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News and Views



Pastoral Perspective



What an amazing year 2010 was for St. Luke's! You will read in the annual reports from the Boards all about how the Lord worked mightily through our congregation this last year to further our mission to "Spread the Good News, Serve those in Need, and Share the Victory of Jesus Christ". As we

give thanks for the vital ministry done through us in 2010 and look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2011, I invite you to consider with me the Biblical basis for our congregational mission.

Our full congregational mission statement is: "By the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world." We confess right from the get go that we don't have the power to do the Lord's work on our own. We must be empowered by the Holy Spirit if we are going to be effective. Jesus tells His followers just before His ascension that "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8) The Holy Spirit has come upon the Church, the people of God. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we accept God's call to participate in the Lord's work.

We focus on three vital actions that we accept as God's call for us. The first is to "Spread

the Good News". On Christmas night the angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10, 11) When the shepherds saw the baby, "they made known the saying that had been told them concerning the child." (Luke 2:17) We then, join in a long line of folks who have seen with eyes of faith that the Savior has come in Jesus the Messiah of the world. We accept God's call to spread that Good News, because it is "for all the people". Our worship and music ministries, educational ministries and elements of our evangelism ministries are all about "Spreading the Good News".

The second part of our mission is to "Serve those in need." When Jesus appears at the end of time He will say to those who have seen with the eyes of faith who He really is and so served in love those in need, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." (Matthew 25:34-36) We know in our hearts that whenever we serve those in need we are actually serving Jesus. He comes to us in many "distressing disguises" to allow us the privilege of serving Him. Our community concerns, much of our evangelism ministries, and a great deal of the ministry of the Women of the ELCA are all about "Serving those in need."

The third part of our mission is to "Share

the Victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world." Paul writes at the end of some wonderful sharing about the resurrection, "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:56, 57) The powers of sin and death cannot overcome us because Jesus has won the victory over them. We accept God's call to share this victory because it is for all of "us" throughout the world. Our Property ministries are important not only for our facility needs but the needs of so many groups within the community to share. Our stewardship and finance ministries are all about the victory we take part in as we share the resources God gives us to use. In our youth ministries we are sharing with young people the victorious life in the Lord's love. Our church council and special committees help facilitate our sharing of the victory of Jesus Christ.

We truly have a tremendous mission to take part in as a congregation. I thank you for the great privilege of serving as you pastor in this wonderful work.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



A Message from
our Council President

Greetings and may the Lord bless you in this new year.

As we begin this new year we want to thank all of you who

have played a role in St Luke's fulfillment of its mission this past year. As we recommit ourselves to spreading the Good News, serving those in need, and sharing the victory of Jesus Christ, let us continue to look for and act on ways we can fulfill God's plan for St Luke's. We expect 2011 will continue to offer challenges for us in one way or another and we pray for God's guidance and strength to remain focused on what He has in mind for us. I look forward to working with you all to continue in sharing God's love for those around us.

We offer special thanks and appreciation to Carolyn Andrews, Linda Duffek, Ron Webb, and

Kirsten Ireton who completed four years as Officers or Board chairs. Well done!

Bob Behr

January Council Highlights

Pastoral Acts

Funerals: Harold Paulline (1/7)

Melvin Wormington (1/7)

Holly Hoppman, representing the Blumhardt Memorial Committee, presented the list of suggested projects and estimated costs to the council for review. The Church Council grouped and prioritized the projects for expending the Blumhardt Memorial funds to present to the congregation for review and approval at a congregational meeting scheduled on February 13th following the second church service. (A copy can be found inserted in this News & Views.)

The Property Board announced that their meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. They will host quarterly workdays meeting the second Saturday in February, May, August and November from 8:00am – noon. Property Board projects include replacing the threshold for the Sanctuary West Double Door as soon as the weather permits and work on the Multi-purpose room sponsored by W-ELCA.

The Evangelism Committee is planning an outing to the Golden Corral for lunch on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 11:30am. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

The Worship and Music Committee noted that this year the Lenten Services, with the exception of Ash Wednesday, will take place in the multi-purpose room immediately following the Lenten soup supper. The Ash Wednesday Service on March 9th will be held in the church following the Lenten soup supper.

Dear Congregation, Council and Board members,

First, I would like to say "Thank You" to each of you for all the support you gave me during the past four years. Being Council President was an

enjoyable task, one I could not have completed without your input, support and involvement. I'd also like to say "welcome" all new Council members and "welcome back" to those of you who will be continuing service.

Again this past year, we have been able to reach out to the community in ways that have been extremely gratifying and I feel privileged, and so blessed, that I could be a part of "Sharing the Victory". Please take a minute to read each board's year-end report, in the News & Views, to review all that we accomplished during 2010. Here are just a couple of highlights; financially we have been blessed, especially in this time of economic turmoil and we were able to contribute to several community organizations. The Sunday school wing, multi-purpose room and kitchen are now equipped with air-conditioning. The sound system in the sanctuary is being completely updated and as part of our Christian Education, we just completed the first half of our 2 year in-depth Bible study and our children's Sunday school program is thriving. God has truly blessed us, and he continues to bestow his Grace upon our congregation.

Thank you for the gifts of friendship and again for your support.

"One of the greatest blessings God can give us is the gift of someone who cares"

God Bless,
Carolyn Andrews

Christian Education

2010 Year in Review



Let's take a moment to reflect on the many Educational Opportunities we had in 2010 at St. Luke's. Our children were taught Sunday school by Kirsten Ireton. We happily welcomed Samantha Basquez as the new preschool teacher for our children age 2 through Kindergarten in October. We continue to have members of the youth group assisting with Sun-

day school. This summer our children continued to learn about Jesus and God's Perfect Love for us. In the fall they held a bake sale which raised \$214.50 for the Agape Boy's Mission in Kenya. They also participated in the choir's Christmas Cantata. Our Sunday school attendance continues to grow and is averaging around 7 children, although some Sundays we have had as many as 13 children in attendance!

In the spring Pastor Confirmed three youth: Elise Mihanovich, Katy Etchison, and Wesley Lester. Currently there are 4 youth in Confirmation class with Pastor Carl: Joshua Bell, Daniel Encinas, Katie Light, and Selena Connell. They meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and are using some of the Divine Drama materials as the pictures are easy to understand and explain. Each week they take home a graphic to share with their parents.

Our adult Sunday school class continues to be well attended. They finished an in-depth discussion of the Reformation and continued to explore the church history through present day. In the fall Pastor started a new class called, "God For Us". We continue to be blessed by his leadership and knowledge and benefit greatly from these wonderful classes.

Crossways Bible Studies continued in 2010 with about 30 people attending. 2011 will bring the start of the New Testament study after our in-depth study on the Old Testament. We were also blessed to host a seminar led by Dr. Harry Wendt on Palm Sunday weekend. Two seminars and lunch were enjoyed by about 65 people. The seminars included "Road to Coronation" and "An Apostles' Creed for the New Millennium". What a wonderful time of sharing this was and an honor to have Dr. Wendt give the sermon on Palm Sunday as well.

One other highlight of our year was the Passover Supper. A wonderful educational program on the Passover was provided by Pastor Carl. Additionally, a tasty lamb supper was shared by those in attendance.

As 2010 comes to a close, I know that 2011 will hold many wonderful things for the

education of all members at St. Luke's. I am sure that we will all continue to spread, serve and share in the Victory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Kirsten Ireton

Board Chair, Christian Education



Evangelism Board 2010 Annual Report

Where do I start? What a wonderful and rewarding year it has been? Thank you to Pat Webb and the previous year Board for their work on the first few activities of the year.

We started with our annual Epiphany Breakfast and Service – January 6, served by the Board – wonderful time of fellowship to remember when God revealed his son, Jesus, to the Magi and the world. The food was wonderful, as well, as the awe-inspiring nativity scenes that were provided for all to enjoy.

A number of us were able to enjoy our first outing on January 17, coordinated by Thelma Williams - lunch at the #1 Buffet on Stockton Blvd. – such a large variety of tasty items to choose from and a fun time was had by all!

Comfort Food Potluck, suggested by Holly Hoppman, after service, on Sunday, February 21 – lots of delicious and fun comfort food to help take the stress out of our lives - it was well attended and suggested to be an annual event.

February 14, Ash Wednesday, was the beginning of our Soup Suppers held every Wednesday evening, before service, for the following five weeks. We thank members of the various Boards, Choir and individuals who brought all the delicious soups, desserts, breads and those that helped set up and clean up each week. This was such a great way to start preparing for Easter.

What would we do without our Men's Group?
– Once again, coordinated by David Saxby, they

provided the Easter Breakfast with the help of some others - **couldn't have been nicer and we** so appreciate all those who helped in any way to make this such a wonderful part of our Easter celebration.

A badly needed new Pictorial Directory became a reality with picture taking during the months of April and May by Olen Mills Studio – we especially thank Holly Hoppman for her wonderful job of designing and putting it all together, to Bob Allen, for taking pictures of those not available for photos and, we thank everyone who participated or helped in any way to make our directory as complete as possible.

If you like Mexican food the El Meson Mexican Grill, 8325 Elk Grove Florin Road is where we went on May 16 and it was greatly enjoyed by all those in attendance. We thank Pastor Carl for the suggestion and Pauline for coordinating it.

Pie and ice cream were, once again, served as special refreshments to honor the men of the Congregation on Fathers Day Sunday, June 20 we thank the Women of the ELCA for their support and all the ladies who provided the pies.

August 8 brought our annual root beer float social, after service - so refreshing during the heat of the summer.

Our annual Heritage Potluck was held on Sunday, October 31 in celebration of Reformation Sunday. We were once again treated to many delicious ethnic dishes provided by our wonderful cooks! We thank all of you for providing these and for the recipes submitted. Thanks to Merle Zbrog, of our Board, we now have a recipe book compiled and available for viewing in the refreshment room.

