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News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” And Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’ ”

--Matthew 21:36-40

Our God simply cannot be known or followed outside the context of love. It is because God so loved the world that He sent Jesus to us. All that Jesus did and continues to do through the Holy Spirit is motivated by love.

Our God relates to us in love and commands us to share His love with one another. This has not been the case in other religions. The gods worshipped by ancients and many today are not gods of love. They command tribute and strict obedience, but not love. They have become the centers of whole civilizations, but do not promote love. Our God, however, is known to us by His great love. He commands us to love Him and one another in return.

The good news is that what God commands He provides. We are not to try to manufacture love for God and one another by our own power. We are simply to share the love God graciously gives to us.

We know the love of God through the forgiveness of sins. Through the life and death of Jesus, God has forgiven us and poured His healing love on us even though we fall so short of His perfection. Because our sins are forgiven, we need not hate ourselves or feel guilty because we just cannot produce love for God and one another by our own power no matter how hard we try. Rather, we can rejoice that we are loved and forgiven children of God, washed clean of our sins by the blood of Jesus. Seeing one another in that same light, we are enabled to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. May we be so focused on God's love for us and so open to share it, that it flows freely from us as it has been freely given to us.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
 Pastor Carl





GRADUATION SUNDAY

We are blessed this year to honor our graduates on two Sundays. Please mark your calendars for June 2 and 9, 2019.

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.



SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

This summer, our Sunday School classes will be transformed into an arts program! We're bringing back an old St. Luke's tradition. The summer program will culminate in a fundraiser for a local charity chosen by our Sunday School children. This is a fun way to help the kids use their creativity for God's glory and create some memorable art pieces that can be kept and treasured.

We are in search of artists to help! Simply pick one Sunday (June 9 through August 25), choose a Christian-themed art project, and then teach our Sunday School children to make the project. The final pieces will be auctioned off in the fall. There are 12 projects spots available to fill. It's a really fun way to support our children while only sacrificing one Sunday! (Google, Pinterest, and

YouTube are full of ideas if you're looking for inspiration.) We'll reimburse you for supplies, and our regular Sunday School teachers can help out as assistants. If you would like to help but don't want to design a project, we would still very much welcome your involvement. Just let us know!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Samantha Basquez for more information at basquezfamily916@gmail.com.



FATHER'S DAY PIE AND ICE CREAM SUNDAY JUNE 16

In honor of all the special men in our congregation, and to let them know how much they are appreciated, we will be serving Pie and Ice Cream following the services on June 16th. There is a sign up sheet on the Opportunity Table.



DINER'S GROUP



We have organized the Groups and are ready to start our Dining. We have smaller groups and are encourage to invite Current Members who do not normally join the Diner's Groups and invite New Members. We are meeting every other month , May, July and

September.

We are ready to start having a great time!

Conference Room

Spring Cleaning



We cleaned and polished the sanctuary. We spent time beautifying our property. Now it's time to clear the clutter in the Conference Room. It's easy for the room to become cluttered – so many people use it. But who's in charge of keeping in clean? We all are.

For your next board meeting agenda: Take 10 minutes to go through the conference room. Is there anything there you no longer need? Get rid of it. Tidy the shelves and the cupboards. Need more than 10 minutes? Make a plan to return later in the week.

Please make the time to make our conference room one that creates a sense of hospitality and welcome.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY BIBLE STUDY: THE POWER OF SIMPLE PRAYER

Folks tend to make the practice of prayer too complicated. As a result, many keep from regular prayer. They lose out on building a stronger relationship with the Lord that is nurtured through prayer in all situations. This year for our Wednesday Evenings in July Bible Study, I will be focusing on the tremendous power of simple

prayer to keep us connected with the Lord and His way through everything we experience in life.

Through sharing together, along with the use of a four session DVD series hosted by Max Lucado, we will work on developing a simple and powerful prayer life. We will distill prayer to four short statements and learn how to easily add specifics to those statements depending on where we are in life and what is going on. The statements are:

- Father, you are good.
- I need help.
- They need help.
- Thank you.

The Wednesdays in July Bible Study begins July 10 and goes through July 31. We will start each Wednesday with a potluck at 6 p.m. in Schultz Hall followed by a session on one of the four prayer statements listed above. This study could help your whole family, so feel free to bring your children or other young people so they can learn the simple secrets of powerful and productive prayer for life. A sign-up sheet for the Bible study is on the opportunity table, or just feel free to come without signing up. If you can bring something for the potluck, great. If not, there will be plenty.

Pastor Carl





The committee meeting held on 3/28/19 was sweet! We got to spend monies in the special funds account to help out community wide neighboring groups and organizations! The money came from Tithes of our Crab Feed, and Fireworks Booth Proceeds.

