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News & Views



Coming This Summer

Beginning Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00pm, we will be holding our annual summer potluck dinners.

Following dinner a short devotional and the showing of "The Chosen" will make the evening special.

The dinners will be held every Wednesday through August 21st.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, as this is a great opportunity to meet informally with your fellow followers of Christ.



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



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As stated during the message on Sunday June 9th, the 100 Anniversary Committee is asking all of us to commit to providing 100 blessings to the most vulnerable in our community over the next 12 months. Every couple weeks the Service Project Committee will be listing in our weekly bulletins a different organizations to check out and see what their needs are and how you can help. Let's start with Acres of Hope.

<http://www.acresofhopeonline.com>

you are already volunteering or working at a nonprofit keep up the good work. We'd love to hear about your organization.

We will also be listing several random acts of kindness that you might be interested in. This weeks suggestions are 1)take a treat to the staff at a local hospital or clinic. 2)tape a dollar to a vending machine. 3)pray for a neighbor. also, Watch for future information for projects that the whole congregation can participate in.

Together we can reach our goal of 10,000 blessings.





100th Anniversary Kick Off BBQ

I would like to Thank Cathy Davis, Gaylen Everett and the Neidich Family, Tony, Kelly, Lily and Ella for purchasing the Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Buns. The Neidich Family cooked all the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to perfection.

I need to Thank Phillip and Jennifer Connell for setting up the Games, Tables and Chairs. Bruce and Karen Kiser, Kelly Boyer, Mack and Randy Vance also helped with the set up and clean up of Tables and Chairs. *Thank you Justin and Laura Tice for the clean up. You both are always a great help for clean up.*

Thank you Carolyn Andrews and Shirley Prouty for preparing the Vegetables for the Hamburgers and everyone who brought the delicious salads.



Thank you Peggy Moser and Holly Hoppman for the Jeopardy Game. Thank you Jacob Wilson for the wonderful music.

**A Great Time was had by all.
Carole Vance - Chairman**

*Thank
you*

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 and was introduced at our Kick-off celebration on June 9. We had a delightful picnic followed by a congregational Jeopardy game that helped us get more familiar with possible service opportunities.

At the Kick-off members were asked to privately commit to providing 100 "blessings" to an organization or social concern that you feel strongly about in the upcoming year. The blessings can be in the form of money, time, supplies, acts of kindness or prayer. If you would like suggestions of what you can do, there is a board of information from several agencies next to the mustard tree in the sanctuary. You can also commit to helping an individual if you prefer. Perhaps you have an elderly neighbor who struggles to put out the garbage or take care of their yard. Perhaps your local elementary school needs tutors for children who need help with reading or math. Perhaps your local park could use a clean-up. The idea is to pick something important to you and contribute some of your resources to it.

Our goal is to provide 10,000 blessings in the upcoming 12 months. 100 commitments x 100 resources = 10,000 blessings. We will use the mustard tree in the sanctuary to track our progress by placing flowers on the tree as the commitments are fulfilled. You do not need to prove what you have done. Your commitment is between you and God. There is a basket of flowers next to the tree in the sanctuary. When you are ready, clip a flower in the leaves of the tree. We hope to have 100 flowers on our tree by June of 2025.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Triss Hoppman or Peggy Moser.

The congregational history committee for the 100th Anniversary is compiling a verbal history of St. Luke's. We are going to begin with our longest-term members, Howard Triebwasser and Betty Englund. After that, we will be seeking the memories of every member of St. Luke's who is willing to share. We are in particular need of information from the 70's and 80's as there do not seem to be many written records from those years. In addition to memories, if you have any bulletins, newsletters, photographs or other information from those years, please contact Triss Hoppman or Faith Harper.

Council President's Message

As we come to close out June 2024 and the first half of year 2024, there are many blessings that we, at St. Luke Church, must feel grateful for. We continue to have hard working members that keep St. Luke's purpose in the forefront. However, we welcome additional new able minds and bodies to fill in the gaps with property/grounds, ushers, communion service, Council members, etc.

This year we were able to truly honor our beloved pastor Carl Hoppman with a proper sendoff retirement recognition for his almost thirty years of pastorship at St Luke Church and community. Many attended pastor Carl's barbeque luncheon and enjoyed the "Memories" video presentation and heartwarming comments from the congregation. We wish Pastor Carl and Triss God's Blessings for a relaxing, comforting, healthy and restful retirement.

Church Fence: I want to thank Jack Fenske and Clarence Korhonen for their persistent hard work with the architect contractor, and most of all dealing with Sacramento City Public Works to finally secure a permit for a fence. Our Safety/Security fence is in the process of being installed. Keep in mind that the cost of the fence is covered by a Grant, that Jack and Clarence pursued.

Call Committee: I have received word that the Sierra Pacific Synod will be providing St. Luke Church with another slate of candidates to interview for a new pastorship for our church by mid July 2024. Do not get discouraged, God will bring on the right Pastor to lead St Luke Church. I ask that you pray for your Call Committee as we go through the Call Processes again.

Second Half Year 2024: Summer, Fall and Winter will bring on many opportunities for our Church. There will be lots of activities going on in various Committee departments. Please get INVOLVED!

Wishing you and your families a very safe summer.

God Bless.

Chet Madison Council President



25th Annual Fireworks Sale

...and on the 8th day they will rest...

Our Silver Jubilee Fireworks Sale is in full swing and you have until July 4th at 10pm to get your fireworks. There's still time to volunteer by providing food, water, snacks, drinks, other tangible or monetary donations, selling or buying fireworks, setting up or taking down the booth, signage, and those who spread the word to stop on by and visit us. And food, always good food just waiting to be nibbled on. No one goes hungry at the booth! We always have a great time working at the booth because it's always nice to meet the new faces, welcome our returning customers, and to watch the excitement in the kids' faces. That's the best part, the fellowship and fun we share with our neighbors and friends. So come on by and don't miss out!

Thank you to all and look for our wrap-up in next month's News & Views!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Committee Chairman

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday July 7nd

Connie Reule	Altar Care
Bob Behr	Reader
Punky Dias	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 14th

Shirley Prouty	Altar Care
Kelly Boyer	Reader
Sarah Madison	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 21st

Gail Weber	Altar Care
Faith Harper	Reader
Phillip Petersen	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 28th

Peggy Moser	Altar Care
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Shirly Prouty	Prayer Leader



BACKPACKS FOR FORTUNE SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION DRIVE 2024

The Community Concerns Board is donating and delivering 80 backpacks to Fortune School in the early part of August. The Backpacks have now been ordered and we have received a few donated school supplies. Thank you! Below is the goal for each school supply item and the collected count to date.

SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEM	DONATION GOAL	COLLECTED COUNT*
Colored Pencils - 12 pk	60	0
Pencil Pouches	56	4
Folders	37	0
Pencil Top Erasers	9	40
Large Erasers	66	18
Kid Scissors	17	0

The collected count may be less than actual as it was done around June 16.

We are now a few weeks away from our Sunday, July 14 cut-off day to reach our donation goal. Stop by the Narthex sign up table on your to or way out of Sunday Service and see what school item tabs are left on the cork boards.

Backpack assembly day will be Sunday, August 4 in Room 5 right after Church Service. Look for additional reminders about our collection drive and backpack assembly day details in upcoming Sunday Service Bulletins.

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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 2024

General Fund Contributions (only):

Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$11,723	\$75,265
Compared to Budget	-\$3,578	-\$1,235
	-23.4%	-1.6%
No. of Contributors	54	58 aver.

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

Other Contributions:

