

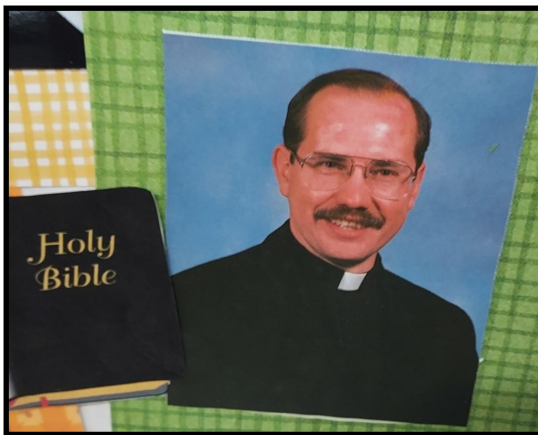


# News And Views



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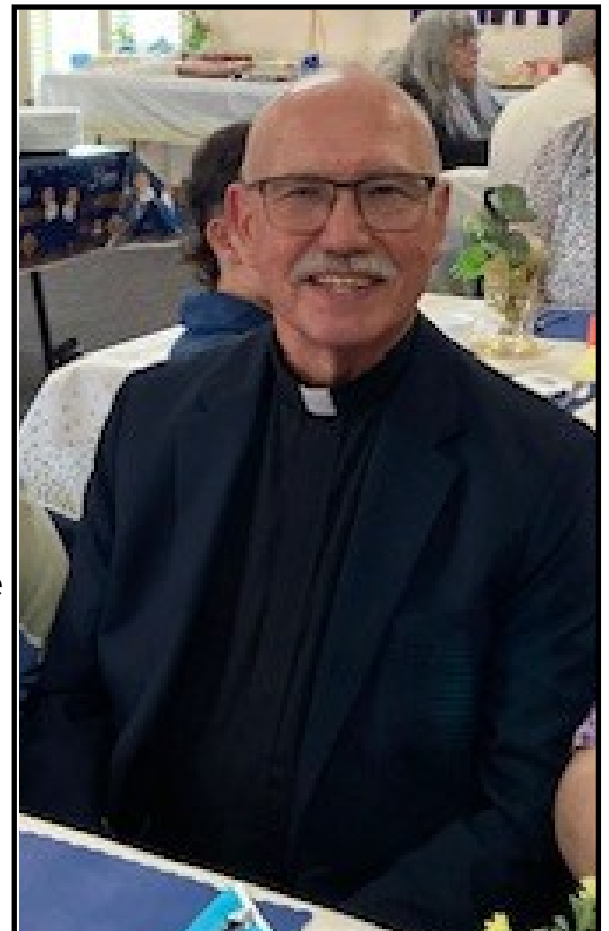
## Pastoral Perspective 2024



Dear Friend in Christ,

Words cannot express my appreciation for the privilege of serving as your pastor for almost thirty years. Thank you so much for welcoming Triss, Holly, and me into your hearts and homes. The celebration on Sunday, with such wonderful surprises, was more than I could have ever imagined! I will remember it always with thanksgiving. Your generosity and expressions of love were awesome! The love we have shared through the years with one another and together with so many others has been a tremendous blessing. I am filled with joy as the Lord leads me on to whatever new adventure he has for me. May God continue to bless you mightily as you continue in powerful mission and ministry and, hopefully soon, welcome a new pastor.

Pastor Carl



**Sacramento Youth Band**



**The Hoppman Family**



**Childrens Time with Kelly Boyer**



**Chet Madison and Pastor Carl**





# HAPPY Retirement!

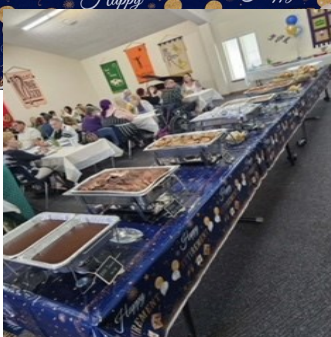
**Pastor Carl**  
**April 28th, 2024**







Betty England, David & Judy Saxby, and Pauline Arndt



Karen Linfor delivering a poem and special gift to Pastor Carl.



## HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor Carl's Last Baptism at St. Lukes Church on April 14th, 2024

Jessica Hendricks

&

King Larry Hendricks Jr.