The beginning balance available to disburse amounted to \$2,565.53.

- Worship & Music suggested a donation from 2018 Luau of 177.49 to the Music Program at Valley Hi Resource Center;
 - a member suggested that Union Gospel Mission receive - 500.00;
 - the next organization is The Salvation Army, donation of - 200.00;
 - another worthy group is Chicks in Crisis, the donation of - 200.00;
 - The Elk Grove Food Bank is able to help many families, - 200.00;
 - another member suggested Sacramento Youth Band - 200.00;
 - Love, Inc, a group that provides household items for free - 200.00;
 - Courageous Connections to help aged-out foster kids, - 200.00;
 - Valley Hi Resource Center they help anyone/family - 200.00.
- This leaves a remaining balance of: = \$488.04
in the event of an unexpected future need.

If YOU would like to be part of next year's distribution, consider joining the Community Concerns Committee! Not only do we get the opportunity to help our neighbors, but we also have fun coordinating Winter Sanctuary for the homeless; our Superbowl Soup-er Bowl for Elk Grove Food Bank in February; Backpacks for Kids (and their supplies) that supports both Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary in the 1st week of August; In September we host a Sock Drive for the homeless; the Share-a-sole event in October for the new shoe giveaway at Charles Mack Elementary; and last but not least followed by a Community-wide "Trunk-or-Treat" afternoon for safe treats, games and activities, just before the End of October! It's a wonderful committee to participate in, so join us! if you have any questions contact the office, or Faith Thomas at 916 205-5032.

The school backpack drive is coming up in August and we need you to start picking up school donations for the backpacks for Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary. Any donations are fine but there is a list on the next page saying what the donations we need. We will be having approximately 100 to 125 backpacks so we need supplies to fill them.

Thank you so much!

Your Sister in Christ,
Faith Thomas, chair

School Supplies Needed



- 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



20TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE JUNE 28TH - JULY 4TH

It's time to spread the news – our annual fireworks sale is around the corner! Can you believe it – 20 years? Wow!

Our booth is located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. The funds raised are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

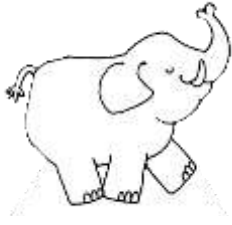
We need lots of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out. Here's some ideas: selling fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), coming by and visiting, bringing snacks and drinks to share, helping to unload/load the truck each day, waving flags and banners to attract passersby, buying fireworks, 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). The booth opens at noon on June 28th, and then closes between 9 and 10p.m. through July 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





WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

It is that time of year for spring cleaning so want to remind everyone to please put aside your gently used, clean "White Elephants", for the Fall Festival. It is a popular saying, for all of us to keep in mind – "If you wouldn't buy it probably no one else will either"!

We have been given permission to bring them anytime now, and put them in the area right behind Shultz Hall. We are so fortunate to have such generous members in our Congregation and greatly appreciate the support that you have always given us.

However, as you probably know it is a very large undertaking, many hours spent sorting, pricing and selling and then getting rid of anything that did not sell.

Having said that we have a special request this year that the "White Elephants" be from a small size up to a large size but please no very small items such as note pads, cards etc. Of course the one exception is the popular jewelry which we would appreciate receiving a little early.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Carol Carney- 916-335-0847
Judy Saxby - 916-798-0825

PLEASE NOTE – as you see the white elephants will start to arrive so anyone that has items already in that area, please remove them to another area or mark them "Not for Sale"

Women of the ELCA

Mother's Day was a great day of celebration for the ladies at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

A great lunch was had by all, followed by a devotional given by Judy Saxby and a few readings by Karen Linfor, Gail Webber and Marlene Kiser. The celebration included a couple of games, one which had all ladies checking their purses. Items from the purses were given different point values with the lady with the most points the winner. It is amazing how much one can find in a purse!

Thank you all who helped with the luncheon with set-up, providing food and helping to clean up. Without your help this event could not have taken place.

Please watch for the upcoming events:

Bunco Night - June 1, hosted by the women of WELCA. Doors open at 5:30PM; Dinner at 6 PM; Bunco at 7 PM.

Wednesday Weekly Evening Bible Classes to be held starting July 10th thru 31st. A potluck will start at 6PM followed by the Bible Class.

Collections for the months will be School supplies (pencils, markers, binders, binder paper, scissors, spiral note books, crayons, rulers). Collections will be collected for Parkway Elementary School and Charles Mack Elementary School.





*Mother's Day
Luncheon*





Baptisms

Lily Cathryn & Ella Marie
Neidich

Parents: Tony & Kelly Neidich
Sponsors: Juliette & Jeremiah Rowland



Noella Margaret-Jean
Sondrini

Parents: Michele Jean Sondrini
Sponsors: St. Luke's Congregation

We welcome you 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.*

Anthony Ramon Basquez

Parents: Victor & Samantha Basquez Sr.
Sponsors: Adina Lopez, Elisa Tsujihara,
Karstan Cagle, Raymond Basquez III

Victor Eric Basquez Jr.

