 18 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser  
Nov 25 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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Return Service Requested



Please join us for a special Veterans Day service at  
8:15 a.m. or 10:30 p.m. to give thanks for all those who  
have served and currently serve.