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Pastoral Perspective



Busy, busy, busy. That's how life seems so often. Either you are busy doing things or else thinking about what you ought to be doing. It's hard to find a quiet time to get centered on what is really important. Often, the search for a quiet time is futile. I suggest what you do instead of trying to carve out a quiet

time is work at cultivating a quiet heart.

A quiet heart doesn't rely on having everything calm to be able to get centered on what is really important. A quiet heart is surrendered to the Lord. A quiet heart looks to the Lord for how best to use all that is given for your use. One of my favorite psalms is Psalm 131. It describes how to have a quiet heart—by not trying to figure everything out and trying to do everything great and marvelous all the time, but by being calm and quiet in the Lord and hoping in him and his guidance for now and forever. The psalmist writes:

1 Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty.

I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp.

2 Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself, like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother's milk.

Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 O Israel, put your hope in the Lord—now and always.

Let's pray for each other, that we have quiet hearts so we will know what is really important for us to be doing and we use all that is given for our use doing those things.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,

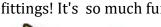
Pastor Carl





It's Share-a-Sole time again! We will be fitting kids with new shoes on 10/2/19 this year! The barrel is in the narthex awaiting new, closedtoe shoes! Sizes ranging from kids 3 to adult 10!

There is a sign up sheet to participate in the fittings! It's so much fun!











Also coming up on Saturday October 26 from 2-5 pm, is our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat! There are sign up sheets to participate - candy, cupcakes,

car/truck trunks, and volunteers to help! We will again partner with Valley Hi Resource center. Come join us and have a BLAST!





Time to prep for the Fall Festival is here! We will gather the community on Saturday, October 5th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for some food, fun, and shopping! W-ELCA has been busy planning, but what can YOU do? Volunteer! Donate! Shop! Spread the word!

A \$5 pancake (and sausage!) breakfast will again be



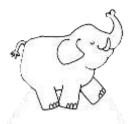
served from the kitchen from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Elk Grove. Donuts & coffee will be available after 10 a.m. in the Country Store. Once again, we breakfast will be inviting food vendors to provide lunch options and

we will sell soda and water at the check-in table.

As always, the Country Store will sell delicious goodies lovingly made by our generous congregation. Our best sellers are individually wrapped baked goods,



like cookies, cupcakes, brownies, fudge, Crack Corn, etc. However, cakes, pies, and breads sell, too. We won't turn down any donation!



The Church Yard Sale will be located in Schultz Hall and the inner courtyard again. Piles of donated goods are already growing in the storage area behind the stage in Schultz Hall. Please drop off your gently used donated treasures there.

(Remember, if the condition of such is that you or your friends wouldn't buy it – please don't bring it. We had a LOT of garbage left over last year.) Please let us know if you need help getting items to the church or unloading when you arrive - we will make every effort to help you. We usually don't sell clothes, but if you would like to bring them, they will be put in the barrel in the office to donate to St. John's or the Union Gospel Mission. If you would like to help with sorting, setting up, and pricing items for the Church Yard Sale, Judy Saxby (916.798.0825 or kringla646@comcast.net) and Carol Carney (916.335.0847 or iccarneyonroad@yahoo.com) will be at the church on Wednesday and Thursday, October 2nd & 3rd starting at 9 a.m. They would GREATLY appreciate your help tackling this large task.

Do you have craft projects spilling out of your closets (and drawers and spare rooms and garage)? Donate them to the Crafters booth! See Dorothy Haney for information.



Rent-A-Space is taking over the ENTIRE parking lot!! (Parking will be available on the street or the side grass lot.) The rental fee is \$20 for a single space or \$35 for a double space. If you know a local community service organization, please let them

know that they can have an information booth for FREE. Contact Triss Hoppman ASAP to reserve your spot because spaces fill up fast! Don't forget your friends & family - give them a Rent-A-Space form or refer them to call the office.

We want your books & plants! We do respectfully request that you limit your book donations to paperbacks - no hardcover books or magazines please. Potted plants & flowers of all sizes are appreciated.



Finally, we cannot run this event without VOLUNTEERS! We need help with set-up (starting at 6am) and clean-up (2-3pm), so please bring your muscles! We also need help throughout the day to relieve workers in our various W-ELCA sponsored sales areas. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, we can use you! We can accommodate your abilities! Look for sign-up sheets on the Opportunity Table.

