



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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# October

## 2024

# News And Views

## Council President's Message

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Call Committee: The process has been long and tiring for the Call Committee, but all your prayers and patience has prevailed. The Call Committee's recommendation for a new pastor for St Luke Lutheran Church will take place on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at a special congregation meeting held immediately after our 10:30am Sunday service. It is imperative that all St Luke members be in attendance for this special calling. Also, we will have a meet and greet for our new pastoral candidate on **Sunday, October 6, 2024**, after our regular Sunday service. Let's all make our pastoral candidate feel welcome.

Call Committee Members: Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Rachel Kiser, Brenda Sulzmann, Paul Maki and Chet Madison.

As we move into the Fall Season, lots of activities are currently being planned by various St Luke Church Committees. Community Concerns Committee will be organizing our Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 12. Please invite your community, friends and families to attend. All of our other committees are assisting to make our 2024 Fall Festival is another success.

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100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Lots of hard work and planning is currently taking place with various committees within the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee under the leadership of Chairperson Triss Hoffman. The cookbooks and aprons are selling at a good pace. I really believe celebrating the first century of St Luke's Lutheran Church will be outstanding!

I want to thank ALL the members of St. Luke Lutheran Church for your dedication towards doing God's work and keeping the spirit of St Luke's Church alive while waiting for our new pastoral leadership. With God's blessing, we hope to have our new pastor involved with our Fall and Winter activities.

Many Blessings,

*Chet Madison*  
*Council President*

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Reminder, regarding the White Elephants for the Fall Festival.



First, I thank everyone who has kindly donated your appreciated, White Elephants, supporting the less fortunate in our community.

Once again, of course, a lot of help is needed-  
First to get all the tables set up prior to our scheduled setup time of 9:00am on Thursday, October 10.

Anyone that would be willing to help with this, the day of set up on October 10<sup>th</sup> or the day of the sale it would be greatly appreciated. As we know more hands make lighter work! It will be determined how the left over White Elephants will be disposed of.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 916-335-0847 or [jccarneyonroad@yahoo.com](mailto:jccarneyonroad@yahoo.com)

Thank you.  
Carol Carney  
White Elephant, Chair.



# W-ELCA Annual Fall Festival

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

Our 2024 Fall Festival is here. Except for a few final preparation activities, we are set and ready to go for a really fun day for all. In addition to the booths our Church is hosting (White Elephant, Country Store, Boutique, Food etc.), we will have Vendors that will be selling blankets, aprons, antiques, hand-made jewelry and more.

Below are final preparation activities happening the week of the Fall Festival.

**White Elephant Sorting** – Thursday, October 10 starting at 9 a.m. in Schultz Hall

Join Carol Carney in Schultz Hall to sort the donated items. If you have any items that need to be picked up, please be sure to contact Carol prior to Thursday, October 10.

**Country Store Baked Goods Drop Off** at Schultz Hall kitchen - Friday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Drop off your baked good items at Schultz Hall. If possible, please pre-package your items. Any questions or need help transporting your items to the Church, contact Linda Duffek or Kathleen Arndt.

**Festival Day Setup and Tear Down Volunteers** – Saturday, October 12

If you are able to join us to help setup, please arrive at 6:30 a.m. If you are able to help us tear down, we will start at about 2 p.m.

**Festival Day Booth Volunteers – Saturday, October 12**

Please arrive at the Church at or before 7:30 a.m.

**Festival Booth Setup & Parking – Saturday, October 12**

This year, the Festival booths will be located in a portion of the main parking lot, in Schultz Hall, breezeway area between the Sanctuary/Office and along the walkway leading to the Church from Center Parkway.

We are asking all volunteers and Church members to park either in the area next to the Education Wing, in the back parking lot or on the street. This will allow for plenty of parking for our Festival visitors. *Note, parking entry will only be thru the gate off of Tangerine. The exit will only be thru the back gate that leads to Center Parkway.*

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, October 12.

Blessings to all.

Kathleen Arndt, Fall Festival Coordinator

# Women of the ELCA



Pictured are Laura Tice, Linda Duffek, Carol Carney, Peggy Moser and Marlene Kiser. The five of us spent a wonderful three day weekend in Sonora, California at the annual WELCA retreat.

“Love one another... Cultivating a heart like Ruth’s” was the theme of this year’s Sierra Pacific Synod WELCA retreat held at Old Oak Ranch in Sonora, California. This three day retreat was packed with Bible studies, speakers, good food, and wonderful fellowship.

# St. Luke's Soul Sisters

Calling all St. Luke's ladies. Here is an open invitation to all of you to join the Soul Sisters every Monday from 12:00-2:00.

The soul sisters started over 4 years ago. We started meeting in order to knit and/or crochet prayer shawl's for the pastor to take on his visitations. Just a little background on this group of ladies. We started meeting over four years ago. We started meeting in a private home until the group got too large, at the same time we outgrew that location Covid hit. But we didn't stop meeting. We started meeting in the church parking lot and put our cars in the circle. We kept our distance, but we still met. So many Ladies wanted to join us that did not knit, crochet or sew that it was suggested that we change our name. That's how we became the Soul Sisters. Over the years we have made hundreds of hats and scarves for the homeless, hats and blankets for Kaiser's NICU along with pillows for their surgical patients, we've even worked with the Kawana group to make trauma dolls for local emergency rooms. But not everybody sews, crochets or knits. Some just come to visit for a couple hours and we welcome that too. Each lady has her own reason for being there and we've even opened our doors and have several neighborhood ladies joining us. If you haven't stopped by a Monday please do so, we'd love to have you. All are welcomed. We hope you will join us in fellowship with each other, comfort and support and an extra dose of sisterhood.





# Finance Update

## OFFERINGS – AUGUST 2024

### General Fund (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$27,217	\$130,126
Compared to Budget	\$11,917	\$7,726
	77.9%	6.3%
No. of Contributors	59	57 aver.

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

### Other Contributions:

- a. 100th Anniversary      \$235 (Cookbooks)
- b. Fireworks (Refund)    \$589

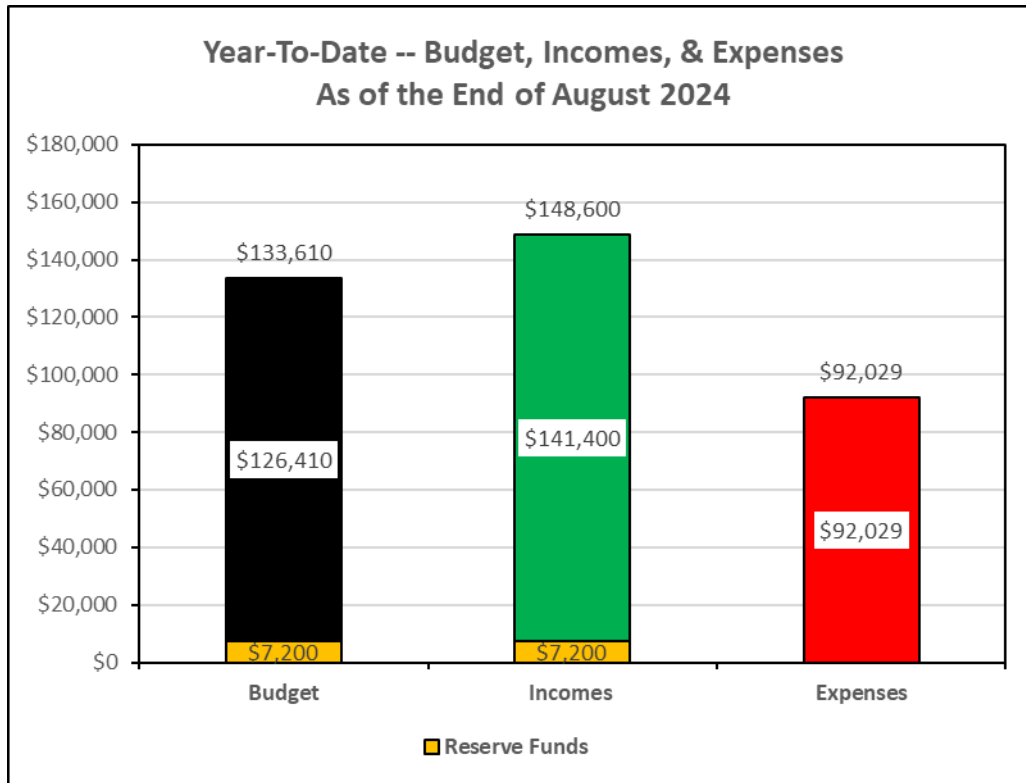
### Comments:

- a. The August offerings were excellent. Caution: The August offerings included a number of contributors who give annually (once a year) and quarterly.
- b. The “key” statistic to observe is the “Compared to Budget” for the “Year to Date” – a positive six plus percent through August.
- c. If you need envelopes, drop a note in the offering or contact me.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary

## FINANCES TO DATE



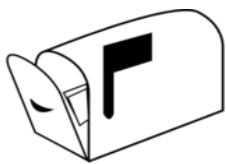
The graph above compares the year-to-date figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses, as of the end of August 2024. As shown, the current Incomes exceed the Budget by about \$15,000. The Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$141,400) exceed the Expenses (\$92,029) by about \$49,400. This is primarily due to not having the expenses of a pastor. We are currently not dependent on the Reserve supplement to meet expenses, which is our goal. With your continued financial support and the efforts of our Call Committee, we look forward to identifying, selecting, and calling a new pastor.

“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



Carol Carney and family wish to thank the Soul Sisters and many others in our caring, loving congregation for reaching out with fervent prayers, phone calls and emails due to my Grandson, Jacob Kile's recent work related accident. Our family truly believe that even though the complications were very serious this is why he is home, taking physical therapy and on the road to recovery. Thank you and may God bless all of you.



**NOTE!  
ADDRESS CHANGE**

Barbara Manlapig's new address in Texas:

16 Fairway  
Trinity, Tx 75862  
United States



Kinsley Connell	October 01
Grayson Olmeda	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
Gail Weber	October 07
Gerlyn Reyes	October 08
Ron Franklin	October 08
Jeff Kiser	October 08
Ofelia Ojeda	October 08
Vivian Blazic	October 08
Anthony Basquez	October 09
Daniel King	October 09
Isaac Diaz	October 15
Duane Kiser	October 19
Joan Mooney	October 21
Kelly Neidich	October 20
Marilyn Myers	October 26
Greg Neidich	October 27
Nancy Thomas	October 28
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dixon Richey	October 28





**October 6th:** Cathy Davis &  
Gaylen Everett  
**October 13th:** Ed & Kirsten Ireton  
**October 20th :** Justin & Laura Tice  
**October 27th:** Lois Sherrets &  
Kelly Boyer



## ALTAR FLOWERS

- Oct. 6th      *Karen Linfor - In memory of my sister joyce*
- Oct 13th     *avaiiable*
- Oct. 20th    *available*
- Oct. 27th    *Karen Linfor - In memory of my mother & brother*

If you would like to provide flowers for worship for a special occasion, in memory or honor of someone, or simply to beautify the chancel for worship, please sign up on the wall chart in the narthex. Then please bring a flower arrangement and place it on the stand next to the lectern before worship and take it with you after worship.



# OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## Sunday, October 6

Carol Carney	Altar Care
Sarah Madison	Announcements
Andrew Weber	Reader
Faith Harper	Prayer Leader

## Sunday, October 13

Connie Reule	Altar Care
Laura Tice	Announcements
Gail Weber	Reader
Kirsten Ireton	Prayer Leader



## Sunday, October 20

Shirley Prouty	Altar Care
Peggy Moser	Announcements
Christiana Wilson	Reader
Punky Dias	Prayer Leader

## Sunday, October 27

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Chet Madison	Announcements
Bob Behr	Reader
Phil Karlstad	Prayer Leader





Our congregation collections Celebrating our 100th anniversary continues. September through November, we will be collecting cans of soup for our local food closets to help our neighbors in need. New random acts of kindness to consider might be taking a dinner to a shut in, giving a neighbor a ride to the grocery store or leaving your change for the next customer. Please share some ideas you might have.

Here are two different organizations you can look up to see how you can help:

Women's empowerment

[www.weps.org](http://www.weps.org)

City of refuge

[www.cityofrefugesac.com](http://www.cityofrefugesac.com)

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Moser.



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