Parents: Victor & Samantha Basquez Sr.
Sponsors: Derek Lopez, Justin Tice, Laura
Tice, Raymond Basquez III





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
Joshua Anderson	June 26
Gabriel (Gabby) Cox	June 26
Stan Niemi	June 26
Morgan Furry	June 28
Paul Edwards	June 29

DIRECTORY UPDATE

DEANNA DOCKTER & ANTHONY DIAZ

8841 UPBEAT WAY
ELK GROVE, CA 95757

COURTNEY JOHNSON

9359 MARK ST
ELK GROVE, CA 95624

JULIETTE & JEREMIAH ROWLAND

4340 HOLLIS LANE
FIDDLETOWN, CA 95629



June 2 *Needed*

June 9 *Needed*

June 16 **Marlene & Duane Kiser**
For Eric's Birthday

Laura Weaver
In Memory of my father
Gary Weaver

June 23

Karen Linfor
In honor of Wedding Anniversary

Debi Lentsch
In memory of Kenneth

June 30

Carole Johnson
In memory of her Mother

DEATH IN THE CONGREGATION



We mourn the death of Ben Bates, who was taken up into the heavenly kingdom on May 7, 2019. We extend our deepest sympathy to Iva and his family. Services and Burial was held on May 16th at St Luke's Lutheran Church and Franklin Cemetery,

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

April 2019

Comments:

- April was a four-Sunday month and included Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Last year, Easter was on April 1.
- The contributions this Easter month were good and exceeded the monthly Budget and last year's April contributions.
- More significantly, the Year-to-Date figures through April are "on" Budget and surpass last year.
- The only flaw in this report is that the Number of Contributors is less than last year.
- 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	
Total Contributions	\$20,071	\$72,368	
Compared to Budget	\$672	\$2,809	
	3.5%	4.0%	
Compared to 2018	\$1,116	\$4,850	
	5.9%	7.2%	
No. of Contributors			
2019 (Current Year)	86	80	avg.
2018 (Last Year)	90	88	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$14	
Flowers		\$300	
Special Gifts - Undesignated \$246 Pastoral Assistance \$25		\$271	
Lenten Offering (Coin Folders) Designated for Pastoral Assistance		\$294	
Easter Lilies		\$512	

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
June 2 Ben Briel, Karen Linfor
June 9 Marlene Kiser
June 16 Jennifer Connell, Rachel Kiser
June 23 Dave Saxby
June 30 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman

Communion Servers

June 2 Ralph Zbrog, Bob Behr,
Kelly Boyer
June 16 Linda Duffek, Betty England
Mary Frances Harris
June 30 Kirsten Ireton, Karen Linfor
Marlene Kiser

Counters

June 2 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
June 9 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
June 16 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
June 23 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
June 30 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

Greeters

June 2 *Needed*
June 9 *Needed*
June 16 *Needed*
June 23 *Needed*
June 30 *Needed*

Prayer Leaders

June 2 Holly Hoppman
June 9 Triss Hoppman
June 16 Katie Iniguez
June 23 Marlene Kiser
June 30 Judy Saxby

Psalm Leaders

June 2 Sierra Etchison
June 9 Aiyana Tice
June 16 Lucy Orcutt
June 23 Lauren Richey
June 30 Jai Lia Vang

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Linda Duffek
Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
June 2 Sarah Madison; Marlene Kiser
June 9 Phil Petersen; Karen Linfor
June 16 Ron Webb; Al Moser
June 23 Christiana Wilson; John Orcutt
June 30 Sarah Madison; David Saxby

Refreshments

June 2 Carol Carney & Ofelia Ojeda
June 9 Mack & Carole Vance
June 16 Father's Day Pie & Ice Cream
June 23
June 30 Jacob & Christiana Wilson

Visitors' Gifts

June 2 Carole Vance
June 9 Gail Weber
June 16 Lois Sherrets
June 23 Gabby Cox
June 30 Steven Lee

Acolytes

June 2 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain
June 9 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez
June 16 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson
June 23 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
June 30 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

Welcome Leaders

June 2 Betty Englund
June 9 Pat Webb
June 16 Al Moser
June 23 Chet Madison
June 30 Lois Sherrtes

Sunday School Teachers

June 2 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser
June 9 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser
June 16 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser
June 23 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser
June 30 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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Mega Bunco Fundraiser

Saturday, June 1, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 5.30 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6PM
BUNCO BEGINS AT 7PM



LIMITED SEATING
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY