



News and Views

2026

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P a s t o r a l P e r s p e c t i v e

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 15:5-6

Grace and peace to you all! I pray this finds you well as we see the weather shift in what some of us – not saying who – feel is a more tolerable direction.

Last month our council came together and made some decisions about the direction of our congregation and its ministries. In their wisdom and discernment, they created new mission and vision statements, as well as chose three new goals for the coming 12 months.

A mission and vision statement is not two different and individual mantras, but rather two sides of a whole. A mission statement without a goal is just wandering about trying to do good; a vision statement with no guidelines is untethered to real action and sits as a hopeless dream.

Instead, your council crafted both together, using their knowledge of this congregation and its gifts, their hopes for what this congregation can become, and the wisdom of God's vision for the world and how we might become partners of this joint creative work in our own community.

The mission of St. Luke Lutheran Church is to support and inspire our congregation and the greater community through our programs and services for the purpose of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our vision is of a diverse and dynamic community of faith that builds and strengthens spiritual relationships and serves our neighbor.

These statements are meant to guide our actions. The vision statement is what we hope to become; the mission statement is how we get there.

These guide our long-term actions. Everything we do with a look ahead at the future should be guided by these two statements. Do our programs support and inspire? Are our actions sharing the good news? Will they help create that diverse and dynamic community of faith that strengthens and serves?

As for the short term, we have annual goals to guide us along that path. For Sep. 2026 – Aug. 2027, the council has chosen the following goals:

- ***Increase congregational involvement in programs and services***
- ***Increase community visibility***
- ***Add three community events to the congregational calendar***

What do these look like? I don't know. Like the mission and vision statements, these are guidelines that we can use to measure our progress and ministry through the year. If we want to carry out our mission and work toward our vision, these are guidelines for the next 12 months that we believe will move us in the right direction.

This is where the work of the congregation comes in. We are all ministers of Christ, whether we are preaching from a pulpit or handing out bulletins. I look forward to working with you all in the joint ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

Blessings,
PR



Marlene Kiser	September 02
Cathy Davis	September 03
Jerry Thomas	September 03
Maya Torres	September 05
Pauline Arndt	September 07
Barbara Manlapig	September 07
Michele Sondrini	September 08
Gaylen Everett	September 11
Iva Bates	September 13
Suzanne Zemke	September 16
Punky Dias	September 17
Miles Zemke	September 18
Noella Sondrini	September 21
Jun Vang	September 21
Anthony Diaz	September 24
Gage Gadreault	September 25
Tom Harper	September 28
Wesly Connell	September 28
Ezekiel Vang	September 29
Lynn Gavia	September 30



Kinsley Connell	October 01
Micayla Shower	October 02
Grayson Olmeda	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
Gerlyn Reyes	October 08
Ron Franklin	October 08
Jeff Kiser	October 08
Ofelia Ojeda	October 08
Vivian Blazic	October 08
Anthony Basquez	October 09
Daniel King	October 09
Karstan Cagle	October 13
Isaac Diaz	October 15
PengXue Vang	October 18
Duane Kiser	October 19
Joan Mooney	October 21
Kelly Neidich	October 20
Ben Ireton	October 22
Greg Neidich	October 27
Nancy Thomas	October 28
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dixon Richey	October 28



What a beautiful day worshipping and celebrating with our St. Luke's family! It was wonderful to be together with all of you and to share hugs.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to help make it such an amazing day and for the many birthday cards and gifts. Special thanks to the Soul Sisters for organizing the delicious lunch and for my Sisters in Christ T-shirt that I proudly wore to church the following Sunday.

Our St. Luke's family will always have a special place in our hearts,

Pat and Kevin Webb



**September 6: Back to School
Orange & Root Beer Floats**

September 13: Available

September 20: Kirsten Ireton

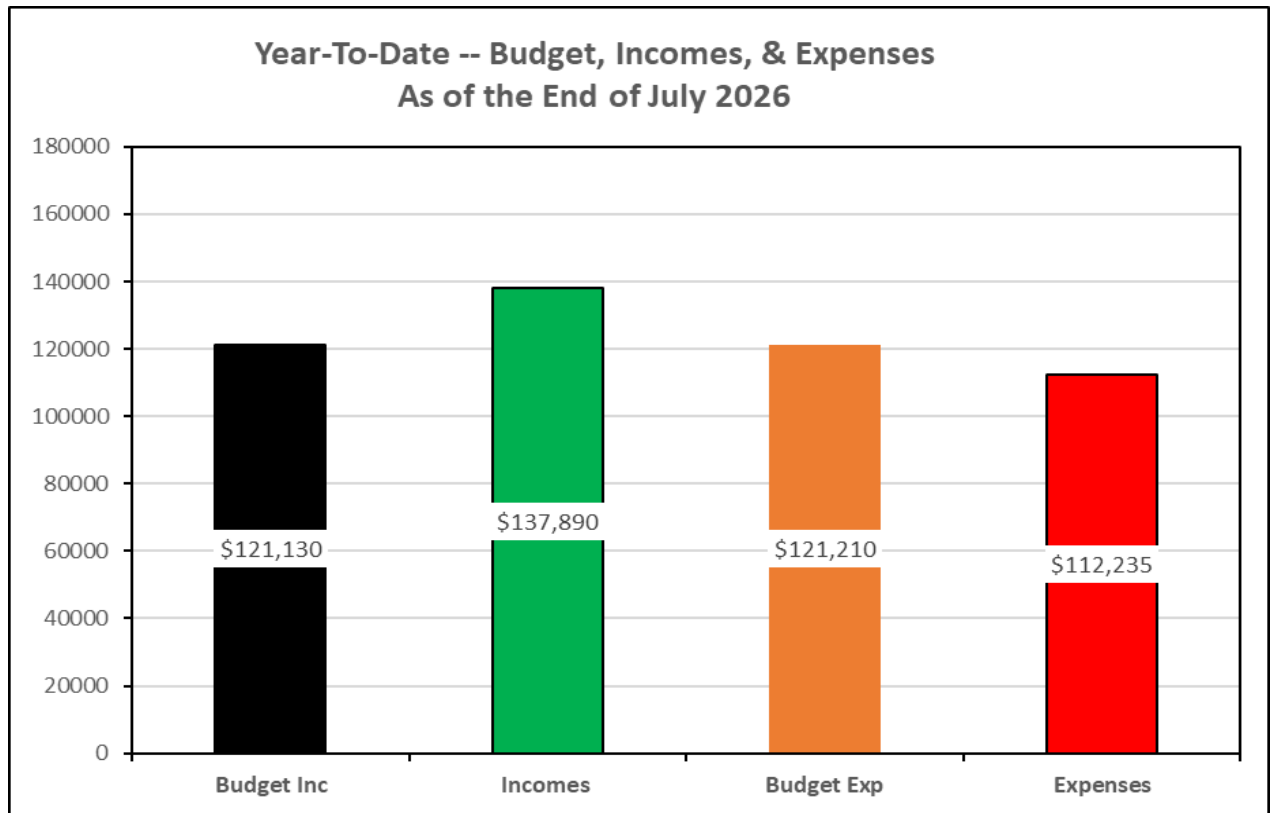
September 27: Kelly Boyer
& Lois Sherrets



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept 6	<i>Pat Terry In Memory of Late Daughter Jeannette Ann Lee</i>
Sept 13	<i>available</i>
Sept 20	<i>available</i>
Sept 27	<i>available</i>

FINANCES TO DATE



The Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the **Budget Incomes, Actual Incomes, Budget Expenses, and Actual Expenses**, as of the end of July 2026. As shown, the year-to-date Incomes (\$137,890, which includes all donations, facility use, etc.) exceed the Budget Income (\$121,130) by about \$16,760 potentially due to annual/quarterly giving. The year-to-date Expenses (\$112,235) are below the Budget Expenses (\$121,210) by approximately \$9,000. Partial “savings” to Expenses are due to some charges forecast earlier than actually expended as well as the “unfilled” maintenance worker position. Throughout the year the monthly budgeted income will remain the same while the monthly budgeted expenses vary based on various billing cycles. Your continued support and commitment through weekly/monthly offerings help us to continue to meet our commitments through 2026.

FINANCE BOARD

St. Luke's

FALL FESTIVAL

Join Us for a
Day of Fall
Fun!



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 3RD

7:30 TO 2:30



7595 CENTER PARKWAY



WHITE
ELEPHANT
BOOTH



GAMES



FOOD



PRIZES



BOUTIQUE

Fun for Everyone!



**Please join us to celebrate Ferinand (Ferd) Boschee's
100th Birthday**

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Open House 2pm to 4pm

Camden Springs
8476 Sheldon Road
Elk Grove, CA.

RSVP Gladys 916/225-8971

SEPTEMBER

2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, September 6

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Marilyn Steed	Reader
Bob Behr	Prayer Leader
Peggy Moser	Acolytes
& Kelly Boyer	
Kelly Boyer	Ushers
& Brenda Sulzman	
Peggy Moser	Communion
Linda Duffek	Servers
Karen Linfor	

Sunday, September 13

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Kelly Boyer	Reader
Phil Petersen	Prayer Leader
Connie Reule	Acolytes
& Laura Tice	
Laura Sondrini	Ushers
& Phil Karlstad	
Karen Linfor	Communion
Kirsten Ireton	Servers
Connie Reule	

Sunday, September 20

Carol Carney	Altar Care
Karen Linfor	Reader
Sarah Madison	Prayer Leader
Peggy Moser	Acolytes
& Laura Sondrini	
Laura Tice	Ushers
& Steven Lee	
Shirley Prouty	Communion
Laura Tice	Servers
Daniel Laryea	

Sunday, September 27

Peggy Moser	Altar Care
Phil Karlstad	Reader
Peggy Moser	Prayer Leader
Daniel Laryea	Acolytes
& Shirley Prouty	
Gaylen Everett	Ushers
& Cathy Davis	
Faith Thomas	Communion
Bob Behr	Servers
Scott Kelly	



