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2013 Annual Reports

News And Views



2014

Pastor's 2013 Annual Report



We lived on both ends of the spectrum during 2013. Several well-loved and loving members of our church family died and were taken by Jesus to the place prepared for them in heaven (see John 14:2-3). At the same time we welcomed new life into this world as several babies were born into our church family.

We were powerfully reminded through these events that our time in this world is precious and important, but it is only a miniscule portion of our participation in life in relationship with God. During our time here, what really matters and makes a difference is the love we share. You shared that love wonderfully with those in our family who were grieving and just as wonderfully with the new babies in our church family. It is truly a privilege to be the pastor of a congregation where the love of God flows so freely and fully.

I had the pleasure during 2013 of leading three groups through reading and discussion of the Bible. I provided daily scripture readings and got together weekly with the groups to go over the readings. We made it from Genesis to the middle of the Psalms. It is amazing how powerful it is to read through the whole Bible and discuss it in a group. New vistas of understanding and appreciation of God's plan and purpose for us appear regularly. I look forward to finishing leading the groups

through the Bible by the end of 2014. You are most welcome to join us anytime. If there is adequate interest, I would be delighted to go through it again.

Worship was wonderful during 2013. Our music director, Brooke Barr, hardly skipped a beat as she became a new mom in February. She led us with a spiritual depth to her playing that I have rarely experienced. Her leadership of the choir was very encouraging and affirming, and yet she displayed a persistence to get the very best out of us in our praise of the Lord in song. Having Jane Fanucci return as our organist provided a great element to our worship. It is delightful to see how well Brooke and Jane work together to lead our worship at the 10:30 AM service. We were blessed to have Jacob Wilson continue to play keyboard for us at the 8:15 AM service. That service grew in number during 2013, but is still an intimate experience of worship together in a close knit but open group. We tried a new service during 2013. It was a simple service with just the essentials. We hoped to reach those with a desire to worship, but not so much in a full service. It started well, but didn't receive the needed response to continue.

Many other activities and events took place in our church family during 2013. A real highlight was the complete remodeling of our cry room in the sanctuary thanks to the Connell family and the preschool room in the education wing thanks to

Crab Feed proceeds. They are now both very welcoming to the little ones and the preschool room includes a children's clothing exchange for our congregational families and the community. Read about this and other exciting ministries in the annual reports that follow in this special issue of the News and Views. 2013 marked my 20th year as pastor of St. Luke's. I can't thank you enough for the honor of serving the Lord with you.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



President's Annual Report 2013

This past year St. Luke's has faced some challenges, but working together we have strengthened many programs and commitments to "spreading, serving, and sharing." We had the opportunity to try or start some new programs while continuing to look for ways to reach out to the community and met the needs of our congregation and facility.

This issue of News & Views shares what has transpired for the various church boards in 2013 as each board provides a summary of their activity this past year and perhaps shares some of their visions for 2014. We are always looking for ways to do things better and to involve more members in our activities and programs. New and fresh ideas provide enrichment to our mission and participation by everyone increases our ability and effectiveness in executing programs beneficial to many. We welcome folks who want to get involved in the various Boards. Contact the respective Board Chair or Pastor if you have special interests. We need everyone's support to ensure we have programs to meet the congregation needs and those in our community.

In 2013 we began our initial future planning meetings with more to be held in 2014. We are reviewing our strengths and weaknesses and looking forward about five years to try to see what St. Luke's will look like. There are identified challenges and we are trying to determine what we can do to shape our future given our current environment and forecast changes. It isn't an easy task but one we believe is a vital function to step back and redefine who we are and where we are going. Eventually, we hope to present our initial findings to the congregation and give everyone an opportunity to be involved in the discussion and planning for our future.

Our financial commitment for 2013 showed good growth over 2012 and we hope that this will continue for 2014. Sharing your time, treasures, and talents helps St. Luke's remain viable and strong serving the requirements of those in need. We all will continue to face challenges but together we can work through life's surprises in the fellowship of each of us supporting one another. Let's continue to support the mission of St. Luke's and allow all to benefit from sharing and praying together and experiencing the joy and praise in serving our Lord and Savior.

Bob Behr



EVANGELISM BOARD 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

This year we were very happy to add Kelly Boyer and Carole Vance as new members to our board.

In January, we hosted our annual Epiphany breakfast and worship service on Sunday, January 6, in Schultz Hall. 101 people enjoyed breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, nut breads and coffee-cakes. Pastor Carl reminded us that Epiphany cele-

brates God's revealing of his Son, Jesus Christ, to the world and that God's love is for all of us. It was a very special time of sharing with each other.

