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2012 Annual Report Issue

News And Views



2013

Pastoral Perspective



Pastor's Annual Report—2012

During 2012, I experienced what a loving and caring congregation St. Luke's is. As many of you know, Triss's father, Bob Allen, was living with esophageal cancer. In the beginning of 2012 it became quite serious. After several trips to emergency rooms and a stay in a care center, he decided to go on hospice care at home. I felt strongly called to go through this time with him. I let the church council and other leaders know I would do my best to fulfill my pastoral duties, but would be juggling care for Dad and ministry with St. Luke's. Everyone was not only understanding, but tremendously supportive. Our family was upheld with many prayers and acts of love. It was a very challenging period, but a great blessing. I truly experienced what a loving family of God is all about. I will always be very grateful to you for allowing me the flexibility to go through this time with Dad as well as the love you continually poured out upon us. On the one hand, it could be said I didn't accomplish much in the first half of 2012. I would say it was one of the most important times of shared ministry I have ever experienced.

I would like to especially thank Deanna Dockter, our office secretary, and Brooke Barr, our music director, for picking up the slack and keeping

things going smoothly in the office and music ministries of the congregation during that time. The leadership team of the congregation, led by Bob Behr, was fantastic in continuing to lead the congregation in spreading the Good News, Serving those in need, and Sharing the Victory of Jesus even when I wasn't as involved as I would have liked to have been.

The Lord also sent someone to minister with us at the beginning of 2012. Taehyun Ahn, a former Methodist minister, came to me late in 2011 and shared his powerful story of the Holy Spirit's leading him to return to ordained ministry. He was drawn to the ministry of St. Luke's and asked if we might mentor him as he worked toward ordination in the ELCA. After consultation with Bishop Mark Holmerud, the church council and I agreed to serve as his mentor. Taehyun began taking part in the leadership at St. Luke's. He helped lead the midweek Lenten services and Sunday morning services. Taehyun preached once a month at Sunday worship. He also took part in visitation, and led a powerful Bible study in the summer on Jesus' parables. We look forward to his ministering with us during 2013 as he continues to prepare for the ordained ministry of the ELCA.

Speaking of ministerial candidates, David Bentz, whom we have helped support during his time at seminary, has now graduated and been assigned to the Southeast Minnesota Synod. We look forward to hearing the news that he has received a call. He will be an excellent pastor.

I am delighted to report that after spending several months in a search for a new organist, we were blessed to have Jami Piper join our ministry team in December. She is playing organ for Communion services and teaming with Brooke in providing excellent musical leadership for our 10:30 AM worship. Jacob Wilson continues to provide much appreciated keyboard music at our 8:15 AM worship.

Worship at St. Luke's during 2012 was a vital and powerful event each Sunday. However, due to several factors, some of which always seem to remain a mystery, worship attendance decreased a bit. We went from an average Sunday worship attendance of 125 to 118. We certainly want to reverse this trend because the joy of worshipping together is so great. I urge you to join in worshipping regularly. Please encourage others to do the same. Sunday worship provides Spiritual focus and power for the week. The busier we are or the more challenges we face, the more we need that. It is truly time well spent.

Enjoy reading the annual reports that follow in this special issue of the News & Views. They highlight the many amazing ways the Lord was at work among us during 2012. Look forward with me to the Lord using us powerfully in His service during 2013.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



President's Annual Report – 2012

The year 2012 continued to be a busy one for St. Luke's with many opportunities to worship, learn, and serve others. Our church staff and Council worked hard to meet the needs of the local community, congregation, and our facility while working and sharing together.

We were fortunate and blessed to have Taehyun Ahn working with us as he took initial steps along his path to enter the Lutheran ministry. We have seen him grow throughout the year in his involvement in our worship services, presentations on the parables during the summer, and active participation in other activities of St. Luke's. He will be entering his studies at the seminary in 2013 and we will continue to support him in his journey.

This issue of News & Views shares what has transpired for the various church boards in 2012 as each board provides a summary of their activity this past year and perhaps share some of their visions for 2013. A lot was accomplished but we have the potential to do even more with the participation and support of every member and household. The Boards are always looking for additional members to be involved in the various activities. I encourage everyone to consider how they can support St. Luke's in its mission to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and spread the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

For 2013 we hope to get moving on our planning for the future of St. Luke's. This was a goal for last year but just didn't happen. So, it is a high priority this year to ask ourselves some direct questions about our church, its mission, who we serve, and how we serve. We believe this is a vital function to step back and redefine who we are and where we are going. There will be more to come on this throughout the year as we hope to give everyone an opportunity to be involved in the discussion and planning for our future.

