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News and Views



NEW FENCE NEARING COMPLETION



The long-awaited fence across the south end of the Parking Lot is nearing completion. The purpose of the project, which was funded by a \$30,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), is to increase the security of the church facilities. It is believed that the new fence will discourage potential burglaries, break-ins, vandalism,

and overnight camping incidents, even at times when the gate is open. A key factor in obtaining the grant was that the new fence will complete the "hardening" (protecting) of all exterior doors, as all doors would be within the fenced area.

Although it was hoped that the main gate would be automated, costs were beyond the grant funds and prohibited. As this article is prepared, the procedures and policies (P&Ps) for the main gate (when opened, closed, locked, etc.) are items to be completed for the project along with two minor installation items.

The minor items are expected to be finalized by mid-August. The Property Board and the St. Luke Council will develop the operational P&Ps. If you wish to provide input to such P&Ps, please contact a Board or Council member. Until the P&Ps are developed, the main gate will remain open, unless an unforeseen incident occurs. The locks on the new fence are keyed the same as the “church master key”.

- Grants are rather arduous to obtain and administer, especially when grant experience is lacking, which was the situation for St. Luke. The process is lengthy. Key dates and events regarding the \$30,000 Cal OES grant are listed below.
- October 18, 2022 – Council approves the submittal of a Cal OES grant application.
- February 8, 2023 – Received official word that St. Luke’s grant request was selected.
- April 26, 2023 – Resolved discrepancy in the legal name of St. Luke; i.e., California incorporation, *St. Luke Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California*, versus the ELCA listing *St. Luke’s American Lutheran Church*. This was a “key” for tax exemption.
- August 11, 2023 – Received proposals from four fence installers (automated 22’ gate).
- September 6, 2023 – Received proposals from three installers (manual 22’ gate).
- November 21, 2023 – Council approves \$6,000 contract for digital plans.
- November 30, 2023 – Signed contracts with Controlled Access Consultants – one for digital plans (\$6,000 funding from the Property Board Special Funds and Grant) and one for the fence and gates (\$27,128 funding from the Grant).
- June 28, 2024 – Began the actual installation work, which is continuing.

The primary task remaining for St. Luke is to prepare the required documentation, acceptable to Cal OES, for reimbursement of the funds expended (maximum of \$30,000). Once approved by Cal OES, the State of California reimbursement process takes six to eight weeks before St. Luke will receive its reimbursement checks.

Clarence Korhonen and Jack Fenske, long-term Property Board members have managed the grant from its incep-



tion. Please direct any questions regarding the grant project to Clarence or Jack.

*Kelly Boyer, Chairperson
St. Luke’s Property Board*



25th Annual Fireworks Sale

...and on the 8th day, they jumped into the pool...

Well, our Silver Jubilee year was definitely a HOT ONE this year! I would like to personally thank everyone who went way above and beyond to help out at the booth this year, especially with the hottest weather we've ever had during the sales week leading up to the 4th of July (or at least it seemed that way). Having all of you to assist makes the week just breeze by (oh, what we would have done for a breeze)!

Ok, temperature and sales. We moved the booth from the church's back parking lot to outside the fence on Center Parkway. The increase in visibility shows when we compare the number of customers last year (179) to this year (212). The July 2nd and 3rd sales days were really HOT (109 to 111 degrees), and customer traffic was really low those 2 days, but the other 5 were really good. We were a whole lot more comfortable with the church amenities readily available (kitchen, bathrooms, water to fill up our wading pool, those kinds of things). The location was safe, secure, and our days were shorter with not having to deliver and return fireworks from the TNT warehouse each and every day!

For the numbers, we sold just over \$22,700. An increase of almost 10% over last year. So, after paying for expenses (fireworks, taxes, permits and stuff), we'll put just over \$8,050 in the bank to help the Property Board with the work they do here in keeping the church facilities in tip-top shape! Of that total, 10% will go to the Community Concerns Board to be shared for benevolence.

We continue to have lots of crafters on hand at the booth for the week – knitting, looming, jewelry making – all kinds of craft work going on! We had an abundance of volunteers who helped out by providing food, water, snacks, drinks, other tangible or monetary donations, selling or buying fireworks, setting up or taking down the booth, signage, and those who spread the word to stop on by and visit us. And food, always good food arriving. No one goes hungry at the booth! We always have a great time working at the booth because it's always nice to meet the new faces, welcome our returning customers, and to watch the excitement in the kids' faces. That's the best part, the fellowship and fun we share with our neighbors and friends.

