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# News And Views

## 2025 Annual Report Edition

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### Pastoral Perspective

God changes times and seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. – Daniel 2:21

Grace and peace to you all! As hard as it is to believe, another year has gone by, one that has seen ups and downs in our community and nation, and we have weathered them as a congregation and part of the Body of Christ.

Our year began with educational opportunities, including two adult forums in the evenings: the discussions on liturgy and our order of service and a new members class following it to help newcomers to the Lutheran way of worship and thinking – and to give a brush-up to those who wanted it! Each was attended by a small, passionate group, and we enjoyed fruitful discussion and exploration of what it means to participate in a distinctly Lutheran style of community.

In February I was blessed to be installed as your pastor and enjoyed the celebration of our new ministry together.

In March we began our Lenten journey, meeting for soup and a time of reflection together. We were blessed to hear the wilderness experiences of four of our members – Chet, Gaylen, Jacob, and Kelly – and I want to thank them again for their willingness to open up to the rest of us and help us realize that when we are honest and open, we are able to grow closer.

In April I traveled to Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ for a three-day First Call Accompaniment retreat. This is part of the Synod program to ensure new pastors like myself don't burn out, offering support and the fellowship of other first-call pastors.

In May our church had a presence at Lutheran Lobby Day, with Faith, Peggy, and myself representing our congregation in meetings with our state lawmakers and their representatives. I thank them for being willing to step into the unfamiliar and act with courage and faith, bringing the values we are taught to their conversations.

In June we had a celebration most congregations never get to experience – 100 years of ministry! The service was a joyful time with visitors from other ELCA congregations in the area and from our sister Episcopal community in Elk Grove. We received greetings from the office of the Bishop, the city council, and from Rep. Doris Matsui, who even entered a resolution in the US House of Representatives congratulating us.

Our summer months were also marked with the joy of our annual fireworks fundraiser and the delight of fellowship it brought about. People sat outside, talking and laughing and enjoying each other's company. Occasionally it was broken up by a sale, but despite selling fireworks being the expressed purpose, I witnessed something even better taking place and was happy to be a part of it – when I could stand the heat!

In August your Church Council met for its annual retreat and crafted three goals for our congregation: 1) Increase attendance by 12 people before next August; 2) Add an education opportunity each week; and 3) Increase our congregation's visibility in the local community. The willingness to go through the process to create these goals was heartening, and I am grateful to have a dedicated group of leaders willing to put in the work to ensure our congregation thrives.

October was our Stewardship Month. We had a meeting with the Rev. Vern Holmes, who gave our Finance Board and anyone else who wanted to attend a wonderful, Spirit-led talk about what stewardship really is. This led to a month of talk, discernment, and our Stewardship Drive, during which many of you filled out the Time and Talent forms and Estimate of Giving cards. Thank you for your participation in this process!

We began the new church year in November with the start of Advent and had the first of our Advent soup suppers and Wednesday worship services. These had to take place in Schultz Hall thanks to a lack of heat in the church, but we pressed ahead and enjoyed three weeks of the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer, which I was thrilled to bring to our life here. Christmas Eve was a beautiful, reflective service where I got to see my favorite sight of the year: faces in candlelight, singing and worshiping in joy and reverence.

This does not mean our year was all pleasant, though. We had losses of members in our community, including Gail Weber, Jack Fenske, and Ed Ireton. Their absence is felt among us, and I am glad that this congregation is so caring for each other when these hard times come.

We also had a sharper tragedy that shook us: a shooting on what we consider sacred ground. I thank God that there was no further violence, that the shooter turned himself in, and that the various communities here at St. Luke's rallied together to support each other. The prayer service held in the courtyard helped set my soul at ease, and I thank you all for your participation in that.

I would be remiss in not addressing tensions over the last year as well. We will not always agree, nor will we always get along, but I am glad that this community continues to be a welcoming place for those with whom we find ourselves in tension. Humanity will never be free of strife, but we need to be committed to caring for each other even in the face of that strife, recognizing that we are all beloved children of God and parts of the Body of Christ.

As a final note, the year did involve a strange oddity: since arriving, I seem to have made St. Luke's a magnet for stray dogs, and multiple have wandered into our parking lot. Some I was able to help; others were too afraid. Thank you to those who helped me with this unexpected ministry over the past year.

This year was one of excitement, joy, celebration, and discovery. I feel energized for our ongoing ministry and look forward to what the coming year brings.

Blessings,  
Pastor Rob Williamson

## 2025 Annual Message from Council President Chet Madison

It is amazing how year 2025 has expired so fast, and we are now planning and looking forward to our new year 2026. In reviewing 2025, we achieved several significant milestones and accomplishment- Luke Lutheran Church 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, St. Luke Council Goal Setting Retreat, Stewardship was resurrected and the sale of 1.25 acre-lot of St. Luke property to the City of Sacramento for \$326,000.00. And we want to recognize our Pastor Rob's one (1) year anniversary. I believe God has blessed us with a very good pastor to lead St. Luke Lutheran Church congregation moving forward.

As I have mentioned many times, NO organization can be successful without team members and new members coming aboard to help carry the load.

John 14: 16 "And I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever".

I encourage you all to take time and read each Committee's annual report in our February 2026 News and Views. You will be amazed at the accomplishments in doing God's work, making St. Luke Lutheran Church (ELCA) the best in Sacramento Southern County. I want to thank all of the 2025 Council members for their dedicated work and our 2026 Council Members as well, as they continue the ongoing work that is needed.

Wishing you and your families a safe, healthy, prosperous and Blessed New Year.