Thank you, Marlene Kiser & Linda Duffek



Save the Date October 27, 2019 to celebrate Reformation, our Lutheran Heritage and our Personal Family History. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing their heritage, or a favorite family recipe to share. We will be playing Martin Luther Bingo! More information to follow and a sign up sheet will be on the Opportunity Table by October 6th.



IMPORTANT NEED: ASSISTANTS FOR LITTLE-KID SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for assistants to help Peggy teach Sunday School for the little ones (ages 3-5)! It requires no planning and just involves helping supervise the children and assisting with their art projects.

You only need to volunteer once or twice a month. We are looking for 3-4 assistants to put on rotation. Your help would be very appreciated! Please let Lauren Orcutt know if you are willing to help out. You can talk to her in person, by text (703) 376-7022, or by email (lauren.orcutt@gmail.com).



It is that time of year again, FALL!



The first W-ELCA meeting was held on Saturday September 14th, at Chicago Fire Pizza on Laguna Blvd. The food was great and the fellowship was even better.

We had a short meeting covering old business of the June Bunco event and the Summer Bible classes.

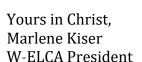
New Business discussed included:

 Fall Festival on October 5th.Please checkout the opportunity table for areas you may be able to help in. November the Thank Offering Service led by W-ELCA on November 24th. This is a great time for women of the church to be part of the church worship service. Sign up sheets will be available starting at the W-ELCA meeting in

November.



December the annual W-ELCA Christmas Party, hosted by W-ELCA. Please be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 14th at 11:30 am. Again this year we will be having the fun gift exchange.





COUNCIL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Are you be interested in joining the TEAM?

As President of St Luke's Council, I would like to extend an invitation to all church members to consider joining a wonderful TEAM. The Council Member board is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions for 2020:

- Council Secretary
- Worship & Music Board Chair
- Evangelism Board Chair
- Property Board Chair

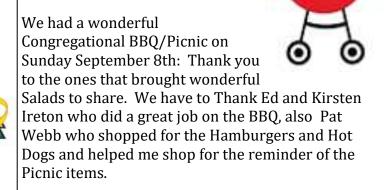
Please be in prayer and consider where you might be able to assist in continuing St. Luke's mission.

If you're interested in volunteering for either of these positions and joining our wonderful team, let's talk. Please contact me at (916)469-9906, if you have questions or concerns.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ,

Carolyn Andrews Council President

CHURCH BBQ



We had our wonderful people that came on Saturday, to help set up the Tables, Chairs, Canopies and help in the Kitchen to prepare food: Peggy Moser (also Thank You for the Ice Tea), Carol Carney, Marlene Kiser, Joyce Jensen, Pat Webb, Clarence Korhonen, Jack Fenske, Frank Woods, Bruce Kiser and Mack Vance. Thank you Walt & Pauline who helped with the Veggies. Also we have many from the Congregation who helped with putting all the Table, Chairs, etc away. Your help may our BBQ a great success.

Sunday School Summer Art Program

The 2019 Sunday School Summer Art Program was a crayon melting, stone painting, jewel gluing success. Over a 12 week period more than 15 children made dozens of dazzling and heartwarming pieces of art which were purchased by donation during the congregational potluck on September 08, for a stunning total of \$398.95. Thank you to all who donated. I think it really made the kids feel good to see everyone buying their projects! We will keep the

congregation informed as we discuss how the funds will be spent. Also, there are still a few items left if you missed the auction. The kids worked really hard and had a lot of fun! Thank you to Samantha Basquez for donating so much time to come up with project ideas and running the Auction.



















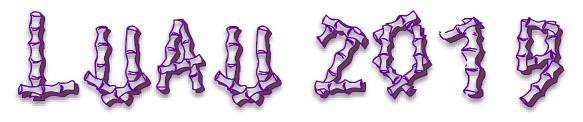
































Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2019 Luau a fun and successful night. We had over 30 volunteers helping with preparing the Schultz Hall for the event, food preparation, fun activities, dessert auction, and cleaning up. A special shout out to Paul Maki, our MC and auctioneer, again you made the night so much fun and the dessert auction so successful. Also a special thank you to Mryon Jantzen for entertaining us on the ukulele and providing a fun sing along. Last but never forgotten a thank you to the Adult & Bell Choir that performed for the event.

In Christ Love,

Marlene Kiser













Micayla Shower	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Hannelore Marchuk	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
Gail Weber	October 07
Thelma Williams	October 07
Ron Franklin	October 08
Jeff Kiser	October 08
Ofelia Ojeda	October 08
Duane Kiser	October 19
Joan Mooney	October 21
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dixon Richey	October 28
Dolores Johnson	October 31





October 6 **Marlene & Duane Kiser** For Jeff's Birthday

Laura WeaverIn memory of my brother,
Michael Weaver

John, Richard & DianeFor Thelma Williams' 90th Birthday

October 13 **Dockter's**In memory of Katie Ramsey & Kenneth Hayes

October 20 **Marlene & Duane Kiser** For Duane Kiser's Birthday

October 27 Karen Linfor
In memory of her mother,
Margrett Stubblefield

Ron & Pat WebbFor their 50th Anniversary



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

August 2019

Comments:

- A. The summer months are taking a toll on the monthly contributions and the number of contributors.
- B. However, the YTD figures remained positive, primarily because of a generous contribution in June.
- C. In July, a mid-year contribution statement was distributed to each contributing member. If you did not receive a statement, contact me.
- D. 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.
- E. To assist the Sunday Counters and the Financial Secretary, please –
- For a special contribution, clearly mark 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.
- F. 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	nth Year to Date			
Total Contributions	\$10,192	\$141,	805		
Compared to	-\$5,223	\$3,2	35		
Budget	-33.9%	2.3	3%		
Compared to	-\$2,838	\$8,3	36		
2018	-21.8%	6.2%			
No. of Contributors					
2019 (Current Year)	64	77	avg.		
2018 (Last Year)	80	86	avg.		
Other Special Gifts					
Sunday School		\$12			
Flowers		\$180			

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Altar Care		Head Ushers
(8:15 a.m.)	Cheryl Franklin	8:15 a.m.	Ron Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)		10:30 a.m.	Pandors (0,15 a m , 10,20 a m)
0ct 6	Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman	Oct 6	Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
Oct 13 Oct 20	Carol Carney	Oct 0	Ron Webb; Holly Hoppman Christiana Wilson; Triss Hoppman
Oct 20 Oct 27	Brenda Sulzmann, Carole Johnson	Oct 13	Phil Petersen; Marlene Kiser
00127	Dave Saxby	Oct 20	Ron Webb; Kirsten Ireton
	Communion Servers	00027	Non Webb, Riisten Heton
Oct 6	Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer,Linda Duffek		Refreshments
Oct 20	Betty Englund, Mary Frances	Oct 6	Carol Carney & Ofelia Ojeda
	Harris, Kirsten Ireton	Oct 13	Pauline Arndt & Joyce Jensen
		Oct 20	Mack & Carole Vance
	Counters	Oct 27	Heritage Reformation Sunday
Oct 6	Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule		
Oct 13	John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman		Visitors' Gifts
Oct 20	Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig	0ct 6	Joyce Jensen
Oct 27	Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser	Oct 13	Carole Vance
		Oct 20	Pauline Arndt
	Greeters	Oct 27	Pat Hamilton
Oct 6	Carole & Mack Vance		Agolytog
Oct 13	Laura Sondrini	Oct 6	Acolytes
Oct 20	Lizzy Linch & Paul Edwards	Oct 0	Lauren Richey Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez
Oct 27	Brenda Sulzmann & Carole Johnson	Oct 13	Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson
		Oct 20	Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
	Prayer Leaders	OCt 27	Eucy Orcutt, Killilya Kicciarui
Oct 6	Pat Webb		Welcome Leaders
Oct 13	Michele Sondrini	Oct 6	Merle Zbrog
Oct 20	Gail Weber	Oct 13	Betty Englund
Oct 27	Merle Zbrog	Oct 20	Pat Webb
		Oct 27	Al Moser
0-1-6	Psalm Leaders		
Oct 6	Sierra Etchison		Sunday School Teachers
Oct 13	Aiyana Tice	0ct 6	Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser
Oct 20	Lucy Orcutt	Oct 13	Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser
Oct 27	Lauren Richey	Oct 20	Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser
		Oct 27	Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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