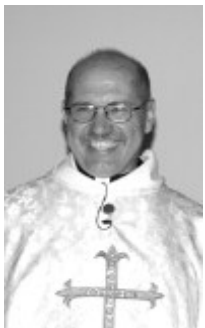




# News And Views



## 2011 Annual Reports



As is usual in February, this is the Annual Report issue of the News and Views. You will read a number of exciting reports about the Lord's activity among us at St. Luke's during 2011. It has truly been a blessing to work with a dedicated and gifted group of people as we "Spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the victory of

Jesus Christ".

It has been a pleasure and delight to serve as your pastor during 2011. Our family truly appreciates all the love and support you constantly show us. Here are some of the highlights of the year for me as well as some looking forward to the new year.

2011 began with adding organist, Jane Fanucci, to our music ministry staff. She has worked very well with our excellent Music Director, Brooke Barr. Together, they have provided us with wonderful musical leadership.

A real highpoint of the year was graduating our first Crossways Class of over 25 participants in the spring. The class completed two years of intensive Bible study. They have a very good sense of the big picture of Scripture and how it all fits together. In the fall we started the one year Bible survey, The Divine Drama.

In the Sunday morning adult class, we have been carefully studying John's Gospel. It has been quite an enlightening time together. On Sunday,

March 18 of this year, we will begin a study of C.S. Lewis' "Screwtape Letters" in the Sunday morning adult class. "The Screwtape Letters" are a classic satirical presentation of the temptations and foibles of folks in the church in the form of letters from a demon to his superior.

Something I have appreciated very much has been the commitment of the Evangelism Board members to go visiting with me regularly to shut ins and others during 2011. This has provided an added element to these visits that has really made a difference.

Watching the much-needed projects around the church being completed with the use of the Blumhardt Memorial fund has been wonderful. I was delighted to see \$5,000 of the fund given to seminarian David Bentz and \$5,000 to St. John's Shelter.

It was very rewarding to have our Education Wing used by Visions, which is a charter school that supports independent study and home school students. It was also great to have the Education Wing used as a tutoring center to help bring students from Kennedy and Prairie House Elementary Schools up to grade level. In addition to the three Narcotics Anonymous groups that meet weekly in the multipurpose room, an Alcoholics Anonymous group will begin the first week in February meeting in the multipurpose room Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

I am thankful for Pauline Arndt's caring and loving presence in the church office during

2011. After Pauline's retirement, Deanna Dockter returned to the church office secretary position. Deanna started January 16.

At the request of the Bishop, we will be mentoring a candidate for ministry in the ELCA during 2012. Taehyun Ahn was formerly a Methodist minister. He hopes to become ordained as an ELCA minister. He will be taking part in a number of ministerial functions here at St. Luke's to help prepare him for possible ordination. I look forward to the privilege of being a part of Taehyun's development in ministry.

There are a lot of other things I was involved in during 2011. Many of them will be shared about in the following reports. Enjoy reading these reports and give thanks for the active and vital ministry we have as a congregation. Again, thank you for letting me be a part of it.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,  
*Pastor Carl*

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## **President's Annual Report – 2011**

I have had the opportunity to serve as the congregation's president over the past 12 months and see firsthand the energy and commitment of the church staff and many church members. We are truly blessed to have a gifted pastor, music director, and secretary who are all ready to go the "extra mile" while leading us forth in our mission. The Council members have taken on some big challenges this past year and have provided solid results. Many also took the opportunity to share their talents in whatever way they could to make St. Luke's a place where people come for worship, fellowship, and uplifting. May we keep that momentum going as we continue to work together in 2012.

In this issue of the News and Views you will read about what each Board accomplished in support of our mission to spread, serve, and share. It's very assuring that we have so many efforts and successes to celebrate: completion of the two-year Crossways Bible study, successful Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth, volunteers for Summer Sunday

School, after service refreshments, property workday accomplishments, exciting worship experiences, etc. The list goes on. What's important is that we all have had the opportunity to be active in sharing our talents and participating in many varied activities.

One of the big challenges for 2011 was to move forward on the Blumhardt Memorial projects approved by the congregation in February. Given the confidence of our congregation and leadership by many members, proposed projects became realities. Many, many hours were spent in the planning and implementation of the various contracts, follow-up, and paperwork to ensure the funds were put to best use. We have certainly improved our facilities, helped some in need through our donations, and brought a lot of people together focused on making St. Luke's a better place. A few more projects are in various stages and should be completed in 2012. What a blessing for us all.

So what's on tap for 2012? The challenges continue in the various Boards to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of the congregation. If you have an itching to get involved, there's a space for you somewhere. Check it out with one of the Board chairpersons. They will be glad to see you. Another goal for the year is to delve into trying to look ahead a few years down the road as to what we want St. Luke's to be. Sometimes called strategic planning, it is really a way to look at ourselves and our mission and develop guidelines for meeting our commitments to ourselves and our community. As announced in church on Sunday, January 15, we will also be involved in a mentoring program for Taehyun Ahn, who was a former minister in the United Methodist Church and desires to become ordained in the ELCA. Pastor Carl will be working with Taehyun and involving him in many church activities and worship.

Life continues to provide surprises and challenges as we go about our usual routines. There is no better routine than attending church every chance we get to share our successes, get uplifted when "down in the dumps", and pray

together for a better world for all. I trust your year 2012 will be one of enrichment, involvement, and dedication to serving our Lord and Savior.

*Bob Behr*

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## **2011 Christian Education Year in Review**

Once again, we here at St. Luke's have been blessed with wonderful educational programs for adults and children. In Adult Education we have really gone deeper into the Word. The adult Sunday school has been working through the Gospel of John verse by verse so they can really get to know the true meaning. In June, over 25 students received Certificates of Completion for finishing the two-year Crossways study. We were also excited to have Missy Jensen start a young adult Bible study. They are a small, but mighty group, and really get into what God's Word means for all of us and how we can apply it to our lives. They meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, the same time as the other adult Sunday school class. In September, the weekly Bible study classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings resumed with the Divine Drama being presented once again. It was a welcome return for those who had already done the class and a special introduction to Crossways for those unfamiliar with it. Look for many great classes in 2012 for adults.

Our children have been hard at work this year too. Faithfully attending class each week, the average class of 7, have been studying Jesus's miracles and God's Plan. They love giving back to the community and in the fall they held an Art Auction and Bake Sale. With this successful fundraiser, they were able to donate \$300.18 to each St. John's Shelter for Women & Children and Union Gospel Mission. If you are a parent, grandparent, or otherwise involved in the raising of these children you should be proud of the children you are raising. They are warm, loving, and caring individuals whose love for God and others never cease to amaze their teachers.

A special thank you to all those who helped out

this summer with the special art projects to give our regular teachers a break. Kirsten would also like to thank Tracy Etchison and Samantha Basquez for their continued assistance with Sunday school.

The Confirmation Class continues to go well and is on track to be confirmed in May 2012. We look forward to confirming four wonderful youth this spring. They are using the Crossways materials and getting closer to God every day. We thank Pastor Carl for his work with the youth.

This past year, the Education Board was without a chair. In 2012, we warmly welcome Missy Jensen as the new Christian Education Board Chair. We know that she will do wonderfully in this position and we will continue to support her in her mission.

In Christ,  
*Kirsten Ireton*

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## **Evangelism 2011 Annual Report**

We began the year with our annual Epiphany Breakfast and Service – Thursday, January 6, 9:30 served by the Board. It was a wonderful time of fellowship to remember when God revealed his son, Jesus, to the Magi and the world.

Thelma Williams planned a wonderful outing on February 26 at the Golden Corral. Great food and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

We continued with our Shepherding Ministry, as implemented by Merle Zbrog, as a way of making sure our Congregation is cared for in a caring and loving way.

March 9, Ash Wednesday, was the beginning of our Soup Suppers held every Wednesday evening for the following five Wednesdays. It was the best year for attendance and fellowship - each week a short but very inspiring service was held, immediately following our meal, by Pastor Carl. We thank everyone who attended and all those that brought soup, bread or dessert.

Ron Webb returned as coordinator of our Easter breakfast, April 29, providing something new this year – French toast that was a real

wonderful change to the menu. We so appreciated his efforts as well as all who helped in any way to make this such a wonderful part of our Easter celebration.

The Board co-hosted with WELCA the pie and ice cream social on Father's Day, June 19 to show our appreciation for all the wonderful and helpful men in our congregation.

Sunday July 17 was the date for our annual root beer float social - orange, of course, for those that do not care for root beer - greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Special presentation was given to Al Moser for all the many things that he does, on a daily basis, for St. Luke's.

We thanked Pauline Arndt for compiling and sending out greatly needed pictorial directory update booklets.

This Board, along with The Community Concerns Board, was given a great opportunity to share our church, by giving out our brand new brochures and other items at the Annual Summer Concert Series. This Concert Series is sponsored by the City of Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation and was held at Nielsen Park across from St. Luke's.

We were sad to hear that Fred and Genie Sommer were leaving the Congregation and moving to Santa Rosa. Genie was a great support to this Board, in many ways, but the most important was making sure we had greeters every Sunday. We were pleased to announce, sometime later, that Pat Hamilton had graciously volunteered to replace Genie.

A Family Picnic was held on Sunday, September 11th in anticipation of Sunday School and Bible Studies, starting the following week, and in recognition of the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. This event was well attended and we thank the Sacramento Youth Band, especially Mike and Linda Duffek, for the great contribution towards the food and all they did to make this such a great success.

Merle Zbrog, a very valuable member of this Board, notified us that she and Ralph were moving

to Southern California. It was decided at this time to re-evaluate the Shepherding Program for which we thanked Merle for the endless hours she spent on what we hoped would be an effective way to care for our Congregation. However; after receiving the evaluation forms back, from many of the Shepherds, it was decided to discontinue sponsoring this ministry.

A very successful, Annual Heritage Potluck was held on Sunday, October 30 with fabulous food and items displayed from foreign countries.

Congregational Potluck, December 11 was, once again, held in conjunction with the annual meeting. It was a special time of celebration to begin the Christmas season - we thank WELCA for setting-up and furnishing beautiful decorations. Special recognition was given to Ron Webb and Bob Behr for their support through out the year.

The Board sponsored a Holiday assistance program and due to the wonderful generosity of the Congregation we were able to share with several very deserving families.

The board continues with after service refreshments, visiting shut-ins, assuring that there are greeters for worship service, supplying the visitor gifts and sending miss you cards.

This has truly been a wonderful and rewarding year as we strived to provide leadership and direction in inviting and welcoming people into the community of believers and to provide leadership and direction in providing congregational care. I thank my Board Members, Carolyn Andrews, Pauline Arndt, Shirley Prouty, Pat Webb and Thelma Williams for all the support and hard work through out the year and Pastor Carl for always being such a vital part of the Board. I also thank the members of the Congregation who supported the many events and activities as we look forward to another great year.

*Carol Carney*  
Evangelism Board Chair

## PROPERTY ANNUAL REPORT – 2011

The Church Bylaws specifies that 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 equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds. In 2011, the availability of ample funding created a very busy year for the Board.

Last year, the Property Board had two primary sources of funding. In addition to the annual funds from the Crab Feed and Fireworks fund-raiser efforts, the Board was allocated significant funds from the Blumhardt Memorial Fund. The availability of these funds enabled the Board to accomplish a number of needed projects, many deferred from years of insufficient funding.

The significant projects completed by the Board in 2011 are listed below.

### **Blumhardt Memorial Funds:**

Prepared plans, obtained bids, and contracted with a contractor to reframe and replace 20 windows at five locations. (\$17,992)

Aided the stained glass window project by assisting Bernie Johansen, the project’s leadperson, and Smokey Davis, the artist, in the installation of the stained windows.

Prepared plans, obtained bids, and contracted with a contractor to replace the painted plastic windows and warped trim boards on the south end of the sanctuary building. The costs are included with the project above.

Employed an architect to prepare plans for an ADA compliant restroom, and obtained bids and contracted with a contractor to construct the restroom. (\$15,747)

Assisted the Blumhardt Kitchen Committee by installing several new appliances, which were procured as part of the kitchen project. The installation work included a garbage disposal, an icemaker including cabinet modifications, and a cooktop hood including a new cabinet and vent ducts.

At the request of the Blumhardt Kitchen Committee, researched and obtained cost quotes for a new, suitable kitchen hot water heater and contracted with a plumber to acquire and install the selected commercial water heater. (\$6,896)

With the aid of a hired skilled worker and rental equipment, repaired bird damage and added bird screens for the soffits at the three high gables. (\$1,456)

Obtained cost quotes and contracted with a firm to install gutter guards over the gutters on the west side of the church facilities. (\$2,197)

Obtained bids and contracted with a contractor to repair the deteriorating pavement in the north parking lot and driveway. (\$8,865) Although the repair work is completed, additional expenditures are being considered to seal the parking lot cracks.

Completed the preliminary investigation and cost estimates for the two remaining Blumhardt projects – (1) refurbish the lawn sprinkler system and remove selected trees and (2) refurbish the Schultz Hall addition. It is questionable whether sufficient funds will be available for the latter project.

### **Crab Feed/Fireworks Funds:**

Refurbished Multi-Purpose Room (insulated and sheetrocked the painted narrow windows, removed the wall AC units, and repainted). The painting was performed, at no cost, by Connell Construction Company – thank you Phillip Connell. (\$1,600)

Obtain cost quotes and contracted with a firm to construct and install removable wrought iron cages for the four AC units. (\$2,901)

Contracted with a contractor to construct a concrete sidewalk, including guard posts, adjacent to the large sanctuary AC unit. (\$800)

Contracted with a plumbing contractor to refurbish the Altar Guild room plumbing. (\$1,690)

Contracted with plumbing and electrical contractors to replace the water heater in the janitor’s room and to restore the electrical service to the heater. (\$1,131)

Contracted with a plumber to unplug and repair

the north, storm drain line. (\$2,220)

Purchased and installed five additional exterior yard lights.

Note: It is obvious from the above listing that the Crab Feed and Fireworks funds are essential to the continuing maintenance and improvement of the church facilities, which are nearly 50 years old. The Board encourages everyone to maintain their support for the Crab Feed/Fireworks fund-raiser efforts – it is critical.

### **General Budget:**

Obtained digital files of the original plans for the church facilities, including the Schultz Hall addition. The files were distributed to several computers for safekeeping.

Installed a new threshold for the north sanctuary double doors.

Obtained bids and selected Chapo's Landscaping to perform the routine landscaping services for the church. Chapo began work July 1. Costs are \$500, monthly, and are included in the 2012 General Budget. Chapo replaced Julius Njui, who resigned, after several years of faithful service.

At the request of the W-ELCA, converted the small toilet room, adjacent to Room 5 in the Education Wing, to a storage room with shelves.

Investigated the deteriorating courtyard flagstone and obtained four cost estimates for replacing the flagstone with stamped concrete. However, funding for this work has not been identified. (\$12,000, estimate).

Conducted an "All Member Work Day" on four Saturday mornings, during which minor tasks were accomplished. Typical tasks were preparing areas for painting, repairing doors, painting, trimming shrubs and trees, killing weeds, and general cleaning of the grounds.

Again this year, the Board thanks Al Moser for his efforts in keeping watch over the church facilities and for his assistance in keeping the old sprinkler system working.

The Property Board was blessed in 2011. It was an excellent year and much was accomplished. The Board greatly appreciates the continuing

support received throughout the year. Thank you.

In closing, I thank the Board members – Phillip Connell, Scott Falwell, Jack Fenske, Bruce Kiser, Clarence Korhonen, and Eric Linblade – for their dedication and hours of hard work.

*Jerry Carney, Chairperson Property Board*

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## **Annual Report 2011 Board of Worship and Music**

2011 began on a high note with the hiring of a new organist. After searching for the right person for several months, we were able to retain the services of our excellent organist, Jane Fanucci. Jane began playing on January 16, 2011 and plays for communion services and at other services as requested. Jane plays not only organ, but other instruments as well and has presented special music throughout the year, along with several organ-piano duets with our Director of Music, Brooke Barr.

New music was purchased from the proceeds of the Choir Luau in 2010 and presented throughout the year.

The sound system was completed early in the year. Holly Hoppman and Craig Eckels run the system on Sunday mornings.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday, March 9. Services were held immediately after the Lenten Soup Suppers in the Multi-Purpose room to allow for additional time for choir practice. This schedule worked well and will be continued in the future. Home devotional booklets by C.S. Lewis were selected and distributed to the congregation. The Board hosted a cleaning day the Saturday before Palm Sunday to clean the altar area and polish the brass and silver. Special music for Palm Sunday and Easter was presented by the Bell Choir. Palm Sunday also featured a new piece focusing on the Crucifixion presented by the Chancel Choir and accompanied by Ken Light on drums.

It was decided to make the Luau an annual event but to move it to the late Spring rather than do it in the Fall. The third Saturday of May was

selected as the annual date, so the second "annual" Luau was held May 21. Approximately \$865 was raised and a good time had by all!

The choir took a summer break beginning the Sunday after Memorial Day. Throughout the summer, special music was provided by soloists, duets, small groups and Brooke and Jane. In August the Board hosted a banner repair day. Several of the banner pieces were re-glued and the banners re-hung on new rods. The Board decided to make a new set of banners for Veterans Day to honor all the veterans in the congregation. Holly Hoppman headed this project.

Sign-ups for Readers and Prayer Leaders went on in the fall. Nick Manlapig continued as coordinator and set the schedule for these worship assistants. A big thank you to Nick for doing this scheduling and sending the reminders each week. Sign-ups for Altar Care and Communion Serving are on-going. Large print bulletins were also introduced in the fall. The Board welcomes any comments the congregation may have about whether these are useful and if there are enough of them.

Choir resumed September 7 under the leadership of Howard Treibwasser and Jane Fanucci. Brooke was married early in September and was on her honeymoon at the time. She returned in mid-September and began preparations for the Christmas cantata.

In November, a special service was held for Veterans Day. It was based on the services from the 1940's in which the Memorial Day banner was dedicated and later retired. The new Veterans Day banners were dedicated and special music in honor of each of the branches of military service was presented. A special thanks to the veterans involved in the service and to Paul Maki, who played Taps on the trumpet. The following week the women lead worship for the annual Thank Offering service.

The Board gave opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of someone for \$10. This was well received and we had over 40 poinsettias to beautify the altar

area for Advent and Christmas. Many thanks to Ron and Pat Webb and Holly Hoppman for their help with this project. Dave Saxby once again obtained a beautiful tree; a big thanks to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary in every way.

The Choir presented its annual Christmas Cantata on December 18. The cantata, "One King", was narrated by Nick Manlapig and Holly Hoppman. It included a song by the children of the Sunday School, solos by Carl Hoppman and Tracy Light, a drum accompaniment by Ken Light and special music by the Handbell Choir. Thank you to everyone involved! Ken Light also accompanied the choir on "Little Drummer Boy" earlier in the month. Our final service for 2011 was held Christmas morning at 10:30am. We had a truly beautiful Christmas season.

Board members for 2011 were Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor, Triss Hoppman and Holly Hoppman. Ex-officio members were Brooke Barr, Jane Fanucci and Pastor Carl. Also, a big thank you to our "unofficial" helper Al Moser who is always on hand to help move things, decorate or clean-up.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Triss Hoppman*  
for the Board of Worship and Music

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## **St Luke's Women of the ELCA Missions Committee 2011 Yearly Report**

Although our meeting participation was low at some meetings this year the donations were amazing.

Jan. 2011 collection for the Elk Grove Food Closet; 12 packages of pasta, 6 cans of sauce, 2 boxes of potatoes, and 29 cans of assorted veggies

Feb 2011 collection for Moral Values; 8 grocery bags of shampoos, soaps and feminine hygiene products

March 2011 collection for Union Gospel Mission; 17 pairs of socks Handkerchiefs, T-shirts, dress shirts, 9 pairs of underwear 10 pairs of boxes, 52 wash cloths, 11 towels, 2 blankets,

14 pairs of ladies socks

Also voted to give \$109 that was collected at the Ash Wed. soup super

April 2011 do not have a record of St John's  
May 2011 collection for St. John's; 9 bags of  
panties and bars

June 2011 collection for SPCA; Boxes and bags  
full of dog food, cat food and towels

July, August, and September 2011 collection for  
Parkway Elementary School; Supplies were taken  
to the two schools several times during Sept.

Bags of supplies were shared

Sept and Nov 2011 collection for Blue Star  
Mom's; 3 bags and 2 boxes of items for our troops  
bags of gum, candy, personal size hand wipes,  
personal items, game and puzzle books, playing  
card and dice

December 2011 collection for St John's Shelter  
for Women and Children; 76 pairs of gloves, 47  
hats, 25 scarf, 15 pairs of socks

Also, throughout the year we have been  
collection travel size shampoo, soaps, toothpaste  
and other personal hygiene items that were taken  
to St. John's Shelter throughout the year.

Report Submitted by *Peggy Moser*  
Dec. 19, 2011



The St. Luke's Women of ELCA are pleased to announce their 2011 Benevolence donations as approved at their General Meeting on January 14th. We have been so blessed this past year and thank everyone who helped make 2011 a great year of giving. We were able to donate \$3,500 to these worthy organizations:

Adopt-A-Chaplain \$400  
Bentz Family \$300  
Blue Star Moms \$100  
Courage to Be You \$250  
Courageous Connections \$500  
Elk Grove Food Bank \$250  
Lutheran Social Services of Northern  
California \$400

Meals on Wheel \$300

Moral Values Program \$500

Pastor's Assistance \$150

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership  
\$250

St. Luke's for Office Supplies \$100

The 2012 W-ELCA Yearbook is available now. Be sure to pick up your copy; it includes all the General Meetings dates, special event dates (like BUNCO and the Fall Festival), and the organizations that we will be supporting each month.

At the January meeting, the women approved the purchase of a new Airpot coffee brewing system. Once we have this new coffee pot system, we will be able to offer both regular and decaf coffee. We are excited about this purchase and look forward to sharing a cup of coffee with you all.

The W-ELCA Board looks forward to seeing everyone at our February 11th meeting at 11:30 am. You are encouraged to bring a friend (male or female) and wear red. Lunch will be quiche and salads, so please bring something to share if you are able. Let us know if you will be coming by signing up in the Narthex; we want to make sure we have enough places for everyone. We are gathering male and/or female deodorants, shampoo, tooth care products, feminine hygiene products, and household cleaning products for Morale Values for those that wish to contribute.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the February 22nd Ash Wednesday Soup Supper sponsored by W-ELCA. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is always a wonderful time with some great soups and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

In Christ,  
*Kirsten Ireton*, W-ELCA President





**Relay For Life** – Did you know that St. Luke’s has a Relay For Life team? “Friends in Faith” is captained by Kirsten & Ed Ireton and they would love for you to join the team. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society’s flagship event and Relays are held all over the world. The money

raised by participating in a Relay goes to research, education, and programs sponsored by the ACS. “Friends in Faith” will be participating in the Relay on April 28-29, 2012 at Elk Grove High School. The event is a 24 hour team walk, where there is always someone from the team walking the track during the 24 hour period. Last year’s event raised over \$98,000 with team “Friends in Faith” raising over \$2,000; this year we hope to raise so much more! For more information contact Kirsten Ireton or go to [www.relayforlife.org/elkgroveca](http://www.relayforlife.org/elkgroveca). If you are a cancer survivor, we encourage you to sign up for the event so you can be celebrated for your accomplishments. You are the reason we Relay!



**St. Luke’s Crab Feed**  
**This year’s theme:**  
**“Rockin with the 80’s”.**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2012**

There is something new at this years Crab Feed, we are adding Shrimp to our menu. We will still be offering chicken for those unable to eat Crab or Shrimp.

Our costs have risen over the last couple of years and due to this we will be raising our prices for the first time in approximately six years. Cost for adults will be \$40.00, children 6-12 are \$15.00 and children 5 and under will be free.

As you know this is a wonderful fundraiser to help our Property Board keep up with the demands required of them for the many projects that are needed around our facility. Last year we made an amazing total of \$5,375.00 in profit to help with a property needs.

The RAFFLE is a huge part of our Crab Feed, so this means we are asking for donations to help with this. If you have a favorite restaurant, salon, hardware store, or family activity you and your family enjoy, you might want to ask your contact person if they would like to help by donating a service. We do have our donation request available in the narthex on the opportunity table.

You will find our sign up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer for this awesome event.

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Please see Pauline Arndt or Deanna Dockter following church services. For our 8:15am service, please see Ron Webb if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

If you have questions, please contact Deanna Dockter, Ron Webb or Kirsten Ireton.

Your friend in Christ,  
*Deanna Dockter*



### **Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Services**

Ash Wednesday, February 22, begins the Lenten Season. All are invited to a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA at 6:00 PM in Schultz Hall. Following the soup supper, the Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Sanctuary.

Each Wednesday during Lent, soup suppers and services will be held in Schultz Hall at 6:00 PM and will be hosted by different groups. The February 29th soup supper will be hosted by the Council.

### **Greeters**

Being a greeter on Sunday mornings is a wonderful way to welcome our church family and those who may be worshiping with us for the first time. Pat Hamilton, our Greeter Coordinator, is looking for more people to serve as greeters. If you enjoy a special welcome from our greeters on Sunday, please give her a call at 682-3818 and let her know that you would like to be a greeter.



## PROPERTY BOARD NOTES

The Property Board began 2012 the same way it ended 2011 – busy. The many activities of the Board are being created by the availability of the Blumhardt Memorial Funds and the aging of the nearly 50-year-old facilities. The Blumhardt funds are financing a number of needed, deferred maintenance and improvement projects, and the aging facilities are generating more than normal major repair projects.

The new year also marks the retirement of Jerry Carney as Chairperson of the Board. Jerry has faithfully chaired the Board for the last two years and has successfully led the Board's Blumhardt projects, as well as, a number of major, unforeseen maintenance-repair projects. Fortunately, Jerry will continue on the Board as a Volunteer Board Member, for which, the Board is thankful. Thank you Jerry for a job well done.

The recent and current activities of the Board are noted below.

**All Member Work Days:** Mark your calendars! The 2012 quarterly Work Days (mornings) are scheduled for the Saturdays of February 25, May 26, August 25, and December 1. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to noon, but come whenever you can and stay as long as you can. St. Luke's facilities are old and need care. Everyone (women and men) is encouraged to help. Tasks are available for all.

**Parking Lot Crack Sealing:** Although this work is included as a Priority 6, Blumhardt project, the Board has deferred further consideration of the crack sealing, until the weather is consistently warm. At that time, the condition of the parking lot will be re-evaluated, including the need for crack sealing and/or other possible solutions.

**Exterior Light Blubs:** Recently, the Board replaced the light blubs at the door entrances with globe-type blubs. The large globe blubs improve the exterior appearance of the facilities and provide a better match with the fixtures. The blubs are efficient, 19-watt fluorescent-type blubs.

**Drinking Fountain:** The old, but otherwise

excellent, drinking fountain in the narthex finally gave out. It developed an internal leak and was not repairable. In early January, a new drinking fountain was installed by several Board members; however, upon testing, it was discovered that the drain line was plugged. Subsequently, the line was cleared. Total cost – about \$650.

**Landscape/Sprinklers:** The Board has prepared a plan for improving the sprinklers and landscaping for the lawn along Center Parkway. The plan includes new water-efficient sprinkler heads, minor landscape planting, and removal of some shrubs and trees (see the next paragraph). Discussions with landscape contractors have begun. This work is a Priority 7 Blumhardt project.

**Tree Removal:** The Board will be removing five trees (see list below), as part of the Priority 7 Blumhardt project. Estimated cost – \$1,700.

- > A large pine tree at the SE corner of the sanctuary structure (stump to be ground).
- > Two trees in the courtyard.
- > A partially dead tree in the lawn north of the north driveway (stump to be ground).
- > A palm tree adjacent to the lawn north of the north driveway.

**Leaking Sprinkler Valve:** At the time this article is being prepared, a sprinkler valve for the lawn adjacent to Tangerine Avenue is leaking, which keeps the sidewalk wet in spots. The Board has accepted a proposal from a landscape contractor for replacing and moving both valves that serve the south lawn area. The cost estimate is \$750.

**Schultz Hall Addition:** The Board has developed two "ballpark" cost estimates for completing the planned improvements to the restrooms in the Schultz Hall Addition, a Priority 8 Blumhardt project – one for a total renovation and a second for a less costly, functional improvement. However, it is questionable whether sufficient funds will be available for this project. This is not unexpected as the original Blumhardt cost estimates indicated the lack of funds for this project.

**Facility Signage:** The Board is investigating improvements to the on-site signage for the church facilities. The goal is to provide better direction for visitors to key facilities, such as the restrooms. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the needs for improved on-site signs, please tell me or any Property Board member.

*Clarence Korhonen*, Chairperson  
St. Luke's Property Board

## 2011 Year-End Report Financial Secretary

The duties of the Financial Secretary, as specified by St. Luke's Bylaws and Constitution, are to maintain records of all contributions (also pledges) by individuals and make summary reports to the Finance Board and Church Council. Records of individuals are confidential and are reported only to the individual contributors.

First and foremost, St. Luke's thanks all of you for your support throughout a tough financial year.

The year-end results of St. Luke's offerings declined in 2011 below the budgeted amount but was up compared to 2010. The total contributions for General Budget expenses were \$186,318, short of the budget by \$5,690.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Financial Secretary for the last two years and I am happy to pass the work on to Ron Webb.

Please contact Ron Webb if you need envelopes in the future and me if you have questions regarding contributions made during the past year at (916) 647-3960.

God Bless.

*David Saxby*

St. Luke's 2011 Financial Secretary

## 2011 Year-End Report Special Fund Recorder

The Special Fund Recorder is responsible for maintaining the Special Fund records. In general terms, Special Funds consist of moneys that are not included in the adopted annual General Budget and usually are designated for a special purpose. Examples are memorials, crab feed/fireworks booth net receipts, pew bibles contributions, and similar causes. A detailed definition is included in a St. Luke's Continuing Resolution.

The gross contributions and expenditures for the Special Fund Account in 2011 are as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$24,474.92
Contributions Received	\$119,302.95 (1)
Other Income Received	\$3,500 (2)
Interest	\$93.22
Expenditures	-\$82,530.18
Ending Balance	\$64,840.89

(1) Includes Memorials \$106,701.23, net income Crab Feed \$5,390.53 & Fireworks Booth \$7,211.19, and other contributions.

(2) Net income Iglesia rental \$2,500 and misc. of \$1,000

The major expenditures from the Special Funds in 2011 are listed below. Remember that these expenditures do not directly affect the adopted General Budget.

AC Cages	\$2,819.00
Windows	\$20,379.35
Kitchen	\$22,365.69
ADA Bathroom	\$10,515.69
Parking Lot	\$8,901.64
David Bentz	\$5,000.00
St John's Womens Shelter	\$5,000.00

As of December 31, 2011, the balances of the various subaccounts in the Special Fund account are as follows:

Memorials (3)	\$25,101.13
Various Subaccounts (6)*	\$2,495.97 (each under \$1,000)
Property Board	\$13,359.25
Reserve	\$23,884.54
Total	\$64,840.89

\*Bell Choir funds, Choir, Sunday School, Pastoral Assistance, & Unassigned.

Detailed Special Fund reports are available from the Special Fund Recorder for each month. Note: Traditionally, the Financial Secretary is also the Special Fund Recorder.

God Bless.  
David Saxby  
St. Luke's 2011 Special Fund Recorder  
(916)-647-3960

## Finance Board 2011 Annual Report

This past year (2011) was a relatively easy year for the Finance Board thanks to the offering receipts and the generous donation of the Blumhardt Memorial which allowed for some much needed renovations.

Larry Dockter, As Treasurer, did a great job in furnishing the Finance Board with monthly reports detailing the actual financial activity compared to the 2011 budget. He was very thorough in reporting on the various income and expense accounts and identifying/explaining any variances.

Items discussed during the year included:

- The signatories list for the Dreyfus account was very old and needed to be updated. With the Church Council's approval, the Dreyfus account was closed and money transferred to Thrivent.
- The signatories list for the church checking account was updated.
- The BizSaver Phone Package contract with AT&T needed to be renewed.
- The need to look for a new company to do background checks as LexisNexis required a new minimum monthly fee of \$26.95 whether or not one is actually done.
- What to do when the church checking account balance is greater than \$25,000. Larry located a Continuing Resolution draft that was given to Church Council for consideration.

The Finance Board made only two recommendations to Church Council: one pertaining to a transfer of unused money to fund

the Stewardship Program and the other pertaining to the 2012 Budget.

*Betty Englund*  
Finance Board Chair

## Summary of Blumhardt Projects

On February 13, 2011, the congregation approved a list of priority projects that would be funded by the bequest of \$100,000 from the Fred and Albena Blumhardt estate. Following is a list of the priorities and their current status.

PROJECT NAME	Estimated Cost	Amount Expended	Amount Remaining
Priority One Sanctuary(windows & choir room)	\$31,000	\$28,335.29	\$2,664.71
Priority Two ADA Bathroom	20,000	15,750.36	4,249.64
Priority Three Kitchen	10,000	16,765.77	.00
Priority Four Sanctuary Paraments	4,000	.00	4,000.00
Priority Five Benevolence	10,000	10,000	.00
Priority Six Landscaping & Parking lot	13,500	4,586.25	4,586.25
Priority Seven Gutters	4,000	2,197.00	1,803.00
Priority Eight Schultz Hall Addition Upgrade	20,000	.00	20,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED TO DATE</b>		<b>\$ 81,962.17</b>	
<b>REMAINING FUNDS</b>			<b>\$ 18,037.83</b>

Some projects have been completed but others are ongoing.

Submitted by *Howard Triebwasser*  
Vice President

**FINANCIAL  
SECRETARY'S  
REPORT**

**December 2011**

**OFFERINGS**

(General Fund Only):

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total Offering</b>	\$23,618	\$186,318
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	\$881	-\$5,690
	3.9%	-3.1%
<b>Compared to 2010</b>	\$5,316	\$3,910
	29.0%	2.14%
<b>Projected Year-End Balance</b> (Compared to budget)		
<b>Contributors:</b>		
<b>2011 (Current)</b>	98	87 Av
<b>2010 (Last Year)</b>	103	98 Av

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

**Other Special Gifts:**

- a) Flowers - \$56.50
- b) Sunday School - \$13

*David Saxby*  
Financial Secretary



**Highlights—January 17th Meeting**

- Pastor reported that we have received new members: Lynn Gavia, Betty Hansen, the Petersons, and Gail Weber.
- Pastor also reported that Lynn Gavia is the new chair of the new "Safety Committee".
- Deanna Dockter has been hired as the secretary for the church office.
- We are in need of a chair for Community Concerns.
- Council Orientation will be January 28th, 9am. Everyone involved with the boards should attend, not just chairs.
- We have a new Alcoholics Anonymous group that will start meeting in the multi-purpose room, Thursdays at 7pm.
- Taehyun Ahn will start working with us.
- The Property Board is hosting a church work day on February 25 from 8am to 12 noon. All members and friends of St. Luke's are welcome and encouraged to come out and help. Property Board meetings have moved to the second Wednesday of each month in room 5.
- Evangelism reported that after service refreshments servers are in need of more people, visitation is happening 1pm every other Tuesday, and Pat Hamilton needs more people for greeters.
- The Board of Worship and Music reported that to cut back on bulletin cost black and white clip art from online and photos from Tracy and Katie Light will be used as cover art for our bulletins.
- The next meeting will be February 21st, 2012, 7pm.

Submitted by Holly Hoppman

THIS MONTH'S  
\* \*  
**birthdays**

Feb 1 Diane McDonald  
 Feb 3 Daniel Connell  
 Feb 7 John Mansfield  
 Feb 8 Steven Mihanovich  
 Feb 10 Landon Cooper  
 Feb 10 Holly Hoppman  
 Feb 11 Joyce Finnegan  
 Feb 11 Debbie Silverberg  
 Feb 15 Ed Ireton  
 Feb 17 Eric Linblade  
 Feb 19 Katy Etchison  
 Feb 22 Ron Webb  
 Feb 24 Lajuan Andrews  
 Feb 26 Karen Behr  
 Feb 26 Gloria Kaiser  
 Feb 26 Salina Villanueva  
 Feb 27 Megan Thomas  
 Feb 28 Cheryl Franklin

Dear St. Luke's,

Another choir season has come and gone and we want to thank you once again for the kindness and generosity you extend to us and our homeschool teens by allowing us to rehearse at your church. We continue to be touched and sincerely grateful for your willingness to meet our need for a rehearsal site. Our choir members understand the privilege and blessing they have been given and very much appreciate the opportunity they have to work together in a place where they are welcome.

As we move forward into the spring season, know that each week we thank God and your church for enabling us to be together.

With Much Appreciation  
*Eric & Candy Rainwater*  
 and the *Shades of Praise Choir*



**Altar Flowers**

- Feb 5 *Carl & Triss Hoppman in Celebration of Holly's 30th Birthday.*  
 Feb 12 *Thelma Williams and John Johnsen in Memory of our Mother, Millie Johnsen.*  
 Feb 19 *Ron & Pat Webb in Celebration of Ron's Birthday.*  
 Feb 26 *Bob Behr in Celebration of Karen's Birthday and Megan's Birthday.*



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Acolytes

Daniel Encinas, Joshua Bell  
Katy Etchison  
Katie Light, Selena Connell  
Elise Mihanovich

## Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin  
10:30 AM Ken Light

## Communion Servers

Ken Lentsch, Bob & Karen Behr

*If you are unable to serve as acolyte, altar care or communion server as scheduled, please call the church office at 421-5039.*

## Counters

Feb 5 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen  
Feb 12 Don Schell, Bob Behr  
Feb 19 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
Feb 26 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser  
Substitute Howard Triebwasser

## Greeters

Feb 5 Larry & Deanna Dockter  
Feb 12 Ken & Debi Lentsch  
Feb 19 Al & Irene Boschee  
Feb 26 Jerry & Carol Carney

*If you would like to be a greeter, please call Pat Hamilton at 682-3818.*

## Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin  
10:30 AM Craig Eckels

## Prayer Leaders

Feb 5 Samantha Basquez  
Feb 12 Alison Thomas  
Feb 19 Ruth Heaton  
Feb 22 Wed, Katy Etchison  
Feb 26 Tracy Etchison  
Feb 29 Wed. Karen Linfor

## Psalm Leaders

Feb 5 Isabella Basquez  
Feb 12 Katie Light  
Feb 19 Amber Mansfield  
Feb 26 Micayla Shower

## Readers 8:15 AM

Feb 5 Eric Linblade  
Feb 12 Maribel Herrera  
Feb 19 Christiana Wilson  
Feb 26 Kathryn Felgenhauer

## Readers 10:30 AM

Feb 5 Sylvia Kohler  
Feb 12 Kirsten Ireton  
Feb 19 Larry Dockter  
Feb 22 Wed. Holly Hoppman  
Feb 26 Ken Light  
Feb 29 Wed. Nick Manlapig

*If you are unable to serve as prayer leader, psalm leader or reader as scheduled, please call Nick Manlapig at 383-9376.*

## Refreshments

Feb 5 Ed & Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia  
Feb 12 Volunteers Needed  
Feb 19 Jerry & Carol Carney  
Feb 26 Volunteers Needed

*If you would like to help provide and/or serve refreshments, please call Pat Webb at 685-6345.*

## Visitor Greeters

Feb 5 Bertha Dahl  
Feb 12 Pat Webb  
Feb 19 Pending  
Feb 26 Pending

## Welcome Leaders

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

*Thanks  
for  
Serving!*

*We love because  
he first loved us.*  
1 John 4:19



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