Warm Blessings,  
*Chet Madison, Council President*



<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSTION</b>
Chet Madison	President
Peggy Moser	Vice President
JoAnn Sulli	Treasurer
Robert Williamson	Pastor
Marilyn Steed	Secretary
Laura Tice	Evangelism
Carolyn Andrews	Worship & Music
Vacant	Education
Triss Hoppman	Community Concerns
Faith Thomas	Youth Board
Kelly Boyer	Property Board
Punky Dias	W-ELCA President
Bob Behr	Finance Board
Connie Reule	Special Fund Recorder
Kirsten Ireton	Financial Secretary



## **PROPERTY BOARD 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

St. Luke's Constitution/Bylaws states that the Property Board (PB), is responsible for the general custodial management of this congregation's property and facilities. These responsibilities include the care, maintenance and improvement of St. Luke's equipment, furnishings, buildings and grounds. The following summarizes the 2025 actions of the Board.

**Expenditure Summary:** The Property Board Expenditures and funded by two sources: -The General Budget and the PB Special Funds. The latter is augmented only by specific allocations from the annual Fire Works sale.

**General Budget:** Expenditures, which are less than about \$1,000/incident, and known expenditures are charged to the General Budget. In 2024, the PB over-expended its total allocation by \$1,255. The over-expenditure was caused by a faulty sprinkler weather station and expected plumbing issues.

**Special Funds:** Expenditures greater than about \$1,000/ incident are charged to the PB Special Fund.

See document "A" for further information

### **MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED:**

1. Plumbing Issues came to a total of \$10,506.15, employment of 3 plumbing contractors.
2. The decorative concrete wall: Claim Settlement approved for \$8,314.17. Contract signed with Linmoore Fencing for \$2,950.00 A local handyperson, Charlie Hamilton, repaired the broken stucco on the wall. The total cost was \$3,200.00

**Vandalism:** This year vandalism has been minor with the exceptions of the concrete wall.

Plumbing Issues: Due to the advanced age of the facility, the cost of maintaining the storm and sewer lines has increased. It was costly to remove the encroaching roots, especially this fall and winter.

Employee on-going contract: 2024Custodian Marie Ruiz, an employee since 2021.

Kevin Robinson resigned in November, and AmeriScape was hired at a cost of \$300 more per month. For a total of \$1200 a month. We are pleased with their work routine efforts so far.

The Property Board ensures that the routine maintenance work is accomplished, either through “willing” members, or by various contractors, if the work is specialized.

1. Deep cleaning of Schultz Hall carpet by Michael Duffek. Thank you, Michael!
2. Maintenance of the Kaiser Memorial Rose Garden: Bruce and Karen Kiser – Thank you!
3. The lighting of the Education Wing: Bill Meyers and Jerry Thomas. Thank you!
4. Security Camera Completed: In early December 2025, Ed Ireton moved the security camera to a location that will capture the Sanctuary and a small portion of the parking lot.
5. Broken thermostat replaced by Jack Fenske.

On a regular basis, maintain the facility in a neat appearance by training vegetation, picking up trash, and making frequent inspections, etc. a special thank you to Bruce Kiser.

Potential Land Sale: On-Going. The Board has not received any additional information. A City of Sacramento Survey Crew was on the property for a day or two.

Closing notes: Our sincere condolences to all the families of those we loved and lost in 2025: Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, and Ron Webb, and Ben Briel.

In the past, much of St. Lukes maintenance has been accomplished by PB members. However, with the aging of our members, it is now necessary to employ outside help, which is costly. Hopefully, the successful employment of a part-time Property Assistant will lessen the use of outside hired help.

A huge shout-out to Board Member Bruce Kiser, who is the key representative of the PB throughout the fireworks sales, and the W-ELCA Fall Festival. Thank you, Bruce. The on-going PB members are: Kelly Boyer, Chairperson, Bruce Kiser, Clarence Korhonen, Jon Linfor, Laura Weaver and board helpers, Bill Myers and Jerry Thomas.

On St. Luke’s behalf, thank you to members and helpers for their dedication and work.

Kelly Boyer,  
Property Board Chairperson

*\*\*report prepared by Karen Linfor for Kelly Boyer*

## Document A

<b>Property Board Balance</b>	<b>1/1/2025</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$13,141.33</b>
	<b>2/2/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1500 Jack Fenske - Reimburse for Drainage Work</b>	<b>(\$1,706.15)</b>
	<b>2/2/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1501 Roto Rooter - Clean &amp; Repair Storm Drain System</b>	<b>(\$5,800.00)</b>
	<b>2/5/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1502 Trenchless - Spot Repair Storm Drain Lines</b>	<b>(\$3,000.00)</b>
	<b>3/2/2025</b>	<b>Guide One Insurance Claim for Damaged Wall</b>	<b>\$8,314.47</b>
	<b>3/30/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1505 Jack Fenske Patch Stucco on Damaged Wall</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b>
	<b>5/14/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1451 Jack Fenske Replaster Corner on Damaged Wall</b>	<b>(\$300.00)</b>
	<b>5/14/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1452 Linmoore Fencing &amp; Iron Works - Damaged Wall</b>	<b>(\$2,950.00)</b>
	<b>9/12/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1459 Regionwide Appraisal Services, Inc.</b>	<b>(\$500.00)</b>
	<b>10/1/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1464 Regional Appraisal Services, Inc.</b>	<b>(\$1,000.00)</b>
	<b>10/3/2025</b>	<b>Transfer from Fireworks Fund</b>	<b>\$7,124.46</b>
	<b>10/12/2025</b>	<b>Deposit Memorial for Jack Fenske</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	<b>10/26/2025</b>	<b>Deposit Memorial for Jack Fenske</b>	<b>\$200.81</b>
	<b>11/12/2025</b>	<b>Ck #1467 Bruce Kiser - Tree Removal from Parking Lot</b>	<b>(\$1,500.00)</b>
	<b>11/23/2025</b>	<b>Deposit Memorial for Jack Fenske</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
	<b>11/23/2025</b>	<b>Deposit Memorial for Ed Ireton</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
	<b>11/30/2025</b>	<b>Deposit Memorial for Ed Ireton</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Property Board Balance</b>			<b>\$12,799.92</b>



## 2025 Annual Report

The Community Concerns Board had many accomplishments during 2025 that positively impacted our neighboring community. Below are highlights.

### Community Service Projects:

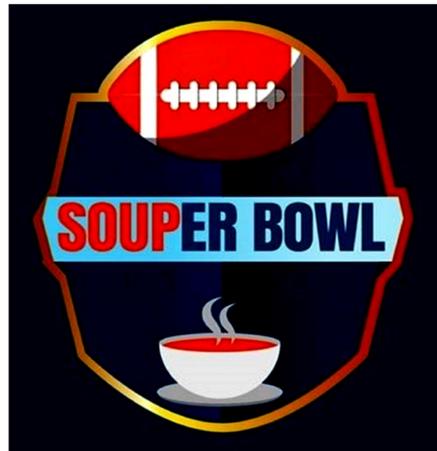
- In January, the Board sponsored a Congregation Sock Collection Drive. The Congregation donated approximately 271 pairs of socks as well as 26 other needed miscellaneous items such as thermal underwear, a rain coat, slippers, slides, a scarf, gloves, boxer briefs, tee shirts, fleece pants and a hat. All items were delivered to Mercy Peddlers (Sister Libby) who distributed them to individuals at the various homeless camps they visit.
- On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the Board participated in a 100 Year Anniversary Community Event held on the Church lawn facing Center Parkway. A table was set up with a selection of summer girl's/ boy's clothing. Sixteen Children received needed clothing at that event. Also, Children's Clothes Closet brochures as well as a brochure about the Community Concerns Board were handed out to all families who visited the table.
- In July and August, the Board sponsored a Congregation Collection Drive to fill 100 Blessing Bags for the Homeless with hygiene items, socks, thermal blankets, rain poncho's, food/water etc. The Congregation assembled the bags on Sunday, September 7 and then Pastor Rob blessed them at the Sunday, September 21 Service. 60 of the Blessed bags were picked up by Congregation members who personally delivered each to a person in need. In mid-October, the Board delivered the remaining 40 Blessed bags to the Elk Grove Year-Round Shelter.
- In November, the Board sponsored a Congregation Thanksgiving Food Collection Drive. On Wednesday, November 19, a group from the Board delivered an amazing 500 pounds! of donated food to the Elk Grove Food Bank.
- In December, the Board sponsored a Congregation Children's Christmas Toy Collection Drive for Stanford Sierra Youth & Families. 71 individual gifts, 3 gift cards and a cash donation were presented to the organization.

### Other:

- The Board selected 4 Benevolence recipients who received \$500 each from the Community Concerns Special Fund. A total of \$2,000 was disbursed from the fund. The recipients were Meals On Wheels, Project RIDE, Lutheran Disaster Relief and Pastor Assistance Fund.
- **Children's Clothes Closet** - The Board replaced and installed new Children's Clothes Closet signs. One is facing Center Parkway (has brochures that can be taken) and the other is on the Parking lot fence facing Tangerine. Approximately 31+ children received clothing from St. Luke's Children's Clothes Closet throughout the year.

In 2026, the Board has exciting plans to continue serving the needs of our neighboring community and making an impact.

*Kathleen Arndt, 2025 Community Concerns Chair*



## **Sunday, February 8th**

Cast your vote for Super Bowl champions with a can (or cans) of soup on Souper Sunday, Feb. 8. Place your soup in the appropriate receptacle in the narthex. The soups collected will be passed along to our local food closets – South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership and the Elk Grove Food Closet.

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### **2025 Summary of Facilities Usage**

We had a good year.

Narcotics Anonymous has moved into room 5 and are storing their belongings in room 3.

The Sacramento Youth Band is in Schultz hall every Sunday afternoon. In October the band started their Cadet Band (young people) in the Multi-purpose room.

Pastor Carter Tabernacle church is in the Multi-purpose room every Sunday 9:30-10:30.

Pastor Ed-Pentecostal Church is in the Multi-purpose room every Sunday 11:00-2:00.

The vote center was back in late October to November.

I have a key log going. If you have keys to the church and have not already signed the log, please let me know.

*Linda Duffek, Facilities Usage Coordinator*



## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

**The Worship and Music Board works closely with the Pastor to ensure that all myriad duties needed, for the regular and special worship services, are adhered to:**

The Easter season began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, with a soup supper hosted by WELCA followed by a worship service. The sermon Ash Wednesday, focused on "The Journey through the Wilderness." As we have done in past years, each Wednesday during Lent, boards hosted soup suppers and a Lenten message of the Pastor's choosing delivered. This year the message theme was "Wilderness Journey." Pastor Rob gave the first talk with his Ash Wednesday sermon, followed each week by a member of the congregation sharing their wilderness journey. Jacob Wilson, Gaylen Everett, Chet Madison, and Kelly Boyer delivered very moving talks.

A workday took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, on April 12, 2025. The ladies of the church polished all the brass, dusted the pews, and prepared the sanctuary for the special Palm Sunday worship service. Worship and Music Board members and members of the congregation helped with the Maundy Thursday service and stripping of the altar. After Good Friday worship service, we decorated the sanctuary with Easter lilies for Easter Sunday worship service.

On May 25, 2025, we displayed the Veterans' banner in recognition of Memorial Day.

Recognition for the graduating Class of 2025, took place June 15, 2025.

The choir was on hiatus from June through August, returning to regular rehearsal, September 3, 2025, and began singing during Sunday worship services on September 7, 2025. During the choir's hiatus, small groups, individual choir members, Jacob and Jane, our music director, provided worship service music.

