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News and Views



Pastoral Perspective



If you were in school this year, you learned there what you were ready and able to receive. You didn't learn everything there is to know. In whatever you do, you need to keep learning and growing. You don't know everything there is to know. You have learned in life what you have been ready and able to receive. And so

Jesus said to his followers at the end of his time on earth with them: "I have a lot more to tell you, but that would be too much for you now. When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth." (John 16:12-13)

Jesus' followers weren't ready yet for all he could have said to them or shown them. They weren't able to receive it all. Jesus taught and guided his followers to the degree that they were ready and able to receive. He had much more for his followers than they could stand or understand at the time. So Jesus promised them the Holy Spirit. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers continue to learn and grow in the truth.

As a present-day follower of Jesus, the same Holy Spirit instructs and guides you in your Christian growth. The Holy Spirit is God active in your life each day. The Holy Spirit is God in and with you now to continue the teaching and enlightening work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the God of horizons—horizons that move forever onward as you go forward in God's way.

The Holy Spirit draws you beyond your present point of Christian development to new insights and untouched possibilities. The Holy Spirit gives to you as you are ready and able to receive. There is always much more for you to learn about God's way in your life. Trust Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit will guide you in God's way for your continued growth and development. Trust that new insights and perspectives will be given to you. Look forward to each new day as an opportunity to know God and his way better.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,
Pastor Carl

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

There will be a Potluck and Bible Study every Wednesday night in July – so mark your calendars! On July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th we will gather at 6:00 pm for a wonderful potluck and then at 7:00 pm we will start our Bible Study. Our material this summer will be "An Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium". It will allow you to take a fresh look at the Apostles' Creed and at what we really mean when we begin to recite those words "I believe in God the Father Almighty..." If you can't join us for the potluck at 6:00 pm, no worries – you can still join us at 7:00 pm for the Bible Study! This is a wonderful introduction into the Crossways Bible Studies if you have never participated in one – Please join us! There is a nominal cost of \$8.00 for the materials. A signup sheet is available on the opportunity table in the church entryway or call the church office (421-5039).

“Very truly,
I tell you,
whoever
keeps my
WORD will
never see
DEATH.”
John 8:51, NRSV



Highlights June 15, 2010 Church Council Meeting:

The Finance Board reported the receipt of \$415.00 for the Reuben Dahl memorial.

The Worship and Music committee reported the purchase of a new piano cover, bench and piano dehumidifier.

David Gordon has volunteered to play the organ on the first and third Sundays of each month along with Brooke playing the piano.

The WELCA Bunco fundraising event had 84 Bunco players in attendance. The event raised \$1,650, which will be used for WELCA Special Benevolence.

The church council members along with Jack Fenske, are reviewing the church constitution and bylaws for revisions for items that are outdated, unclear, unpractical and/or unworkable. The current constitution and bylaws are 13 years old and have been successful, but some of the current practices are inconsistent with the constitution as written.

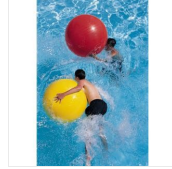


Welcome Amber Hamby & Joy Pate to our Sunday school group. Amber, her family, and Joy were recently baptized and joined St. Luke's family! We are excited that they chose to make us their home!

I am also glad to see our average attendance in Sunday school continue to increase. This is exciting and encouraging to me. But it also means that we have a larger spread in the ages of our children and really could use a teacher for our preschool aged children. If you have a passion for teaching this age group please let me know. Please continue to keep our children in your prayers as we grow in Christ and remember the commitment we made to them at their baptism. In Christ - Kirsten Ireton, Chair, Christian Education

St. Luke's Youth

Hey St. Luke's Youth! On Sunday, July 11th come to the home of Scott & Katrina Falwell for a Pool Party. Scott will share some of his pictures from his recent trip to Asia. We will also talk about other fun things we would like to do and ways we would like to serve! See you there!



As most of us are aware, Chris Shower has had to have several chemotherapy treatments and has more scheduled. As a result, this has placed his family in a financial crisis. If you would like to help Chris, Megan, Micayla and Rylee through this very difficult time, join us at the

Benefit Dinner and Raffle for Chris Shower
Saturday July 10, 2010
Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm
Donation: \$10.00

Word has it that the dinner will be "home cooked" by two of our really good cooks, Katie Ramsey and Deanna Dockter. That you won't want to miss!!

