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NEWS AND VIEWS

Pastoral Perspective



It's often the case that the one on top is the one who can take care of himself and get others to do what he wants. In school you'll see a top dog who has others following him. They are at his beck and call. At work you'll see a boss who, by his

position, controls others, too often for his own self-interest.

Many of God's people in Jesus' time expected the one who would be their king, the biggest top dog of all, the biggest boss of all, to wield great power over others. They hoped he would consider them and their interests, but they took for granted that he would be the top dog, the boss.

And so it's really not so surprising that folks at the scene of the crucifixion would not acknowledge the dying convicted criminal, Jesus, as their king. The religious leaders viciously lashed out at him. The people ridiculed him. What kind of king was this, reduced to such a powerless state? When Pilate had a plaque put on the cross that read "Jesus of Nazareth: The King of The Jews", the chief priests did everything they could to get the plaque taken down. Even one of the criminals crucified next to Jesus joined in the taunts.

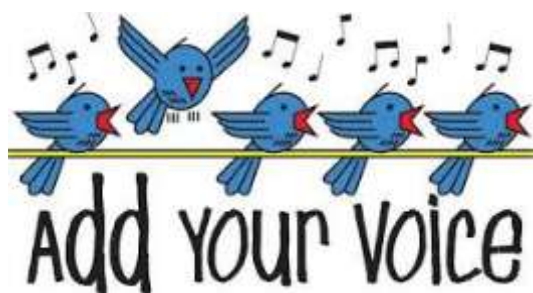
But then came a lone voice—from the third cross. The man crucified on that cross proclaimed, "This man has done nothing wrong." By contrast, this man had already confessed his own guilt and sinfulness. This dying man grabbed hold of something. He discerned in the person of Jesus a surging authority, a kingship, the others and the world had missed completely. Here was a king like no other—a special king. And so the man expressed the hope of citizenship in Jesus' special kingdom, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

This convicted criminal received the beautiful response from Jesus, "Today, you will be with me in paradise." Jesus promised he would be at the side of this man with love and forgiveness even in the time of his deepest pain and anxiety and death. Jesus promised he would personally guide this dying criminal from this world to the heavenly kingdom. Jesus, in short, promised to be this man's king from that day to eternity.

I pray you realize that Jesus didn't come into the world to show such great power over you that you have to obey him or else. Jesus' authority is the authority of love and forgiveness, even in the midst of disobedience. For Jesus, the way to establish his kingdom was not with a throne of power, but a cross of forgiveness. Jesus is king, not by the power of coercion, but by the authority of love; not by threats and violence, but by forgiveness.

There are those who don't believe they need his love. He is not king for them. There are those who don't believe they need his forgiveness. He is not king for them. But for those who know in their hearts they need his love and forgiveness, he is the real king. Jesus is beside you with his love and forgiveness. Don't be afraid. Submit to King Jesus. He cares about you and will be with you now and always.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



O, SING PRAISES TO THE HONOR OF HIS NAME

If you like to sing, join the Chancel choir this fall. No previous experience is required. There are no auditions and it is not necessary to know how to read music. The only requirements are a desire to learn to praise the Lord with song and a willingness to attend Wednesday evening practices and Sunday morning 10:30 worship.

Choir practice begins Wednesday, September 4. Regular practices are Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. in the choir loft. We will be rehearsing some fun music for the luau and beginning preparations for our fall anthems. Sunday mornings the choir gathers at 10:00 a.m. for rehearsal of the piece for the day. We are blessed to have Jane Fanucci as our choir director. She is good-humored, patient and persistent.



CONGREGATIONAL BBQ PICNIC, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Evangelism Board hosts the picnic and furnishes hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard and pickle relish), potato chips and cookies.

Everyone who plans on attending the BBQ is asked to sign the sign up sheet to make sure we have enough seating and shade. Those attending will be encouraged to bring a salad to share. The sign up sheet will be on the opportunity table.

We will need help on Saturday, September 7th at 9:00 to set up tables, chairs and canopies in the Courtyard. Also we will need help for clean up after the BBQ including taking down the canopies, putting away the tables, chairs and cleaning the kitchen.



READ SOME VIRAL POSTS WITH PASTOR CARL

The Apostles Peter, James, John, and Paul would love for you to "friend them" and read their posts! Some of them are a little tricky to understand, so I will be happy to help you with them. We will start on Sunday, September 15 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary Study Room or Tuesday, September 17 at 10:15 a.m. in the Church Office. For the first

session, please read Paul's 2 Corinthians post. It can be found easily in any online Bible. It has become so viral that there are printed copies. It, along with a lot of other posts, are included in the Holy Bible. During the following months, we will look together at all the posts from 2 Corinthians through Revelation. There are reading guides available on the opportunity table in the church entryway.

—Pastor Carl



BABY SHOWER

Baby Shower for Elizabeth Brasier & Edgar Olmeda
Sunday, September 15th
after church

It is almost time for Baby Brasier-Olmeda to come into this world and we would like to celebrate this joyous event with Elizabeth & Edgar. This will be a diapers/baby wipe/boys clothes baby shower for this special little boy coming to the family.

