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News & Views

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Pastoral Perspective

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. – Isaiah 12:2

Grace and peace to you all! I hope this finds you well as the weather turns warmer. If it were up to me, I would spend the rest of the summer in a dark, air-conditioned room, because while God's creation is amazing and majestic, sometimes I'd prefer if it didn't shine so brightly or get so hot.

And yet, while I am tempted to hide away from it, to avoid the thing that brings me easily the most grief during the middle of the year, I can't do that. I can't stay inside all the time; how would I drive to church on a Sunday morning, or leave the office to go home when the work day is done? How would I enjoy the cold of a pool on a hot summer day or even the rare, delightful popsicle during the oppressive heat of a July evening?

The temptation for us is to avoid the things that frighten us, anger us, or make us uncomfortable. Even worse are the things that make us anxious because they are unknown. We are moving into a blisteringly hot summer, but that comes during a time of anxiety-inducing upheaval in our society as well: legal, financial, and social. An atmosphere of low-level nervousness hovers under everything. It's there when we wake up and when we go to sleep.

When we are nervous, we tend to hunker down and draw ourselves and what we have close for fear it will be lost. We want to avoid the world and protect what we have now. Living like frightened creatures huddling in the dark sees only one reality: this world and the forces contained within it, as though those are all that affect our lives.

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But we are Christians, and we are called to see another reality: one where we trust that God is moving as well, affecting our lives not for God's gain, but for our own. As Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose" (8:28). We are called not to live in fear of what might be, but in trust that God will act for us. Imagine the good we can do if we trust in God and live as though our needs will be cared for?

I want to thank Peggy and Faith for living into this promise. On Wednesday, May 28th, they joined me and other Lutherans from all over California at Lutheran Lobby Day, casting off the shackles of anxiety that would have kept them away and diving into the unfamiliar. They walked into the offices of state legislators and spoke about our faith and what it calls us to do. They acted with faith in God to guide them to where they were called. They may not have realized it, but this is what they did, and I praise God for their willingness to serve.

I invite you all to consider how you are being called. What fears are you being called on to release, trusting in God to take care of you? Where can you show trust that God will be your strength and might? How can you show your faith that God is your salvation and will watch over you?

As for me, you can see it as I brave the sun at our 100th anniversary barbecue on the 31st and throughout the rest of the summer. Say a prayer for me, and I'll say one for you.

Blessings, Pastor Rob



Pastor Rob, Faith Thomas and Peggy Moser supporting Lutheran lobby day
at the state capital
May 28, 2025

Lutherans from across California gathered in Sacramento for Lutheran Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Hosted by the Lutheran Office of Public Policy – California (LOPPCA), this annual event empowers California members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to meet with state legislators and advocate for justice, compassion, and care for the vulnerable in accordance with Lutheran values. Participants in this year's Lobby Day will center their advocacy around protecting the vulnerable, stewarding creation, and promoting justice.



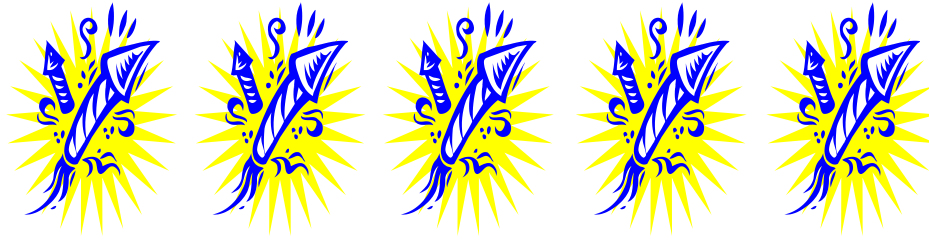
100th Anniversary Updates

It's almost here. Final plans are being made for our big celebration on **June 22 at 4:30 p.m.** Invitations have been sent, and we are requesting an RSVP by June 1 so we can let the caterers know how much food to prepare.

We are planning a great day with special worship from **4:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This will be followed by a brief fellowship time with a catered dinner served at **6:00 p.m.** There will be entertainment, activities and a video presentation on our 100 years of sharing the victory in South Sacramento.