The Veteran's banner once again, was on displayed, in recognition of Veterans' Day Sunday, November 9, 2025.

The Christmas season began, with Advent, November 30, 2025. This year each Wednesday during Advent, a soup supper took place followed by a short service, the Holden Evening Prayer. The choir performed their Christmas Cantata, **When Earth Received Her King**, on December 21, 2025. The cantata is always the highlight of the Christmas season worship services.

Again, I must give a big Shout Out and Thank you to the members of the Board and the non-board members, who aided us in our endeavors. Board members: Marlene Kiser, Karen Linfor, Peggy Moser, Shirley Prouty, Punky Dias, Jacob Wilson, and Jane Fanucci, for all their support this past year.

The following congregants played an essential part of our board: Bob Behr, who made sure the candelabras are in place each Sunday.

Jeff Kiser, who filled the candelabras and oil candles each Sunday, and acted as backup on the sound board and camera whenever needed and Kelly Boyer for providing backup, as needed on the sound board and camera.

Dorothy Haney, who took attendance each Sunday. Faith Thomas, who scheduled the Communion Assistants. Bill Myers, who is Head Usher.

Ushers: Kelly Boyer, Justin Tice and others who help with usher duties.

A special thanks to Jane Fanucci for the excellent job leading the choir. The choir is few in numbers, but under Jane's direction they do an outstanding job.

Once again, the Lord graced us with another stellar year, and I am so looking forward to working with each and everyone of my St. Luke Church family members, especially my board members, in 2026. I pray God continues to bless each and everyone of you.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Carolyn Andrews  
Worship and Music Chairperson

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## February 2026

### SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### Sunday, February 1

Shirley Prouty	Altar Care
Bob Behr	Reader
Shirley Prouty	Prayer Leader
Kirsten Ireton	Communion Servers
Bob Behr	
Scott Kelly	

#### Sunday, February 8

Connie Reule	Altar Care
Punky Dias	Reader
Sarah Madison	Prayer Leader
Peggy Moser	Communion Servers
Linda Duffek	

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#### Sunday, February 15

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Clarence Korhonen	Reader
Laura Tice	Prayer Leader
Karen Linfor	Communion Servers
Faith Thomas	
Connie Reule	

#### Sunday, February 22

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Phil Petersen	Prayer Leader
Shirley Prouty	Communion Servers
Laura Tice	

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#### \*\*Ash Wednesday February 18

Marlene Kiser	Altar Care
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# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

December & Year-End Report - 2025

General Fund Offerings (only)		
Data	December	Year Total
<b>Total Offerings 2025</b>	\$19,848	\$196,987
2025 Offerings Compared to Budget	+\$3,663	+\$2,767
	22.6%	1.4%
2024 Offerings Compared to Budget	-\$996	+\$1,764
	-6.5%	1.0%

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

Other Significant Contributions in 2025		
	December	Year Total
Memorials		\$1,527
Facility Use	\$2,545	\$14,650
Flowers	\$250	\$695

## Year-End Comments:

- Welcome new members and thanks to all for your continuing support.
- Although the offerings lagged the budget at times, we finished the year with a total income slightly exceeding the budget (+1.4%). In addition, the income received from those organizations, etc. that used our facilities exceeded expectations or budget by about \$8,000.
- As mentioned previously, we are watchful and continue to track the number of active members/contributors who fully support St. Luke and its facilities into the future.

## General Comments:

- Annual statements of your 2025 contributions were distributed in January for all contributors. If you did not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below.

b. Contributions can be made electronically (online), in addition to conventional means. For details, go to the St. Luke website [www.slelca.org](http://www.slelca.org) and click on the "Giving" heading.

c. We have numbered envelopes for use in making donations. If you need some, let me know via contact below or with a note in the offering plate. Using numbered envelopes aids in the counting process, record-keeping, and minimizes errors.

d. If you are 70 years or older and have IRAs, consider consulting with your Financial Advisor or tax preparer regarding "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCDs). There may be some opportunities for tax savings through QCDs.

e. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary's duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me or Kirsten Ireton, the newly appointed Financial Secretary.

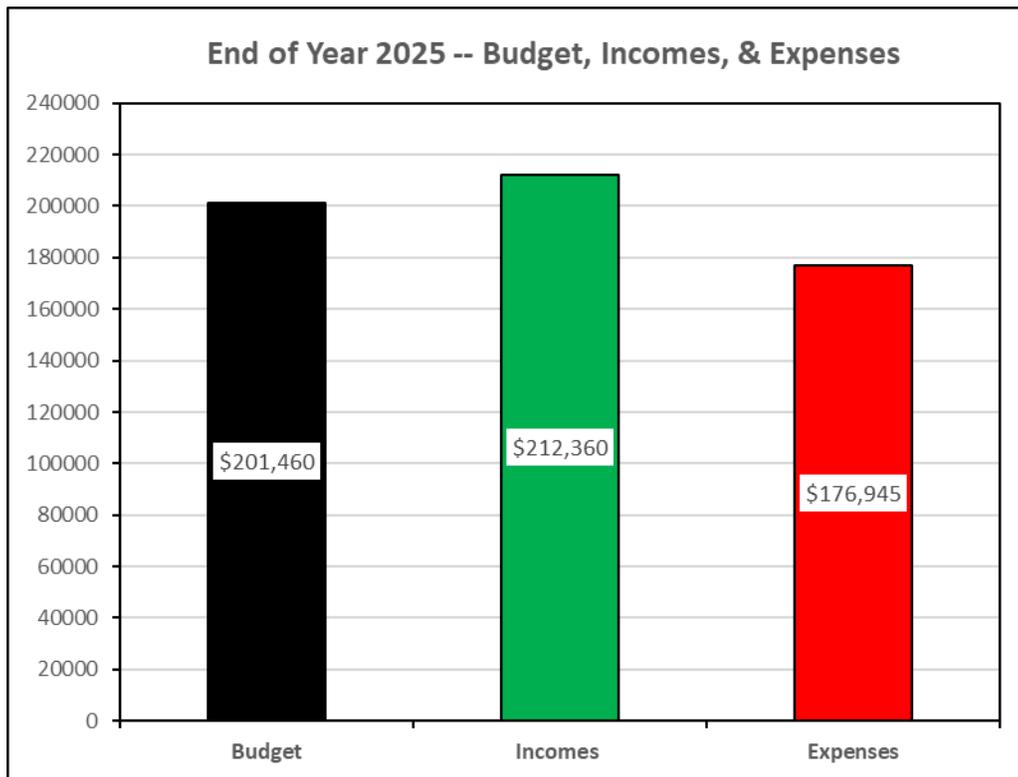
f. Your continuing support is appreciated. Thank you.

