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News And Views

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Pastoral Perspective



"Then Jesus said to them, 'Don't be afraid...'" -Matthew 28:10

The women at the empty tomb are filled with fear from what they experience that first Easter morning.

The angel at the tomb, and later Jesus himself tell them not to be afraid. Why? Quite simply, because there is nothing to be afraid of. Death is conquered. Christ is risen. The victory is won! Those who believe in Him have nothing to fear.

Don't be afraid. Rather live a new life in Christ. Paul exhorts us in Colossians 3:1-3: *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* If you have been caught up in the magnificent Easter conquest of the power of death, then focus your life on the One who can keep you from living and dying in fear.

In the risen Christ is freedom from debilitating fear. We have nothing to be afraid of because we have already died and been given new life in Christ. The risen Christ makes it possible to get beyond our petty and pointless grasping at life on our own. We don't have to be hoodwinked into thinking that if we can just get that new thing or situation or circumstance in life we will really be alive, we'll really have it made. When we think this way,

we set ourselves up to live in fear—fear of not getting it or losing it once we do. This old grasping frightened self doesn't need to be any more. We are alive **now** in Christ. No one can take that away from us.

The meaning of the resurrection for us, then, is that Christ is now our life. That's saying a lot. Without Him, there is no life for us because we know that without Him there is nothing but fear and death. In Christ alone is the glory and the radiance, the coming forth of the new person, the new Adam. The circle is completed and all we have to do is allow it to be complete in our lives. We might think all the way back to the sin in the Garden of Eden or just to the last time in our lives when things seemed to fall apart. Because of the risen Christ, that is not the final word. Because of His resurrection, the cut off from fear and despair is precise and deliberate. Satan has had his day. The enemy has been faced head on. The strife is over. The battle is won. We have meaning. We have purpose. We have life.

Don't be afraid. Next time you feel afraid, remember these words to you from the risen Lord Jesus. He will guide and, when necessary, carry you through all the challenges of this life and at the end see you through the valley of the shadow of death to eternal life that is hidden with Him in God.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



The Presidents' Corner

Our journey through Lent has almost reached its conclusion with Holy Week and Easter so near. I hope you have taken the opportunity to join others

each week to share soup and dessert and be inspired or moved by the one-scene dramas provided by Pastor, Taehyun, and Missy. It has been a great time of fellowship and thought-provoking reflection on the events leading up to Easter Sunday. Thanks to the Evangelism Committee and everyone else who provided assistance in setting up or cleaning up, and brought soups or desserts to share. We look forward to another time of sharing together at the Easter Breakfast.

We had another successful Crab Feed due to the efforts of many folks in so many ways. It is great to see the camaraderie developed to get so much ready and served and treat all those in attendance to a night of fun and entertainment. The proceeds earned will go towards maintaining or improving our church facilities and grounds. Our next fellowship and fund raiser is the Fireworks booth in late June up to July 4th. Think how you can be involved in another St Luke's fun event. We are tentatively looking at using some of the proceeds in different areas to support our mission to spread, serve, and share.

Our financial support has been good through the first two months and we hope this will continue. Strong financial support helps us maintain our current programs and look to provide additional help in areas of need. Thanks to you all.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



Maundy Thursday

April 5

Lamb Dinner 6:00 PM

Holy Communion 7:30 PM

Good Friday

April 6

7:30 PM



Please join us for our annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 8. A delicious breakfast of French Toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, coffee and juice will be served in Schultz Hall from 8:30 am to 10 am—cost to be covered by a free will donation.

Ron Webb and Carol Carney, co-chairs, need your help with set-up and decorating on Saturday morning, and cooking, serving and clean-up on Sunday. Please show them your support by signing up to help.



The Egg Hunt begins at 10am, so don't be late. What a wonderful way to enjoy Easter morning with the laughter of happy children.



Members and Friends of
St. Luke's:

The family of Jerry J. Linfor would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all the loving thoughts, cards, and prayers during the recent difficult time in our lives which culminated in the passing of our beloved husband, father, uncle, friend, Jerry Linfor.

A special thank you also to the women of the ELCA for the time and effort given in the preparation of food on the 25th after the memorial service. The love and concern expressed during Jerry's brief illness and at his Celebration of Life will help carry us through the days ahead as we mourn his passing...but we know we will see him again! Thank you again, and may our God, our Heavenly Father bless you today and always,

Karen Linfor and the extended Linfor Family



Sierra Pacific Synod

Dear members of St. Luke:

On behalf of Bishop Mugabo of the Lutheran Church of Rwanda, please accept the thanks of the Sierra Pacific Synod for your gift of \$300.00 toward the purchase of a vehicle for his use while serving the congregations and people of that church.

Thanks to you and others who contributed to this project, we not only met but exceeded just a bit our goal of \$21,000.00, all of which was wired to the LCR in time to meet the deadline that had been set by the local dealer. Thank you again for your support and generosity.

God's Peace,
*Rev. David E. Baker, Coordinator
Rwanda Bishop's Vehicle Project*



IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a great lunch and wonderful fellowship at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 7727 Laguna Blvd, in Elk

Grove on Saturday, April 21, at 12 noon. Lunch will include 4 family style pastas—rich meat sauce, Mizithra cheese & browned butter, spinach & cheese ravioli, and fettuccine alfredo, plus salad, bread, spumoni ice cream and choice of coffee, hot or iced tea, soda or milk. Cost for adults is \$13.00 (includes tax and gratuity).

For \$6.50 (includes tax and gratuity), kids 10 & under may choose from several menu entrees plus salad or applesauce, milk, apple juice or soft drink, and ice cream or a juice bar.

Space is limited so be sure to sign up early. Final date for sign-ups and payment will be Sunday, April 15th.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



What is there to be said, but what a **Spectacular Crab Feed!** We decided to make a change this year and add **SHRIMP**, not knowing how that would be received. Luckily for us it was well received, thanks to Kirsten Ireton for suggesting it. I'm sure most of you are wondering what our profit was. Well, we made a total profit of \$6,600.00! God certainly blessed us this year.

We are so very blessed here at St. Luke's with such wonderful and dedicated **VOLUNTEERS**. So, once more I wish to give a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you who so graciously gave your time and energy to this year's Crab Feed. We also wish to thank the Sacramento Youth Band for helping by serving this year.

In Christ,
Deanna Dockter



Our prayers are with Karen Linfor and family as Jerry Linfor was received at his heavenly home on February 19, 2012. A Memorial Service was held here at St. Luke's on February 25, 2012.



A Memorial service was held here at St. Luke's for William Sobkowsky on March 17, 2012. Our prayers are with his daughter, Kelly Sobkowsky, grandsons, Joshua and Cory Anderson and extended family.



Please keep in prayer the family of Hedwig Marchuk as she was received into her heavenly home on Monday, March 12, 2012. A service was held on March 20, 2012.



- April 1 *Ken & Debi Lentsch To Celebrate Michele's Birthday*
- April 8 *Shirley Prouty In Celebration of Grandson Andy Herscowitz's Birthday*
Larry & Deanna Dockter To Thank Our Lord For Our Many Blessings
- April 15 *Harry Weston In Celebration of Adeline Weston's 90th Birthday*
- April 22 *Karen Linfor To Celebrate Brooke Barr's Birthday*
- April 29 *Phillip & Jennifer Connell In Celebration of Rachel Kiser's Birthday*



Thanks!

As announced, the proceeds from the Crab Feed were such a huge blessing to our church thanks to the many people that gave up their time and hours of hard work to make it such a huge success. There were many that went way above and beyond to make it such an incredible night but there are two that should be highly recognized for all their hours of work behind the scenes. Deanna and Larry Dockter, once again, were the head co-chairman of the event and no one realizes the stress and time spent just to organize the seating chart so that everyone is seated where they want to be and yet have everyone else seated to join into what is such a truly fun and wonderful night for all of those in attendance. This is only one of the very many tasks that these two take on, each and every year, and we are truly grateful for their unending support to St. Luke's. What is next for these two? – The Fireworks Stand – please sign up, when it is time, and give them your support.

Jerry and Carol Carney



The 2012 Relay For Life of Elk Grove event is April 28th & 29th at Elk Grove High School. If you are interested in joining the team or need more information, contact Kirsten Ireton at 684-8910. Team "Friends in Faith" would appreciate your support in this life-changing event. For a \$10 donation, you can purchase a Luminaria Bag in memory or honor of someone who has had cancer or lost their battle. These Luminaria Bags will line the track at the event's evening ceremony. You can visit the Relay Website for information about signing up or Luminaria donations: www.relayforlife.org/elkgrovecalifornia. 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!



A warm thank you to everyone who brought soup, bread or a dessert for the W-ELCA sponsored Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. It was wonderfully attended and, as always, a delicious meal was had by all. We are looking forward to the Passover Lamb Dinner on Thursday, April 5th. Tickets are \$5 and children 12 and under are free.

We had a great meeting on March 10th with 23 people in attendance. We collected a large quantity of items for the Union Gospel Mission. Our members never cease to amaze me with their generosity.

We are hoping for an even bigger turn out to our April 14th meeting. Be sure to sign-up in the church entryway if you will be attending, as this helps us to know how many to set up for. If you are able, please bring your favorite appetizer or finger food. This month W-ELCA is collecting household and school supplies, personal hygiene products, and fast food gift cards for Courageous Connections; a local non-profit working with the foster youth kid in the South Sacramento and Elk Grove areas. They are so grateful for the blessing we share with them.

In Christ,
Kirsten Ireton, W-ELCA President



God's Apps

The group has been studying Guardrails. We are all familiar with guardrails on the highway, which is designed to keep cars from straying into dangerous or off limit areas. We've taken that concept and created a personal principal out of it. We have been studying what it would look like if we had guardrails in certain areas of our lives. Join us Sundays at 9:15 AM in room 4.



Beginning on April 15th, we will have two Sunday school classes. Fourth grade and above will continue to meet in room 2 with Kirsten Ireton, and third grade and younger will meet in room 1 with Julie Ireton and Missy Jensen. We believe that this will allow each age group more dedicated and age appropriate activities and learning.

Respectfully,
Missy Jensen



A **BIG** thank you to everyone who brought soups, bread, and desserts for our Lenten soup suppers. Pastor Carl, Taehyun Ahn and Missy Jensen did a wonderful job presenting passionate dramas that helped us understand the concerns and conflicts of people whose lives were touched and changed by the Passion of Jesus Christ.



Refreshment Servers are needed. We need servers for the 2nd Sunday for all months except April & December; also the 4th Sunday for all even months. If you can't do this on a regular schedule, let Pat Webb know when you can, or you can sign up on the Refreshment Calendar in the Fellowship room.



Although the Property Board continues to be busy, there are only a few projects, for which, the status has significantly changed this past month and merits reporting.

- **Courtyard Replacement:** For some time, the Board and others have realized that the courtyard surface is deteriorating to an extent that replacement is unavoidable. During the past year, the Board has developed and considered various replacement options. These include (a) stamped colored concrete with a patterned surface, (b) grass with small shrubs and walkways, (c) textured (lightly salted) squares of colored concrete, and (d) textured (lightly salted) squares of colored concrete separated by bands of smooth colored concrete. Currently, the board (together with the Council) is evaluating the various designs and costs. A decision is expected within the next month so construction can begin soon after Easter. Funding will be obtained from the Property Board's Special Fund account; i.e., Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth funds. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact any Board member or me.
- **Walkway Replacement:** In conjunction with the courtyard replacement, the Board plans to replace about 13 feet of walkway leading to the ADA restroom. The replacement will eliminate the abrupt edge at the double doors; i.e., a non-ADA compliant ramp.
- **Signage for the Church Facilities:** A revised list of signs and requirements have been prepared and recommended to the Council for adoption. The list includes 22 custom signs and three off-the-shelf signs. A cost estimate and sample sign have been ordered and will be considered prior to the Final Council approval.

This project also will be funded the Special Fund account. Kirsten Ireton has provided considerable assistance to the Board on this project. **Thank you Kirsten!**

- **Landscape/Sprinklers:** This project (a Blumhardt project) was completed on March 13. The work performed by the contractor, Corona Landscaping of Elk Grove, was excellent and the Board was pleased with the results. The cost for this project was \$5,840.00. The Board has requested Corona to perform some minor, added drainage work.

Questions? Contact any Board Member

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



April 3	Richard Almeida Jr.
April 3	Chelsey Fernandez
April 4	Adeline Weston
April 4	Chris Wilke
April 6	Larry Dockter
April 9	Don Englund
April 12	Clarence Korhonen
April 14	Janie Muhlig
April 16	Erwin Kiser
April 16	Marilyn Sodergren
April 16	Charles Yakabe
April 17	Heidi Harrison
April 17	Megan Shower
April 19	Reuben Jones
April 20	Margaret Crooks
April 24	Connie Reule
April 25	Rylee Shower
April 30	Rachel Kiser

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

April 1 Daniel Encinas, Joshua Bell
April 8 Katy Etchison
April 15 Katie Light, Selena Connell
April 22 Elise Mihanovich
April 29 Katy Etchison, Elise Mihanovich

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Karen Linfor, Deanna Dockter

Communion Servers

Howard Triebwasser, Ruth Heaton

Counters

April 1 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
April 8 Don Schell, Bob Behr
April 15 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
April 29

Greeters

April 1 Ian & Jennifer Petersen
April 8 Ron, Debbie & Ryan Johansen
April 15 Available
April 22 Ian & Jennifer Petersen
April 29 Paul & Ruth Heaton

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 Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders

April 1 Karen Behr
April 5 Holly Hoppman
April 8 Sylvia Kohler
April 15 Nick Manlapig
April 22 Robert Behr
April 29 Holly Hoppman

Psalm Leaders

April 1 Amber Mansfield
April 8 Micayla Shower
April 15 Derrick Mihanovich
April 22 Elise Mihanovich
April 29 Isabella Basquez

Readers 8:15 AM

April 1 Kathryn Felgenhauer
April 8 Ron Webb
April 15 Eric Linblade
April 22 Maribel Herrera
April 29 Christiana Wilson

Readers 10:30 AM

April 1 Ken Lentsch
April 5 Nick Manlapig
April 8 Katie Iniguez
April 15 Pat Webb
April 22 Betty Englund
April 29 Barbara Manlapig

Refreshments

April 1 Dorothy Haney, Ofelia Ojeda, Bob Allen
April 8 Easter Breakfast
April 15 Jerry & Carol Carney
April 22 Pending
April 29 Ken & Debi Lentsch

Visitor Greeters

April 1 Carolyn Andrews
April 8 Bertha Dahl
April 15 Pauline Arndt
April 22 Pat Webb
April 29 Thelma Williams

Welcome Leaders

April 1 Peggy Moser
April 8 Pat Webb
April 15 Chet Madison
April 22 Carolyn Andrews
April 29 Pauline Arndt



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