Do you have any St. Luke's memorabilia you can share with us? We would appreciate the loan of any T-shirts, hats, aprons, cookbooks, sports trophies, photos, newspaper articles, crafts projects or other items that can be displayed.

In celebration of our 100th anniversary year we set a goal for each of us to provide 100 blessings to others. If you have already completed your commitment, please be sure to place a yellow flower on our mustard tree in the sanctuary by the sound board. We would love to see our tree covered in flowers for our celebration.



26th Annual Fireworks Sale **June 28th – July 4th 2025**

Yep, it's that time of the year again as the Fireworks Sale is just around the corner. Again this year the booth will be located in the north parking lot right next to the gate. We'll have all the comforts the church has such as the kitchen, simplified set-up and take-down every day, and on-site restrooms – very important!

Hopefully this will be a much cooler summer as last year was just about the hottest on record (if not THE HOTTEST)! But no matter what happens, we're here to do one thing – put smiles on faces of all who love fireworks to celebrate our nation's birth! Funds raised are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We need lots of volunteers so please consider how you can help. And it's convenient – right here at the church! You can sell fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), come by and visit, bring snacks or drinks to share, wave flags and banners to attract passersby, buy some fireworks, and encourage friends and family to do the same! We open at noon on June 28th, and then close between 9 and 10p.m. through July 4th.

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help, just call or see me. We have a lot of fun every year, so don't miss out!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Booth Committee Chair

EASTER SUNDAY APPRECIATION



Although a little late, I would like to thank Punky Dias, Linda Duffek, Justin, Laura and Amelia Tice, and Ella Neidich for all your help and support in making our Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt such a wonderful and fun event for our neighbors and congregation. Also, many thanks to the Evangelism Board (Carole Vance, Jennifer Connell, Gaylen Everett, Carolyn Andrews and Carol Carney), Justin and Laura Tice along with all the members of the congregation who helped support the Continental Breakfast. It was a lovely way to celebrate Easter morning with church members and the community.

Cathy Davis

Evangelism Board Chair



FATHER'S DAY PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

The Evangelism Board would like to honor the men in our congregation and let them know how much they are appreciated. We will be serving pie and ice cream after service on June 15th. If you would like to provide a pie, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

June Update form the Education Board

Beginning in the Fall, Sunday School will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month. We will break for Summer July and August and begin 1st and 3rd Sundays in September.

The Sunday school kids are working on a painted mural for the 100th Anniversary celebration. I hope our kids will join us on June 1st June 8th, and June 15th, as they are welcome to add their art to our mural. (Please wear clothes that are okay to get paint on, although our paint is washable.)

As always, we welcome our adults to join Marlene Kiser for Bible Study via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Marlene or the church office for the Zoom link.

In Peace,

Laura Tice

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 1

Carol Carney
Shirley Prouty
Laura Tice

Altar Care
Reader
Prayer Leader

Peggy Moser
Bob Behr
Rosabell Lydia Hamilton

Communion
Servers

June 8

Connie Reule
Karen Linfor
Punky Dias

Altar Care
Reader
Prayer Leader

Karen Linfor
Kirsten Ireton
Connie Reule

Communion
Servers

June 15

Fathers Day

Peggy Moser
Kelly Boyer
Sarah Madison

Altar Care
Reader
Prayer Leader

Shirely Prouty
Laura Tice
Samatha Basquez

Communion
Servers

June 22

Shirley Prouty
Kirsten Ireton
Bob Behr

Altar Care
Reader
Prayer Leader

Faith Thomas,
Andrew Weber
Scott Kelly

Communion
Servers

June 29

Marlene Kiser
Phil Karlstad
Faith Thomas

Altar Care
Reader
Prayer Leader

Peggy Moser
Linda Duffek
Rosabella Lydia Hamilton

Communion
Servers





Congratulations Class of 2025 Graduates



Claire Kerian

Clarence Korhonen's granddaughter

Alison Korhonen's daughter

Graduated Christian Brothers High School and
will be attending Cal Poly, Pomona in the Fall.