Bob Behr 916-730-0768, [bkbahr@comcast.net](mailto:bkbahr@comcast.net)

*St. Luke Financial Board Chair and  
Interim Financial Secretary*

# FINANCES for END OF YEAR 2025

Thank you all for your contributions and support.



The graph above compares the end of year 2025 figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses. The Incomes, which include offerings and facility use rentals (\$212,360) exceeded the Expenses (\$176,945) by about \$35,000 due primarily to an increase in facility use income (double what was budgeted), less expenses for pastor reimbursables, not hiring a maintenance worker, and reduction in natural gas due to outage in the sanctuary. From these “short-time savings”, \$30,000 were transferred to the Reserve Fund in accordance with our Policy & Procedure 2018-1 and in anticipation of funding the repaired/replaced furnace. We appreciate everyone’s financial support as we enter year 2026 and look forward to growing in stewardship and outreach.

Finance Board

## **Soul Sisters 2025 Annual Report**

2025 was another very busy and productive year for the Soul Sisters. We knitted, crocheted and loomed products to be given away to needy causes.

Since we started keeping track in 2022, we have made and donated 17 angel baby sets, 114 baby blankets, 765 baby hats, 99 blankets, 33 comfort dolls, 47 hat & scarf sets, 785 adult hats, 204 kid's hats, 57 lap robes, 14 shawls, 1039 pillows and 153 scarves.

This year we donated to Sister Libby, Adult Protective Services, City Creek, Kaiser Hospital, Mustard Seed School, and various personal donations.

Our main project this year was to fill 100 Christmas bags filled with hats, scarves, games and personal products. Donated to the Union Gospel Mission was most appreciative!

We are just beginning another exciting year. All are welcome, even if you do not knit or crochet. Fellowship is a major part of our Monday gatherings. Several in our group are not members of St. Luke's. We also have one Soul Brother who joins us frequently.

We hope to see you next Monday at Noon.

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Dear fellow members, family and friends of St Luke's,

The Evangelism Board has urgent announcement and request: Bill Myers is retiring as our Head Usher. He has put in his time, being a constant presence in our Sunday Worship service, and he has earned and deserves this break from duty!

That being said, we are looking for a new Head Usher. You may not realize what a crucial and important role Bill has played over the years so here is a rundown: Head Usher arrives to church about 30 to 45 minutes before church starts to unlock the sign (located in the Sanctuary) that sets on our walkway on the West side of the church. They turn on the lights in the Sanctuary. They are to pass out the Bulletins to our congregants as they enter the church. They and a helper collect the Sunday offerings during the Offertory and dismiss the pews during Communion. They then are to stay until after Refreshments to make sure the sign is returned to the sanctuary and the gates/doors are relocked.

This may not seem like a lot to ask, but it is a vital part of our Sunday service. So, I would like to ask if anyone in our congregation feels a call to fill in as Head Usher? Even if it's just part-time! I pray we may get a couple of people that would like to do this job and we can make a schedule to cover this position! Just four people would make this a once a month position.

Please reach out to *Laura Tice* at 916-271-7566 or talk to me at church. I will be there! ☺





## **2025 Annual Report – Evangelism Board**

Our year began with our Epiphany Breakfast and Service on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We had a wonderful breakfast of egg casseroles, fruit, pastries, and beverages. Pastor Rob shared a wonderful message about Epiphany.

From March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>, our board coordinated and helped with Lenten Soup Suppers. Provided updated information on procedures for Soup Suppers (posted in kitchen).

On April 20<sup>th</sup> we sponsored the Easter Continental Breakfast. There was a wonderful out-pouring of donations provided by the congregation. The breakfast was well attended and a big success. That same morning Evangelism along with Christian Education held an Easter egg hunt inside the church. We had a large number of children who happily ran through the church collecting eggs. This was a very successful event and the first egg hunt held in many years.

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, we served pie and ice cream to honor the special men in our congregation.

Many members of the Evangelism board coordinated the 100-year anniversary dinner held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We celebrated the “End of Summer” and “Back to School” by providing root beer and orange ice cream floats after church on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our board sponsored a potluck to celebrate Reformation Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held our “Thanksgiving Pie Social” after church services. There were many delicious pies to choose from and all left over pies were donated to the NA Thanksgiving Marathon held at our church.

The last event of our year was the Congregational Meeting and Potluck on December 8th. We took care of “official” church business and enjoyed an amazing potluck.

Along with the events above, Evangelism sponsors the following yearly ongoing tasks:

Supplied the weekly calendar for Sunday refreshments. Thank you to the following families for supplying refreshments over the past few years.

Carole and Mack Vance

Kirsten Ireton

Kelly Boyer and Lois Sheretts

Holly and Triss Hoppman

Cathy Davis and Gaylen Everett

Laura and Justin Tice

Christiana and Jacob Wilson

Provided cakes and special refreshments for Baptisms and New Church Member events.