100th Anniversary \$1,085

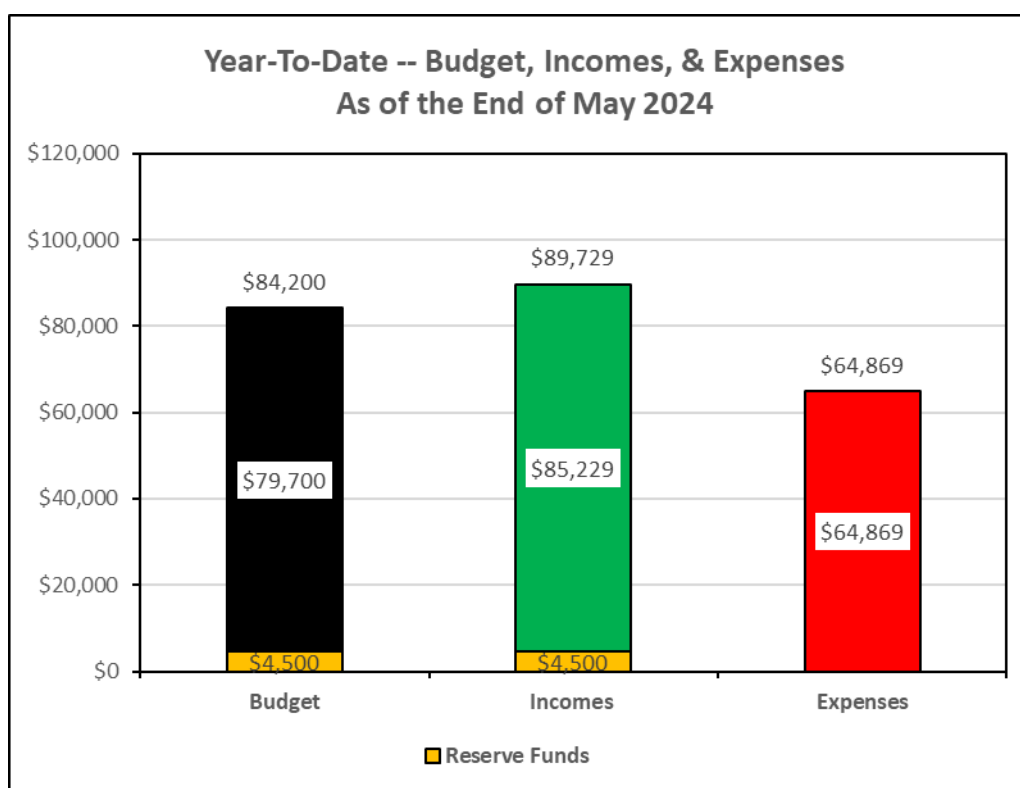
Comments:

- After the Easter celebrations in March/April, the offerings decreased considerably in May.
- As a result, the Year-To-Date contributions through May have dropped slightly below the adopted Budget.
- Please do not forget the needs of your church during the busy upcoming summer months.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary

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 May 2024. As shown, the Incomes without the Reserve supplement (\$85,229) exceed the Expenses (\$64,869) by about \$20,360. This is primarily due to not having an interim/term or full-time pastor and reflected in the difference between Budget (\$84,200) and Expenses (\$64,869). 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



Keith Spear	July 01
Mark Zemke	July 03
Bruce Kiser	July 05
Bekka Roberts	July 07
Rosie Johnson	July 08
Juliette Rowland	July 14
Steven Lee	July 17
Pat Webb	July 27
Lily Neidich	July 20
Leo Diaz	July 21
Ron Zoesch	July 29
Nolan Jaeger	July 30



ALTAR FLOWERS

July 7th	<i>Available</i>
July 14th	<i>Connie Reule & Irene Boschee In Memory of Al Boschee</i>
July 21st	<i>Available</i>
July 28th	<i>Available</i>



The Community Concerns Board will not be meeting on Thursday, July 11 and Thursday, August 8. You can omit our meeting announcement in the Sunday Bulletin for those dates. We will resume our monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday each month starting Thursday, September 12.



July 7:	Justin & Laura Tice
July 14:	Lois Sherrets and Kelly Boyer
July 21:	Holly and Triss Hoppman
July 28:	Carole Vance



What an amazing fun evening it was for everyone that was fortunate to have been able to attend. This once again was held by WELCA striving to contribute to part of St. Luke's mission to serve those in need with our benevolence giving.

We thank all those in attendance and those that contributed prizes and bought tickets for others and helped in anyway.

Huge thanks goes to Peggy Moser and Dorothy Haney for organizing the event and preparing the raffle prizes. To Larry Docker for being the MC, Mike Duffek for preparing the delicious Pasta dinner enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Last, but not least, Justin Tice for washing all of the dishes, assisted by members of his family. We need to mention that this was not the first time that Justin washed dishes –he has been seen many times doing the same for other events and is greatly appreciated.

-Carol Carney

*Digital Image
For Any Creative Project*



I am privileged to once again be the Chairperson for the White Elephants at WELCA's Fall Festival to be held on Saturday, October 12th. As we strive to maintain our goal of raising money for the less fortunate we can't do it without the generosity of our congregational members and others. However, it is not only raising money but also reaching out to our community with Christian fellowship.

Therefore, we are once again asking for your white elephants and are pleased to say we can start bringing and placing them in the room behind Schultz Hall beginning Sunday, July 7th.

As much as your generosity is greatly appreciated we ask that your donations are clean and something that you feel someone would be blessed to have the opportunity to take home with them. As you probably know it is difficult if we have a multitude of items left at the end of our sale to dispose of.

If you have any questions or concerns or need help getting your donations into Schultz Hall please reach out to me either by phone or Email.

Thank you,
With Christian Love,
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