If you have a raffle prize, or know someone who would like to donate a raffle prize let Linda Duffek know. You may be the one to win one of these great prizes. Also, please feel free to invite a guest or two "the more the merrier."

Should you have questions, donations or want tickets contact Linda Duffek .



when the lights are dimmed...

before the beginning of the 10:30 service, Pastor Carl is available for individual prayer in the prayer alcove. To avoid disturbing those in prayer, please keep conversation to a minimum during this time.

Carl Hoppman, Pastor

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July 2010

Brooke Smith

Music Director

E-mail: plnusader@yahoo.com

St. Luke's Lutheran Church -- Event Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Enjoy your summer! Have fun, enjoy your family & friends and remember to Thank The Lord for all we have!</p>				<p>1 9:00 AM -9:00 PM SL Fireworks - Mack Rd/Valley Hi Dr @ Food Source</p>	<p>2 9:00 AM -9:00 PM SL Fireworks - Mack Rd/Valley Hi Dr @ Food Source</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM -9:00 PM SL Fireworks - Mack Rd/Valley Hi Dr @ Food Source</p>
<p>4 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion 9:00 AM -9:00 PM SL Fireworks - Mack Rd/Valley Hi Dr @ Food Source 2:00 PM Sunrise Home - Service</p>	<p>5 HOLIDAY -- OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p>7 6:00 PM Potluck 7:00 PM Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium -</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:00 PM Fundraiser - Shower Family</p>
<p>11 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship Youth Pool Party at Falwell's</p>	<p>12 7:00 PM Finance</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:00 PM Potluck 7:00 PM Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium -</p>	<p>15 <u>News/Views Deadline</u></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:00 AM Property Committee 10:00 AM Worship & Music Board</p>
<p>18 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion 2:30 PM The Commons Service</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Worship & Music Board</p>	<p>20 7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Potluck 7:00 PM Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium -</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Community Concerns</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM Potluck 7:00 PM Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium -</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

**Financial Secretary's Report
May 2010**

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$15,961	\$77,626
Compared to Budget	\$2,171	\$2,844
	15.7%	3.7%
Compared to 2009	-\$711	\$2,089
	-4.3%	2.8%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		\$6,977
Contributors:		
2010 (Current Year)	106	103 ^{Aver}
2009 (Last Year)	100	101 ^{Aver}

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Flowers - \$99.00
- b) Sunday School - \$15.00
- C) Reuben Dahl Memorial \$415.00

Notes:

- a) If you need envelopes, see the Financial Secretary, Dave Saxby (916 647 3960)

“America the Beautiful”

Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak in-

spired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “American the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



I am the President of an organization called "Sacramento Blue Star Moms". We are moms of military children who serve our country. I have two sons who are currently serving in Afghanistan now. We are a non-profit organization that started in 1942 and congressionally chartered in 1960. We are a National wide organization.

I received a couple of emails asking for assistance in sending letters and care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are in the process of collecting donations and sending out over 400 care packages next month. I have received request for over 2500 letters and care packages and more request coming in daily. I need your help. These men are majorly in the front lines and need our support in letting them know that we do support them and that we here at home have not forgotten them. I have Point of Contacts that will move your mail and packages forward to these men in Afghanistan and Iraq.

If you are interested in adopting a service member, sending letters, and care packages please contact me and let me know.

Thank you for your support for our troops,
Barbara Tears, President
Sacramento Blue Star Moms
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Organist



The Board of Worship and Music is pleased to announce that David Gordon has volunteered to serve as our organist on the first and third Sundays of each month. David is an accomplished organist and has substituted for us many times in the past. He and Brooke will be working together to provide music for our Communion services.

Announcements

Because of the numerous activities that go on at St. Luke's, we have had several announcements most Sundays. Several members have expressed concern over the length of announcement time and suggested that all announcements be written. The Board of Worship and Music discussed the matter and concluded that verbal announcements do have value to reinforce the written messages and are more welcoming for visitors. However, the amount of time devoted to them needed to be reduced.

Therefore, the Board has recommended to Council that announcements be submitted on forms to be presented by Pastor at an appropriate time during the service. The recommendation was approved and the new procedure began in June.

