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**2024**

## **News And Views**

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### **Welcome Our New Pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church!**

We are very pleased to advise our St. Luke Lutheran Church family that our new pastor, Rob Williamson, will start his journey this Sunday, November 3, 2024, at St Luke's 10:30am service. Now that we have accepted Pastor Rob, for his first ministry calling, let us gather together and support him on his first day at St. Luke Church. You are welcome to bring family members, children, grandchildren and friends to attend this service. Following service, all will have an opportunity to meet Pastor Rob in Room 5 of the Education Wing where refreshments will be served.

Peace be with you.

Chet Madison  
Council President

# SAVE *the* DATE

The Ordination of Robert A. Williamson      November 23, 2024



With joy and thanks to God,  
you are invited to the Ordination of  
Robert A. Williamson

to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm

St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1600 Union Ave.,  
Fairfield, California

Bishop Jeff R. Johnson presiding.  
Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
A light reception will follow the service.

Rob has been called to serve as Pastor at  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sacramento.



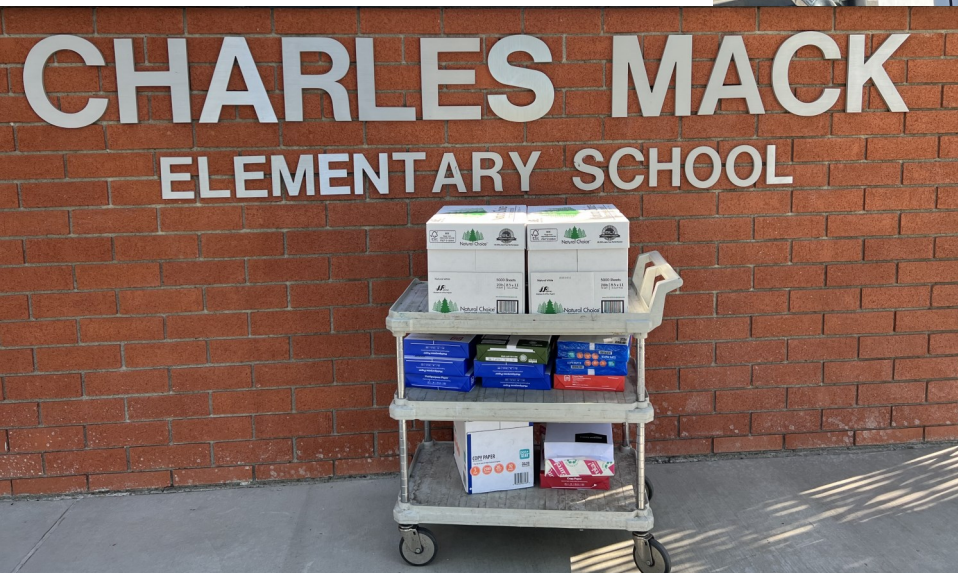
## 100th Anniversary Collection Update.

We exceeded our goal for reams of paper!  
We collected 101 reams. We have delivered paper to Charles Mack Elementary School, Parkway elementary school and Fortune School. All schools were extremely grateful. Thanks to each and every person in our congregation that donated .

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Blessed to be a Blessing



Rooted in Sacramento since 1925  
Sharing the Victory through Jesus Christ





## **St. Luke's 2024 W-ELCA Fall Festival**

This year's Fall Festival was another success. The weather was perfect. I am hopeful the guests and members of the congregation who dropped in found fun and unique treasures, found something needed or found something that satisfied a sweet tooth and/or a hungry stomach. The proceeds from this event are currently an amazing \$3,229.78 after the expenses identified so far. Last year's total was \$2,952.38. In 2025, these proceeds will give the St. Luke's W-ELCA group the ability to spread a needed abundance of generosity among the Charities they support.

Another important component of and blessing from this year's Fall Festival is the opportunity it provided our Church to support the surrounding local community in so many different ways. For example, there were a couple of returning vendors from nearby Faith Communities who had a venue here to raise funds that are directly used to support their programs that target the unhoused and children. Sherrita Carter from Tabernacle of Prayer and Praise Church, who uses our facility for their Services on Sundays, sold several of a Children's book she wrote that was recently published. Two young adult sisters who live in the nearby neighborhood and are just starting their new business had a booth selling scented candle melts and other gifts. A couple of ladies who also live in the nearby neighborhood each had a booth one selling beautiful hand-made jewelry and the other selling hats, clothing and other gifts. There was even a vendor who grew up very close to St. Luke's and has fond memories because she was married at the Church several years ago. Finally, a local thrift retailer Bargain World was supported via the donation of the remaining White Elephants. And, the remaining books were donated to the Book Den which is affiliated with the Sacramento Public Library. In addition to public sales events, The Book

Den donates books to local schools, children's programs and senior living facilities.

Thank you so much again this year to everyone who contributed so much by helping manage or volunteer at the White Elephant, Boutique, Country Store, Food booth and donation bucket tables, by helping setup and cleanup and of course for all of your wonderful donations. And, a special call out to the Kiwanis Key Club Kids who helped with setup, cleanup, did facepainting for our guests with Kids as well as "Kids at Heart" and helped Kirsten sell the hotdog lunch.

God Bless.

Kathleen Arndt  
2024 W-ELCA Fall Festival Coordinator





Carolyn, Linda, Jerry, & Karen





The generosity was overwhelming and greatly appreciated for all the White Elephants for this years W-ELCA's Fall Festival.

The help I received as chair of the White Elephant area is hard to explain and to adequately thank all those that donated, helped set up the Thursday prior to the sale, during the sale and on Monday to be sure all the leftovers were hauled away. You know who you are and hopefully how much you are appreciated.

I thank anyone who helped in anyway however I want to especially thank Members of the Evangelism Committee, Jennifer Connell, Cathy Davis and Gaylan Everett for their effort helping set up. Karen Kiser and Brenda Sulzmann not only provided the amazing Boutique they also spent many endless hours helping with the White Elephants. Like I mentioned before that I must admit that we could not do it without support from our wonderful guys and it was so true.

There are no words adequate to thank Bruce Kiser enough for being there for us every step of the way! Last but not least thank you to Bruce and Jim Sulzmann for providing their trucks to haul the leftover White Elephants to local thrift stores.

May God bless all of you!

Carol Carney

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# Thank Offering Sunday Service & Pie November 24th, 2024 10:30am



W-ELCA Thank Offering Service Participation Sign-up Sheet in Church Narthex for those who like to help in this service on Sunday, November 24, 2024. This is not limited to just women of the church but to all members and all are invited to participate.



The Evangelism Committee will be serving Pie after the Thank Offering Service on Sunday, November 24th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can bring a pie to share. If you are not able to attend the service on that day but would like to bring a pie that we can freeze, you can drop it off at the Church on Sunday, November 17th. All leftover pies will be donated to the annual Narathon event held at St. Luke's on November 27th, 28th and 29th.



# **Christmas Gift Drive**

## **Stanford Sierra Youth & Families**

Stanford Sierra Youth & Families has again been selected as the recipient of our annual children's Christmas gift drive. The organization has been serving children in the Capitol area for almost 125 years. They serve approximately 6,700 children and families in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Nevada, Yolo, Napa, and San Joaquin counties annually.

Their services include family advocacy and support; behavioral and mental health services; substance use prevention and treatment; juvenile justice intervention; mentoring; foster care; adoption services and pre- and post- adoption services.

To help the families they serve, the organization offers a "gift shop" to the caregivers where they can select appropriate and meaningful gifts for the children in their care. Our contributions help stock the gift shop. If you would like to participate, please bring your unwrapped gifts, and place them under the tree at the back of the sanctuary by December 8.

A list of suggested gifts will be included in upcoming bulletins and available in the narthex.







**OFFERINGS – SEPTEMBER 2024**

**General Fund (only):**

Data	This Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$13,534</b>	<b>\$143,660</b>
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	<b>-\$1,766</b>	<b>\$5,960</b>
	<b>-11.5%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
<b>No. of Contributors</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57 aver.</b>

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

**Other Contributions:**

100th Anniversary ...      \$2,050 (Cookbooks, etc.)

**Comments:**

September offerings reflect the last of the summer vacations, and the typical drop off in offerings.

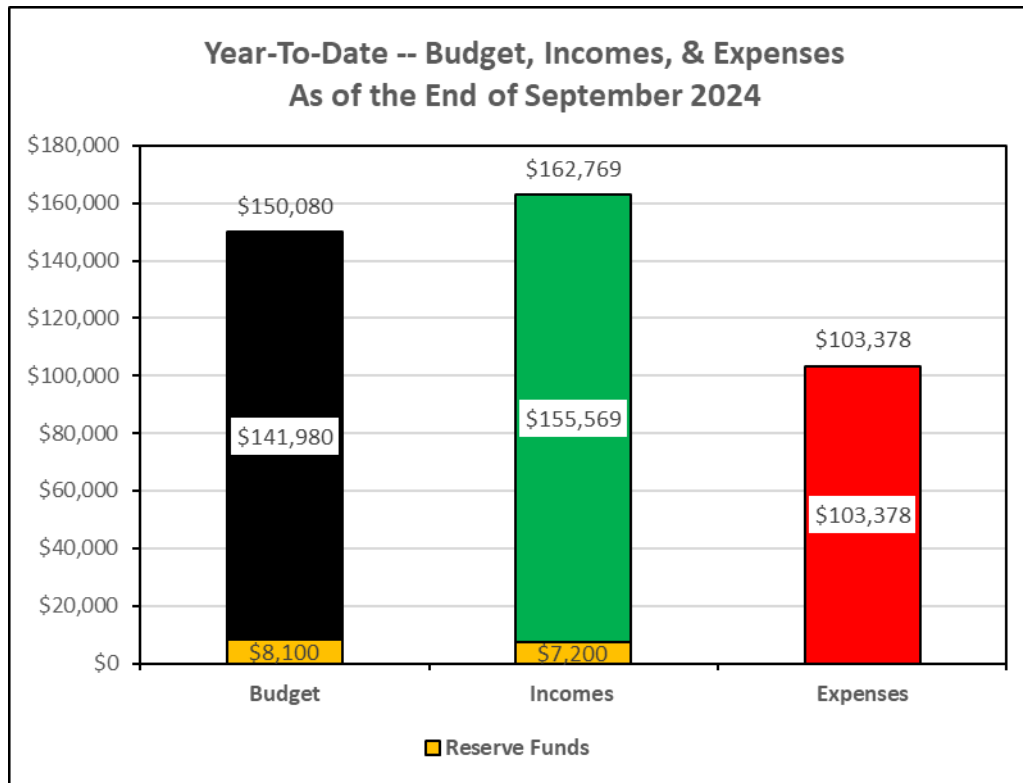
If you are 70 years or older and have IRAs, please consult with your Financial Adviser, or tax preparer, regarding “Qualified Charitable Distributions” (QCDs). There are some valid opportunities for tax savings through QCDs.

If you need envelopes, drop a note in the offering or contact me.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, [LRFenske@comcast.net](mailto:LRFenske@comcast.net)

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 September 2024. As shown, the current Incomes exceed the Budget by about \$12,700. The budgeted transfer from Reserves (\$900) did not occur until after September 30. The Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$155,569) exceed the Expenses (\$103,378) by about \$52,000. 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



## Congregational Meeting and Potluck December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Evangelism Board will coordinate the Congregational Potluck on December 8th, 2024. Part of our congregational meeting is sharing with each other and enjoying a delicious potluck. Please plan to come and be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Opportunity table in the narthex so we will be sure to have enough seating for everyone.

For any questions, please contact Cathy Davis



W-ELCA will be having their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM in the Schultz Hall with the theme "A Picnic in December". The luncheon will be provided by W-ELCA and will include Fried Chicken, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Small Ear-of-Corn, Biscuits, and Dessert. If you are planning to attend, please be sure to sign up on the W-ELCA Christmas Luncheon Sign Up Sheet in the church narthex, starting in November so we know how many of you will be there.

Our luncheon program will include a Devotional, short W-ELCA meeting, singing Christmas songs and a "gift exchange game" for those who would like to participate. (If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift under \$15.00 so you can join the fun).

We will be collecting gift cards for \$5.00 from stores like Dollar Tree, Fast Food or like stores to give to "City of Refuge Sacramento" for our December W-ELCA Mission. If you have any questions about this organization, please reach out to any of the women of W-ELCA or Kelly Boyer who has worked with this organization.

We would love to see all of you come and celebrate with us "simplify CHRISTMAS/ CELEBRATE CHRIST".

Connie Reule & Marlene Kiser



The Community Concerns Board would like to express a huge Thank You! to Christiana Wilson for donating 2 clothing racks to our Children's Clothes Closet. These clothing racks are giving us much needed additional space to better organize the clothing we have and make it easier for our guests to find what they need for their child. You are so appreciated!

**Community Concerns**  
**St. Lukes Children's Clothes Closet - Girl's Infant Clothing Needed**



Our Children's Clothes Closet currently needs any type of clothing for girl's newborn to 12 months. If you or someone you know has this type of donatable, gently used clothing (clean with no stains, no tears, no broken buttons/zippers etc.), it can be dropped off in the Narthex on Sunday's through November 24. Or, the Church Office (916-421-5039) can be contacted to arrange a day/time during the week for a drop off. We do also accept new clothing but gently used clothing is perfectly fine. Any questions, please feel free to ask Cathy Davis, Gaylen Everett or Kathleen Arndt.

On behalf of the Community Concerns Board, Thank You!!

# NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Sunday, November 3rd

Gail Weber	Altar Care
Kelly Boyer	Reader
Karen Linfor	Prayer Leader

## Sunday, November 10th

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Phil Karlstad	Reader
Sarah Madison	Prayer Leader

## Sunday, November 17th

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Phil Petersen	Prayer Leader

**Sunday, November 24th**  
Thank Offering Service



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**





Barbara Manlapig's new email

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Hannah Encinas	November 06
Frank Woods	November 07
Chona Sisson	November 09
Jim Sulzmann	November 09
Judy Saxby	November 10
Julie Ireton	November 14
Marc Thomas	November 15
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



**November 3rd:** Triss and Holly Hoppman

**November 10th:** Mack and Carole Vance

**November 17th :** Jacob and Christiana  
Wilson

**November 24th:** Cathy Davis &  
Gaylen Everett



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Nov. 3rd *Available*

Nov. 10th *Available*

Nov. 17th *Shirley Prouty—In Memory of husband Robert Prouty*

Nov. 24th *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