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News and Views



Pastoral Perspective



It's often the case that the one on top is the one who can take care of himself and get others to do what he wants. In school you'll see a top dog who has others following him, willing to do for him, and he bosses them around. At work you'll see a boss who, by his position, controls others, often for his

own self-interest.

Many of God's people in Jesus' time expected the one who would be their king, the biggest top dog of all, the biggest boss of all, to wield great power over others. They hoped he would consider them and their interests, but they took for granted that he would be the top dog, the boss.

And so it's really not so surprising that folks at the scene of the crucifixion would not acknowledge the convicted criminal, Jesus, as their king. The religious leaders viciously lashed out at him. The people ridiculed him. What kind of king was this, reduced to such a powerless state? When Pilate had a plaque put on the cross that read "Jesus of Nazareth: The King of The Jews", the chief priests did everything they could to get the plaque taken down. Even one of the criminals crucified next to Jesus joined in the taunts.

But then came a lone voice—from the third cross. The man crucified on that cross proclaimed, "This man has done nothing wrong." By contrast, he had already confessed his own guilt and sinfulness. This dying man grabbed hold of something. He discerned in the person of Jesus a surging authority, a kingship, the others and the world had missed completely. Here was a king like no other—a special king. And the hope of citizenship in Jesus' special kingdom was expressed, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

This convicted criminal received the beautiful response from Jesus, "Today, you will be with me in paradise." Jesus promised he would be at the side of this man with love and forgiveness even in the time of his deepest pain and anxiety and death. Jesus promised he would personally guide this dying criminal from this world to the heavenly kingdom. Jesus, in short, promised to be this man's king.

Let's look at this another way. A king would be expected to wear a special hat, a crown, a sign that he had all the power of the kingdom. A king would be expected to sit on a special chair, a throne. When a king would sit on his throne with his crown on, people would do just what he told them. Jesus was a very different kind of king. The only crown he wore was a crown of thorns. This was not a sign of earthly power but a sign of all his loving suffering for you. The only throne he sat on was the cross. This was not a sign of earthly power but a sign of

his authority to forgive your sins by bearing them on the cross.

Jesus didn't come to show such great power over you that you have to obey him or else. Jesus' authority is the authority of love and forgiveness, even in the midst of disobedience. He expressed his love for you by wearing the crown of thorns. For Jesus, the way to establish his kingdom was not with a throne of power, but a cross of forgiveness. Jesus is king, not by the power of coercion, but by the authority of love; not by threats and violence, but by forgiveness.

There are those who don't believe they need his love. He is not king for them. There are those who don't believe they need his forgiveness. He is not king for them. But for those who know in their hearts they need his love and forgiveness, he is the real king. Jesus is beside you with his love and forgiveness. Don't be afraid. Submit to King Jesus. He cares about you and will be with you now and always.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing,

Pastor Carl

Highlights August 17, 2010
Church Council Meeting

- ◆ Pastoral Acts:
 - ◆ Baptisms: Emma Kiser (8/8)
 - ◆ New Members: Ted Holm, Sylvia Kohler, Samantha Basquez and children, Nick and Barbara Manlapig (8/15).
 - ◆ Phillip and Jennifer Connell are assuming a **leadership role for St. Luke's Youth group** starting in the Fall. The youth will begin preparing for the 2011 Western States Youth Gathering to be held in Thousand Oaks July 1-5.
 - ◆ A Sunday morning adult class is starting September 19th, entitled God for Us. The nine sessions will look at scripture and Luther's Small Catechism.

- ◆ The Education Board will be holding a bake sale for the Agape Boys Mission on September 12th, the first day of Sunday school for the Fall.
- ◆ **Council approved the Property Board's proposals to install a new heating and air conditioning systems in the Sunday school wing.**
- ◆ The Community Concerns board donated \$100.00 each to Union Gospel Mission and **St. John's Shelter.**
- ◆ Worship & Music Board reported that Nick Manlapig is taking on the job of scheduling prayer leaders, readers, and psalm readers.
- ◆ Pastor Carl is working closely with Steve Bingen to set up the new sound system in the sanctuary with the finish date to be in September.
- ◆ The Worship & Music Board is in need of sign ups for altar care, and the Evangelism Board is in need of sign ups for serving refreshments on Sundays after the second service.
- ◆ Holly Hoppman will be chairing the Blumhardt Memorial committee.



Children's Sunday School starts again for the fall on September 12th with a Bake Sale. The proceeds will benefit the Agape Boys Mission in Kenya. We are looking for donations of baked goods and will have a signup sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Kirsten Ireton.

Adult Sunday school will start on September 12th as well. We will be focusing on how God is For Us. Come and learn how God works in the lives of each and everyone of us. Sunday school starts at 9:15am, following the early service.

Kirsten Ireton,
Christian Education Board Chair

God For Us

“God is for us”. That is the wonderful message of Romans 8:31. God is for us in Jesus Christ. God is for us in life, death, and in eternity. God is for us, and nothing can separate us from **God’s love, which is ours through Jesus Christ.** The message that God is for us is easily lost among the many demands and challenges of life. We can lose sight of the possibility to rest and be revitalized in the realization that God is for us. This fall, there will be an opportunity to be restored in the reality that God is for us.

God For Us will be the theme of a 9-session Sunday morning adult class Pastor will be leading in Education Wing Room 3 from 9:15 AM to 10:00 AM starting Sunday, September 19. **I’d love to have you join me as we go through the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism to see together how God is for us.** This class would be especially helpful to those who would like to learn more about Christianity from a Lutheran perspective.



WELCA will be having a general meeting on Saturday September 11th at 10:30 AM.

The board will host brunch, and will be collecting school supplies (crayons, pencils, paper, binders/etc.). Please plan on joining us.

The Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 2. Flyers are in the narthex for those interested in renting a space.

Items are needed for the Fall Festival. Judy Saxby is collecting reusable and sellable items for the St. Luke's White Elephant booth; i.e., knick-knacks, kitchen items, decorations, pictures, candles, jewelry, paperback books (no hardbacks), kid's toys and items. (Please no junk - and no clothing!!). This is a good chance to do some end-of-summer cleaning and help our church. Judy Saxby can be reached at 647-3960

Linda Duffek
W-ELCA President



Studying *Crossways* can change people’s hearts and lives profoundly. We will be studying on the period between the Testaments and the New

Testament beginning September 14. *Crossways* serves as the ultimate travel-guide for an unforgettable, in-depth journey through the Bible. Imagine understanding the unique message of each book of the Bible in relation to all the others?

Using many full-color teaching graphics, *Crossways* helps people see the connections between Old and New Testaments like never before.

Those who studied the Old Testament last year, will have the opportunity to now look at the New Testament. Those who are interested in studying the New Testament will have the opportunity to study and better understand the teachings.

Sign up soon as the classes will begin in Room 4, September 14, Tuesday mornings from 10:15—11:30 AM; or for those who prefer evenings, Thursday evenings from 7—8:15 PM.

Cost is minimal, one Section Student Set (Workbook and study book) \$15 each; Extra workbooks \$3 each. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary at Jesus feet or call the church office



Holly Hoppman has been appointed by the Council to Chair the Blumhardt Memorial Fund Committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact Holly at 402-2888.



Cliff & Susan Landaker and their daughters thank all who have prepared meals for them. They are recovering, but slowly, so we will continue with this ministry. A calendar for September is in the Narthex. For more information, call the office, 421-5039. Continue to keep them in your prayers.



We have an exciting schedule planned for the youth this fall. Confirmation class for 6th through 8th graders will

be held on the first and third Sundays of each month starting September 19 from 12:15 PM to 1:00 PM in the youth loft. Activities and outings for all the youth, Middle School through High School, will happen on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Our fall kickoff event will be a pool party and picture viewing at the Falwell's at 2:00 PM on Sunday September 12. The Falwell's address is 8419 Jordon Ranch Road, Elk Grove 95624. All youth and their friends are very welcome to join us. Please contact Pastor Carl if you would like more information about our youth group.



How would you like to run a Clothing Giveaway at St. Luke's? It is a much needed service in the area surrounding our church. The clothes have already been collected. They just need to be distributed from Schultz Hall. If you are interested in doing this great service, please contact Judy Saxby or Al Moser.

The food bank is serving more people than ever! **Won't you please help us provide some hard working people with a few cans a week?**

Judy Saxby is starting a new idea to get food coming in. **She is having you "vote" with your food, cans or fresh, on a very "silly" idea. The winners will be posted in the narthex each week.**

Join the fun and lets help the food bank!

Al Moser

Community Concerns Board Chair



We welcome all the New Members to our Congregation - we are so blessed to have you and hope that you will feel welcome and a part of our church family just as we all do. Please be sure and join us

for after service refreshments and any other activity, we have going on, so we can all get to know each other soon.

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer - please mark your calendars for, Sunday, October 31, for our annual Heritage Potluck to be held after the second service. Be thinking about what dish, from your heritage, you would like to bring along with the recipe for the completion of our cook book that was started last year.

Please don't forget to sign up to serve and or provide refreshments - we can't do it without your support!

Carol Carney

Evangelism Board Chair



You have seen the signs on the freeway, by construction projects - your tax dollars being spent! Here at St. Luke's you can see projects being done and the sign should say - your hard work and generosity dollars being spent! Some 10 plus years ago

Phillip and Jennifer Connell had a vision and started the Crab Feed and the Fireworks Stand, both of which, thanks to the hard work of Deanna and Larry Dockter and the many others who have worked and contributed in any way - we continue to be able to do the much needed additional projects here at St. Luke's above and beyond what is budgeted for the Property Board.

We have had a little delay in proceeding due to getting a permit finalized for the installation of the heating and air conditioning in the sanctuary but now we are pleased to announce that The Council voted for the Property Board to proceed with the installation of the heating/air condi-

tioning (including the timers) and the insulation in the Sunday school wing, the multi-purpose room and the kitchen! What a much needed difference this will make for all of us both for comfort and safety - the old heaters were beyond their years!

By the time you read this, the Property Board work day will be over but we are sure there will be noticeable improvements to our property thanks to all that came out and gave us the needed support. We will have more about this in the next edition of the News & Views.

Jerry Carney
Property Board Chair



There are many opportunities to volunteer at St. Luke's. For instance, serve on one of our Boards, the Evangelism Board, chaired by Carol Carney, especially needs a few more members. Volunteer to bring /or serve refreshments following the 2nd service each Sunday.

Be a Worship Assistant, sign up on the calendar in the narthex. Perhaps you'd like to usher or serve on the Altar Guild, same sign-up calendar. If you have a question please feel free to contact Pastor Carl, the office or as stated above one of the Board Chairpersons.

We are always looking for new voices to join the Choir. Brooke Smith our Music Director has some great songs for us to sing this coming year. We start practice Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00—8:00 PM and continue each Wednesday evening until June (with a few breaks).

Perhaps you have an idea you would like to see implemented, take it to the Church Council or the Board Chair of the group you think it would best work in.

We would also like to thank those who are already volunteering and sharing their gifts at St. Luke's.:

Cheryl and Ron Franklin who have been assembling the bulletins the past year; and thanks to Chuck and Kay Yakabe who are taking on this important function since Cheryl is unable to continue.

Nick and Barbara Manlapig who are scheduling and reminding those who volunteer to be readers during our services.

You will see more information throughout the News/Views on volunteer opportunities.

St. Luke's Choir invites you to

An evening in paradise

September 18th, 2010



Doors open at 5pm for fellowship and activities
Dinner at 6:15pm

Tickets: \$15.00, Children 3 & under are free.

Dinner will include:

- Kalua Pork
- Huli Huli Chicken
- Mac & Potato Salad
- RICE, RICE, RICE
- And more!



Activities include:

- Aloha Shirt Contest
- Flower Making
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Paper Lei Making
- Pineapple Bowling

Performances from St. Luke's Choir & St. Luke's Handbell Choir



Proceeds will be used to purchase new music for the choir.



Something beautiful

“Spread love everywhere you go; to show love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in doing that makes our offering something beautiful to God.”

—Mother Teresa

September Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES

5-Sep Elise Mihanovich
12-Sep Katy Etchison, Katie Light
19-Sep Julie Ireton, Selena Connell
26-Sep Wesley Lester

ALTAR CARE 8:15 AM

8:15AM Cheryl Franklin

ALTAR CARE 10:30 AM

Karen Linfor

COMMUNION SERVERS

5-Sep Karen Linfor, Tracy Light, Ken Light
12-Sep [REDACTED]
19-Sep Karen Linfor, Tracy Light, Ken Light
26-Sep [REDACTED]

COUNTERS

5-Sep Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
12-Sep Betty Englund, Don Schell, Delmy Samayoa, Howard Triebwasser
19-Sep Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
26-Sep Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
Ron Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Micki Fenske, Jack Fenske

GREETERS

5-Sep Bertha Dahl & Sarian Wyse
12-Sep Hazen Simkins & Margaret Crooks
19-Sep The Thomas Family
26-Sep Ken, Tracy and Katie Light

HEAD USHERS

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

PRAYER LEADERS

5-Sep Merle Zbrog
12-Sep Ruth Heaton
19-Sep Rachel Kiser
26-Sep Katie Ramsey

PSALM READERS

5-Sep Derrick Mihanovich
12-Sep Elise Mihanovich
19-Sep Micayla Shower
26-Sep Amber Mansfield

READERS 8:15 AM

5-Sep Christiana Wilson
12-Sep Kathryn Felgenhauer
19-Sep Sarah Madison
26-Sep Maribel Herrera

READERS 10:30 AM

5-Sep Nick Manlapig
12-Sep Pat Webb
19-Sep Holly Hoppman
26-Sep Kirsten Ireton

REFRESHMENTS

Serve ---- Provide

5-Sep Barbara Manlapig
12-Sep AVAILABLE!
19-Sep Ireton Family
26-Sep AVAILABLE!

WELCOME LEADERS

5-Sep Carolyn Andrews
12-Sep Peggy Moser
19-Sep Pat Webb
26-Sep Chet Madison

VISITOR GREETERS

5-Sep Carol Carney; Debbie Silverberg
12-Sep Pauline Arndt
19-Sep TBA
26-Sep TBA



Marlene Kiser	2-Sep
Cathy Davis	3-Sep
Stephanie Falwell	3-Sep
Esther Becker	6-Sep
Pauline Arndt	7-Sep
Tina Alvarez	8-Sep
Iva Bates	13-Sep
Anthony (AJ) Alvarez	17-Sep
Gabriella Alvarez	17-Sep
JoAnn Anderson	20-Sep
Lauren Harris	20-Sep
Ruth Heaton	21-Sep
Andrew Falwell	22-Sep
Patricia McLendon	23-Sep
Ronald Myers	24-Sep
Alexander Blair	25-Sep
Mildred Franklin	25-Sep
Pat Houston	28-Sep
Jack Fenske	29-Sep
Helen Fischer	30-Sep

Cut out box below and insert in your Pictorial Directory



*Samantha Basquez,
Theodore (Ted) Holm,
Sylvia Kohler
Nick & Barbara Manlapig,*



September Flowers

5-Sep	Bob Allen - Celebrate Triss & Carl's Anniversary; Shannon Aston — Celebration of her Grandmother, Orlyn Ness' 94th birthday.
12-Sep	The Connell Family -- Celebrate Kristen & Grandma Adeline's birthdays; The Arndt's -- Remembrance of Louise Arndt's birthday (Walt's mother).
19-Sep	The Heaton's -- Celebrate Ruth's birthday; Ron & Pat Webb -- Celebrate Kevin's birthday; Thelma Williams & John Johnsen— Remembrance of their parent's; Shannon Aston — Remembrance of her mother, Cynthia Aston's birthday.
26-Sep	The Ireton's -- Celebrate Bill Lehman's birthday; Karen Payne -- Celebrate John's birthday; Linfor's -- Memory of Lois Linfor, Jerry's Mother; Linfor's -- Celebrate Ken Light's birthday.



August 15th we welcomed the following **new members to St. Luke's family:** Samantha Basquez, Ted Holm, Sylvia Kohler and Nick and Barbara Manlapig.



Samantha & Sylvia



Nick & Barbara






Mr. Holm was not available for a photo, but we will have one in the narthex.

Kid's Fun Page

Smart cookies

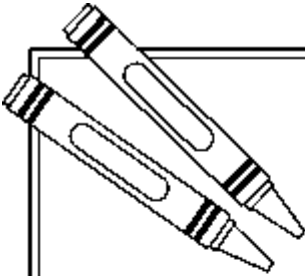
September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear) 
- 1 lid 
- 4 photos or drawings 
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



Just for KIDS

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young 1 2 3 death 2 6 7 8 cold 4 1 5 come 9 1

sweet 10 1 11 12 can't 13 14 15 no 16 8 10 later 15 1 17

"H


4 1 2 3 1 15 5 1

6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15 ' 3 1

15 1 5 2 8 5 6 5 9 1 ;

9 11 14 12 3 6 5 17 8 2 2 ' 7 1 12

6 5 6 10 16 1 11 12 2 6 7 8 "



"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life." (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now

Scene Around St. Luke's!



"Wow, this is an interesting book, Pastor Carl"



Celebrating Emma's Baptism



Service at "The Commons"





Finance Update

July 2010

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$13,422	\$102,683
Compared to Budget	-\$1,852	-\$1,638
	-12.1%	-1.5%
Compared to 2009	-\$373	\$1,371
	-2.7%	1.4%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		-\$2,883
Contributors:		
2010 (Current Year)	85	97
2009 (Last Year)	106	99

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

Other Special Gifts:

a) Flowers - \$56.50

David Saxby
Financial Secretary

Holy Baptism



Emma Somera Gamueda Kiser, daughter of Eric and Christina Kiser was baptized August 8. Her sponsors are Holly Hoppman, Mark Gamboa and Crystal Mathias.

Emma is the granddaughter of Duane and Marlene Kiser, and great granddaughter of Erwin Kiser and Betty Olson.



Thanks to the hard work of Carol Carney and her crew, including Holly Hoppman, editor, and Bob Allen for photos of those unable to attend a sitting, our 2010 St. Luke's Church Photo Directory is either in your hands or about to be. If you have not yet received yours, they are available after church services, or from the Church Office.

Please be sure to watch the News/Views for new member information, or address changes and add it to your directory, so we all remain up-to-date in our directories. Also, from time to time, we will distribute new pages for your directory.

Also, Olan Mills, the company that produced the directory, gives us the option of also viewing it on the internet. If you have access to a computer, you can go to:

<http://om096027.onlineolanmills.com/home>

The password is:

Or, if you prefer, you can find a link to the online directory on the St. Luke's website:

<http://www.stlukesac.org>

2010-11 Choir Season Starting!

Get ready to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM, beginning Sept. 1 in the choir loft

♪ New music

♪ New friends

♪ All ages, experience, levels

♪ Hawaiian Luau – Sept. 18

♪ Christmas performance – Dec. 19

Sharing, caring, serving together...

Come be a part of this exciting
ministry opportunity at St. Luke's!

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September 2010

St. Luke's Lutheran Church -- Event Calendar

Brooke Smith

Music Director

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Oct 2 — 9 AM-4PM - W-ELCA Fall Festival ◆ Oct 31— 11:45 AM 3rd Annual Heritage Dinner 			<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion</p> <p>2:00 PM Sunrise Home - Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PM Executive Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship & Music Board</p> <p>10:30 AM WELCA - Brunch-Board Hosts</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM SLY Pool Party - Fallwell's</p>  <p>Swim Party</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Evangelism Board</p> <p>7:00 PM Finance</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:15 AM Crossways</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p> <p>News/Views Deadline</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Crossways</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM Property Committee--</p> <p>5:00 PM Congregational Luau hosted by Choir</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM God for Us</p> <p>12:15 PM -1:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>2:30 PM The Commons Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM Men in Christ</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:15 AM Crossways</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Crossways</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:15 AM & 10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p>9:15 AM God for Us</p> <p>12:15 PM Sly - Loft</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM Community Concerns</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:15 AM Crossways</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Crossways</p> 		



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“Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
has forgiven you.”
Ephesians 4:32, NRSV