We all continue to work through life's surprises and challenges as we go about our daily lives. I hope everyone includes attendance in church and involvement in the church's activities in

their normal routines. We all can benefit from sharing and praying together and overcoming some of the worldly challenges. We look forward to continuing our mission in 2013 and helping others to experience the joy and praise in serving our Lord and Savior.

Bob Behr, Congregational President



PROPERTY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - 2012

St. Luke's 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 St. Luke's equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds. In 2012, funds to accomplish these activities were received from three sources: the General Budget, Blumhardt Memorial Fund, and Crab Feed and Fireworks fund-raisers.

General Budget: The General Budget provides funds for the general (normal) facility-operating expenses, such as utilities, janitorial services and supplies, landscape services, and minor maintenance/improvement projects. In general, these expenses were as anticipated and budgeted with one exception: the cost of electrical energy. In mid-year, SMUD implemented an additional charge, based on the "peak" electrical demand during the year. This has increased the electrical energy costs by nearly \$200/month. The Board has begun discussions with SMUD to determine if these charges can be eliminated or reduced. In addition to the normal, facility-operating expenses, the following noteworthy efforts were completed with General Budget funds.

Replaced the leaking drinking fountain, in the church entryway, with a new ADA-compliant fountain. (\$645, including the costs for clearing the sewer line (drain).)

Replaced various style light bulbs for the exterior wall

fixtures (at doors) with globe-style, efficient fluorescent bulbs. (\$138)

Contracted a local landscape firm to replace and relocate two leaking valves for the lawn watering systems along Tangerine. (\$750)

Removed (mowed) the tall grass and weeds within the un-used areas of St. Luke's property. Each spring, the City requires the removal of tall grasses and weeds from vacant lands for fire protection. Thus, this is an annual task. The Board thanks the Ireton family for ensuring this chore was completed, not once but twice, this year. (about \$150)

Located a procurement source for specialty electrical switches in the sanctuary and replaced the nine specialty switches. (\$125)

Cleaned and painted the Altar Guild room. (\$45, not including the floor cleaning and waxing.)

Procured at no cost (thanks to the Iretons) and installed a bicycle rack.

Procure replacement bulbs for the sanctuary and arranged for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District to install the bulbs where needed (thanks to Bruce Kiser for his "connections"). The procurement included two, long-lasting LED bulbs for the Good Shepherd window. (\$131 for the bulbs)

As a result of several burglaries and simple break-ins in 2012, repaired or replaced damaged facilities, as required. Fortunately, the costs of such repairs were minimal in 2012 - but, a continuing nuisance. Where feasible, inexpensive security devices also were procured and installed.

Conducted an "All Member Work Day" on two Saturday mornings, during which minor tasks were accomplished. The 2012 efforts included washing the Schultz Hall restroom walls, picking up trash and debris, cleaning pavement areas and the courtyard area, removing pine needles from roofs, and installing gutter guards.

Blumhardt Memorial Funds: In early 2011, the congregation approved a prioritized list of projects that stated how the Blumhardt Memorial Funds were to be expended. Of the 13 projects listed, the Property Board was responsible for nine projects and was involved with two additional projects. The efforts in 2012 have completed all but one project - the Schultz Hall addition renovation, which has been scaled down. However, the 2012 expenditures for this and other projects have exhausted the Blumhardt funds, and the "addition" renovation work will be completed using Special Funds.

The projects completed in 2012 with the Blumhardt Memorial Funds are as follows:

Obtained bids and contracted with a tree removal firm to remove four trees, including a large pine tree in the SE corner of the sanctuary. (\$1,700, including the stump grinding and reseeding.)

Prepared plans and contracted with a landscape firm to renovate the watering systems for the lawns along Center Parkway. This work included replacing the sprinkler heads with water-efficient, vandal-resistant heads and modifying the landscaping for several planting areas. (\$5,840)

Contracted a local landscape firm to modify four down spouts on the west side of the sanctuary. (\$420, including the costs of minor concrete work.)

Contracted a plumber to replace the leaking hot water heater for the Schultz Hall Addition. (\$1,100)

Obtained bids and contracted with a pavement seal-coating firm to reseal the parking lot, including hot-sealing the cracks, applying a seal coat for the entire surface, and restriping the parking spaces. This work is required every five to seven years to maintain the parking lot. (\$9,000)

In Progress: Renovation of Schultz Hall restrooms to make them usable for large gatherings in Schultz Hall. The work is primarily being performed by St. Luke's individuals to reduce labor costs. At the end of 2012, the required procurements (fixtures and materials) were essentially completed. The work is on schedule and is expected to be completed in early February 2013. To date, the total expenditures are about \$4,800, with an estimated \$1,500 or less in remaining costs.