The use of bulletin inserts is also encouraged, particularly for events of interest to but not sponsored by a congregational group. We will try this over the summer and will welcome your comments and suggestions on how it works.

Announcement forms are available in the narthex. Please have them completed by 10:15 and leave them the container provided. If a bulletin insert is to be used, please have 130 copies (half sheet 8 1/2 x 11) to the church office by Wednesday.

Save the Date...

for food and fun! Congregational Luau September 18, hosted by the Choir. Watch for more information in the August News and Views.



Property Board

For the most part the flower beds around St. Luke's are doing well considering all of the strange weather we have had. Thank you for all those that have “Picked a Plot” and are giving their plots the tender loving care that they need.

We still have openings for anyone that wishes to participate in keeping our grounds looking nice – the most important is NUMBER 19 – please look at the pictures and select a plot to treat as your own.

The sprinklers are a continual challenge for this board – the main lawn sprinkler project has been completed – thanks Jack & Andy!

We thank Jack Fenske for his knowledge and perseverance in keeping the water flowing. If you see any spots that are not being watered, please contact Jack – do not try and fix the problem yourself – the timers need to be handled by an expert!

The board has many projects under consideration as well as future work party days of which we hope many of you will participate. Please support the Fireworks Stand which assures us that we will have some additional money for the many needed projects!

Jerry Carney

Board Chair



EVANGELISM BOARD
What a wonderful day of honoring the men in our congregation – the weather could not have been nicer and the fellowship was wonderful.

To all the ladies who brought the wonderful pies we thank you so much. Thank you to Board Members; Thelma William and Merle Zbrog as well as Micki Fenske, Dorothy

Haney, Pat Webb and anyone else that may have helped in any way to make it happen!

Even though we were honoring the men they once again were there for us in the set up and clean up effort – you are the greatest!

Although there is not a great deal going on with this board, through the summer, we continue with our visitation to our missed but not forgotten members of this congregation, the welcoming of new member cards, the miss you cards, the bean soup jars going to our wonderful visitors and after service refreshments. Most importantly, we thank Genie Sommer for making sure we have greeters every Sunday – it is so appreciated and important to our ministry.

Please call me if you have any Congregational Care questions or concerns (335-0847) and our hope and prayer is that all of you have a safe, healthy and wonderful summer.

Carol Carney
Chairperson



Thank you to the many who phoned, sent cards, and memorial gifts in honor of Reuben. The Comfort Committee prepared a very nice luncheon for the Memorial, I especially want to thank them. I truly appreciate all everyone has done for me. It is wonderful being a part of St. Luke's family.

Blessings to all,
Bertha Dahl

May 24, 2010

Dear Pastor Hoppman and Congregation,

We were in your church for services on Sunday, May 16, 2010. I'm writing to tell you how much

we enjoyed being in your church and part of your service. We looked up your church on the internet and chose to visit your church because it had a warm, friendly "feel" throughout the site. We felt that we would be welcome to enter your church, and we were not wrong in that viewpoint, from the front door to the end of the service, we could feel the Christian warmth of everyone.

Thank you so much for your hospitality. We are going to enjoy eating the bean soup and thinking of all of you again. Please accept our invitation to come to our church, if you are ever in Arizona.

Al & Penny Larsen
Tempe, Arizona

Dear Pastor Carl,
Thank you for allowing our teen choir to rehearse at your excellent facility for our Spring season. Rehearsals and performances have now concluded, but they would not have been possible without an adequate place to practice and prepare. Our "Shades of Praise" teens appreciate meeting at your convenient location where there is room enough to rehearse our music, drama, and choreography. We hope you will allow us to resume meeting on your premises on Fridays, beginning on September 10th at 11 AM. Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation.

Gratefully,
Eric and Candy Rainwater

June 2010

Hello everyone,

Another school year has ended and I can hardly believe that I'm now over halfway through seminary. Thank you so much for the support all of you have given us. I really couldn't have made it this far without all of your prayers, encouragement and financial help. I really enjoyed my classes this past year. In my Endowment Lab we

Scene Around St. Luke's!



The Harding-Hamby Family, Baptized on June 13, 2010



BUNCO A BIG SUCCESS...AS USUAL!!!



New members June 13, 2010: Evelyn Tavis and Ken Light.

surprise!