Hayden Russel

Rosie Brown's grandson

Graduated Homestead
High School

Planning on attending the
University of Nevada, Reno



Katherine (Katie) Iniguez

Peggy Moser's daughter

Graduated from Sacramento City College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Next step she will be going for her Bachelor's degree in nursing.



Alexander Iniguez

Peggy Moser's grandson

Katie Iniguez's Son

will be promoted from Bradshaw Christian Elementary school and going to Bradshaw Christian Middle School in the fall.



Brooklyn Moser

Peggy Moser's granddaughter

is graduating from Arden Middle School and will be attending Rio Americana High School in the fall.



Kennedy Moser

Peggy Moser's granddaughter

will be graduating from Mariemont Elementary School and will be attending Arden Middle School in the fall.



Amelia Tice

Justin & Laura Tice's daughter

Will be graduating from sixth grade at
Sutterville Elementary .

Will be attending California Middle School



Other graduates not pictured :

Lois Sherrets Great Granddaughter ,
Sadie Pounds , Graduated Spring Middle
School and will be attending Whitney High
School in the Fall.

Faith Thomas's granddaughter and Elizabeth
Brasier's daughter - **Stephanie Espinoza**
graduated 6th grade from Florin Elementary
School and will be attending Rutter Middle
School in the Fall.

Faith Thomas's grandson and Elizabeth
Brasier's son **Matteo Ray** graduated
preschool and going into Pre-K at Florin
Elementary School in the Fall.



**We will honor our 2025 graduates
at Sunday Worship on June 15th**



St. Luke's Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA
7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento

Invite you to attend our 20th annual

Mega Bunco Fundraiser **Saturday, June 7th, 2025**

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Dinner will be served at 6PM
BUNCO begins at 7PM



Limited Seating



NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
it's easy and fun!

Cost \$20.00 per person

PRIZES – RAFFLE – DINNER

For information and/or tickets contact 916-421-5039



June 2025

Refreshments Provided by:

June 1: Kirsten and Ed Ireton

June 8: Jacob & Christiana Wilson

June 15: Father's Day

June 22: Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett

June 29: Ed & Kirsten Ireton



June 1	<i>Available</i>
June 8	<i>Christiana Wilson In honor of Jacob Wilson Birthday</i>
June 15	<i>Rosie Brown In Celebration of daughter Sara's Birthday</i>
June 22	<i>Shirley Prouty in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Luke Church Karen Linfor—In remembrance of Wedding Anniversary</i>
June 29	<i>Available</i>



Karen Cagle	June 01
Phillip Petersen	June 03
Phillip Connell	June 03
Laura Sondrini	June 07
Peggy Moser	June 15
Cindy Schneider	June 15
Shirley Prouty	June 21



Choir practice is on summer break. It will resume Wednesday, September 3rd.

If anyone is interested in singing at Sunday worship this summer please contact Jane Fanucci for more info.
jef100bicen@yahoo.com



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 2025

General Fund Contributions (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$18,969	\$61,770
Compared to Budget	\$2,784	-\$2,970
	17.2%	-4.6%
No. of Contributors	59	55 avg.

Note: Plus, values are above Budget; minus values are below.

Other Contributions:

- a. Easter Lilies – \$445.
- b. 100th Anniversary – \$43 (Sac Band Ice Cream Social).
- c. Soup Supper Donations – \$210*.
*Per Council Motion to General Fund, included above.
- d Youth Fund – \$15 (recycling Church containers) **.
**Bruce Kiser efforts

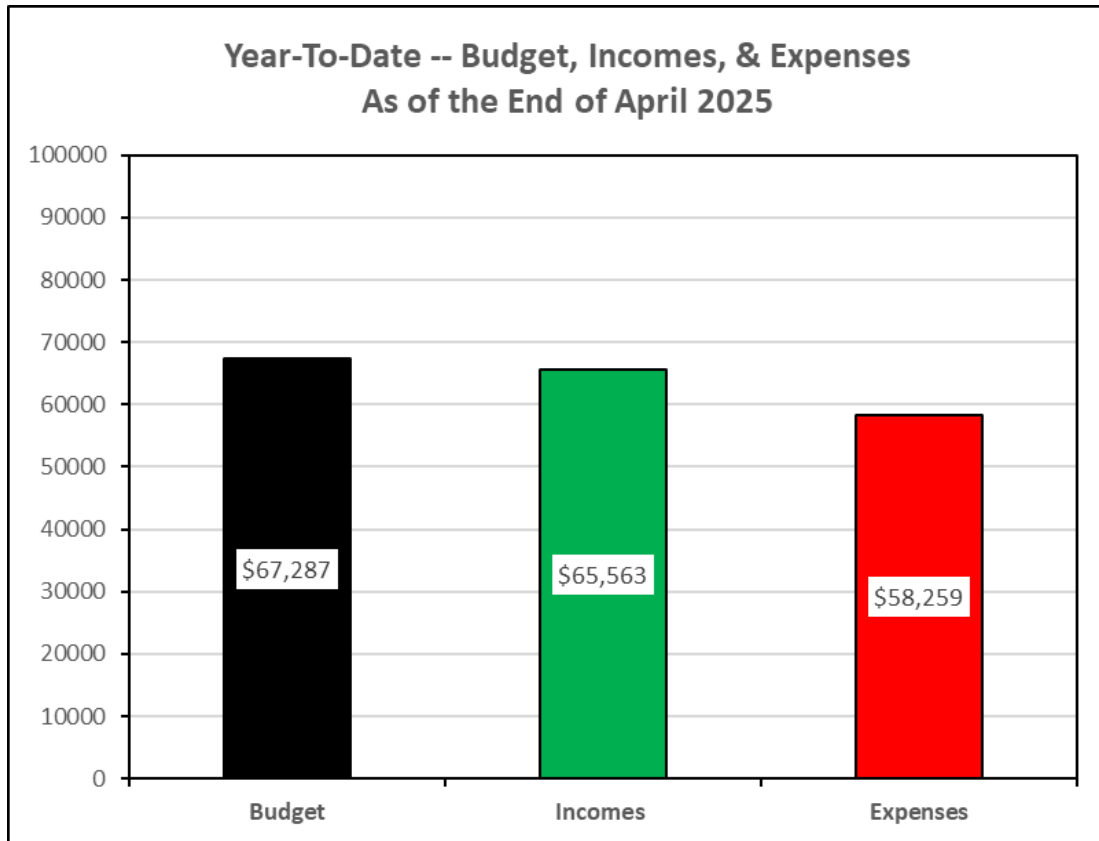
Comments:

- a. The offerings in April (Easter) were wonderful.
- b. The Easter offering reduced the **year-to-date short fall** from about 12 percent (\$6,000) to five percent (\$3,000).
- c. If you need envelopes, please contact me either by email or telephone or simply put a note in the offering plate.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net

St. Luke's Financial Secretary

FINANCES TO DATE



The Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the **Budget**, **Incomes** (Offerings and Facility Usage Fees), and **Expenses**, as of the end of April 2025. As shown, for the first four months including Easter, the Incomes (\$65,563) rebounded and now exceed the Expenses (\$58,259) by about \$7,300. This was a good step forward to drawing closer to budget. The year-to-date Expenses continue to be below the Budget (by approximately \$9,000). The Finance Board remains cautious regarding the offering receipts being about \$1,700 below the budget at this time and continues to watch this closely with a usual potentially “down” summer in offerings. Your continued support and commitment through weekly/monthly offerings remain vital as we continue our journey through 2025.

FINANCE BOARD



The Jerry Linfor Memorial Fountain overwhelmed with beautiful star jasmine blooms, his favorite flower. 5-10-25, taken the afternoon of the Mothers Day women's luncheon. I know he would love it. (p.s. thank you Carl Hoppman) for calling my attention to this beautiful display... if not for him, I would've zoomed right by on my way home. The phrase on the golfer plaque reads "I think my God when I remember you". I thank God for giving me this wonderful man to know and love.. 🙏 ☩

- Karen Linfor