Finally, a shout-out to the faithful team of volunteers and visitors – Dorothy, Carolyn, Lajuan, Kathy, Bob, Kelly, Rosie, Carol, Joan, Phillip, Jennifer, Larry, Punky, Deanna, Isaac, Leo, Deanna, Linda, Betty, Lisa, Gaylen, Cathy, Jack, Micki, Jim, Jack & Family, Adina, Alex, EJ, Isabella, Rosabella Lydia, Faith, Susan, Carl, Triss, Jesse, Katie, Ben, Alexander, Ben, Jessica, Kirsten, David, what's-his-name, Scott, Bruce, Karen, Jared, Rachel, Jake, Adalyn, Jeff, Marlene, Steven, Karen, Chet, Rose Ann, Nic, Peggy, Bill, Greg, Lauren, Greg, Dean, Wyatt, Linda, Lisa, Shirley, Renee, Bekka, Dave, Judy, Lois, Jim, Brenda, Faith, Jerry, Justin, Laura, Mack, Carole, Gail, Jacob, Christiana, Frank and many, many, others. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Thank you to all and see you next year!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Committee Chairman



Our faithful Fireworks crew
doing all they could to stay cool!



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento

Annual Fall Festival & Family Fun Day

Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors
White Elephants
Craft Boutique
Country Store
Books
Plants

Support Community Programs

Lunch available for purchase!

Vendor Spaces available, \$30 each
Contact Kathleen at welca@slelca.org for more information



ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET Open Hours Update

At June's meeting, the Community Concerns Board made a decision to scale back on the open hours and revised the process followed that provides community access to the Clothes Closet. To better support Alison, our Church Secretary, and to ensure she and those from our community who visit the Clothes Closet stay safe, below are the changes effective immediately.

- Anyone from the neighboring community can call the Church Office to schedule a day and time to visit the Children's Clothes Closet. The banners facing Center Parkway and Tangerine have been updated. New updated Flyers are available and will be distributed.
- Alison has a resource list of Community Concerns Board members that she can contact. These resources have agreed to be available to handle arranging a day and time to come to Church and help any individual who wants to visit the Children's Clothes Closet.
- The Church Council and Congregation will receive periodic updates about the Children's Clothes Closet utilization.

Children Clothing/Shoe Donations Accepted - Anytime throughout the year, we accept Children's clothing donations (includes coats) and shoes. The Clothing must be clean/washed and cannot have holes/rips (gently used). The sizes should fit a child from ages newborn to 14. Shoes are accepted as long as they are in good condition. Children Toys and Books donations are discouraged.

From all of us on the Community Concerns Board, thank you for your continued support.

Kathleen Arndt
Community Concerns Board Chair





PASTOR'S EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Tabernacle of Prayer & Praise (Pastor: Bill Carter) are partnering to sponsor a Pastor's Emergency Food Pantry (aka 'emergency food pantry'). It is located in the small kitchen behind Schultz Hall and is stocked with shelf-stable canned and packaged (pasta, rice, cereal etc.) non-perishable food and water. Its purpose is to provide 1 to 2 days of emergency food to 1) anyone in St. Luke's congregation or Tabernacle of Prayer & Praise congregation in need or 2) anyone in the community who has a need and knows or contacts a member or Pastor of either congregation.

Per approval from St. Luke's Council, Linda Duffek and Katheen Arndt are temporarily acting on behalf of St. Luke's Pastor until that individual is chosen and installed. At this time, management of (includes dispensing of food) and access to the 'emergency food pantry' is handled solely by Pastor Bill Carter, Linda Duffek and Kathleen Arndt. St. Luke's Congregation may be asked to help replenish any needed food and will be provided periodic updates about utilization. Starting in August, there will be a brief announcement about the 'emergency food pantry' in each Sunday Church Bulletin.

If you, anyone you know or anyone you come in contact with is in need of emergency food, please contact St. Luke's Church Office (916-421-5039). You can also contact Linda Duffek or Kathleen Arndt. Any food need inquiries and dispensing of food will be handled discreetly and confidentially.



Finance Update

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

June 2024

General Fund Contributions (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$13,021	\$88,286
Compared to Budget	-\$2,279	-\$3,514
	-14.9%	-3.8%
No. of Contributors	56	58 aver.

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

Other Contributions:

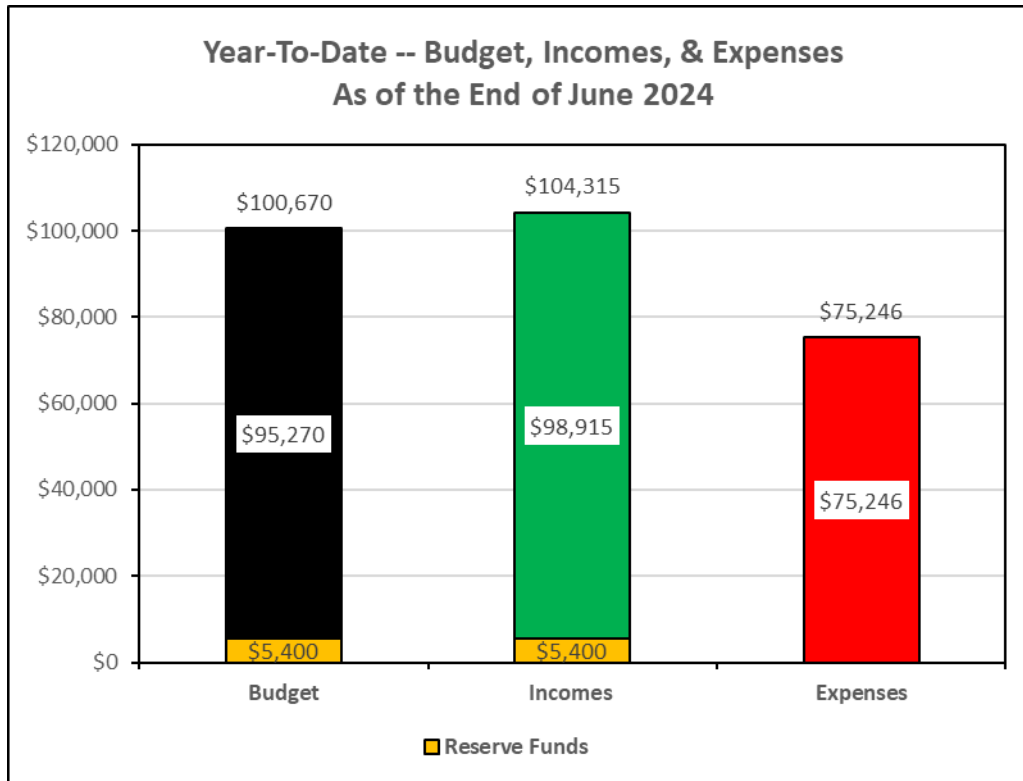
- a) 100th Anniversary \$1,185
- b) Youth Fund \$10 (recycle containers)

Comments:

- a) At mid-year, the contributions are about four percent **below** the adopted General Budget.
- b) Please do not forget the needs of your church during the busy summer months.
- c) Statements of your 2024 mid-year contributions will be distributed in July for all contributors. If you do not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net
St. Luke's Financial Secretary

FINANCES TO DATE



To supplement the Financial Secretary’s report on contributions, the Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses, as of the end of June 2024. As shown, the Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$98,915) exceed the Expenses (\$75,246) by about \$23,700. This is primarily due to not having an interim/term or full-time pastor and reflected in the difference between Budget (\$100,670) and Expenses (\$75,246). Our goal is to increase our incomes (offerings, facility usage, etc.) such that we are no longer dependent on the Reserve supplement to meet expenses.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

FINANCE BOARD



Birthdays This Month

Lois Sherrets
 Lydia Toloy
 Ralph Zbrog
 Alexander Iniguez
 Kennard Ferguson
 Irene Boschee
 Linda Duffek
 Randy Vance
 Stephanie Espinoza
 Jailia Vang
 Isabella Basquez
 Kathleen Arndt
 Amber Mansfield
 Kay Yakabe
 Kristen Encinas
 George Zipay
 Craig Richey
 Aiyana Tice
 Mack Vance
 Shirley Zipay
 Carolyn Andrews
 Iris Schiffer
 Jon Linfor
 Liam Gadreault
 Faith Thomas

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 August 31



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. There is a sign up chart on the wall in the narthex if you would like to bring an arrangement of flowers for worship. Place them on the stand by the lectern before worship and then take them with you after worship. Thanks!

**WOULD YOU LIKE
 TO COMMEMORATE
 A SPECIAL DAY?**



**New
 Address**

Larry & Deanna Dockter
 3945 Franklin Blvd.
 Sacramento, CA 95820



August 4th: Mr. & Mrs Jacob Wilson
 August 11th: Cathy Davis and Gaylen Everett
 August 18th: Ed and Kirsten Ireton
 August 25th: Justin and Laura Tice

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, August 4th

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Phil Karlstad	Reader
Faith Thomas	Prayer Leader

Sunday, August 11th

Carol Carney	Altar Care
Karen Linfor	Reader
Laura Tice	Prayer Leader

Sunday, August 18th

Marlene Kiser	Altar Care
Sarah Madison	Reader
Lydia Toloy	Prayer Leader

Sunday, August 25th

Connie Reule	Altar Care
Phillip Petersen	Reader
Howard Triebwasser	Prayer Leader

Flowers for Sunday Worship

Sunday, August 4th

Peggy Moser

In memory of Dear Mother Vickie Russell

&

Pauline & Kathleen Arndt

In memory of Dad/Walt

Sunday, August 11th

Available

Sunday, August 18th

Available

Sunday, August 25th

Available



Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the Victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

-St. Luke's Mission Statement