We began the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on February 13 with our first Lenten soup supper (hosted by W-ELCA) and Holy Communion worship service. We enjoyed five more Wednesday soup suppers (hosted by our boards, church council and the congregation) and worship services. Thanks to Pastor Carl, Al Moser and Missy Jensen for their meaningful Lenten dramas each week. Thank you to everyone who brought all those delicious soups, breads and desserts each Wednesday to share.

We were delighted once again to have Carol Carney and Ron Webb co-chair the Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31. We had a delicious breakfast of French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, fruit, sweet rolls, coffee and juice. Special thanks to Carol and Ron and to all those who helped with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up to make our Easter celebration so special.

On Tuesday, April 30, we hosted a benefit event at Noodles & Company in Elk Grove. Not only did 50 people enjoy great food and fellowship, but we received a donation of 25% (\$218.21) of our food purchases that evening to be used for future ministry programs.

In May, we revived our small group dining program. Those who signed up were arranged into groups of 6 or 7 and enjoyed sharing home meals, dining out or any activity of their choice for three months at a time.

During the summer, we celebrated Father's Day, June 16, by honoring all our wonderful men with our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social, and in July we hosted our annual Root Beer and Orange Soda Float Sunday. There's nothing like a soda float on a hot summer day.

In August, we hosted a lunch at the Plates Café located at the Sacramento Army Depot. The Café is run by St. John's Shelter for Women and Children and provides on-the-job training for women to have careers in the food service, catering, retail and hospitality industries. It's a great place for a delicious meal and, at the same time, support such a worthy project.

In September, we joined with the Education and Community Service Boards for the annual Congregational BBQ picnic and Sunday School bake sale to celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School and adult Bible study classes. We were blessed with good weather, delicious food (thank you Ed Ireton for grilling all those hamburgers and hot dogs) and wonderful fellowship. A special part of the day's events included filling backpacks with all the school supplies that the congregation donated during the summer. The backpacks and school supplies were donated to the Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary schools.

In October, we celebrated Reformation Sunday by hosting the Annual Heritage Potluck. This potluck is a favorite of many as it is a chance to try so many delicious family favorites and dishes representing one's heritage. Not only did we enjoy great food and fellowship, but thanks to fact sheets prepared by Pastor Carl and Pauline Arndt, we learned more about Reformation.

In December, we hosted the Congregational Potluck as part of the annual meeting. Thank you to W-ELCA for the beautiful Christmas table decorations and to everyone who brought food and helped set up, serve and clean up. This year, along with other boards and church groups, we provided information sheets outlining the ways each serves. We hope this will help everyone understand what each board and church group does and will encourage more people to participate.

This year we started recording worship services and providing copies once a month to those

members who are no longer physically able to attend worship services or to anyone, upon request, who would appreciate having a copy.

We continue to join Pastor Carl in visiting our many members who find it difficult to attend regular worship services or who may be in need of a visit. The 3rd Sunday of each month Pastor Carl leads a worship service at the Commons in Elk Grove. Several of us participate and enjoy a great time of singing, hearing God's word and sharing with these special seniors.

Thank you to Pat Hamilton for doing a wonderful job coordinating our Sunday greeters. It's so important for people to be welcomed as they come in for worship.

This has been a very busy and rewarding year. Special thanks to my very dependable board members, Carolyn Andrews, Pauline Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Carole Vance and Thelma Williams, for their hard work and support. I also want to thank Pastor Carl for always being there to help us provide leadership and direction for our church family.

Pat Webb
Evangelism Board Chair



Finance Committee

Finance Board 2013 Annual Report

We have to say good-bye to Larry Dockter as Treasurer but appreciate the good job that he has done. Thank you, Larry.

Items discussed/actions taken during the year included:

Continuing Resolution No. 2000-3 (Counting and Deposited Moneys Received) was updated by adding revised Counting Procedures and Deposit Recap Slip.

Increased mileage reimbursement rate to Federal rate of 56.5 cents per mile retroactive to January 1, 2013

Updating/replacing the church management software

Establishing a Safety Committee to ascertain that certificates of insurance are received from organizations using the church facilities and from custodial/landscape providers

The Finance Board made the following recommendations:

Approval of revised Continuing Resolution No 2000-3 (Counting and Deposited Moneys Received)

Recommendation to Church Council pertaining to the 2014 Budget

Betty Englund
Finance Committee Chair



PROPERTY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2013

St. Luke's Bylaws specifies that the Property Board 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.