St. Luke's now has the eagerly anticipated Shepherding Ministry started – we thank Merle Zbrog for presenting the idea and the many hours spent implementing the program so that all of us (as a member of a flock) has a Shepherd and we especially thank everyone who has agreed to be a Shepherd.

It was suggested to Council that we no longer

do any selling or provide containers for donations in the Narthex as it may present a financial concern to some of our members, visitors or those that are considering becoming members. All selling and donation activity will take place in the breezeway or refreshment room. A place will be provided in the Narthex for sign-ups and worship related material.

We especially thank Genie Sommer for her unending support to be sure we have Greeters each day of service – even with her medical challenges she was always there for us.

The Board continues with the greatly received Visitors Gifts, the visiting twice a month with Pastor Carl to those of our Congregation that are no longer able to be with us and the vitally important, after service refreshment program.

We thank all those that either served or provided refreshments during the year and we encourage church members to please sign up, for the year, on the board in the refreshment room. **We can't continue this important program without your support.** We thank all the men and others who helped set up and clean up during the year – especially Ron Webb for his diligence in seeing that the coffee and other beverages were made ready early on Sunday mornings.

We especially want to thank the Property Board, and all who helped, remodel our Fellowship room providing us with hot water, a sink, a large counter and wonderful storage to share with the Women of the ELCA.

As the year comes to a close I especially thank Pastor Carl for always being there for us giving us his guidance, love and support as well as my wonderful Board Members, Pauline Arndt, Shirley Prouty, Debbie Silverberg, Thelma Williams and Merle Zbrog – we could not have done all of this, without each and everyone of you!

To the members of St. Luke's I thank you for allowing me to be the Chairperson of your Evangelism Board.

Carol Carney



ANNUAL REPORT – 2010 PROPERTY BOARD

As outlined in the Church Bylaws, the Property Board is responsible for the “general custodial management of this congregation’s property and facilities”. These responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and improvement of the church buildings and grounds. The Bylaws further clarifies that two related activities are assigned to others. These are management of the (a) church insurance needs and (b) use of the church facilities by others, which are the responsibilities of Finance Board and the Facility Usage Committee, respectively.

In 2010, the Property Board was able to complete a number needed maintenance and improvement projects, primarily because sufficient funds were available and the willingness of skilled church members. The availability of greater-than-usual funds resulted from of several years of moneys accumulated from the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fundraiser efforts. These added funds are essential to the continuing maintenance and improvement of the church facilities, which are nearly 50 years old. Thus, please thank the many Crab Feed/Fireworks Booth **workers for their efforts, with a special ‘thank you’** to Deanna and Larry Dockter. The Board encourages everyone to continue their support for these fundraiser efforts – it is critical.

The Board thanks Al Moser for his efforts in keeping watch over the church facilities at all times and for his assistance in keeping the tired, old sprinkler system working (somewhat).

The more note-worthy maintenance and improvement projects completed by the Property Board in 2010 include the following:

Refurbished a large room (Room 5) in the education building for meetings, Sunday coffee, and other uses by removing existing cabinets and installing new cabinets, a sink, and a hot water heater. (\$500)

Replaced the lawn sprinklers at the south end of the church (about 1/4 of total lawn area). Replacement was necessary, as a pipe broke under a large redwood tree (impossible to repair). The new heads are designed to save water and are vandal resistant. (\$2,800)

With the assistance of Ron Webb and Scott Falwell,

obtained inspection and the “final sign off” by the City for the sanctuary/Schulz Hall furnace/AC project. (\$1,800 for plans/permit)

Installed new furnace/AC units for the education building and removed the obsolete wall furnaces. The heat/cool supply for each room is controlled by a separate thermostat in each room. (\$20,700)

Installed a new furnace/AC for the kitchen and multi-purpose room. (\$7,200)

Requested three roofing contractors to inspect the church roof and provide recommendations and estimates for suggested repairs. One contractor submitted an estimate to replace the roof (\$287,300, including \$99,000 to remove the existing); a second contractor suggested installing new metal caps over the ridge shingles (\$9,800). The third contractor, who was quite experienced with asbestos roofs, stated that **overall the roof was in “good shape” and recommended only general maintenance repairs** (reset loose shingles, replace broken shingles, etc.). The Board and Council followed this recommendation, and the work was completed late this fall. (\$1,400)

Installed additional insulation (12 inches in thickness) in the attics of the education building, kitchen, and multi-purpose room. (initial cost \$2,200, rebate to be received \$700)

With the assistance of Pastor Carl, relocated and reconnected the external speakers for the carillon system, which has been disconnected for years.

Conducted three Saturday morning “Work Days,” during which, minor chores were accomplished. This work included refurbishing Room 5, removing the swing set, performing minor door and window repairs, trimming a dying park tree, power washing the patio and sidewalks, cleaning the gutters, and general cleaning of the grounds.

The Board is grateful to past Property Board chairperson, Bernie Johansen, for her leadership, which enabled sufficient funds to be accumulated for **this year’s major projects. Thanks Bernie.**

Looking ahead, the Board has obtained quotes and developed estimates for potential, future projects. Requests for funding for these projects have

been made to Blumhardt Funds Committee. The **Board’s priority projects include an ADA compliant restroom**, repairs for the parking lot, repair or replace several windows and related framing/trim, complete the lawn sprinkler replacement, and security fences for the AC units.

The Property Board was blessed in 2010. It was excellent year and much was accomplished. The Board appreciated the continuing support received throughout the year. Thank you.

In closing, I thank the Board members – Andy Anderson, Phillip Connell, Eric Linblade, and Helper Jack Fenske – for their dedication and unending hours of hard work.

Jerry Carney, Chairperson Property Board



St Luke’s Women of the ELCA

Missions Committee 2010 Yearly Report

◆ Benevolence:

\$4,000.00

- ◆ Jan. 2010 collection for the Elk Grove Food Closet; 5 Grocery bags full of non-perishable food, \$25.00 donation.
- ◆ Feb 2010 collection for Moral Values;
 - ◆ 49 full size bottles of shampoo and conditioner, 54 bath size soap, 37 full size tubes of tooth paste, 1 large bags of assorted band-aids
 - ◆ 36 tooth brushes, 26 packages of feminine napkins, 28 deodorants, 2 packs of razors, Kleenex packs, wet wipes, hair brushes
- ◆ March 2010 collection for Union Gospel Mission;
 - ◆ 16 bath towels, 50 wash cloths, 13 hand towels, 7 blankets
- ◆ April 2010 collection for St John’s Shelter for Women and Children;
 - ◆ 1 couch, two chairs and a love seat, 6 bottles of cleaning supplies, 2 pillows, Towel set, sheets, pillow cases
 - ◆ 2 plates and bowls, 2 Crock Pots, George Foreman Grill, Dishes and mug, Irons,

2010 Annual Report



With staff changes, changes to worship, our flourishing music program, a new sound system, and the first annual Luau the Board of Worship & Music had a challenging year

with some great outcomes. The members of the 2010 Board of Worship & Music were Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor and Triss Hoppman.

Staff Changes

As the year began our Music Director, Jean Chang, was limited in her ability to play piano and organ, due to physical challenges. Jean contacted several musicians and found Brooke Smith as an accompanist. Brooke and Jean worked together for several weeks, but Jean **eventually resigned, at her doctor's insistence.**

With Jean's departure the Board talked with Brooke and was delighted when she accepted the Music Director position. Brooke is an excellent pianist, vocalist, and choir director; she does not play organ so, the Board split the position into Music Director and Organist. The Organist is responsible for accompanying the liturgies and other musical elements, in concert with the Music Director, on communion Sundays. The Board spent much of the year making contacts seeking an organist, without success. At the end of December, however, Pastor Carl contacted the former organist from Gloria Dei, who recommended Jane Fanucci. Jane is an accomplished organist who has played for several Lutheran churches in the area for many years. Jane starts January 16, 2011.



Changes to Worship

On Easter Sunday we began dimming the sanctuary lights during the prelude to encour-

- Toaster, Lamp, Coffee maker, Waffle maker
- ◆ Coning casserole dish, Deep fryer, Ice cream maker, muffin pans, Cheese cake form, Cookie press, Juicer, Bathmat
- ◆ Bedspread and sham, Ice trays, Colander, Tupperware hamburger press, Condiment holders sets (2), Blankets, Electric skillet, Strainer
- ◆ Set of dishes, Basting brush, Tupperware cereal holder and Hangers
- ◆ May 2010 **donations for Sr. John's Shelter;**
 - ◆ 126 panties, 7 bras
 - ◆ **Mother's Day Lunch**
- ◆ June 2010 collection for SPCA;
 - ◆ Boxes and bags full of towels and blankets
 - ◆ Bunco: \$ 1,702.66
- ◆ July, August, and September 2010 collection for Parkway Elementary School;
 - ◆ 2 boxes and 7 bags of school supplies
 - ◆ ZBest Fundraiser: \$320.00
 - ◆ Greeting Card fundraiser: \$439.83
 - ◆ Fundraiser for Chris Shower-\$4,600.00
- ◆ October 2010-Fall Festival-raised \$1363.23
- ◆ November 2010 collection for Barbara Tears for our troops;
 - ◆ 4 bags of gum, candy, personal size hand wipes, personal items, game and puzzle books, playing card and dice.
 - ◆ Thank Offering: \$1,621 (\$1,086.07 to St. Lukes WELCA, \$534.93 to synod)
- ◆ December 2010 **collection for St John's Shelter for Women and Children;**
 - ◆ 92 pairs of gloves, 12 hats, 8 scarf, hat and glove sets
- ◆ Also, throughout the year we have been collecting travel size shampoo, soaps, toothpaste and other person hygiene items. **St. Luke's collected 8 bags full to donate to St. John's Shelter.**
- ◆ Christmas Celebration.

Report Submitted by:
Peggy Moser and Linda Duffek
Dec. 21, 2010

age silence during prayer time before the service. Over the summer concerns were brought to the Board over the length and repetitive nature of the announcements at the beginning of worship. The Board recommended to Council that the announcements be submitted to Pastor so that he could incorporate them at an appropriate place in the service. An announcement form was made available in the narthex.

Our long-time flower provider, Lindale Florist, closed in mid 2010. We were fortunate to make arrangements with a flower wholesaler at approximately the same cost as Lindale. We have developed a good relationship with this company.

In the fall, Nick and Barbara Manlapig took over responsibility for scheduling readers, prayer leaders and psalm leaders. The participants receive the readings in the mail each month along with instructions.

Worship Highlights

The Third Annual Epiphany Service and Breakfast, was held and hosted by the Evangelism Board in January. In February, Lent began with **Ash Wednesday and 2010's midweek** Lenten services and devotions were based on a series about Jonah. The Bell Choir led the Procession of Palms on Palm Sunday and performed on Easter. The Choir season came to a close at the end of May; special music, featuring several groups and soloists, became a big part of Sunday worship during the summer. Under the direction of Brooke Smith, the choir performed a cantata for Christmas, **"The Heart of Christmas"**. **This was the choir's first experience with recorded accompaniment.** It was well received by the congregation. Since Brooke is experienced in using recorded accompaniment, we expect to do more of it in the future.

New Sound System

During the summer Council decided to use reserve funds to update and upgrade the sound system in the sanctuary. New equipment was purchased, including a new sound board mixer, microphones, speakers and a compressor. The

speakers that had been in the sanctuary will be used as monitors for the sound board operator and in the cry room. Installation began towards the end of November and continues into 2011.

Luau

To open the 2010-2011 choir season, the **choir and Board of Worship & Music hosted "An Evening in Paradise" to raise funds for new music and music binders.** A Hawaiian dinner was served and the choir and bell choir performed Hawaiian music. We had many participants in the hula-hoop contest and Aloha shirt contest. It was quite successful; we raised close to \$1100 with ticket sales and the sale of leis and drinks. We look forward to it becoming an annual event. In the future, in order to have more time to learn the music, the luau will be held at the end of the choir season in May rather than in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Triss Hoppman

Co-Chair Board of Worship and Music



We have had an incredible year with so much accomplished and I want to take this opportunity

to thank my 2010 Board Members for all their love, hard work and support – Pauline Arndt, Shirley Prouty, Debbie Silverberg, Thelma Williams and Merle Zbrog.

Also Pastor Carl for always being there for us! I am pleased to announce that most of these volunteers will remain in the year 2011 and we welcome volunteers, Carolyn Andrews and Pat Webb.

We are so blessed to have the Shepherding Ministry started so that all of us (as a member of a flock) have a Shepherd. We thank Merle Zbrog for presenting the idea and the many hours spent implementing this exciting ministry.

Thanks, also, to Merle for compiling the Heritage Cook Book – if you have not had a chance to look at it – it is available in the office - Merle will be happy to E-Mail or give you all or any recipes

of your choice.

We began the New Year with the outstanding, annual Epiphany Breakfast – great food prepared by Board members – wonderful service provided by Pastor Carl and beautiful nativity scenes for all to enjoy.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our first outing of the year – we will be going to lunch at the Golden Corral on Saturday, February 26 at 11:30am. Look for further information and a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

We once, again, ask for the support of the members of the Congregation for our after service refreshments – the sign up sheets are on the board hanging up in the refreshments room – we thank you in advance for your participation.



As we reflect back on our wonderful past year:

We want to thank Bertha Dahl for her love and devotion in coordinating the absolutely beautiful and inspirational Thankoffering service as well as the generosity of the congregation allowing us to collect \$1,621.00. \$534.93 was sent into the W-ELCA Synod for their benevolence which allowed us to have \$1,086.07 for our 2010 year end benevolence giving.

Remember the following from the bulletin:

- ◆ Ladies mark your calendars for the WELCA spectacular on Saturday, December 11 at 11:30 AM. It was just that – Spectacular – a delicious lunch lovingly prepared by Katie Ramsey and Deanna Dockter, singing of Christmas Carols, beautiful reading by Karen Behr, revealing of our Secret Sister from 2010 and the opportunity to draw a name for a 2011 Secret Sister, as well as a very wonderful time of fellowship in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. A very special Thank You to Scott Falwell for washing all of our

dishes – what a great Christmas present for us ladies – **we can't thank you enough!**

For those of you who did not make it this year – **mark your new St. Luke's Calendar for the second Saturday in December** so you will be sure and be able to attend! Calendars are available **from Ken Lentsch and the St. Luke's Youth.**

Thank you to our Board Members for the year 2010 – we are so blessed to have had such a wonderful Board and are so thankful that most of them will be staying on for the year 2011. President: Linda Duffek, Vice President: Karen Behr, Secretary: Debi Lentsch, Treasurer: Kirsten Ireton, Sunshine Ladies: Agnes Wood, Ofelia Ojeda, Prayer Chain: Margaret Crooks, Devotion: Debbie Silverberg, Missions: Pauline Arndt, Margaret Crooks, Peggy Moser, Pat Webb, and Comfort Committee: Margaret Crooks and Katie Ramsey.

What a wonderful opportunity we had celebrating the upcoming birth of Nick and Alicia Moser's baby girl on Sunday, January 9 – thanks for all who participated in any way!

As we look forward to 2011, our hope is that each and every lady attending services at St. Luke's would join us, as often as possible, as we prepare for another exciting year. Please mark your calendars for our next meeting, February 12, in celebration of Valentine's Day. Bring a quiche or salad for our 11:30 AM potluck. For those that would like, we will be collecting feminine hygiene products, shampoo, etc. for Moral Values.

When you put the above date on your calendar, please flip over to March and mark the 12th as well! Be sure and note the time change to 10:30am to allow us time to prepare our "stone soup". More information to follow regarding this exciting event!



February Worship Assistants

ACOLYTES

6-Feb Daniel Encinas, Joshua Bell
 13-Feb Katy Etchison, Katie Light
 20-Feb Selena Connell, Elise Mihanovich
 27-Feb Wesley Lester

ALTAR CARE 8:15 AM
 Cheryl Franklin

ALTAR CARE 10:30 AM
 Peggy Moser

COMMUNION SERVERS

6-Feb Karen Linfor, Katie Iniguez, Peggy Moser
 13-Feb
 20-Feb Karen Linfor, Katie Iniguez, Peggy Moser
 27-Feb

COUNTERS

6-Feb Walter Arndt & John Johnsen
 13-Feb Don Schell, Delmy Samayoa, Howard Triebwasser
 20-Feb Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
 27-Feb Holly Hopman, Marlene Kiser

GREETERS

6-Feb Vivian Blazic & Ofelia Ojeda
 13-Feb Bertha Dahl & Harriet Urquhart
 20-Feb Dorothy Haney & Katie Iniguez
 27-Feb Paul & Ruth Heaton

HEAD USHERS

Ron Franklin, Ken Lentsch

Worship Assistants

If you are ill, coughing or unable to serve or perform your task on your assigned date, please contact the church office @ 421-5039 or Peggy Moser @ 606-7880. Also, please remember to use the Hand Sanitizer available at the Lectern, before serving communion.

PRAYER LEADERS

6-Feb Karen Linfor
 13-Feb Pat Webb
 20-Feb Nick Manlapig
 27-Feb Merle Zbrog

PSALM READERS

6-Feb Derrick Mihanovich
 13-Feb Elise Mihanovich
 20-Feb Micayla Shower
 27-Feb Amber Mansfield

READER 8:15 AM

6-Feb Eric Linblade
 13-Feb Ron Webb
 20-Feb Christiana Wilson
 27-Feb Kathryn Felgenhauer

READER 10:30 AM

6-Feb Rachel Kiser
 13-Feb Judy Saxby
 20-Feb Jennifer Connell
 27-Feb Ralph Zbrog

Readers

If you are unable to read on your assigned date, please notify Nick Manlapig at 383-9376.

REFRESHMENTS

6-Feb Dorothy Haney, Bob Allen
 13-Feb Thelma Williams, P. Arndt
 20-Feb Larry & Deanna Dockter
 27-Feb Jerry & Carol Carney

WELCOME LEADERS

6-Feb Pauline Arndt
 13-Feb Carolyn Andrews
 20-Feb Peggy Moser
 27-Feb Pat Webb

VISITOR GREETERS

6-Feb Carolyn Andrews
 13-Feb Merle Zbrog

February 20 & 27 to be assigned



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

Connell, Daniel	3-Feb
Simmons, Andrew	6-Feb
Mansfield, John	7-Feb
Cooper, Landon	10-Feb
Hoppman, Holly	10-Feb
Finnegan, Joyce	11-Feb
Silverberg, Debbie	11-Feb
Harris, Paul	12-Feb
Iretton, Ed	15-Feb
Linblade, Eric	17-Feb
Etchison, Katy	19-Feb
Webb, Ron	22-Feb
Thomas, Megan	27-Feb
Franklin, Cheryl	28-Feb



FEBRUARY 2011
FLOWERS

6-Feb	Connell Family -- Celebrate Daniel Connell's 20th birthday
13-Feb	Thelma & John Johnsen -- In memory of their mother, Millie Johnsen
20-Feb	Pat Webb -- Celebrate Ron's
27-Feb	Available

"Bumpa". He lived in Sacramento for 59 years. Bumpa was a longtime employee at Yankee Hardware.

Services were held on January 7, 2011 at East Lawn on Folsom Boulevard here in Sacramento.

We give thanks for his long life here and **commend him to the Lord's loving mercy for eternal life.**

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Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bruce William Guenzler, who died on December 23, 2010 and passed into the heavenly kingdom after a long fight with colon cancer. His wife of 32 years, Karla Hartman Guenzler was at his side.

Bruce was the son of Don and Nancy Guenzler. He is survived by his wife, his sons Eric William and Adam Jacob Guenzler as well as his sister Laura and brothers Chris, Jon and Duane. Bruce was the son of Don and Nancy Guenzler.

Bruce enjoyed many activities; he had worked for both the Santa Fe Railroad and Amtrak. He also volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader and donated over 10 gallons of blood before his cancer. He truly was a renaissance man and jack of all trades. His oldest son would always say **"It's ok, daddy can fix it!"**

Please pray that his family and many friends are held close to the Lord.



To Cheryl Franklin and her family members on the sudden death of her father, Melvin L. (Mel) Wormington on January 1, 2011. Melvin was born on December 17, 1926, in Fredonia, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, two

sisters, 5 children, including Cheryl, 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He was a US Navy veteran and served aboard the USS Lloyd Thomas. Services were held on Friday, January 7, 2011. We give thanks for his life here **and commend him to the Lord's loving mercy for eternal life.**

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Our Deepest Sympathy also, to Nancy Wilbur & Shirlee Daniels and their family on the death of their father, Harold Paulline, aged 95 years, he was born in Clinton, IA April 22, 1915 he peacefully died in his sleep on January 2, 2011. Affectionately known to family and friends as



Dear Pastor Carl & church friends:

I could never adequately express how much you meant and mean to me. Your ongoing prayers, cards, letters and phone calls of encouragement during the months of stress (the 3 months waiting period) before my "ablation procedure" could be done.

Your steadfast prayers were felt in my bones and gave me the strength to get through those often long days and weeks when I was not allowed to be with people to stay healthy.

The last two days before the procedure were my calmest and I knew & felt your prayers in my heart.

My heartfelt thanks,
Genie Sommers



For all the cards and prayers, in the passing of my dad; to Pat Webb for attending the services and she and Ron's support. A special

thanks to Pastor Carl, for he always has the words you need to hear, and for doing a great service.

Thank you all, Cheryl and Ron Franklin



As the Property Board ended the year 2010 the following should be mentioned.

Alex Engardt Roofing & Siding Co, has completed the general maintenance repairs to the roofing, as per the signed contract, ensuring there will be no leak-

age. The finding of this knowledgeable roofer was a great relief to this Board as it was thought that it would be necessary to replace the roof at an exorbitant cost to St. Luke's. The actual amount that has been paid for this contract was \$1,350.00.

If you haven't noticed the Carillons are back in operation – thanks to Jack Fenske and Pastor Carl the external speakers for the system were relocated for improved acoustics and recon-

nected with new wire.

During the time of our November meeting the following work was completed – removed the five remaining wall furnaces, patched the wall areas with sheet rock and performed the initial finishing, patched the damaged sheet rock created by the new electrical panel installation and removal of an old wall AC unit and constructed a door for the new attic access.

I want to thank my Board for all their hard work and dedication this past year – I couldn't have done it without each and every one of them contributing in so many ways. Andy Anderson, Phillip Connell, Eric Linblade and Jack Fenske. Note: Jack was a Helper on this Board last year (much more than a helper) and has now agreed to be a member of the board for the year 2011. I also, thank everyone that came out to help us maintain our property in any way during the past year and look forward to another wonderful year.

Now that we start the year 2011 we are sorry to say that Andy Anderson will not be with us as he and his wife will be moving to Woodland – you will be greatly missed. Eric and Phillip will remain on the Board and we are pleased to welcome new Board Member volunteers, Scott Falwell, Bruce Kiser and Clarence Korhonen.

Jerry Carney

FIRST PROPERTY BOARD WORK DAY -

Saturday, February 12, 2011

8:00 AM—12 Noon

We would appreciate everyone who can, to come help us get started on many cleaning and maintenance projects needed to be done!



Family in Christ

Bentz Family Newsletter
January 2011

Dear Friends and Family,

It's been so long since our last letter. Life has been very busy as usual. I started my internship at the end of August. I can honestly say I have learned A LOT. I have been preaching, leading Sunday school, visiting members and counseling **on occasion.** **I've really enjoyed getting to work** with so many different pastors here. Resurrection Lutheran Church was hosting a pastor from Germany when I started my internship, and my supervisor, Pastor Lucy, is mentoring an **Ethiopian pastor who is joining the ELCA.** **It's been** great to hear about ministry in so many different contexts and to experience their different styles **of preaching and teaching.** **I've also been work-**ing with Pastor Craig and Pastor Pandora of the East Bay Lutheran Parish, of which Resurrection is a member. Pastor Craig runs our combined youth programs and Pastor Pandora runs the Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes here in Oakland and Alameda. I spent a lot of time before Christmas with Pastor Craig learning how to work with the middle school youth. I helped chaperon and prepared bible studies for a couple of sleep-over/service projects and I chaperoned for the SPSYC synod retreat at Mt. Cross. I also worked with Pastor Pandora to plan and organize a holiday dinner and caroling at Oakland Springs nursing home. Recently I organized the second annual Epiphany Faire for the younger youth of the East Bay Parish. It was a lot of fun to celebrate this under-appreciated holiday and is a tradition that I would love to continue in my future congregations

Monica recently closed her business due to the poor economy. She has decided to go back to school, while working part-time at a medi-spa. Bethany is enjoying third grade. She has been taking gymnastics and ceramics. She went to Mt. Cross summer camp for the first time and had a **blast; she can't wait to go back this year.**

We hope you all are doing well. We look forward to seeing you again in the future!

David, Monica and Bethany



The St. Luke's Church camping group is re-organizing. After a number of years of not spending a fun filled Christian fellowship weekend together we are going to bring it

back. Please mark your calendars for June 3, 4, and 5 of June - going back to the Marble Quarry RV Park, in Columbia, California. They have a few cabins, as well as tent sites and RV sites available and then we will find a central area to congregate for food, fun and fellowship! Please type in Search on your computer the name of the park and learn everything there is to know about this great place. Everyone will make their own reservations by telephone (209)532-9539 and be sure and tell them you are with St. Luke's Lutheran Church so they will put us close together! Then we will sign up in the Narthex so that we can pre-plan this fun-filled weekend. Any questions or concerns please call Carol Carney - 335-0847.

Let's all go to lunch!

The Evangelism Board has made arrangements for a Congregational Luncheon on Saturday, February 26th at 11:30 AM at the Golden Corral, 7700 W. Stockton Blvd. (Off of Bruceville near Calvine).

Cost: \$14.77 (w tax & drink.) \$12.19 (no drink). Children 4 to 8; \$4.99 (w tax & drink.) 9 to 12, \$6.59 (w tax and drink.) *Tip not included.*

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Sign up soon so we can arrange for seating together.

All are welcome, bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Thelma Williams or Carol Carney



December 2010

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$18,302	\$182,408
Compared to Budget	-\$3,165	-\$1,094
	-14.7%	-0.6%
Compared to 2009	-\$1,024	\$4,380
	-1.5%	3.4%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		
Contributors:		
2010 (Current Year)	101	98 ^{Aver}
2009 (Last Year)	103	96 ^{Aver}

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Flowers - \$76

Notes:

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

Please note! Due to the inclusion of the Council Year End Reports, we were unable to include the "KIDS PAGE" and "SCENES AROUND ST. LUKES". They will return next month.



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St. Luke's 10th Annual Family Crab Feed



This year's party theme is DISCO!

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

Donation: \$35.00 Adults; \$15.00 Children 6-15;

Children 5 and under free

Soda will be available for purchase

Don't forget our famous Raffle

Alcohol is not permitted on premises

For those who aren't fans of crab, we offer a baked 1/2 chicken as an alternative

Tickets are on sale in the breezeway after service on Sundays, or contact either Deanna Dockter or Kirsten Ireton. Be sure to get yours early as we are limited to the number of tickets!!

REMEMBER!



SOUPER BOWL
Soup Collection

For Food Closet

Food Closet Baskets are in the Breezeway!



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

February 2011

Event Calendar

Carl Hoppman, Pastor
 Phone: (916) 421-5039
 E-mail: pr.carl@atl.net

Brooke Smith
 Music Director
 E-mail: plnusader@yahoo.com

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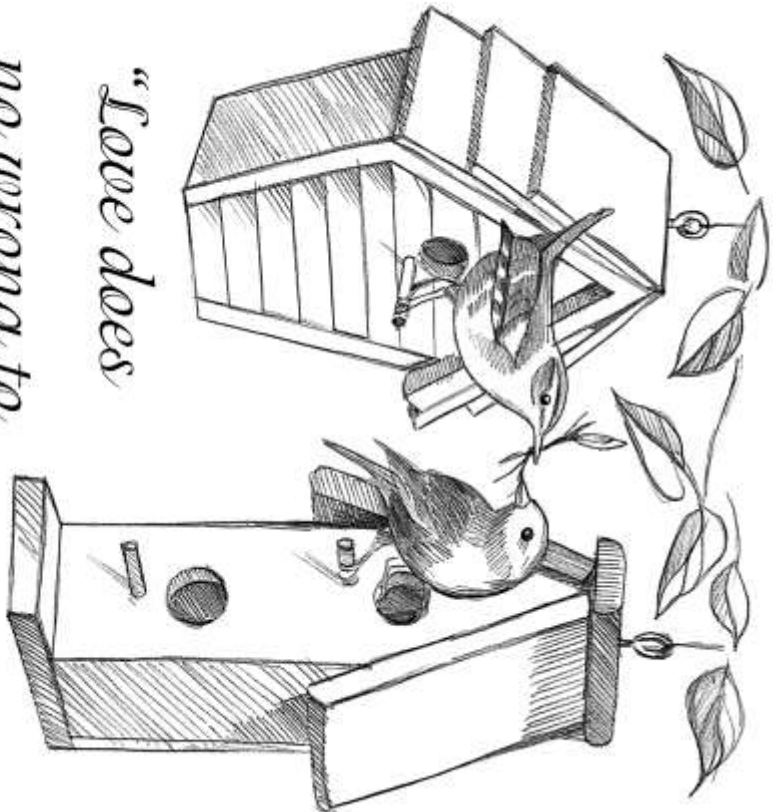
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*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."*

Romans 13:10, NRSV