Provide New Members of the church goodie bags.

Accompany Pastor Rob on visitation when needed.

Fill and hand out Welcome Bean Jars to new visitors after church.

Send out Get Well, Thinking of you, and Sympathy Cards.

Coordinated Ushers and updated Usher duties and roster. I would like to thank Bill Myer for his dedication and amazing work he does as Head Usher!

Provide New Members of the church goodie bags.

As I end my 2<sup>nd</sup> year term as Evangelism Chair I would like to thank all my amazing board members, Carole Vance, Jennifer Connell, Gaylen Everett, Carol Carney, Carolyn Andrews, Pastor Rob and Kelly Boyer for all their outstanding help and support! Thank you to Laura Tice for stepping up to take over as the new Evangelism Board Chair!

In Christ,

Cathy Davis

Past Evangelism Board Chair



## **W-ELCA 2025 Annual Report**

We opened the year with a Board Meeting where the budget for the year was discussed.

January was our first meeting where a vote was taken to approve a budget of \$2,050 and \$6,400 for benevolent giving.

February 8th was our Valentine meeting. February 18th – We helped with the funeral reception for Pastor Ron.

March was pretty busy with a general meeting March 8th. We helped with the funeral reception for Sister Gail.

Ash Wednesday – We were responsible for soup, bread and dessert in addition to set up and clean up.

April was a general meeting.

May – Peggy and Sarah chaired a beautiful Mother's Day catered luncheon complete with entertainment.

June – Dorothy and Peggy conducted a very successful Bunco night which netted \$2,630.

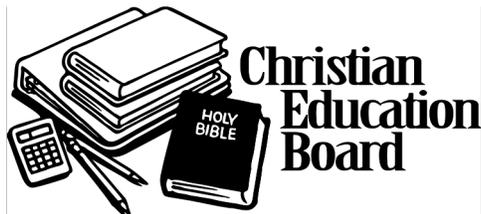
September saw us back together at the Spaghetti Factory thanks to Connie. We had 16 members and 4 guests. WELCA Sierra Pacific Synod president Sue and incoming president Kevin told about their work on behalf of area WELCA groups.

October – We had a very successful Fall Festival led by Peggy and Faith. A net of \$2,111 was made. October 16th found 17 members attending the Sierra Pacific WELCA Conference. We were the largest group of any WELCA groups in attendance.

November was a general meeting. November 2nd – a beautiful baby shower for Megan, Jack, and baby Arthur. November 25th – WELCA was responsible for the Thankoffering Service. Triss was the coordinator.

December – We celebrated with a festive Christmas party led by Faith and Peggy.

During the year our gatherings provided needed supplies for Kiwanis Club, SPCA, Mustard Seed, and Mercy Pedalers.



## **Education Year in Review 2025**

In 2025 Sunday school classes continued with one-room lessons taught by Kelly Boyer and Laura Tice. We continue to use the Sermons4Kids curriculum online for the kids. It follows along weekly with the Sermon topics of the church, and is ideal for all kids ages 3 to 12 (and beyond).

We took a break for Summer of 2025. We decided to begin a new schedule in Fall of 2025 for 1st and 3rd Sunday's each month. This would allow us teachers to be in church for at least half the month. Since the number of children attending each week is very low anyway we thought maybe this would boost attendance in our Sunday School two Sundays a month. This has been working well to wrap up 2025. We combine the word of Jesus with a few crafts to keep the kids engaged.

As a reminder, kids of all ages are welcome in Sunday School. This means, kids, grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, nephews, ect. We'd love to teach them the word of Jesus!

If you ever feel a pull to be one of our teachers, we could always use the help! With inevitable sickness and scheduling conflicts, our teachers may need a Sunday off here and there. Even if you would be willing to fill in on an as-needed basis, this would be a huge help to us.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Laura Tice at 916-271-7566 or email at [Lpierson92@yahoo.com](mailto:Lpierson92@yahoo.com)



## Treasurer's Report for 2025

Hello St. Luke's Family! Attached you will find our 2025 year-end reports for the "Special Funds" and "General Fund and Budget". As a reminder, the Special Funds Account holds those donations/receipts which are designated for special purposes such as Memorials, Sunday School offerings, youth, fireworks, property, etc. The General Fund includes all the money which comes into the church by means of offerings, facility use donations, etc. and our budgeted expenses that were approved at the Congregational Meeting in December 2024. The Finance Board provides oversight and guidance for both accounts. The data presented here in the reports are audited on a quarterly basis and then again annually according to our Policy & Procedures.

### **Special Funds**

The Special Funds Account, managed by Council-approved Special Funds Recorder Connie Reule, was established to accommodate funds received for special or designated purposes outside of the general budgetary fund. Its purpose and management are addressed in St Luke's Policy & Procedure 2000-1. Within the Special Funds Account is the Reserve Fund, with oversight provided by the Church Council and/or Congregation. It is used primarily for emergencies and/or unexpected needs, like our recent furnace repair. The Special Funds report (on the next page) shows the various designated subaccounts and existing balances as of December 31, 2025. The account balance is \$101,300.05.

### **General Fund and Budget**

The General Fund report shows the budgeted and expensed items by budget account for December 2025 and for the entire year 2025. During 2025, the General Fund was managed by me, the Congregation-elected Treasurer and our Finance Board. As the Church Treasurer, I was responsible for the payment of all of the church bills, payroll, and taxes for our employees. In 2025, our overall income exceeded our budgeted expectations by \$10,930. On the expenses side, we were under budget by about \$15,340. I encourage you reach out to me, or Joann Sulli (our new Church Treasurer) with any questions. According to our Policy & Procedure 2018-1, we transferred \$30,000 to the Reserve Account (shown as an expense) and our checkbook balance on December 31, 2025 was \$28,614.08.