For those who would like to help by bringing tea sandwiches, fruit or vegetables to share, there will be a sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

Class

All kids in 6th grade or older who haven't been confirmed yet are invited to take part in Confirmation class. Confirmation class is a 2-year-long youth Bible study, led by Pastor Carl, that takes the students through the entire Bible, giving them a solid grounding in biblical knowledge and a strong understanding of our faith. At the end of the

class, on a special Confirmation Sunday, the students stand before the congregation and confirm their baptism. It is a chance for them to publicly affirm their faith, relying on God's promise of holy baptism, and pledge lifelong fidelity to Christ. It is a wonderful time of celebrating our young members' desire to embrace our faith and become full-fledged members of the church.

Classes will be held in the Sanctuary Study Room on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting with September 22. Classes will be from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. with lunch included. Please contact Pastor Carl for more information.



Get out your grass skirt and tune up your ukulele. The annual Worship and Music Luau will be Saturday evening, September 23 with fantastic food, fun activities and fabulous prizes. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. for games, entertainment and fellowship. Dinner, featuring Hawaiian-style food, begins around 6:15 p.m. Following dinner is a dessert auction. You and your family and friends can pool your resources to bid on delicious desserts to share at your table or take home.

While you are enjoying your dessert, entertainment will be provided by the choirs. This year we will be rockin' out to some old favorites. We will also have our traditional ukulele sing along. We will also have an Hawaiian apparel contest.

Tickets are \$5 for children 3 to 12, \$15 for 13 and up. Children under 3 are free. Tickets are available from Marlene Kiser. Please be sure to bring your ticket so you will be eligible for the door prize.



WHITE ELEPHANT

It is that time of year for fall cleaning so we 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 are 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 small to large in 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



To start the fall season, W-ELCA will hold our first meeting on Saturday September 14th, 2019 at Chicago Fire, 7101 Laguna Blvd, Elk Grove, 95757. Please meet at the church at 11:00 am if you would

like to share a ride, or you can go to Chicago Fire directly and meet everyone at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet will be provided on the opportunity table for those attending and also for those needing a ride that morning. We will be able to order off the menu and individual checks will be available.

Mission for the month will be for Chicks in Crisis: needs include baby, maternity, and kitchen items.

A short meeting will take place so we can discuss the upcoming fall events that include the Fall Festival (October), ThankOffering Service (November), and our yearly Christmas party.

Yours in Christ,
Marlene Kiser,
WELCA President



It is Fall Festival time again, so please mark your calendars and save the date for this great event on October 5th from 8 am to 2 pm.

Many opportunities will be available for those all wishing to help in this special event. There will be the opportunity to help at the Country Store either helping with sales or baking special baked goods; helping in the Crafter Corner with sales or bringing home made items that can be sold; helping with the White Elephant (Garage Sale) selling, organizing items per-event, or providing gently used items; helping with advertising; helping with food; or just helping as needed.

Signup sheets are now available for all those who would like to help in any manner.

Thank you all for your support in advance for this special fall function.

St Luke's " Backpacks for kids " was a resounding



success! We were able to fill 120 brand new backpacks with school office supplies for both Charles Mack and Parkway elementary schools!

When we took the first half to Charles Mack, the Vice Principal was so excited over the office supplies, I thought he might start to cry! He kept asking how we knew they were so in need! Parkway Elementary was so excited, the V P had all the backpacks lined up along the walls of her office and they were so excited about the office supplies! All in all, a wonderful and satisfying experience!

This would not have occurred without St Luke's

congregation! You are all so supportive and giving! Job well done! Thank you!

Share-a-sole is coming up on October 2, 2019. The barrel will be in the Narthex waiting to receive new shoes for kids from size 3 through 13 (They keep getting bigger every year!) Also, a signup sheet to volunteer for Fitting Day will be on the opportunity table! Last year we had 220 pairs of shoes fitted for the kids at Charles Mack school. Any questions, see Faith Thomas.

Coming up October 26th, from 2-5pm, is our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat! We will again partner with Valley Hi Resource center. There will be sign up sheets on the opportunity table! Whose decorated trunk is going to win the coveted reindeer antlers this year!?! Last year we had over 800 folks (big and little) come celebrate and have some fun!

- Faith Thomas, chair





I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers during my surgery.

Linda Duffek



thank you

From Paradise Lutheran Church

4/2019

*St. Lukis Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much
for your recent donation.
We are in the process
of getting our kitchen
recertified so we may
begin our weekly lunch
program, feeding over
100 people per week. Your
generosity will help us
serve even more meals.
Blessings, Pastor Rod*



Brenda Sulzmann had some special visitors

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations Orcutt Family!

