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News And Views



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Pastoral Perspective



Several times, Jesus tells folks he heals, "Your faith has made you well." I would like here to explore the power faith releases that allows for the wellness to which Jesus refers.

What Jesus is pointing out with the statement, "Your faith has made you well", is that we possess a great power potential. Jesus says that if we have the faith to free this power potential we experience amazing things. Yet it is hard to believe that Jesus means what He says when we so often don't realize we have this power potential.

But really, whenever we give ourselves over to Jesus' loving care, whenever we exercise faith, we are unleashing this power potential whether we realize it or not. We are making a commitment of trust that opens up a tremendous channel for Jesus' power to flow into us and through us.

Think about it this way. When you trust someone or have faith in them, you are giving them power. First, you are giving them power to do as they see fit in the situation. But you are giving them power in an even more significant way. When you show confidence in someone, that person becomes more powerful because of your faith in them. For example, when you are trying to help someone who has no confidence or trust or faith in you, don't you feel weakened by that? But when you are really trusted by someone in a situation, don't you feel a kind of expansion, a lifting of barriers,

a sense that you can accomplish whatever needs to be done. What has happened is that someone's faith in you has released a power with which you can do great things. If that is true for our relationships with one another, how much truer is it when we put our trust in Jesus?!

Let's consider this reality even deeper. If you put your trust in someone, where does that power go? It goes to the other person. What it can accomplish depends on them.

But why place your faith in Jesus? Why not place your faith in wealth or technology? When your trust is in the wealth you have or the technology that can be made use of on your behalf, you might get something out of it, but it is quite limited. There is no consciousness to truly unleash the power potential and the payback is pretty restricted. It can give out at any time.

Why not put all your faith in another person? It is fine to have faith in others, but that needs to always be limited. No matter how good that person might be, there are shortcomings or inability to see the whole picture that will restrict the amount of power available for the situation.

Why not put all your faith in yourself? What will that deliver? Well, it depends on you. It has been shown again and again we have a tremendous power potential within ourselves. Why not focus on unleashing that rather than put our faith in something or someone else. Again, our own shortcomings or inability to see the whole picture will restrict the power available for the situation.

The challenge is to find something or someone to give our faith. There is only one who has no shortcomings, who can see the whole picture. His name is Jesus. He came into this world to receive our faith and unleash the power of abundant life in all situations. In giving our faith to Jesus, tremendous power flows into us and through us that can truly handle anything.

Try it with whatever situation you are now facing. Certainly wealth and technology might help with the situation somewhat. Other people can be helpful as well. You can certainly help yourself. But put your trust in Jesus to truly understand the whole situation and carry you through in His boundless love. There is a power unleashed that will not fail. It will see you through every situation of life and carry you finally to life eternal.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



As I write this article, I am sitting in the Denver Airport awaiting maintenance on the aircraft to bring me back to Sacramento.

Those of you who travel through airports these days know of the diverse backgrounds, ages, clothing, and temperament of people in our world. Yet everyone has the one goal of getting safely to their destination wherever that may be.

While maybe not the greatest example for comparison, I see that same diversity in our congregation coming together to Spread, Serve, and Share. Just as an airline serves its passengers, a church serves its congregation while remaining open to the community it serves. The question is "How do we best do that?". While initial efforts to tackle this question have been overcome by other commitments, I still believe we need to establish a group of folks to realistically evaluate where we are, where we be-

lieve we need to go, and how we go about getting there, all within the workings of a church. Perhaps a bit of self-examination, if you please. I hope we can begin this effort in the next few weeks.

As we enter the fall season, it is time for our boards to develop their expected budget needs for 2013. This is a vital time as we set the course based on expected offerings and pledges to come from our stewardship emphasis. We usually have a team of 2-3 members working with Pastor to develop and administer the stewardship program. If this is an area of interest for anyone, we would gladly like to add you to the team and get you involved.

Likewise, we will be looking for new board members who are willing to get involved and provide leadership as we move forward into 2013 and continue to work towards fulfilling our mission.

This month our salute to behind the scenes supporters recognizes Rosary Jensen. As the voice choir librarian, Rosary volunteers her time to keep track and file all the voice choir music throughout the year. This sounds rather straightforward, but, with 20+ choir members on various schedules and some limited copies of certain music, it can become rather time-consuming tracking and finding all the music and filing it where it can be found again. Rosary has done a marvelous job of managing this "little corner" of the church unbeknownst to many people. So, thanks Rosary for your dedicated service.

Well the maintenance problem on the aircraft has been fixed and we are about to board for the trip to Sacramento. Continue to think and act on how you can contribute your time and talents to the mission of St. Lukes.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the great turn out and your enthusiasm for our summer Bible study on Jesus parables. The pot-luck food was also great. I would like to encourage you to continue to reflect on Jesus' parables in relation to your understanding of the Kingdom of God. One thing you and I learned that God's kingdom is within us! I promise you any parable will give you a refreshing new insight each time you read it.

I have entered into the ELCA candidacy process after positive consultation with Bishop Mark and Pastor Carl. The process can be lengthy and challenging. I need to have a background check, and some serious evaluation, including interviews by the synod's candidacy committee.