### **Looking Forward to 2026**

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve our congregation as Treasurer for the past four years. I have been enlightened as to the inner workings of our church and am in awe of the hard work and dedication of those who serve in any capacity on a board or committee. I encourage all church members to seek out ways to become involved; you truly will find value. I am excited for my new role as Council-approved Financial Secretary. I know I have huge shoes to fill, following Jack Fenske.

In His Service, Kirsten Ireton

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

December 2025

### Summary Report:

Sub-Fund	Number	Balance*	Comments
<b>Memorials:</b>			
Under \$99.99	3	\$195.00	
\$100.00 to \$249.99	1	\$170.00	
\$250.00 to \$499.99	3	\$957.00	
\$499.99 to \$999.99	1	\$690.00	
Over \$1,000.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$2,012.00</b>	
<b>Special Funds Accounts</b>			
Anniversary Fund		\$2,169.57	
Community Concerns		\$1,234.68	
Crab Feed Fund		<b>\$837.92</b>	
Evangelism Board Fund		\$865.41	
Fireworks Booth		\$500.00	
Pastor Rob's Installation		\$0.00	
Luau Music		\$1,296.91	
Parking Lot Fund		\$0.00	
Pastor Carl Gift Fund		\$0.00	
Pastor Assistance Fund		\$806.79	
Property Board		\$12,799.92	
Reserve Fund		\$71,750.08	
Reule Handbell Fund		<b>\$1,633.17</b>	
Sunday School Fund		\$939.76	
Youth Activity Fund		\$4,484.14	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$99,318.35</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$101,330.35</b>	
Bank Statement Balance	<b>12/31/2025</b>	<b>\$101,330.35</b>	
Check's/Deposits not cleared/posted	Net		
Adjusted Bank Statement Balance		<b>\$101,330.05</b>	Special Funds Balance 12/31/2025

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<u>Book 01: General Fund</u>	Budget Dec. 2025	Actual Dec. 2025	Budget as of 12/31/2025	Actual as of 12/31/2025
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
<b><u>40 - Church Income</u></b>				
<b><u>10 - Designated Giving</u></b>				
015-40-10-01 Envelope Offerings	15,285.00	18,511.00	183,420.00	180,135.28
015-40-10-02 Loose Cash Offerings	350.00	263.00	4,200.00	5,799.85
015-40-10-03 Flower Income	400.00	250.00	800.00	695.00
015-40-10-04 Facility Usage	536.66	2,545.00	6,440.00	14,650.50
015-40-10-06 Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
015-40-10-09 VANCO E-Giving	550.00	1,073.90	6,600.00	11,051.90
10 - Designated Giving:	17,121.66	22,642.90	201,460.00	212,359.53
40 - Church Income:	17,121.66	22,642.90	201,460.00	212,359.53
<b>Income:</b>	<b>17,121.66</b>	<b>22,642.90</b>	<b>201,460.00</b>	<b>212,359.53</b>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>				
<b><u>51 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b><u>10 - Synod/ELCA</u></b>				
016-51-10-01 Synod Benevolence	323.66	396.96	3,884.00	3,936.79
10 - Synod/ELCA:	323.66	396.96	3,884.00	3,936.79
51 - General Budget:	323.66	396.96	3,884.00	3,936.79
<b><u>52 - General Budget Expense</u></b>				
<b><u>10 - Executive Committee</u></b>				
016-52-10-01 Pastor's Wages	2,604.00	2,604.00	31,248.00	31,248.00
016-52-10-03 Pastor Housing Allowance	2,416.00	2,416.00	28,992.00	28,992.00
016-52-10-04 Pastor's Benefits (ELCA)	594.50	567.42	7,134.00	6,926.88
016-52-10-05 Pastor's SSEA	384.00	384.00	4,608.00	4,608.00
016-52-10-06 Pastor's Cont Education	250.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-52-10-07 Pastor's First Call Educ	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	350.00
016-52-10-08 Pastor's Mileage	83.33	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
016-52-10-09 Prof Expenses & Synod Meetings	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	210.00
016-52-10-10 Office Secretary Wages	1,224.00	1,224.00	14,144.00	13,574.50
016-52-10-11 Sub Pastors & Others	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	342.00
016-52-10-12 Stewardship Program Exp	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
016-52-10-13 Staff Training/Checks	0.00	0.00	200.00	15.00
016-52-10-14 Other Expenses	0.00	60.00	0.00	2,040.00
10 - Executive Committee:	7,555.83	7,255.42	93,226.00	88,306.38
52 - General Budget Expense:	7,555.83	7,255.42	93,226.00	88,306.38
<b><u>53 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b><u>10 - Community Concerns Bd</u></b>				
016-53-10-01 CC Program Exp	50.00	0.00	350.00	341.44
10 - Community Concerns Bd:	50.00	0.00	350.00	341.44
53 - General Budget:	50.00	0.00	350.00	341.44
<b><u>54 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b><u>10 - Education Board</u></b>				
016-54-10-01 Sunday School	0.00	0.00	400.00	99.95
016-54-10-02 Adult Education Curriculum	25.00	0.00	100.00	30.29
10 - Education Board:	25.00	0.00	500.00	130.24