All attending enjoyed Brooke & her Students' Recital and especially her grand finale'.



Kid's Fun Page

FROSTY FRESH GRAPE POPS

Jesus is our vine, and we are to be his fruitful branches. Have "bunches" of fun making this refreshing grape snack.


What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4½ cups seedless grapes (red, green or black)
- Food processor
- Plastic spatula
- Strainer
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Food coloring (red, green or blue; optional)
- 5 oz. paper cups
- Aluminum foil
- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Another 2 cups grapes, halved (optional)

What you do:

1. Blend grapes in a food processor until smooth.
2. With a plastic spatula, press mixture through a strainer into a mixing bowl. Discard skins and skim foam off the top.
3. Whisk sugar into juice until dissolved. Add a few drops of food coloring, if desired.
4. Fill cups with juice, spooning most of the foam off the top. (If using additional grapes, put ¼-cup halved grapes into each cup.)
5. Cover each cup with foil and insert a wooden stick into the center of the foil.
6. Place cups in freezer.
7. To remove pops, take off foil and tear away cup. Enjoy!

Variation: To make layered juice pops, make two batches of mix from different-colored grapes. Fill cups half full with one color, cover and then insert the stick and freeze. Then fill with the remaining color and freeze again.



The true vine

In a vineyard, the vine gives life to the branches, which, in turn, produce the grapes. Follow the puzzle directions below to learn about our special relationship with Jesus, our true vine.

Directions: Circle every other letter and then write them in order on the lines below.

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J o h n 1 5 : 5 , N I V

Answer: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."

got to manage \$100,000 endowment created by PLTS and the Lutheran Community Foundation. It was humbling to find out all of the work that goes into properly managing a non-profit organization, but it was also exciting to hear about the great ministries that some ELCA churches are doing with the help of their endowments. In my Public Ministry course I got to find out about the things that can go wrong in a church, not the most fun class, but critical to know. One of my favorite classes this semester was Occasional Services. It was really great to get some hands on experience in planning funerals, baptisms and weddings before I go out and have to do them in real life. Pastoral Care of Families was another class where we delved into the more difficult sides of ministry, talking about the problems that can plague families and churches. We learned how to approach these situations pastorally. Although I did not get any credit for participating in the choir this semester, it was still one of the highlights each week.

This coming year I will be interning full time at Resurrection Lutheran in Oakland under Pastor Lucy Kolin. I'm very excited, and slightly nervous, to get fully involved in the day-to-day ministry and administration of the church. Pastor Lucy is very active in community organizing, she's the co-chair of the Oakland Community Organization and a leader of PICO and has campaigned nationally on behalf of families affected by the mortgage crisis, to reduce violence in Oakland, and to create smaller and more responsive schools. I'm looking forward to working with her and learning from her about how the church can make a difference in the daily lives of people in our communities. I will keep in touch this coming year and I hope to see you all through the summer.

Yours in Christ,
David Bentz

Special thanks for all of the phone calls, cards and delicious refreshments by our Comfort Committee. We were especially pleased that

several from The Commons were able to attend the Memorial for Solveig Memmer.
John Johnsen & Thelma Williams



greeters needed

We have many volunteers here at St. Luke's, all do a great job and are appreciated. One of these volunteers is Genie Sommer. Genie makes many phone calls each month lining up the greeters for our 10:30 AM service. This summer let's give her a break. If you would like to be a greeter, get your spouse, a friend, or someone you'd like to know better and have them be your team for a Sunday. You can call Genie at 681-7959, or sign up on the "Greeter Schedule" that is on the bulletin board next to the left door to the breezeway. Choir members, here is your opportunity while we are not singing you can be a greeter too.

What do you do?

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Synod Offices Are Moving

This has been in the works for several months and is finally happening.

- ◆ The mailing address for Synod mail is: P.O. Box 276648, Sacramento, CA 95827.
- ◆ The phone numbers will stay the same: 510-430-0500 or 800-275-3522.
- ◆ Specific locations of the offices are as follows:
 - ◆ The Office of the Bishop, Sacramento Calvary Lutheran Church, 515 L St, Rio Linda, CA 95673.
 - ◆ Two other N. Cal offices will be opening later this summer.

July Worship Leaders

ACOLYTES

4-Jul Joseph Mansfield, Elise Mihanovich
 11-Jul Katy Etchison, Katie Light
 18-Jul Julie Ireton, Selena Connell
 25-Jul Corey Anderson, Wesley Lester

ALTAR CARE 8:15 AM

8:15AM Cheryl Franklin

ALTAR CARE 10:30 AM

4-Jul JoAnn Anderson
 11-Jul Deanna Dockter/Katie Ramsey
 18-Jul Deanna Dockter/Katie Ramsey
 25-Jul Tracy Etchison

COMMUNION SERVERS

4-Jul Thelma Williams, Ken Lentsch, Howard Triebwasser
 11-Jul [Redacted]
 18-Jul Peggy Moser, Al Moser, Karen Linfor
 25-Jul [Redacted]

COUNTERS

4-Jul Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
 11-Jul Betty Englund, Don Schell, Delmy Samayoa, Howard Triebwasser
 18-Jul Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
 25-Jul Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
 Ron Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Micki Fenske, Jack Fenske

GREETERS

4-Jul
 11-Jul
 18-Jul
 25-Jul

HEAD USHERS

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

PRAYER LEADERS

4-Jul Judy Saxby
 11-Jul Katie Ramsey
 18-Jul Ken Lentsch
 25-Jul Kirsten Ireton

PSALM READERS

4-Jul Micayla Shower
 11-Jul Katie Light
 18-Jul Selena Connell
 25-Jul Amber Mansfield

READERS 8:15 AM

4-Jul Eric Linblade
 11-Jul Kristine Felgenhauer
 18-Jul Eric Linblade
 25-Jul Sarah Madison

READERS 10:30 AM

4-Jul Tracy Etchison
 11-Jul Ruth Heaton
 18-Jul Meribel Herrera
 25-Jul Triss Hoppman

REFRESHMENTS

Serve ---- Provide

4-Jul *Refreshments at the Fireworks Booth!*
 11-Jul Pauline Arndt; Thelma Williams
 18-Jul Ireton Family
 25-Jul Harriet Urquhart; Westons

WELCOME LEADERS

4-Jul Chet Madison
 11-Jul Bob Behr
 18-Jul Pauline Arndt
 25-Jul Carolyn Andrews



Hedwig Marchuk	2-Jul
Ken Lentsch	3-Jul
Harold Sodergren	4-Jul
Bruce Kiser	5-Jul
Clifford Landaker	6-Jul
Bekka Roberts	7-Jul
Rosie Johnson	8-Jul
Katrina Falwell	9-Jul
Kathy Harris	10-Jul
Joan Wilkinson	11-Jul
Juliette Davis	14-Jul
Jerry Linfor	14-Jul
Al Boschee	16-Jul
Bob Allen	18-Jul
Hazen Simkins	18-Jul
Bill Cooper	21-Jul
Greg Olsen	21-Jul
Pat Webb	27-Jul



We welcome to the St. Luke's Family:
 Ken Light, husband of Tracy and father of Katy Light.

Evelyn Tavis, 230 California Loop, Sacramento, CA 95823. Phone: 429-2780.

We also welcome through Baptism:
 Beverly Harding & Craig Hamby and their family: Amber Hamby, Joy Pate, and John McAdams. Their address is: 7615 Prescott Way, Sacramento, CA 95823; (916) 470-5976.

Fireworks Booth Open for Business

Workers are needed at the church's fireworks booth. The booth is open June 28th at noon and then through July 4th 9 AM to 9 PM. The booth is located on the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot.

July Flowers



4-Jul	Lentsch's -- Celebrate Ken's birthday; Marlene and Duane Kiser -- Celebrate their anniversary
11-Jul	Karen Linfor -- Celebrate Jerry's birthday; Joan Mooney -- In memory of her husband Don
18-Jul	Hazen Simkins -- Celebrate his 94th birthday
25-Jul	Ron Webb -- Celebrate Pat's birthday



The Marriage Service of Katherine Elizabeth Moser and Jesse Michael Iniguez took place on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Pastor Carl officiated. Katy was accompanied down the aisle by her proud father, Al Moser, while mom, Peggy Moser looked on lovingly. Richard and Cheryl Iniguez, parents of Jesse, along with his grandmother Delores Yniguez also were very proud of the groom and happy to see the loving couple united.

We wish them many happy years together.