In 2013, funds to accomplish these activities were received from the following sources: the General Budget, Blumhardt Memorial Funds, Emergency Reserve Funds, and Property Board (P.B.) Special Funds. The P.B. Special Funds, which are critical for maintaining and improving the facilities, are generated by the net proceeds of the annual Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth. Your support of these fund-raiser activities is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the routine operating expenditures, expenses were incurred by the following noteworthy projects.

- Completed renovation of the Schultz Hall Restrooms, cost \$6,554 (Blumhardt Memorial Funds). This was the last Blumhardt project to be finished. Most of the work for this project was performed by the St. Luke's members (primarily the Property Board members).
- On February 7, testified before the SMUD Board of Directors against a recent rate change that increased the church's electrical energy costs by approximately 50 percent.
- On July 18, testified again before the SMUD Board of Directors and expressed appreciation for SMUD's consideration of St. Luke's issues and provided support for a proposed, revised rate schedule. The proposed rate schedule eliminates the rate change for St. Luke's and others with similar electrical energy usage.

Subsequently, SMUD's Board of Director adopted the proposed, revised rate schedule. Although the new rate schedule did not become effective until January 1, 2014, St. Luke's rate was reverted to the lower rate on April 1 for the remainder of 2013 – a saving of nearly \$200 per month.

- Requested and received an overall "facilities energy audit" from SMUD. As a result, participated in a SMUD-sponsored energy conservation program that replaced the incandescent light bulbs in the sanctuary and choir area (small and large bulbs) with energy-efficient, long-lasting LED bulbs. The total program costs were \$4,470 with SMUD's share \$3,513 and St. Luke's share \$957. St. Luke's share was funded by the General Budget, since the savings in electrical charges surpassed St. Luke's costs. Data for the last nine months has shown a 14 percent reduction in St. Luke's total electrical energy usage.

- Repaired a leak in the main sprinkler line to the east park area, cost \$459 (P.B. Special Funds). The costs were high because the leak was under the north parking lot and some work had to be contracted.
- Removed the newspaper shed, because it was impossible to keep locked (endless force entries), and it had become a "homeless" nuisance.
- To increase security, installed door guards and "lock up" notices/signs on exterior doors, where appropriate. The cost was \$104 for door guards and \$153 for the notices/signs (General Budget).
- Had the tall grass and weeds within the non-irrigated area mowed twice for fire prevention, as required by the City; costs were \$200 and \$250 (General Budget).
- Contracted a firm to steam clean all carpet areas with a truck-mounted carpet cleaning machine, cost \$1,625 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Employed a painter to refinish the three sets of wooden double doors, cost \$600 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Contracted a firm to replace the carpet in the Office entryway with ceramic tile, cost \$457 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Consolidated the sprinkler controllers into one area, the Janitor's Room, and replaced three controllers, \$850 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Advised "Visions in Education" staff in repainting Rooms 3, 4, and 5 of the Education Wing. Visions operates a charter school and rents these rooms from St. Luke's. The resultant painting was excellent and the Board thanks Visions for their work.
- Repaired the Kitchen's icemaker machine, cost \$125 (General Budget). In addition, replaced the machine's water filter twice during the year, cost \$146 (General Budget).
- Procured a 20-foot shipping container for use as a secure "Work Shed", cost \$2,217 (P.B. Spe-

cial Funds). The Property Board members constructed the required concrete pad for the Work Shed, cost \$468 (P.B. Special Funds).

- Prepared a new, "Contract for Janitorial Services" and selected four firms to bid the services requested. Awarded the contract to a new firm at a monthly charge of \$345 per month, \$105 less than the old contract/firm.
- Stripped and waxed the floors in the Education Wing, cost \$675 ((P.B. Special Funds). This work was performed by the new Janitorial Services firm. The finished floors were immaculate.
- Established a "Parking Lot Reserve" for resealing the parking lot on a scheduled basis, \$2,000 (P.B. Special Funds). This work is required every five to seven years to maintain the parking lot.
- Prepared requirements, obtained bids, and contracted with a firm to replace the furnace and AC for the Office, cost \$5,112 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Had the locks in the Education Wing repaired and rekeyed, cost \$152 (General Budget).
- Assisted Craig Eckels in renovating the sound system for Schultz Hall. Materials and equipment were donated by Craig. Thank you Craig.
- Employed a firm to replace the door to the furnace room, which was destroyed by a break in, cost \$372. The cost was charged to St. Luke's Emergency Reserve Fund per Council direction.
- Investigated several options to provide shade for the Courtyard area; however, the costs were prohibitive. Thus, this effort was dropped.
- Installed 125 feet of gutter guards on selected Courtyard gutters, cost \$875 (P.B. Special Funds).
- Replaced two exterior light fixtures (400-watt and 150-watt), cost \$278 (General Budget).
- Reviewed, modified as necessary, and re-instituted the "Pick-A-Plot" program, which re-

cruits volunteers to maintain various planting areas at St. Luke's, no cost.

