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News And Views 2026

Pastoral Perspective

Two are better than one, because they have good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Grace and peace to you all! I hope this finds you well as we push through the (hopefully) final hot days of the year.

As many of you know, we've been having some troubles with our internet around the office. The construction on the land behind our property meant that our old method of receiving a signal was no longer a viable option, so we decided to try a different method offered by our internet service provider (ISP). Turns out it's not a great fit for us, so we're working with the ISP to find a solution.

However, it has made some of the normal things we do around here impossible. Online meetings don't work because the signal strength doesn't pass information back fast enough. Streaming Sunday worship suffers for the same reason, so we haven't been able to livestream on Sundays for the past three weeks.

Truly I tell you, this is frustrating for all of us, especially the pastor who has to talk with tech support. We appreciate all the patience you can offer us in the meantime.

This process has made me reflect on the importance of connection, though. I make monthly visits to some of our members who can't make it on Sundays, and most of the rest of the time they connect with us through our streaming. They know what is going on because they can tune in and hear the announcements. They feel like they are still part of this community, even if their lives mean they have to remain on the periphery, because of the efforts we make to provide that opportunity.

Community is vital to our lives as Christians because we are made to live and work together. Where one of us is weak, another is strong. Where one is unsure, another is confident. We are not all the same because we don't need to be; we survive through our reliance on each other. If one of us falls, the others are there to lift them back up. This is the way things are supposed to be.

I encourage you to remember the people who are on the periphery. When we speak of the marginalized, it includes people who are stuck at home. If we don't make the effort to reach out, we will miss what they might have to say. We will fail to hear their voices. They will remain on the margins because we have expected them to come to us; but when one of us falls, how could they ever come?

Today, reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Check up on them. Remind them that they too are a loved and beloved member of this community. We'll have the livestream back up as soon as we can, but just because it isn't happening doesn't mean we are separated; it can remind us that we are connected, now and always.

Blessings,
PR

Message from Council President Chet Madison

October 2026

It's hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of year 2026. We have worked and accomplished much of God's work the first three quarters of this year. Specifically, I want to point out a few that took place this year:

Selling 1.25 acre-lot that was not being utilized. Your church Finance Board fiduciary duty is to ensure the proceeds from the sale of parcel lot funds have been invested for future use. Bob Bher has dedicated much of his time to financial institutions gathering information on what are the best investments for our church. Pastor Rob has put together an ad-hoc team from several members of the congregation to determine needs of St Luke Church. Keep in mind, St Luke Church was built in 1965 and needs upgrades and repairs.

St Luke Lutheran Church Retreat. On August 29, 2026, your church council spent most of the day meeting to discuss and come up with a Mission and Vision statement for St Luke Lutheran Church Sacramento, Ca. Please see the two (2) beautiful plaques placed on the wall. We hope to have our Mission Statement on the screen in the sanctuary once we get our audio and technology system up to par. Some of the goals we established for 2027 are:

- 1. Increase congregational involvement in programs and services.**
- 2. Increase community visibility.**
- 3. Add three community events to the congregational calendar.**

Everyone's participation and help to make St. Luke's successful this season is greatly appreciated.

May you and your families have a safe and blessed Fall Season.

~Chet Madison



We are hosting the vote center again for the upcoming general election. Election equipment will be delivered on Thursday, October 22nd, and picked up on Friday, November 6th.

Please note the following regarding Schultz Hall:

- Before October 22nd: Retrieve any needed items from Schultz Hall prior to equipment delivery.
 - ***October 22nd – November 6th: Do not enter Schultz Hall.***
- If you require access or need an item from the hall during this time, please let me know and I will arrange it for you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Linda Duffek

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Sunday, October 4

Shirley Prouty	Altar Care
Sarah Madison	Announcements
Peggy Moser & Kelly Boyer	Acolytes
Daniel Laryea & Victor Sulli	Ushers
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Peggy Moser	Prayer Leader
Peggy Moser Linda Duffek Karen Linfor	Communion Servers

Sunday, October 11

Marlene Kiser	Altar Care
Laura Tice	Announcements
Connie Reule & Laura Tice	Acolytes
Laura Tice	Usher
Clarence Korhonen	Reader
Marilyn Steed	Prayer Leader
Kirsten Ireton Connie Reule Karen Linfor	Communion Servers



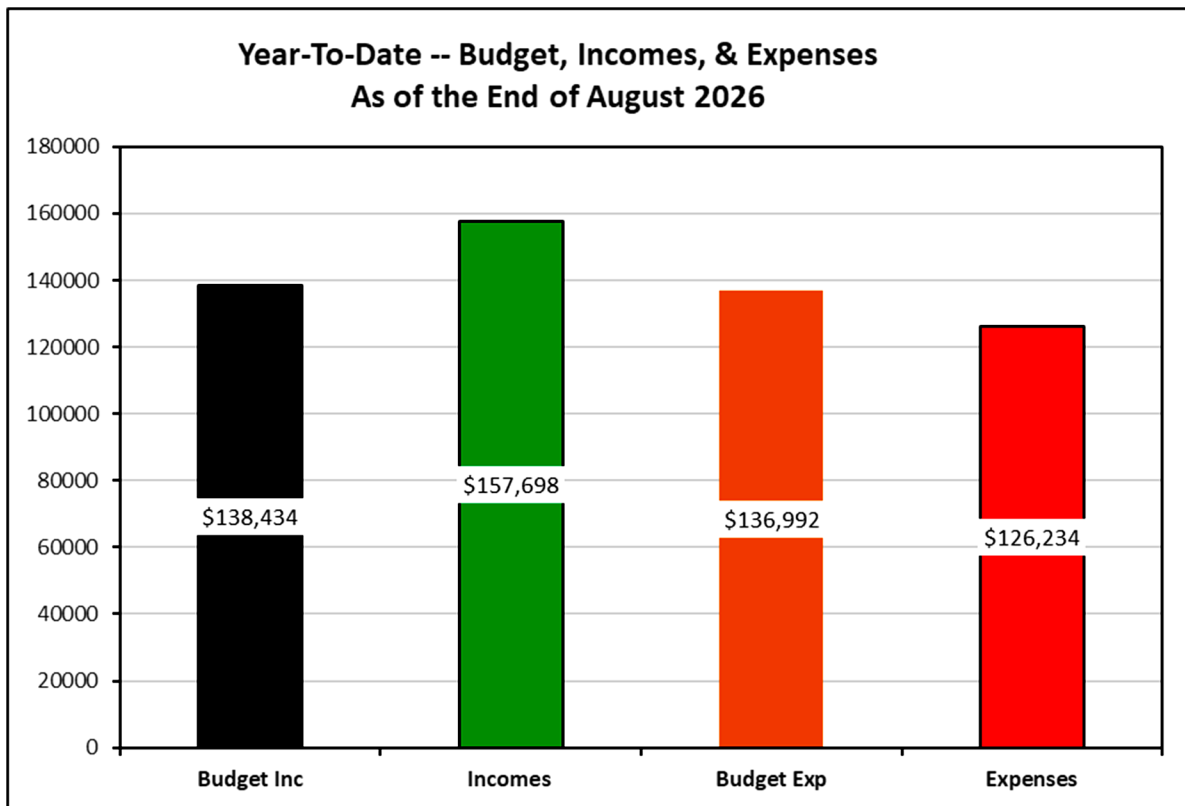
Sunday, October 18

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Peggy Moser	Announcements
Peggy Moser & Laura Sondrini	Acolytes
Linda Duffek & Phil Peterson	Ushers
Karen Linfor	Reader
Shirley Prouty	Prayer Leader
Shirley Prouty Laura Tice Daniel Laryea	Communion Servers

Sunday, October 25

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Chet Madison	Announcements
Daniel Laryea & Shirley Prouty	Acolytes
Kelly Boyer & Brenda Sulzmann	Ushers
Punky Dias	Reader
Faith Thomas	Prayer Leader
Faith Thomas Bob Behr Scott Kelly	Communion Servers

FINANCES TO DATE



The Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the **Budget Incomes, Actual Incomes, Budget Expenses, and Actual Expenses**, as of the end of August 2026. As shown, the year-to-date Incomes (\$157,698), which includes all donations, facility use, etc.) continue to exceed the Budget Income (\$138,434) by about \$19,260. The year-to-date Expenses (\$126,234) are below the Budget Expenses (\$136,992) by approximately \$10,750. Partial “savings” to Expenses are due to some charges forecast earlier than actually expended as well as the “unfilled” maintenance worker position. Throughout the year the monthly budgeted income will remain the same while the monthly budgeted expenses vary based on various billing cycles. Your continued support and commitment through weekly/monthly offerings help us to continue to meet our commitments through 2026.