Birthdate: 09/27/2016

Parents: King Larry Hendricks Sr. & Jessica Hendricks





## Live Stream Video Equipment Dedication

We dedicated our new livestream equipment on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. Special thanks to Marlene, Duane, and Jeff Kiser for all the hard work they put into finding the equipment and setting it up. Thanks to Jack Fenske and Bill Meyers for their help with this project. Funds for the new livestream equipment came from the following memorial funds:

*Al Boschee*

*John Johnsen*

*Ken Lentsch*

*Don Schell*

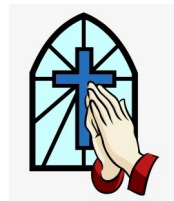
*Noreen Schell*

*George Zipay*

Also, Luau Special Funds were used. We are now able to provide a quality broadcast of our worship for anyone who would like to join us online for worship. It is available through our website [www.slelca.org](http://www.slelca.org).



### Prayer Group



Prayer Group for our World has been meeting after church every Sunday this month and we have been blessed with the power of the Holy Spirit. There have had about a dozen different people showing up 3, 4 or 5 at a time for this activity in total. We are continuing to meet now and welcome anyone who wishes to join us for 10 minutes in the side overflow room. It is overwhelming at times with the events of from our own country to global concerns to Gaza to Ukraine and even personal issues. The release felt in the group has been a comfort. Please consider joining us as we confront the problems surrounding us.

Blessings,  
Faith Harper



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*"be guided in all our works by this one thought alone-that we may serve and benefit others in everything that is done, leaving nothing else before our eyes except the need and advantage of the neighbor"* Martin Luther

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING is the theme for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year-long celebration. Come find out what it means at our Kick-off celebration on **June 9th** right after church.

The image of the "mustard tree" as described in Matthew 13:31-32 will be used during the celebration and will be introduced at a special worship service that day. The service will be followed by a picnic under the trees behind the Sunday School wing. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. You are invited to bring salads or desserts. There are sign up sheets in the narthex. We will also have live music and activities, including a congregational game to help us get more familiar with possible service opportunities. Don't *jeopardize* your chances to participate – sign-up today!



### **100th Anniversary T-Shirts and Sweatshirts**

Orders are now being accepted for the highly anticipated 100th Anniversary T-Shirt and Sweatshirt. T-Shirts are \$20 for adult sizes, \$15 for youth sizes, and \$40 for adult sweatshirts (need a minimum of 12 to place this order). Adult shirts are available in 3 color options: gray, sand and white, while youth shirts are only available in white. Sweatshirts are only available in gray and are a zip hoodie. All items feature the 100th Anniversary logo on the back in full color! You can view samples in a printout in the Narthex. To order a shirt, signup on the list in the Narthex and you will be contacted about your order or contact Kirsten Ireton at 916-296-5907 or [kji95758@gmail.com](mailto:kji95758@gmail.com). If you are out of town and would still like to order one of these commemorative items, contact Kirsten about shipping options. All orders are due by May 12th for delivery by June 1st. Proceeds from the sales go to the 100th Anniversary Fund.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbook**

#### **Update**



Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is planning a wonderful series of events to celebrate this very special milestone. One of the projects in the works is an Anniversary Cookbook. We are requesting recipes from family and friends of St. Luke's to share in this special cookbook. If you have favorite dishes from all categories (appetizers, breads, main dishes, side dishes, salads/soups, desserts) that you would like included in the cookbook, please email these recipes to Sarah Madison at [sjomad@aol.com](mailto:sjomad@aol.com). We are really looking forward to making this project a great success with your entries.

Recipes can be submitted any time **BEFORE August 1st, 2024.**



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## May 5th

Connie Reule  
Kelly Boyer  
Karen Linfor

Altar Care  
Reader  
Prayer Leader

Rosabella-Lydia  
Andrew Weber  
Karen Linfor

Communion Servers



## May 12th

*Mothers Day*

Gail Weber  
Faith Harper  
Sarah Madison

Altar Care  
Reader  
Prayer Leader

Shirley Prouty  
Andrew Weber  
Rosabella-Lydia

Communion Servers

## May 19th

*Pentecost*

Faith Thomas  
Kirsten Ireton  
Phillip Petersen

Altar Care  
Reader  
Prayer Leader

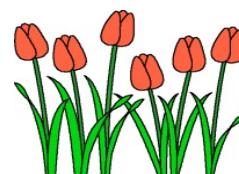
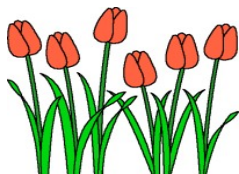
Rosabella-Lydia  
Andrew Weber  
Karen Linfor

Communion Servers

## May 26th

Kelly Boyer  
Phil Karlstad  
Shirley Prouty  
Rosabella-Lydia

Altar Care  
Reader  
Prayer Leader  
Communion Servers





## W-ELCA Mothers Day Luncheon Tea

May 11th at 11:30a.m.

Sign up sheet is in the narthex



Kelly Boyer	May 05
Jeremy Roberts	May 04
Jennifer Petersen	May 08
John Mansfield	May 08
Katie Iniguez	May 09
Philip Karlstad	May 14
Lucy Orcutt	May 14
Victoria Diaz	May 15
Brenda Sulzmann	May 18
Alison Thomas	May 18
Samantha Basquez	May 19
Liza Petsch	May 22
Claire Kerian	May 23
Nancy Minning	May 26
Kennedy Moser	May 27
Dorothy Haney	May 30
Justin Tice	May 30
Carol Carney	May 30



## ALTAR FLOWERS

May 5th	<i>Peggy Moser In Memory of Anniversary</i>
May 12th	<i>Available</i>
May 19th	<i>Available</i>
May 26th	<i>Available</i>



## May 2024

### Refreshments Provided by:

<b>May 5th:</b>	Jacob & Christiana Wilson
<b>May 12th:</b>	Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett
<b>May 19th:</b>	Justin & Laura Tice
<b>May 26th:</b>	Lois Sherrets & Kelly Boyer





## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

March 2024

### General Fund Contributions (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$19,234	\$47,061
Compared to Budget	\$3,934	\$1,161
	25.7%	2.5%
No. of Contributors	64	55 aver.

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

### Other Contributions:

100th Anniversary	\$100 (donation)
Easter Lilies	\$285
Soup Suppers	\$339
Youth Fund	\$20

### Comments:

March offerings were outstanding! In part because there were five Sundays (including Easter Sunday) and several quarterly contributions.

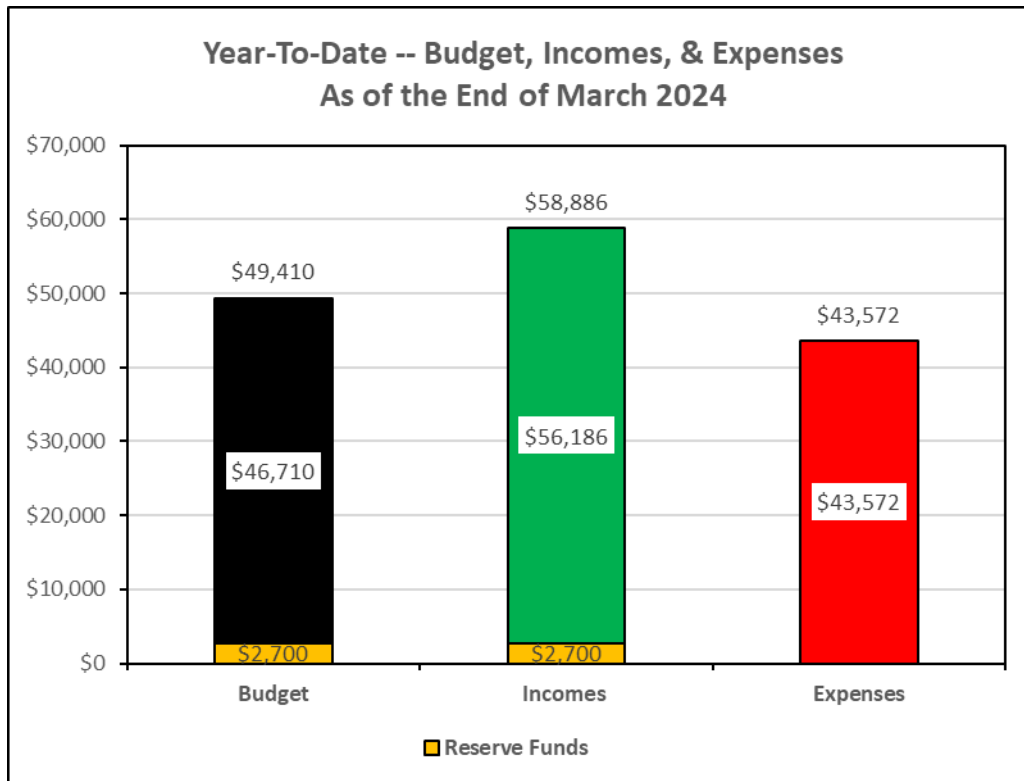
March was excellent; however, the contributions through March exceeded the adopted Budget by only 2.5 percent. Will that be sufficient to make up for the typically low period, summer, ahead?

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

St. Luke's Financial Secretary

cc: Council members, Finance Board members, Special Fund Recorder

## FINANCES TO DATE



To supplement the Financial Secretary's report on contributions, the Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses, as of the end of March 2024. As shown, the Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$56,186) exceed the Expenses (\$43,572) by about \$12,600. This is partially due to receipts from two facility use patrons (Visions in Education and County Primary Voting Center). Also, the difference between Budget (\$49,410) and Expenses (\$43,572) is, as previously reported, primarily due to not having a full-time pastor. As previously presented, our goal is to increase our incomes (offerings, facility usage, etc.) such that we are no longer dependent on the Reserve supplement to meet expenses.

"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





## **BACKPACKS FOR FORTUNE SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION DRIVE 2024**

The Community Concerns Board is donating and delivering 80 backpacks to Fortune School in mid to late August. Help us collect needed school supplies to put in each backpack (we have a few backpacks and supplies left over from last year). Between May and mid-July, the goal is to collect:

- 60 - Colored Pencil Packs
- 63 - Multi-Subject Notebooks
- 56 - Pencil Pouches
- 37 - Folders
- 9 - Pencil Top Erasers
- 66 - Large Erasers
- 17 - Kid Scissors

Starting Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, take a school supply item tab or tabs from the cork boards on the Narthex sign up table. Collect the quantity listed on the tab and drop the collected items in a designated container below the sign-up table by Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Backpack assembly day will be Sunday, August 4 after Church. More details will be provided in the upcoming July and August News & Views.

Please let Kathleen know if there are any questions. On behalf of the Community Concerns Board, Thank you!!



## **St. Luke Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA**

### **Fall Festival and Family Fun Day**

It is time again to start preparing for the annual Fall Festival and Family Fun Day. This year, the festival will be on Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location of the booths will return to a setup that has worked well in past years (front parking lot, Schultz Hall, breeze way between sanctuary/office and front grass area).

Starting mid-May through September, there will be Flyers in the Narthex with general information about the festival and contact information for vendors who want to join us. Please feel free to pick up a flyer or two on your way out after the Sunday service and help us spread the word.

Let Kathleen know if you have any questions or if you would like a soft copy of the flyer sent to your email.

Kathleen Arndt, Coordinator, Fall Festival 2024



ALL MEMBERS WORK DAY  
*March 2024*



We had a great turn out for the All Members Work Day party on the Saturday before Palm Sunday! The group's primary task was to prepare the facilities for Palm Sunday. We barely missed the rain, and no one got wet – thank the Lord. A total of 22 Christians participated, including the Worship & Music workers, who dusted and polished the Sanctuary furnishings.

Bruce Kiser did a fantastic job of organizing the Property Board activities. First, Gaylan Everett and Tony Neidich, plus Bruce, gathered the palms from our local Palms trees. Soon, Jim and Brenda Sulzmann showed up, ready to work. Jim started by helping with the palms and Brenda got right to the rose garden and made it beautiful. Meanwhile, Ben Briel's job was to stripped palm branches to perfection to avoid any thorn injuries. Jerry Thomas stuck to routine chores. Initially, he cleaned the inner court yard with a lawn blower. When that was completed, Jerry took on the hard work of cleaning the front flower beds, which had accumulated a lot of dead Redwood needles and other debris.

The Work Day was finished with Bruce and Jim decorating the church with large palms. The church looked great when finished! Gaylan repaired a loose toilet seat in the women's bathroom. Kelly Boyer washed the sanctuary windows and cleaned Jerry's Carney's memorial plot.

The Property Board group was not large, but we managed to get quite a bit done. And the ladies did an amazing job inside the church!

On behalf of the St. Luke Congregation, I thank all who took part in the spring All Members Work Day. A job well done! Thank you.

*Kelly Boyer, Chairperson  
St. Luke Property Board*



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