- Employed a firm to locate a large leak in a main water supply line to St. Luke's facilities. It was determined the leak was under the floor of the Schultz Hall Addition. Employed another firm to restore the water supply by installing a bypass line. The costs were \$1,315 to locate the leak and \$4,560 to construct the bypass line. The costs were charged to St. Luke's Emergency Reserve Fund per Council direction.
- Employed a firm to replace six, older sprinkler valves, one of which was leaking. The cost was \$2,488 and was charged to St. Luke's Emergency Reserve Fund per Council direction.
- Procured a weather-sensor sprinkler controller to assist in conserving water usage, cost \$351 (General Budget). It is anticipated that a portion of the expense will be reimbursed by the City.
- Conducted an "All Members Work Day" on three Saturday mornings, during which minor tasks were accomplished. Typical Work Day tasks in 2013 were removing the newspaper shed, installing door guards, picking up trash and debris, washing windows, spraying Round Up on weeds, re-staining the benches, power-washing the walkways and courtyard area, repairing the chain link fence, and other similar tasks.

In 2013, the Property Board was very busy, but blessed. It was excellent year and much was accomplished. The Board greatly appreciates the continuing support received throughout the year. Thank you.

In closing, I thank the 2013 Board members – Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, and Bruce Kiser – for their dedication and hours of hard work.

Clarence Korhonen, Chairperson Property Board



ELK GROVE FOOD BANK SERVICES

by Judy Saxby

The following is information showing the amount of food collected at St. Luke's Lutheran in 2012 and 2013. It is my hope that we can increase our giving in 2014. Your donations are very much appreciated by Sacramento County residents. If you are unable to shop for items, you are welcome to write a check to EG Food Bank Services and I will gladly deliver it to them.

Totals collected:

	Food	Clothes
2012	29 bags/4 gal milk	5 bags
2013	31 bags/16 gal milk	3 coats

Here is a list of grocery items needed by the Food Bank:

- pasta, mac & cheese, boxed mashed potatoes,
- packaged rice, packaged beans, canned fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna and other canned meat, canned chicken, cereal products, high protein foods (i.e., canned chili, peanut butter, beans).
- Fresh fruits & vegetables that store well in frig.
- Ensure, vitamin supplements.
- Baby items (food, formula, diapers and wipes).

You can use your grocery receipt as proof of purchase for your tax deduction and a copy of your check for proof of donation.

If you have any questions, please direct them to:
Judy Saxby, Food Collections for St. Luke's
798-0825

*****Remember to bring canned soup on Sunday, February 2, 2014 for Soup-er Bowl Sunday!*****



**W-ELCA
2013
Year End Review**

The St. Luke's Women of the ELCA were very busy during 2013 as usual. Here are a few of the items that kept us busy.

This year saw many babies being added to our congregation and as a result of the blessings the women sponsored a few baby showers for Alison & Mark Thomas (Sarah), Laura & Justin Tice (Amelia) and Deanna Dockter & Anthony Diaz (Victoria). It warms our hearts to watch their little ones grow. A few other highlights of our year include our two annual benevolence fundraisers: Mega Bunco and the Fall Festival. The Mega Bunco was another huge success. We made a profit of almost \$1,900 and had a great raffle with another round of wonderful prizes. As usual, the Fall Festival was a huge success.

This year we raised a little over \$2,200 for our benevolence! Our "Rent-a-Spaces" kept Peggy and Deanna Dockter on their toes again. God blessed us with perfect weather and we were able to share the victory of Jesus Christ with the community in so many ways. This event is a testament to the way we all work together as a church.

Our wrap-up wouldn't be complete without mentioning a few other items. We had some wonderful meetings, luncheons and events. The Passover Supper was a wonderful meal and provided a welcome reminder about the meaning of the season. The Mother's Day luncheon was well attended by about 80 lovely ladies and we dined on sandwiches and salads. We were lucky enough to be serenaded by our own St. Luke's Men's Quartet again this year. During the summer months you might remember our potluck Bible studies. What a fun time we had and some very interesting meals too! Our Christmas luncheon was held a week early this year. We had finger food & appetizers and folks

brought their favorite cookies to share. It was a nice time of sharing and singing of Christmas carols.

If you are interested in helping out in anyway, there are plenty of opportunities to serve. We need folks to help on the Comfort Committee, W-ELCA Missions Board and the various fundraising and activities committees, like Passover Supper, BUNCO & Fall Festival. If you would like to know more about how to get involved just speak with our new W-ELCA President Holly Hoppman.

