

News & Views





25th Annual Fireworks Sale June 28th –July 4th 2024

Wow, another year has gone by! Anyway, same schedule, and not exactly the same location. Don't panic, we're still at the church, but instead of just being inside the back gate, we'll be outside the back gate. So it's still convenient, but hopefully a little bit more visible to the traffic driving by. We'll have all the amenities again – restrooms, shade, access to the church

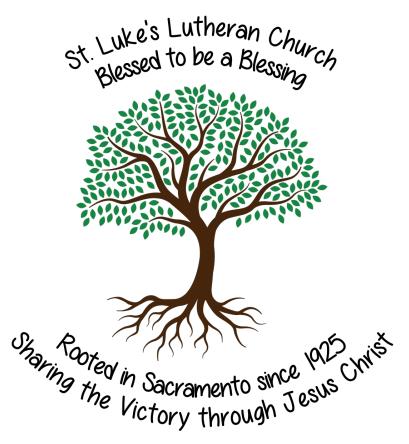
kitchen, all of those kinds of things. We open the booth at noon on June 28th (a Friday this year). They will deliver the fireworks to the church that morning, so all we will need to do is load them into the booth and the metal storage container at church. I will let you know when we can expect delivery once that is finalized. And then we can set up the booth and get everything ready for opening up the booth at noon on the 28th. We'll basically be open then until 9pm and 9am to 9pm for the next couple of days. Then probably stay open until 10pm on the 3rd and 4th (which is a Wednesday and Thursday this year). Hopefully we will sell out of everything again and get to go home early! And since we'll be along Center Parkway, but in the church parking lot, we'll need a few folks to wave flags or banners or just yell at cars as they pass (ok, yell good things at them), so they know to pull in and buy from us. Kids would be good for that in case you can hog tie a few – or just a bunch of volunteers!

They are offering the sale of fireworks online, again this year. So ,people can shop online and then pick up their fireworks at St Luke's. Only booths that are participating in this option will show up on the list of available booths. We'll be on the list of available booths so we'll again use the scanners and tablets to process the sales. Let your friends and family know to shop online and then just a quick visit to our booth to pick up their fireworks! Super easy and convenient.

Lastly, we will have T-Shirts this year, but I had to pre-order them (just one style). So I ordered a couple of each size, so first come, first served!

Thank you to everyone who can help out as usual and if you have any questions or com-
ments, let me know!In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Booth Committee Chair



100th 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 100th Anniversary year-long celebration. Come find out about our rich Lutheran tradition of social service at our Kick-off celebration on **June 9** 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 Jeopardy game to help us get more familiar with possible service opportunities.

100th Anniversary Cookbook



Our 100th 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 favorites 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 <u>sjomad@aol.com</u> 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**.



Fathers Day Pie

The Evangelism Board would like to honor the men in our congregation and let them know how much they are appreciated. We will be serving Pie and Ice Cream after service on **June 16th**. If you would like to donate pie, there is a signup sheet in the narthex.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT April 2024

General Fund Contributions (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$16,481	\$63,542
Compared to Budget	\$1,181	\$2,342
	7.7%	3.8%
No. of Contributors	62	59 aver.

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

Other Contributions:

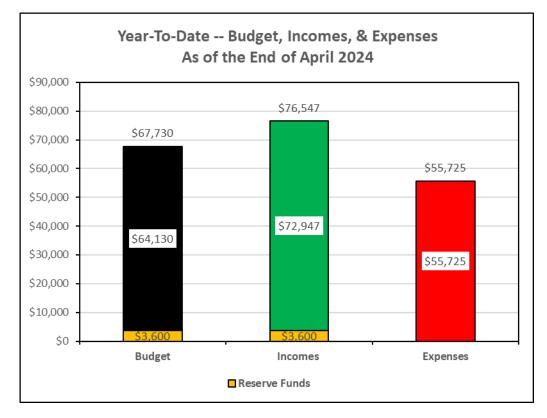
Memorial \$300 (June Gimenez)

Comments:

- a. The outstanding March offerings were followed by exceptional April offerings. Congratulations and thank you!
- b. Note that the contributions through April 30 are about four percent ahead of the adopted Budget, which signifies a good beginning for St. Luke in 2024.
- *c.* Please do not forget the needs of your church during the busy upcoming summer months.
- *d.* If you are 70 years or older and have IRAs, please consult with your Financial Adviser, or tax preparer, regarding "Qualified Charitable Distributions" (QCDs). There are some valid opportunities for tax savings through QCDs.

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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 April 2024. As shown, the Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$72,947) exceed the Expenses (\$55,725) by about \$17,200. This is partially due to past receipts from two facility use patrons and a slight increase in offerings (quarterly donations) in April. Also, the difference between Budget (\$67,730) and Expenses (\$55,725) is, as previously reported, primarily due to not having a full-time pastor. 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



June 2024 Refreshments Provided by: June 2nd: Triss & Holly Hoppman June 9th: Carole & Mack Vance June 16th: Father's Day June 23rd: Jacob & Christiana Wilson June 30th: Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett





June 2	Available
June 9	Available
June 16	Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets In celebration of Shannon's Birthday
June 23	Karen Linfor 33rd Wedding anniversary
June 30	Available



The last day of Choir practice was May 29th. Choir practice will resume again in the Fall.

-Jane Fanucci

Karen Cagle	
Phillip Petersen	
Phillip Connell	
Laura Sondrini	
Peggy Moser	
Shirley Prouty	

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- June 07

June 15

June 21



A note to thank everyone in my church family who took the time to call, send a card, or drop off food to Mark and I during our recent illness.

We sincerely appreciate the prayers, love and kindness.

In Christian love, Karen Linfor

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 5th, 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 joins 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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2nd

June 9th

June 23rd

Gail Weber Karen Linfor Faith Thomas

Altar Care Reader Prayer Leader Peggy Moser Sarah Madison Laura Tice Altar Care Reader Prayer Leader

June 16th Fathers Day

Kelly Boyer Phillip Petersen Lydia Toloy

Altar Care Reader Prayer Leader Carol Carney Shirley Prouty Howard Triebwasser Altar Care Reader Prayer Leader

June 30th

Marlene Kiser Faith Thomas Andrew Weber Altar Care Reader Prayer Leader



You are welcome to share in Prayers for Our World right after the service each Sunday in the Overflow Room by the folding screen. Please just take about 10 minutes to pray with us for our family, church, state, country and the world. We need you to pray for God's healing touch upon all the issues and events we are experiencing. Be inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit in sharing prayers and blessings. (Faith Harper)