Starting this fall, I must take at least six classes (18 credit units) regarding Lutheran theology and history and the Lutheran Year, at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. I believe I was called by God and have made a decision to dedicate my life to God through ELCA ministry. So I accept the requirements with a humble heart and strong commitment. But most of all, I am able to start the process because of all of your prayerful support. I believe we as members and friends at St. Luke's are one body of Christ with one Spirit (I Cor. 12:12). I will be encouraged whenever I see one of you. I appreciate your faithful support, wonderful smiles, friendly greetings, kind words, and most of all your very presence!

Blessings,
Taehyun Ahn



We want to say "Thank You " for the wonderful meal provided by Jennifer Kim on Sunday, August 12th. It was a marvelous treat for all who were able to attend. Times like this remind us here at St. Luke's how blessed we all are.



From the Evangelism Board

The luncheon prepared by Jennifer Kim, Taehyun's Mom, was more than anyone could have imagined. We all enjoyed so many delicious Korean dishes. It is obvious that she has a real love of cooking for people. It was a thank you from her for the love and support we have given to Taehyun. Thank you, Kim, for such a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing. Special thanks to the following people who helped make this day possible by helping with set up, serving or clean up: Carolyn Andrews, Jerry and Carol Carney, Linda Duffek, Jack and Micki Fenske, Ron and Cheryl Franklin, Ed and Kristen Ireton, Missy Jensen, John Johnsen, Ken and Debi Lentsch, Ron and Pat Webb and Thelma Williams.



The Sunday school students have been working very hard crafting items to sell for their annual art auction. They are raising funds to donate to a charity of their choice. Please be sure to join us on during the congregation picnic, Sunday, September 9th !



Come Join the Fun at our Annual BBQ Picnic, Sunday School Art Auction and Bake Sale on Sunday, September 9

The Evangelism Board is hosting a BBQ lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, cookies and beverages served in our beautiful new courtyard. Members are encouraged to bring a salad to share.

The Education Board is hosting the Art Auction at which you will have the opportunity to bid on your favorite items made by our Sunday School children. There will also be a bake sale.

Please plan to come and share in this special time of sharing with each other.

In Christian love,

Pat Webb, Chair



ITEMS NEEDED
St. Luke's Fall Festival
October 6, 2012

We are collecting reusable and sellable items for the White Elephant booth—such as furniture, kitchen items, decorations, bikes, art, tools, jewelry, toys, antiques. Please bring items to the overflow portion of the church by September 23rd. (Now is a great time to clean house/garage before the holidays and help your church!!!) We need lots of help—sorting (the week before the Festival) and on the day of the Festival. We Need YOU!

Thank You!
Judy Saxby and Carol Carney



From the Board of Worship and Music

Make a Joyful Noise...

After a restful summer, it is time for singers and musicians to return to leading our worship. Choir practice resumes Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 in the sanctuary. All are invited join in the singing under the direction of our excellent choir director, Brooke Barr. No previous experience is required and there are no auditions. The first performance date will be Sunday, September 16.

This year's Christmas Cantata will be A Festival of Lessons and Carols. It will be presented December 23 at the 10:30 service. A portion of time at each weekly choir practice will be set aside to learn this Cantata. If you would like to sing for just the Cantata, please feel free to do so. There will be a song for the children, as well.

Bell Choir practice resumes Sunday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church office. The first scheduled performance is the Thank offering service, Sunday, November 18.

The Board would like to extend a huge thank you to someone who did not rest this summer. Rosary Jenson, Choir Librarian, spent many hours reorganizing, counting and cataloging the music. She made copious notes on the condition of the pieces, what needs to be repaired, reordered and so forth. It was a very big task. Thanks, Rosary!

The Board would also like to thank all those who provided special music over the summer. It's such a nice addition to our more relaxed worship time.

Not just musicians are needed to help with worship. We also need servers and other assistants. Sign-ups for these important roles will be coming out soon. If you would like to help as a reader, prayer leader, welcome leader, server or be on altar care, look for sign-up sheets in the bulletins or in the narthex. Schedules will be set and you will be contacted with your assigned dates.

We look forward to a great Fall.



Preparations are well underway for the annual St. Luke's Fall Festival. But, we can't do it without your help. If you have time to spare on Saturday, October 6th please consider signing up to help out at one of the many booths. Set-up will begin around 6am, with the event starting at 8am. There is something for everyone to do. Even if you aren't able to help on the day of the event we can still use your assistance. Do you have paperback books you would like to donate to the Book Sale? Or perhaps

there are some items that you are willing to donate to our White Elephant Sale? Have you secretly been making crafts and don't know what to do with them? Why not give them to the Crafter's Corner to sell. I happen to know for a fact that our church members are very good in the kitchen – so why not make some home-baked goodies or even help out the day of the event with the Pancake Breakfast or Hot Dog lunch. Check out the sign-up sheets in the Church Entryway or speak with Kirsten Ireton or Peggy Moser. All the proceeds from the Fall Festival benefit the W-ELCA Benevolence Fund and your support is greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars for the September W-ELCA Meeting on Saturday, September 8th at 10:30 am. Please note the change in the time. The W-ELCA Board is supplying light brunch for everyone, so sign-up so they know how many to plan for. Wear your Red, White & Blue and if you are able bring items to support River City Blue Star Moms. A list of items needed will be in the Church Entry or online at www.rivercitybluestarmoms.com.

Funny Bone!

My cousin Ann, a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Fremont, recently told me that she posted on her church's Facebook page, "Good work on the nachos Holy Trinity! I just learned that our 2 year-old believes we worship "cheese"-us."

submitted by Kirsten Ireton



August Council Meeting Highlights

- Betty Englund and Kirsten Ireton are forming a sub committee of council to look at options and alternatives to the bronze Memorial board in the sanctuary.
- The Council decided that the proceeds from 2012 Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth will be allocated as follows:
 - 75% (\$12,124.30) to the Property Board to be spent on projects around the facility
 - 25% (\$4,041.44) to a Discretionary fund to be spent on ministry projects.
- The council will present a recommendation of 2013 Crab Feed and Fireworks booth proceeds allocation for Congregation approval with the budget at December's Annual Meeting.
- The Property Board will begin the following projects approved by council action:
 - \$2000 for asphalt/concrete repair
 - \$1500 for cabinets in the kitchen
- The Bishop has invited Taehyun to apply for candidacy with the ELCA.
 - Council decided to support Taehyun in his effort and pay the \$1000 application fee. This money will come from the Discretionary fund.
- Council approved \$850 for a large safe to be purchased and installed for all microphones and precious metals. The safe will be monitored and accessible to a small number of people. This money from the Discretionary fund.

- The Education Board and Evangelism Board are preparing for the Annual Art Auction and Congregational Picnic on September 9th. Be sure to be there!
- Choir rehearsals begin September 5th.
- W-ELCA's Fall Festival is October 6th.
- Council has decided to replace the stolen chalices with the same we had before because they were both given as memorials and in order to receive a full reimbursement from the insurance company. The microphones will be decided on at a later date.



Congratulations to Eric & Christina Kiser at the birth of their son, Aiden Somera-Olson Kiser. Aiden was born on August 12. He weighed 7lb 13oz and was 21" long. He is the great-grandson of Erwin Kiser and grandson of Duane & Marlene Kiser and nephew to Jeff Kiser.



I would like to thank everyone for all the support I have received since coming back as your Church Secretary. It is a true joy to be working with all of you again. The time I spent at home with my granddaughters full time was such a gift. Now I have been blessed with serving my church and congregation as well as my granddaughters.

Blessing to all,

Deanna

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

Sept. 2 Daniel Encinas
Sept. 9 Katy Etchison
Sept. 16 Selena Connell
Sept. 23 Joshua Bell
Sept. 30 Katy Etchison

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM

Communion Servers

Al Boschee, Ken Lentsch,
Ruth Heaton

Counters

Sept. 2 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
Sept. 9 Don Schell, Bob Behr
Sept. 16 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Sept. 23 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
Sept. 30 Carolyn Andrews, Jack Fenske,
Micki Fenske

Greeters

Sept. 2 Jerry & Carol Carney
Sept. 9
Sept. 16 Linda Duffek, Kirsten Ireton
Sept. 23
Sept. 30

Head Ushers

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

Prayer Leaders

Sept. 2 Ruth Heaton
Sept. 9 Walt Arndt
Sept. 16 Katy Etchison
Sept. 23 Tracy Etchison
Sept. 30 Karen Linfor

Psalm Leaders

Sept. 2 Derrick Mihanovich
Sept. 9 Amber Mansfield
Sept. 16 Isabella Basquez
Sept. 23 Micayla Shower
Sept. 30 Elise Mihanovich

Readers 8:15 AM

Sept. 2 Christiana Wilson
Sept. 9 Ron Webb
Sept. 16 Eric Linblade
Sept. 23 Mirabel Herrera
Sept. 30 Christiana Wilson

Readers 10:30 AM

Sept. 2 Larry Dockter
Sept. 9 Holly Hoppman
Sept. 16 Nick Manlapig
Sept. 23 Alison Thomas
Sept. 30 Triss Hoppman

Refreshments

Sept. 2 Ed & Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
Sept. 9 Annual BBQ/Sunday School
Sept. 16 Paul Maki, Chona Sison
Sept. 23 Larry & Deanna Dockter
Sept. 30 Ken & Debi Lentsch

Visitor Greeters

Sept. 2 Thelma Williams
Sept. 9
Sept. 16 Carolyn Andrews
Sept. 23 Pat Webb
Sept. 30 Pauline Arndt

Welcome Leaders

Sept. 2 Peggy Moser
Sept. 9 Pat Webb
Sept. 16 Chet Madison
Sept. 23 Carolyn Andrews
Sept. 30 Pauline Arndt

*Thanks
for
Serving!*

Pastor Carl and Taehyun with some of our guests at the luncheon provided by Jennifer Kim



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