It has been my absolute pleasure serving as your W-ELCA President since 2011. I want to thank my board, Karen Linfor (Vice-President), Carol Carney (Secretary) and Dorothy Haney (Treasurer), for their assistance and friendship.

In Christ,
Kirsten Ireton



Winter Sanctuary

The Community Concerns Board is calling all willing volunteers to help with the Winter Sanctuary on Sunday, March 23rd. For the second year in a row we will be hosting a group of homeless individuals for a night in Schultz Hall. If you are interested in joining in and helping out with this much needed community project please contact Al Moser, Community Concerns Board Chair!



W-ELCA

In The New Year—2014

W-ELCA was blessed in many ways in 2013. With everyone's support, W-ELCA has a lot of exciting opportunities to share our time, talents, and resources in this New Year. At our first meeting of the year the Women of the ELCA took a collection of scarves, hats, socks, towels, underwear, and blankets for the Union Gospel Mission, approved their 2013 benevolence distribution, and reviewed our 2014 Yearbook.

Because of the tremendous support at our BUNCO and Fall Festival events in 2013, we will be able to give \$360 to Adopt-a-Chaplain, to support chaplains serving overseas with our troops. \$200 will be given to the Boy & Girls Club of America who supports young people in our community. \$100 will go to Christmas Promise, who we will also support with our Missions collection in December, helping to provide Christmas for disadvantaged families. \$250 will be sent to Courage Worldwide (formerly Courage to Be You, Inc.) who works to eradicate child sex trafficking all over the world.

In September W-ELCA will be collecting hygiene items and school supplies for Courageous Connections and Moral Values, along with supporting both organizations with a \$500 donation to each. Courageous Connections works with foster youth; while Moral Values helps children through educational services and instilling moral values into the children they serve. In February we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Elk Grove Food Bank, as well as \$250 to both the Elk Grove Food Bank and the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership, who we will take a collection of non-perishable food items for in November!

W-ELCA is supporting FINCA (Foundation for International Community Assistance), who provide financial services and loans to low-income entrepreneurs around the world. \$200 will be sent to

WIND Youth Services to support their work with homeless youth needing safety from the streets. We will be collecting personal hygiene items, flashlights, batteries, grocery gift cards, underwear, socks, and snacks in April to support this vital work. \$200 will be given to both the Mustard Seed School, a free private school for 3-15 year olds; and to Project R.I.D.E., who provide therapeutic recreational horseback riding instruction to people with special needs in the area.

W-ELCA is also donating \$260 to St. Luke's to offset the cost of office supplies and cover the cost of two extra trash pick-ups following our annual events BUNCO (mark your calendar for June 7th!) and the Fall Festival (mark your calendar for October 4th too). We're also adding a new mission collection to this year's list; in March we will be collecting diapers, wipes, formula, and baby food for Chicks in Crisis who work with teen mothers, providing parenting, nutrition, and cooking classes to young mothers. As always W-ELCA will support St. John's Shelter for Women and Children by collecting packaged underwear and bras for women and children at our Mother's Day tea on May 10th. As well as taking a collection of school supplies over the summer for the Charles Mack and Parkway schools.

Thank you to everyone who supported W-ELCA in 2013, and we look forward to seeing you in 2014!

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President



Community Concerns



Community Concerns Year End Report

The Board of Community Concerns had an exciting year. In February we hosted Winter Sanctuary, led by a committee, spearheaded by Eli Korhonen. Approximately 100 homeless men and women arrived on a Monday evening and were served a wonderful meal provided by the Women of the ELCA. The group watched a movie, then spent the night in Schultz Hall. In the morning everyone was provided a bagged lunch and breakfast before they headed out for the day. We are looking forward to hosting this even again in March of 2014.

In the late spring we were blessed by the generosity of the Connell family for their tremendous work on the Cry Room in the sanctuary. It was remodeled, painted, and redesigned for all of our growing young families use during worship. Thanks again to the Connell family for all they do.

Over the summer the board teamed up with the W-ELCA Mission's board and collected backpacks and school supplies for Charles Mack and Parkway schools. The collection culminated on September 8th as we celebrated the ELCA's 25 anniversary with a service project where we organized the over 2300 items and put together 60 backpacks of supplies for the schools to give to kids in need of school supplies. Later that week the backpacks were delivered to both schools, who were overwhelmingly grateful.

Also over the summer the board spent several months getting the old nursery renovated. With a portion of the funds raised at the Crab and Shrimp Feed we were able to paint the walls, get new rugs, and new furniture to fill the room, and transform it into a functional preschool room. In October the Preschool Room was dedicated and is the home of the Children's Clothing Exchange,

a new social ministry program to assist families in our congregation and in the community by offering growing little ones "new to you" clothing and baby items. if you or someone you know is in need of children's items, size Birth-5T, please make an appointment with the church office to stop by and pick up anything needed. Many thanks go to the continued work that Carole Edwards and Peggy Moser do keeping up the supply and the clothing exchange donations in order. The Board appreciates everyone's continued support as we work together to Serve the community's needs.

Al Moser

Community Concerns Board Chair



2013 Crab & Shrimp Feed

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2013 Crab and Shrimp Feed. We were able to raise just over \$8400 to support Evangelism, Community Concerns, and Property Board ministries. Evangelism was able to use the money to purchase CD players and CD supplies to make worship service CDs for our shut-ins and homebound members. Community Concerns updated the nursery/preschool room and the Property Board worked on and completed some much needed facility projects. We hope you join us for the 13th Annual Crab and Shrimp Feed on Saturday, March 1st. If you need tickets please contact Ken Lentsch! If you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact Holly Hoppman, Committee Chair.



Annual Report 2013 St. Luke's Lutheran Church

2013 began on a sad note with the passing of Karen Behr. Karen was a faithful member of the Board of Worship and Music, choir member, soloist and Director of the Bell Choir. She contributed so much to St. Luke's worship as well as many other areas of our congregational life. She is sorely missed.

After the loss of Karen, the Bell Choir considered the option of continuing without a director. They decided to continue in honor of Karen's memory and the many years of leadership she provided. They further committed to try to play for worship once a month. The Bell Choir had a few changes over the year with Alison Thomas going on maternity leave in February. Jennifer Connell returned and Rachael Kiser went on maternity leave at the end of the year. Although officially without a director, individual bell choir members step into leadership roles as needed. They continue to practice at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings, learning and presenting new pieces.

Our Music Director, Brooke Barr, had her first child, son Jesse, in mid-winter. The choir hosted a baby shower for her and Dave. Brooke was out on maternity leave during Lent. A substitute filled in until Brooke's return around Easter. Shortly after that, we were blessed by the return of our organist, Jane Fanucci. Jane and Brooke work very well together and have presented many special pieces we have enjoyed.

The Board also welcomed two new members, Janette Payne and Mary Harris. Janette came to us from Gloria Dei and Mary from First English. They both share many good ideas from their previous congregations. Mary also donated several pieces of

music to St. Luke's from First English's choir library. The choir has enjoyed learning these new pieces.

Lenten services continued to be held immediately after the Lenten Soup Suppers in Schultz Hall. Dramas were presented featuring Pastor Carl and Al Moser. The services and suppers were well attended. Holy week featured the usual activities with a cleaning day the Saturday before Palm Sunday, decorating with palms and Easter lilies and the beautiful living cross.

The choir took summer break beginning the Sunday after Memorial Day. Throughout the summer, special music was provided by soloists, duets, small groups, the Bell Choir and Brooke. With the addition of the new music, additional storage was needed. A used lateral file was purchased with hanging folders for each piece. During the summer, the Board hosted a couple of "music repair nights." The choir gathered with tape and labels to organize the music for the new file and tape up those pieces that have been well used.

Due to conflicts with other popular community events, the Board decided to move the Luau back to September. The Luau was held the third Saturday of September and featured music from the Beach Boys and Gilligan's Island and ukulele sing-alongs. From the proceeds, a new piece for Veterans Day, "Song for an Unsung Hero", was purchased and a new Christmas Cantata, "Make Room for Christmas".

Sign-ups for Readers and Prayer Leaders went out in the fall. Nick Manlapig continued as coordinator and set the schedule for these worship assistants sending reminders each week. Howard Triebwasser continued as the coordinator for the Communion Servers. Larry Dockter continued as coordinator for the ushers. Jeff Kiser faithfully filled the candles with oil each week. Sign-ups for Altar Care are on-going.

Choir resumed in September with practice of Sunday anthems. Mary Harris presented a delightful dramatic reading on the Creation. A special piece from First English, "I'll Fly Away Medley", was presented on All Saints Day. The Board encouraged congregational members to bring small mementos of loved ones to display on All Saints Day in honor those who have gone before us into the heavenly kingdom. We hope to make this an annual event. The women of the ELCA led worship for the annual Thank Offering service the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of someone was well received with 55 plants being donated to beautify the chancel. Dave Saxby purchased a record-breaking 18 foot Christmas tree - it took quite a crew to set it up. The Choir presented its annual Christmas cantata on December 22, Make Room for Christmas. As part of the presentation, the large nativity was arranged in front of the altar and later moved to in front of the Christmas tree for the rest of the season. Consideration is being given to having it there every year.

Karen Linfor was Chair for 2013. Board members were Peggy Moser, Triss Hoppman, Janette Payne and Mary Harris. Ex-officio members were Brooke Barr and Pastor Carl.

Respectfully submitted,
Triss Hoppman for the Board of Worship and Music



St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California
 Balance Sheet
 For the year ended December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Cash and Investments

Cash in Bank, General Fund		\$32,151.77
Cash in Bank, Special Funds		\$29,866.04
Sub-funds: Memorials	\$10,044.18	
Parking Lot Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00	
Reserve Fund	\$17,015.84	
Other Special Funds	\$806.02	
Total Cash and Investments		\$62,017.81

Fixed Assets (at estimated cost)

Furniture and Equipment <i>(from Insurance Replacement quote)</i>		\$613,000.00
Buildings <i>(from Insurance Replacement quote)</i>		\$3,694,000.00
Land <i>(from Tax Assessor value)</i>		\$101,375.00
Total Fixed Assets		\$4,408,375.00

TOTAL ASSETS **\$4,470,392.81**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Short Term Liabilities

Short Term Liabilities		\$0.00
Total Short Term Liabilities		\$0.00

Long Term Liabilities

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Loan		\$59,251.58
Total Liabilities		\$59,251.58

Net Assets

Net Assets, Unrestricted		\$4,401,097.05
Net Assets, Restricted		\$10,044.18
Total Net Assets		\$4,411,141.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$4,470,392.81**

Submitted by:

Larry Dockter, St. Luke's 2013 Treasurer



LET'S DO LUNCH

The Evangelism Board invites everyone to come to lunch at the Black Bear Diner in Natomas.

We have reserved a banquet room for Saturday, February 22, at 1:00 pm. You will have a choice of 2 menus, one for breakfast items and one for lunch items. The last day to place your order and pay will be Sunday, February 16, as we need to call in our menu choices the next day. Money is being collected in advance as the restaurant requires one bill for any group over 15. You will find a detailed sign-up sheet in the entryway. Copies of the menus will be provided to those who sign up. If you can help drive or need a ride, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

If you are not familiar with the Black Bear Diners, their food is good and their servings are plentiful.

If you have any questions, please contact Pauline Arndt at 684-0414, msluguna@frontiernet.net.

You can look forward to great food and a wonderful time of sharing.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair

Church Council Highlights—January, 2014

- New 2014 Directory being distributed. Next year, for the 90th anniversary, a new pictorial directory will be prepared. Thank you Larry and Deanna Dockter for publishing the directory!
- Judy Saxby, with the help of others, plans to start a children's choir in February.
- Privacy for Cry Room taken care of by Jennifer Connell who installed a curtain to separate the two areas in the Cry Room.
- Marketing the Preschool Room and Children's Clothing Exchange to the community is in the works.
- Winter Sanctuary on track for Sunday, March 23rd.
- Worship and Music Board meeting was to take down of Christmas tree and other Christmas items (January 11th). The Board appreciates the help of Bruce Kiser, Judy Saxby, Al Moser and others who helped.
- Going forward (at least until Palm Sunday), the choir will not robe, and will be seated with the congregation until time for the Anthem – returning to congregational seating during passing of the peace.
- Diner's group has 32 sign-ups so far. Small groups will be arranged and those groups will begin their dining experience in February, continuing through March and April.
- Next outreach get-together is Saturday, 2/22. Last day to sign-up is February 16th.
- Water main break repaired. The Property board is continuing to make repairs that are related to locating and bypassing the leaking pipe; i.e., sprinkler line repairs, repairing concrete and sheetrock.
- No significant property repairs / problems known at this time.
- Concerns expressed about keeping landscaping watered if drought continues.



We welcome Mike Heiber, Lou Juan Hubbard, Joyce Jensen, Whitney King and Ron and Robin Zoesch to our St. Luke's Family.



Our prayers and sympathy are with the family of Al Kaiser who died and is now with his Heavenly Father. Services were at St. Luke's on January 4.

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Our deepest sympathy is with Betty Litz and family upon the death of John Litz who is now in the arms of his Heavenly Father. Services were held at St. Luke's on January 10.

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Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with Elsbeth Whitehurst and family upon the death of her beloved husband Jim Whitehurst. Services were held here at St. Luke's on January 25.



Adalyn Kiser was born on December 31 to Jared and Rachel Kiser. She weighed 8lb 4oz and was 19.7". Congratulations to big brother Jacob, Grandparents: Phillip and Jennifer Connell and Bruce and Karen Kiser and let's not forget Great Grandpa Erwin Kiser.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT DECEMBER 2013

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$24,685	\$205,046
Compared to Budget	\$1,417	-\$4,009
	6.1%	-2.0%
Compared to 2012	\$1,543	\$8,467
	6.7%	4.30%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		
Contributors:		
2013 (Current Year)	108	94 ^{Aver}
2012 (Last Year)	107	89 ^{Aver}

Note: Positive values (no +/- sign) means **above**; negative values means **below**.

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School \$35.14
- b) Flowers \$650.00

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary



Taking down the Christmas tree appears to be as much fun as putting it up.



St. Luke's very own shining star, Karen Linfor.



We seem to find joy in all our activities here at St. Luke's. We are so blessed.



Mary and Peggy still taking in the season.



Karen looking just a bit nervous.

January W-ELCA



**Benjamin
Another excuse
to cuddle with
Oma**



**Little Sarah calls the
meeting to order.**



**Ofelia diligently
Writing Sunshine
Cards.**



**Mama Katie keeps a
watchful eye on Oma and
Benjamin**



**Hmmm.....Judy must
be sizing up the
meeting?**



**Epiphany
Breakfast**

**January 6,
2014**

**A Glorious
Time of
Sharing**





February 1	Diane McDonald
February 3	Daniel Connell
February 7	John Mansfield
February 8	Steven Mihanovich
February 10	Holly Hoppman
February 11	Joyce Finnegan
February 11	Debbie Silverberg
February 15	Ed Ireton
February 16	MaryAnn Janes
February 17	Eric Linblade
February 17	Ian Petersen
February 19	Katy Etchison
February 21	Eli Korhonen
February 22	Ron Webb
February 24	Lajuan Andrews
February 26	Gloria Kambak
February 27	Megan Thomas
February 28	Cheryl Franklin

February 2 *Jerry and Carol for the love of the Lord*

February 9

February 16 *The Etchison's for Katy's 17th Birthday;*

Rosary Jensen in memory of grandmother

February 26 *Ron and Pat Webb for Ron's Birthday;*

Bob Behr in memory of Karen Behr's Birthday and to celebrate

Megan's 5th birthday;

Karen Linfor for Mark Brown's 51st birthday

If your birthday is this month
and you are not on our list
please notify the church office,
so we can update our files.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes
 Feb. 2 Daniel Encinas
 Feb. 9 Ryan Johansen
 Feb. 16 Amber Mansfield
 Feb. 23 Joshua Bell

Altar Care
 8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
 10:30 AM Marlene Kiser, Holly Hoppman

Communion Servers
 Peggy Moser, Jeanette Payne,
 Larry Dockter

Counters
 Feb. 2 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
 Feb. 9 Don Schell, Bob Behr
 Feb. 16 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
 Feb. 23 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters
 Feb. 2
 Feb. 9
 Feb. 16
 Feb. 23

Head Ushers
 8:15 AM Ron Franklin
 10:30 AM Ken Lentsch

Prayer Leaders
 Feb. 2 Bob Behr
 Feb. 9 Betty Englund
 Feb. 16 Nick Manlapig
 Feb. 23 Triss Hoppman

Psalm Leaders
 Feb. 2 Isabella Basquez
 Feb. 9 Elizabeth Wilson
 Feb. 16 Micayla Shower
 Feb. 23 Sierra Etchison

Readers 8:15 AM
 Feb. 2 Maribel Herrera
 Feb. 9 Ron Webb
 Feb. 16 Eric Linblade
 Feb. 23 Phil Petersen

Readers 10:30 AM
 Feb. 2 Nick Manlapig
 Feb. 9 Pat Webb
 Feb. 16 Samantha Basquez
 Feb. 23 Betty Englund

Refreshments
 Feb. 2 Ofelia Ojeda
 Feb. 9 Kelly Boyer
 Feb. 16 Mack and Carole Vance
 Feb. 23 Ken and Debi Lentsch

Visitors Gifts
 Feb. 2 Kelly Boyer
 Feb. 9 Carole Vance
 Feb. 16 Joyce Jensen
 Feb. 23 Pauline Arndt

Welcome Leaders
 Feb. 2 Peggy Moser
 Feb. 9 Pat Webb
 Feb. 16 Chet Madison
 Feb. 23 Carolyn Andrews





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St. Luke's Annual Family Crab Feed

**Saturday, March 1st
Tickets Are Available
From Ken Lentsch**

Don't miss out on this fantastic event!
Tickets go fast so get yours soon.
"Beach Party" is the theme this year.