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<u>Book 01: General Fund</u>	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>as of 12/31/2025</u>	<u>as of 12/31/2025</u>
54 - General Budget:	25.00	0.00	500.00	130.24
<b><u>55 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b>10 - Evangelism Board</b>				
016-55-10-01 Evangelism Program Exp	75.00	21.87	300.00	298.99
10 - Evangelism Board:	75.00	21.87	300.00	298.99
55 - General Budget:	75.00	21.87	300.00	298.99
<b><u>56 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b>10 - Worship/Music Board</b>				
016-56-10-01 Organist/Choir Director	1,274.00	1,274.00	15,288.00	15,288.00
016-56-10-02 Worship Supplies	150.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,379.45
016-56-10-03 Flower Exp	325.00	325.92	950.00	684.47
016-56-10-04 W&M Other Exp	0.00	0.00	600.00	359.00
10 - Worship/Music Board:	1,749.00	1,599.92	18,638.00	17,710.92
56 - General Budget:	1,749.00	1,599.92	18,638.00	17,710.92
<b><u>58 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b>10 - Finance Board</b>				
016-58-10-01 Payroll Taxes	263.41	227.10	3,161.00	2,639.23
016-58-10-02 Workers Comp Ins	450.00	300.39	1,350.00	853.51
016-58-10-03 Property Fees & Taxes	0.00	0.00	3,450.00	3,349.63
016-58-10-04 Liability Property Ins	2,237.75	2,771.25	11,000.00	10,712.25
016-58-10-05 Office Supplies	41.00	0.00	500.00	471.96
016-58-10-06 Telephone	41.00	42.26	500.00	504.61
016-58-10-07 Postage	0.00	0.00	200.00	189.80
016-58-10-08 Internet	64.16	85.25	770.00	791.45
016-58-10-09 Copier/ Off.Equip. Suppt	185.42	202.38	2,225.00	2,367.24
016-58-10-10 Computer/Sftwr Supp	170.00	0.00	2,200.00	1,113.27
016-58-10-11 Lay Conference/Convention	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	0.00
016-58-10-12 Misc. Fees & Taxes	25.00	0.00	100.00	720.97
016-58-10-13 VANCO Fees	10.00	23.12	120.00	215.85
016-58-10-14 Advertising	0.00	0.00	598.00	529.00
10 - Finance Board:	3,487.74	3,651.75	27,474.00	24,458.77
58 - General Budget:	3,487.74	3,651.75	27,474.00	24,458.77
<b><u>59 - General Budget</u></b>				
<b>10 - Property Board</b>				
016-59-10-01 Facility Maintenance	175.00	600.00	2,100.00	2,706.62
016-59-10-02 Janitor Wages	470.60	470.60	5,648.00	5,636.77
016-59-10-03 Maintenance Worker Wages	520.00	0.00	6,240.00	0.00
016-59-10-04 Landscape Svc Contract	900.00	0.00	10,800.00	9,850.00
016-59-10-05 Refuse Services	170.00	253.64	2,040.00	2,693.90
016-59-10-06 Electricity	405.00	350.20	4,860.00	5,184.78
016-59-10-07 Natural Gas	900.00	193.78	3,630.00	3,612.53
016-59-10-08 Sewer Charges	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,838.26
016-59-10-09 Water Charges	200.00	134.01	3,600.00	3,425.15
016-59-10-10 Storm Drainage Fees	527.00	526.36	6,324.00	6,316.32
016-59-10-11 Street Sweeping Fees	6.00	5.64	72.00	67.68
016-59-10-12 Janitorial Supplies	0.00	68.44	800.00	430.14
10 - Property Board:	4,273.60	2,602.67	47,914.00	41,762.15
59 - General Budget:	4,273.60	2,602.67	47,914.00	41,762.15
<b><u>60 - General Budget</u></b>				

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<u>Book 01: General Fund</u>	Budget Dec. 2025	Actual Dec. 2025	Budget as of 12/31/2025	Actual as of 12/31/2025
<b>10 - Bank Transfer</b>				
016-60-10-00 Bank Transfer	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
10 - Bank Transfer:	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
60 - General Budget:	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
<b>Expense:</b>	<b>17,539.83</b>	<b>45,528.59</b>	<b>192,286.00</b>	<b>206,945.68</b>
 Summary, Book 01: General Fund				
	Budget Dec. 2025	Actual Dec. 2025	Budget as of 12/31/2025	Actual as of 12/31/2025
Income:	17,121.66	22,642.90	201,460.00	212,359.53
- Expense:	17,539.83	45,528.59	192,286.00	206,945.68
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>-418.17</b>	<b>-22,885.69</b>	<b>9,174.00</b>	<b>5,413.85</b>



**February 18 at 7pm in the Sanctuary**

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Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Each board will be hosting the weekly soup suppers with W-ELCA hosting the first supper. Wednesday Lenten Soup suppers will begin at 6:00pm .

***February 25*** – Community Concerns and Evangelism

***March 4*** – Council and Christian Education

***March 11*** – Youth, Worship and Music and Choir

***March 18*** – Property and Finance

***March 25*** – Congregation

All boards are responsible for set-up and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for donations of soup, bread and desserts. Pastor Rob will be having a short service following the Wednesdays Lenten Season Soup Suppers in Schultz Hall at 6:45pm.



# February BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Connell	February 03
Jesse Iniguez	February 07
Joeph Mansfield	February 07
Mateo Ray	February 08
Holly Hoppman	February 10
Brooklyn Moser	February 10
Ella Neidich	February 12
Laura Weaver	February 12
Robin Zoesch	February 13
Victor Basquez	February 15
Rochelle Jaegar	February 17
Paul Linfor	February 17
Andrew Encinas	February 18
Lajuan Andrews	February 24
Donovan Torres	February 26
Cheryl Franklin	February 28



February 1	<i>Karen Linfor In Remembrance of her late daughter Tracy Light's Birthday (Jan. 31)</i>
February 8	<i>Currently available</i>
February 15	<i>Currently available</i>
February 22	<i>Currently available</i>

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

Sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. There is a sign up chart available 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!

### **February 2025 Sunday Refreshments Provided by:**

- February 1:** Kirsten Ireton
- February 8:** Carole & Mack Vance
- February 15:** Triss & Holly Hoppman
- February 22:** Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets