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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



It has been said that when death comes close to us we understand it for the first time. As Christians we say further, when death comes close to us we realize how vital our relationship with Jesus really is.

In the pursuits of life—growing up, earning a living, maintaining a home, raising a family—death may not come near us for years. The passing of acquaintances reminds us that death is around, but at some distance from us personally. Resurrection is God's known promise, but it seems removed from day to day experience.

Likely, that's the way it was for Jairus. Being a ruler of the synagogue suggests both position and responsibility. His life was full. He was not isolated from the funerals of his time. Yet death stood at a distance from him. This changed quickly for Jairus. How different things were for him when his daughter became very ill. Concern changed to fear for her life.

Then it happened. His daughter reached a crisis. Little life was left in her weak body. The color of death was on her face. "What can I do?" In gut wrenching agony he could hear his heart thumping within him. "What hope is there?"

"Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he is the answer. I have heard how he taught at the synagogue. All who heard him were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had au-

thority, and not as the scribes. Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he will help us."

Jairus had heard about when Simon Peter's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever and Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her. Jairus had heard that friends of a paralytic lowered him on a pallet through the roof of a tight-packed crowded house where Jesus was teaching. Jesus said to the paralytic "Your sins are forgiven." And then to show he had authority, "Rise, take up your pallet and go home." And the paralytic did just that. Word had come to Jairus that Jesus stilled the great storm on the sea with his command, "Peace! Be still!" "Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he will hear my plea."

When Jairus heard that Jesus was coming, he had to be there. Jairus anxiously made his way through the great crowd. "There he is. I must speak to him!" Jairus fell at his feet and pleaded with Jesus, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so she may be made well, and live." And Jesus went with him.

Another circumstance of need interrupted their way to Jairus' house. Jairus must have wanted to pull Jesus away. But Jesus healed a hemorrhaging woman and commended her for the sincerity of her faith. In the meantime all life had left the daughter of Jairus. A sad courier faced Jairus. "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the teacher any further?" Jairus stood in shock. Then somehow he heard Jesus' say "Do not fear, only believe."

Then they continued together to Jairus' home— Jesus, Jairus, and three disciples.

When they got there they heard the loud grieving lament. Jesus asked, "Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." They laughed at Jesus, laughed at him about whom they had heard so much. They knew the girl was gone. Then Jesus ushered them all out. Taking Jairus, the girl's mother, and the three disciples, he went into the child's still room. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Little girl, I say to you arise." And immediately the girl got up. Those there were overcome with amazement. What a miracle! It was a miracle that could only be done by one who had authority even over death.

The raising of Jairus' daughter has much to say to us when death does finally come close to us. This miracle tells us that, in Jesus, there is a new dimension, a new force at work in the world that is more powerful even than death. For those who welcome what they have not earned, yet have yearned for, there is new life, joy and peace. The promised new age has arrived in Jesus. We live in this new age. The light of God's love that makes lives whole for eternity has come into the world.

The raising of this girl is a forerunner of Easter. It shows us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus, not even death itself. When death comes close to you, remember Jesus' words to Jairus. They are meant for you too. "Do not fear, only believe." The same Jesus who raised Jairus' daughter was later resurrected from the dead. That same Jesus will come to you and your loved ones when death comes near and say, "Arise!"

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



June was a great month for recognizing graduates and those who were confirmed. We also celebrated Pastor Carl's 35th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. He has been at St Luke's for over half of that time period and has certainly been a strong spiritual leader for us all. Wow! 35 years is quite an accomplishment. In recognition of this milestone the Church Council members, on a voluntary basis, have made contributions in his name to the general scholarship fund at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. These funds will be available as financial aid to students studying for the ministry. If you would also like to make a contribution to PLTS in recognition of this milestone, please mark your contribution clearly and we will forward all gifts received to PLTS. Make any checks payable to St Luke's.

Continuing our look at behind the scenes supporters, we would like to recognize Jeff Kiser who diligently assists with altar care most Sundays by removing the candles from the sanctuary and ensuring the oil levels in the candles are sufficient for the following week. For communion services in particular, Cheryl Franklin sets up the altar for the early service and then ensures all is ready for the late service. Finally, the service bulletins we receive each Sunday are folded and stapled by Kay Yakabe. All of these services certainly add to our worship service experience. Thanks Jeff, Cheryl and Kay!

On June 19th Pastor Carl informed the Council that Triss had lost her position due to a consolidation of corporate accounting effective June 29th. This has financial implications for St Luke's as Pastor and Triss have had medical insurance coverage through her employment for the last 3½ years and now St Luke's is obligated to provide for this coverage. The additional cost for St Luke's will be approximately \$717 per month above the budgeted amount approved by the congregation. Due to the short time period necessary to implement this coverage and the impractical time available to bring this before the congregation in a special meeting,

the Council declared this unforeseen circumstance to be an “emergency situation” in accordance with the Church Constitution (Section 12.05) and approved the additional expense to cover the medical coverage for Pastor and Triss through the end of 2012. We will cover the costs from the General fund as best we can and use the Reserve Fund if necessary. If anyone has any questions regarding this action, please see me or any member of Council. Just another sign of how our church family continues to need our prayers and support. See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



During the past several months, the Property Board has been busy with the following projects.

Signs – The Board has completed the church signage project, a Special Funds project. The work involved 25 signs, of which 22 were custom made by Rio Cosumnes Correction Center Industries. The final total cost for the signs was \$539, including mounting material. *The Board thanks Kirsten Ireton for her assistance in procuring the custom signs.*

Flagstone Courtyard Replacement – During the week of May 21st, the flagstone courtyard was removed and replaced with colored concrete. The work included the installation of an extensive drainage system for the courtyard. The contractor was Robert Meadows Custom Concrete, a licensed local contractor. Meadows was selected based on competitive bids and his performance on previously concrete work for St. Luke’s. The contract total was \$12,000, which included the walkway replacement work described in the next paragraph. This was a large project and required four days of contract work,

over 19 cubic yards of concrete, and 150 linear feet of drainage pipe. Funding for the project was provided by accumulated Property Board Special Funds; i.e., the profits from the annual Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth events. *The Board thanks you for your continuing support for these fund raiser efforts.*

Walkway Replacement – In conjunction with the courtyard replacement, the contractor also replaced a section of walkway leading to the ADA restroom. This work eliminates the abrupt edge at the double doors, resulting in an ADA-compliant pathway to the restroom.

Jerry Linfor Memorial – The Property Board has been working with, and assisting, the Linfor family in developing a memorial fountain for Jerry. To date, this work has involved developing location options, preparing site drawings, and assisting minor construction efforts. Dedication for this memorial is scheduled for July 15th, which would have been the day after Jerry’s 78th birthday.

Tall Grass – In mid-May, the Ireton family (Julie, Kirsten, and Ed) spent the day cutting the tall grass that had grown within the unused property, north of the parking lot and park area. *Thank you Julie, Kirsten, and Ed.* Each spring, the City requires the removal of grasses and weeds from vacant lands, either by cutting or cultivating, for fire protection. Thus, this work is an annual task for the Property Board. The only costs were rental charges for the heavy duty mower. Although the Iretons completed much of the work, some additional work remains along the fences.

Parking Lot – On June 12 and 13, the parking lot was renewed. This work is required every five to seven years to preserve the parking lot. The cracks were sealed with hot rubberized crack filler, then an asphalt seal coat was placed on the entire parking lot (front and back), and lastly, the parking lot was restriped. The total cost was

\$9,000. The work was completed in two days by Reese's Sealcoating of Lockeford, a licensed contractor. The Board selected Reese's Sealcoating based on similar competitive bids. Financing was provided by the remaining Blumhardt Funds.

May 26 All Members Work Day – Although the Memorial Day weekend limited the number of Work Day participants, a small, but enthusiastic, crew worked throughout the morning and completed a number of needed, small tasks. *The Board thanks each and all for their assistance.* The tasks accomplished included removing accumulated pine needles from the roofs, installing gutter guards on a short length of gutter, removing trash and debris (concrete junks, stumps, small trees, etc.) from the courtyard and the recently-cut tall grass area, installing a drain for a downspout, and cleaning the courtyard construction area. Bruce Kiser provided his pick up and trailer to remove the trash and debris. He later hauled the debris to the dump. *Thank you Bruce.* The next All Members Work Day is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to noon for Saturday, August 25. Please assist, if able.



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

**Parables For Our Time
Summer Bible Study and Potluck**

The study will be held on Wednesday evenings in Schultz Hall July 11— August 15. You are invited to join us for a potluck meal at 6:30pm, then a look at some of the parables that Jesus shares with us in the Bible. It is going to be fun and interesting from beginning to end.

Taehyun Ahn, Minister in Training



We will be dedicating our new Fountain in memory of Jerry Linfor on Sunday, July 15th. Along with the dedication we will be baptizing those who are looking to bring the Lord into their lives. If you or someone you know are interested in being baptized please contact Pastor Carl or the church office at. Our 10:30 service will be held in Schultz Hall that day.



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| July 3 | Ken Lentsch |
| July 4 | Harold Sodegren |
| July 5 | Bruce Kiser |
| July 6 | Clifford Landaker |
| July 7 | Bekka Roberts |
| July 8 | Rosie Johnsen |
| July 9 | Katrina Falwell |
| July 11 | Joan Wilkinson |
| July 12 | Nick Manlapig |
| July 16 | Al Boschee |
| July 18 | Hazen Simkins |
| July 21 | Bill Cooper |
| July 21 | Greg Olsen |
| July 27 | Pat Webb |
| July 27 | Bob Janes |



Some items discussed:

Linfor Memorial Fountain dedication Sunday, July 15th.

Hanging "retired" banners in Schultz Hall on back wall – this was a project dear to the heart of Bob Allen. We would very much like to see it completed.

Organist: Discussed and tabled until all W&M members are present.

Easels of different sizes purchased for displaying pictures at memorials, etc.

Karen Linfor
Chairperson
Worship & Music



- July 1 Debi Lentsch for Ken's Birthday;
Hannelore, Inge and Victor In Loving
Memory of Our Father Eugene
Marchuk
- July 8 Joan Mooney In Memory of
Husband Don Mooney
- July 15 Karen Linfor In Memory of Jerry's
Birthday;
The Dockter's In Memory of All Our
Loved Ones
- July 22 Ron Webb For Pat's Birthday
- July 29 Alison & Marc Thomas For Bob and
Karen's Anniversary;
Thelma Williams In Memory of
James Williams



St. Luke's W-ELCA thanks everyone that came out for our annual Mega BUNCO fundraiser. With your help we raised over \$2,000 for our Women's Benevolence Fund. We

also want to thank everyone who helped set-up and clean-up and those that provided the fabulous raffle prizes, especially Pat Lehman for another beautiful quilt. This year's quilt was won by Marlene Kiser – congratulations Marlene. We were once again blessed with many donations for the Sacramento SPCA as well. There were plenty of new players this year and it was especially nice to see all the familiar BUNCO players that come back each year to support our group, especially all of Lou Tice's friends. Lou sold over 30 tickets this year! Thank you!!!

Don't forget that W-ELCA will be collecting school supplies during July & August. There are so many children that don't have the basic needs for school. Each year we donate to our local elementary schools and they are always so appreciative for everything we do. Just place your items in the church entryway or bring them with you to our Wednesday Potluck Bible Studies starting July 11th. In Christ,

Kirsten Ireton
President, St. Luke's W-ELCA



Ken, Tracy and Katie Light
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Thank you very much for your recognition of the 35th Anniversary of my ordination. The Lord has blessed me with a passion for ordained ministry. It has been a pleasure and delight to spend the last nineteen years as your pastor. Thank you for the generous gift to the scholarship fund of my seminary, PLTS, in honor of my ordination anniversary. It will help prepare much needed ministers to keep the church going and growing strong.

Pastor Carl



Thank you to everyone who brought pies for our annual Father's Day pie and ice cream social on Sunday, June 17th. There was something for everyone as we had apple, berry, cherry, peach, chocolate, pumpkin, and strawberry, just to name a few, as well as ice cream. It was a special time of sharing and a great way to honor all our wonderful men.

This month the Evangelism Board will host our popular Root Beer and Orange Soda Float Social on Sunday, July 22. You won't want to miss this one!

Pat Webb, Chair



To: The Congregation of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church;

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the two pickup truck loads of used flagstone. Allowing me to sort through the rubbish pile your contractor created with the recent replacement of your inner courtyard was very helpful and I was especially happy to be able to recycle used building materials and give them a longer life. I am also indebted to Larry Dockter for his assistance with sorting on a long hot and dusty day.

Thank you again for your help and assistance with this project.

Sincerely,
Steve and Carol Huff



June 19, 2012
Council
Highlights

- ◆ All but one of the Blumhardt Memorial projects are complete. The only project left to be completed is the Schultz Hall Addition restrooms. There is \$2,015.44 remaining in the fund. A big thanks to everyone who has worked on these projects over the last year and a half.

- ◆ For the past 3 and a half years Pastor was able to save the church money by being on Triss's insurance plan, but with the recent reorganization at her work, Triss's position has been relocated and she has been laid off. Pastor requested that he and Triss be put back on the church plan. This means a \$717.69 monthly cost over the current budget. After a discussion the council made a decision to declare this an emergency and take \$4500 from the reserve funds as needed to cover this cost for the remainder of the year so Pastor and Triss can be back on the ELCA benefit plan.
- ◆ Donations in honor of Pastor's 35th anniversary of his ordination are being taken and will be sent to a scholarship fund at PLTS to help others getting into the ministry.
- ◆ Continuing Resolutions are being updated. CR-1999-1 & CR-2000-1 were changed and approved by council action.
- ◆ Children's summer Sunday school has kicked off.
- ◆ Taeyhun will be leading the summer potluck parable study on Wednesdays starting July 11th in Schultz Hall.

Holly Hoppman
Church Council Secretary



**St. Luke's
Fireworks Booth**

13th Annual Fireworks Sale June 28th – July 4th

It's that time of year again and this will be our 13th year for having a fireworks booth. Wow, just seems like yesterday when we started this venture. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many projects around the church that always come up. We will be open all week beginning at 9:30am and closing no later than 10:00pm. It's not just a fundraiser it is a special time of fellowship—just ask anyone who has volunteered in the past.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

July 1
July 8 Selena
July 15 Selena Connell
July 22 Joshua Bell
July 29 Daniel Encinas

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Karen Behr

Communion Servers

Bob Behr, Karen Behr

Counters

July 1 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
July 8 Don Schell, Bob Behr
July 15 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
July 29 Carolyn Andrews, Jack Fenske
Micki Fenske

Greeters

July 1 Ken & Debi Lentsch
July 8 Jan Tanaka
July 15 Ofelia Ojeda
July 22 Thelma Williams, John Johnsen
July 29 Paul & Ruth Heaton

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Melissa Jensen

Prayer Leaders

July 1 Holly Hoppman
July 8 Karen Linfor
July 15 Pat Webb
July 22 Katie Iniguez
July 29 Betty Englund

Psalm Leaders

July 1 Amber Mansfield
July 8 Micayla Shower
July 15 Isabella Basquez
July 22 Amber Mansfield
July 29 Micayla Shower

Readers 8:15 AM

July 1 Mirabel Herrera
July 8 Christiana Wilson
July 15 Ron Webb
July 22 Eric Linblade
July 29 Mirabel Herrera

Readers 10:30 AM

July 1 Sylvia Kohler
July 8 Nick Manlapig
July 15 Alison Thomas
July 22 Triss Hoppman
July 29 Vivian Blazic

Refreshments

July 1 Ed & Kirsten Ireton
July 8 Pending
July 15 Paul Maki and Chona Sison
July 22 Larry & Deanna Dockter
July 29 Ken & Debi Lentsch

Visitor Greeters

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

Welcome Leaders

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

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



St. Luke's Fireworks Booth

Hours 9:30am to 10:00pm Daily

Location: Food Source Parking Lot
Corner of Mack Road and Valley High Drive
Come join the fun & fellowship!



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