FINANCE BOARD



W-ELCA Thank Offering Sunday Service

November 22nd, 10:30am

Beginning in mid-October, a W-ELCA Thank Offering Service participation sign-up sheet will be available in the church narthex for anyone who would like to help with the service on Sunday, November 22, 2026. Please consider how you can participate. All church members—not only women—are invited to take part.



Howard Triebwasser
celebrating his 93rd
Birthday on
Sunday, October 4th.



Respite Day for the Unhoused



Community Concerns Mission is to love our neighbor through our presence in the community and collaboration with other aid organizations for the purpose of helping those in need.

St. Luke's is hosting a respite day for the homeless on Friday, November 13, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Triss Hoppman, Community Concerns Chair spearheaded the respite day project. Triss's team is moving forward with the goal of offering a hand up to those most in need.

Available amenities include showers, haircuts, clothing, and undergarments. Also on the program will be lunch and a carry bag. Participants will be able to fill their carry bags with items from Triss's Trading Post. Suggested donations for the trading post are listed below. We will also have the donation list available in the narthex.

Those wishing to volunteer at the respite event, before, after, or during, may contact Linda Duffek at 916-768-7424 or JoAnn Sulli at 916-803-3659 . Your donations and assistance are most appreciated.

Requested items:

Personal items not limited to: mylar space blankets, rain ponchos, hand warmers, grooming items, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, lip balm, personal sized facial tissue/wipes, and first aid travel kits.

Suggested food items: Single serving granola bars, instant oatmeal, peanut butter/crackers, tuna/crackers, chicken/crackers, raisins, applesauce, fruit cups, beef jerky, chips, cookies, cocoa mix, trail mix, flavor packets for water, tea bags, and fast-food gift cards.

Men's and Women's New Clothing: Pants, sweats, shirts, undergarments (new only), gently used warm coats, and flip-flops. (T-shirts, gloves, socks, scarves, and hats already donated.)

Suggested places to shop: Walmart, Target, Eco Thrift on 55th Street. Our team will shop if you prefer to donate gift cards or make a cash donation to the event.

Please see JoAnn Sulli or Linda Duffek for details.

Watch for the donation barrel in October.

Your Community Concerns Team



St. Luke's
Lutheran Church
with Mercy Holistic Ministries

Respite Day

for Unhoused Individuals

Friday, November 13th

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Showers available from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Showers



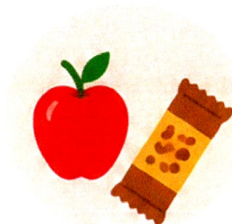
Fresh Clothing



Haircuts



Personal Care
Items



Snacks



Free Lunch

All are welcome!





October 11: Laura Weaver & Laura Tice

October 18 : Carole and Mack Vance

October 25: Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett



Kinsley Connell	October 01
Micayla Shower	October 02
Grayson Olmeda	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
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
Karstan Cagle	October 13
Isaac Diaz	October 15
PengXue Vang	October 18
Duane Kiser	October 19
Joan Mooney	October 21
Kelly Neidich	October 20
Ben Ireton	October 22
Greg Neidich	October 27
Nancy Thomas	October 28
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dixon Richey	October 28





- Oct. 4 *Karen Linfor*
In honor of Kelly Boyers recent milestone
- Oct 11 *Rosie Brown*
- Oct. 18 *Available*
- Oct. 25 *Available*

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.



Hannah Encinas	November 06
Chona Sisson	November 09
Jim Sulzmann	November 09
Judy Saxby	November 10
Julie Ireton	November 14
Alison Korhonen	November 16
Rosie Brown	November 18
Patty Terry	November 23
Christiana Wilson	November 24
Micki Fenske	November 27
Carl Hoppman	November 27
Margot Zemke	November 27
Mark Encinas	November 29
Dax Moser	November 30

Spudtacular Lunch

after church
November 8th

*Baked potato's
with all the fixings!*



Suggested Donation:

\$5.00

1/2 potato

\$10.00

whole potato



**All proceeds go to the scholarship fund
for Apopa School in El Salvador.**