Theodore Lewis Orcutt
Born August 6th
7 pounds, 2 ounces



Lucy and Jack
meeting their new
brother.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Esther Battyany
c/o **MaryAnn B. Janes**
7450 Chatsworth Circle
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Esther greatly appreciates all past, present and future prayers for her continued strength and courage. Esther resides at The Commons of Elk Grove. She is hoping visitors from St. Luke's will continue. She is delighted to see everyone and share hugs with her church family.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Al & Irene Boschee
916-896-5515

St. Luke's board of worship and music
invites you to attend our 9th annual

Hawai



September 21, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

for fellowship and activities

DINNER AT 6:15PM

DESSERT AUCTION TO FOLLOW

Dinner will include:

Kalua Pork

Hawaiian BBQ Chicken

Hawaiian Salads

Sweet Potatoes, Rice

And more!



Proceeds of this "Fun"raiser will be used
to support music ministry at St. Luke's.

TICKETS: \$15.00

YOUTH (4-12YRS): \$5

CHILDREN 3 & UNDER ARE FREE

Activities include:

Fun Games

Hawaiian Apparel Contest

Musical Entertainment by
the St. Luke's Adult Choir
and Handbell Choir





Marlene Kiser	September 02
Cathy Davis	September 03
Pauline Arndt	September 07
J.D. Cox	September 07
Barbara Manlapig	September 07
Iva Bates	September 13
Noella Sondrini	September 21
Tom Harper	September 28
Jack Fenske	September 29
Lynn Gavia	September 30



Sept 1	<i>Needed</i>
Sept 8	Gabby Cox For JD's 83rd Birthday
	Karen Linfor In memory of my Father Harlan Stubblefield
Sept 15	<i>Needed</i>
Sept 22	Dockter's For their 40th Aniversary
Sept 29	Fenske's For Jack's Birthday
	Ralph & Merle Zbrog For their Anniversary

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

July 2019

Comments:

- A. The monthly contributions for July were disappointing (down over 25 percent when compared to the Budget and 2018).
- B. The YTD figures are positive, primarily because a generous contribution was received in June.
- C. The July figures continue to show a decline in the number of contributors.
- D. In July, a mid-year contribution statement was distributed to each contributing member. If you did not receive a statement, contact me.
- E. Several members are giving their contribution "online". If you wish to give "online", access your bank's website and select "Pay Bills". You will need the address of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, which is 7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA, 95823.
- F. To assist the Sunday Counters and the Financial Secretary, please –
 - For a special contribution, clearly mark in large, bold letters how the contribution is to be used.
 - Use numbered envelopes, when feasible.
 - If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.
 - When using pew envelopes, please write legibly.
- G. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske
 St. Luke's Financial Secretary
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General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$14,672	\$131,613	
Compared to Budget	-\$5,038	\$8,458	
	-25.6%	6.9%	
Compared to 2018	-\$5,240	\$11,173	
	-26.3%	9.3%	
No. of Contributors			
2019 (Current Year)	67	78	avg.
2018 (Last Year)	87	86	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$36	
Flowers		\$140	
Special Gift (Pastoral Assistance)		\$200	

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
Sept 1 Marlene Kiser,
Sept 8 Kelly Boyer
Sept 15 Connie Reule,
Sept 22 Mary F. Harris, Marlene Kiser
Sept 29 Karen Linfor, Faith Harper

Communion Servers

Sept 1 Karen Linfor, Shirley Prouty,
Connie Reule
Sept 15 David Saxby, Faith Thomas,
Howard Triebwasser
Sept 29 Gail Weber, Merle Zbrog,
Ralph Zbrog

Counters

Sept 1 Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule
Sept 8 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
Sept 15 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
Sept 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
Sept 29 Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule

Greeters

Sept 1 *Needed*
Sept 8 *Needed*
Sept 15 Ofelia Ojeda
Sept 22 *Needed*
Sept 29 *Needed*

Prayer Leaders

Sept 1 Al Moser
Sept 8 Cathy Davis
Sept 15 Judy Saxby
Sept 22 David Saxby
Sept 29 Faith Thomas

Psalm Leaders

Sept 1 Sierra Etchison
Sept 8 Aiyana Tice
Sept 15 Lucy Orcutt
Sept 22 Lauren Richey
Sept 29 Amber Mansfield

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Kelly Boyer
Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
Sept 1 Phil Petersen; Bob Behr
Sept 8 Ron Webb; Kelly Boyer
Sept 15 Christiana Wilson; Betty Englund
Sept 22 Sarah Madison; Faith Harper
Sept 29 Phil Petersen; Mary Frances Harris

Refreshments

Sept 1 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman
Sept 8 **Congregational BBQ Picnic**
Sept 15 Elizabeth Brasier's Baby Shower
Sept 22 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets
Sept 29 Jacob & Christianna Wilson

Visitors' Gifts

Sept 1 Pat Hamilton
Sept 8 Gail Weber
Sept 15 Carole Vance
Sept 22 Laura Sondrini
Sept 29 Joyce Jensen

Acolytes

Sept 1 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
Sept 8 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez
Sept 15 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson
Sept 22 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
Sept 29 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

Welcome Leaders

Sept 1 Pat Webb
Sept 8 Al Moser
Sept 15 Chet Madison
Sept 22 Lois Sherrets
Sept 29 Karen Linfor

Sunday School Teachers

Sept 1 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser
Sept 8 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser
Sept 15 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser
Sept 22 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser
Sept 29 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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