Crab Feed and Firework Booth Funds: The moneys in the Property Board Special Funds sub-account are generated by the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fund raiser efforts. The funds are essential to the continuing maintenance and improvement of the church facilities, which soon will be 50 years old. Thus, the Board encourages everyone to support the Crab Feed/Fireworks efforts. In past years, the Property Board received 100 percent of the Crab Feed/Fireworks Booth net incomes. However, in 2012, 25 percent of the funds were redirected, by the Council, to the Council Discretionary Fund for other needs. In 2012, the Crab Feed and Firework Booth moneys (the Property Board Special Funds) funded the following improvements.

Contracted an electrician to install an electrical outlet for the sanctuary sound system. (\$616)

Determined St. Luke's signage needs and specifications, procured the signs, and installed the finished signs (25 in total). The Board thanks Kirsten Ireton for her assistance on this project. (\$688)

Prepared plans and specifications, obtained bids, and contracted with a concrete firm to remove and replace the flagstone courtyard. After considerable debate and discussion, the Board elected to replace the flagstone with colored concrete without any special surface texturing. The replacement contract included (a) the installation of a courtyard drainage system, (b) replacing the walkway leading to the courtyard (which eliminated a non-ADA-compliant obstruction), and (c) constructing the concrete base for the Jerry Linfor memorial. (\$12,266, including the landscaping replacement costs.)

In conjunction with the courtyard replacement project, assisted the Linfor family in designing and constructing the Jerry Linfor memorial.

Prepared plans, obtained bids, and contracted with a concrete firm to correct a tripping hazard along the east edge of the concrete walkway, between the office and sanctuary. To correct, a one-foot strip of asphalt was removed and replaced with concrete. In addition, drains were installed to improve the drainage. (\$2,000)

As a result of losses occurring from a burglary, procured in cooperation with the Council, and installed a 36" wide by 60" tall security safe. The total cost was \$1,045 and was charged to the Council Discretionary Fund.

Prepared the project's scope and requirements, obtained bids, and contracted with a painting firm to paint the kitchen (including the cabinets), Schultz Hall, and Schultz Hall restrooms. (\$5,890)

Procured and installed 22 cabinet doors and hinges for the kitchen painting/renovation project. (\$845)

Assisted the W-ELCA women in renovating the kitchen, including installing new shelves for selected cabinets, installing heavy-plastic shelf covering on selected bottom shelves, replacing cabinet door pulls, completing minor repairs, and touching up the paint as needed. (about \$300)

The Property Board was blessed in 2012. It was excellent year and much was accomplished. The Board greatly appreciates the continuing support received throughout the year. Thank you.

In closing, I thank the 2012 Board members – Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, and Bruce Kiser – for their dedication and hours of hard work.

Clarence Korhonen, Chairperson Property Board



W-ELCA 2012 Year End Review

The St. Luke's Women of the ELCA were busy at work during 2012. We started off the year by making a motion which changed snack time as we know it – we voted to purchase a new coffee brewing system! This new system has resulted in less wasted coffee, safer handling because the pots are lighter, better tasting coffee and both regular and decaf brew being offered. We hope the congregation has appreciated this change as much as we have. Many of you may not realize that W-ELCA provides the coffee for Sunday refreshments, so if you ever would like to purchase a can of coffee just bring it on in and we will see that it gets put to good use.

A few other highlights of our year include our two annual benevolence fundraisers: Mega BUNCO and the Fall Festival. The Mega Bunco was our biggest yet. We had to set up extra tables and we made a profit of \$2,030.65. Our meal was a special treat; attendees had a choice of chicken fettuccini or pasta with meat sauce. Most chose a little of both, along with salad and rolls. We also had a great raffle with another round of wonderful prizes. As usual, the Fall Festival was a huge success. This year we raised \$2,435.56 for our benevolence! We sold out our "Rent-a-Spaces" and kept Peggy on her toes finding more places to put people. God blessed us with perfect weather and we were able to share the victory of Jesus Christ with the community in so many ways. This event is a testament to the way we

all work together as a church.

The year-end wrap-up wouldn't be complete without mentioning a few other items. We had some wonderful meetings and luncheons. The Mother's Day luncheon was well attended by 85 lovely ladies and we dined on sandwiches and salads with cupcakes made by Deanna Dockter. We were lucky enough to be serenaded by our own St. Luke's Men's Quartet. We also gave Katie and Jesse Iniguez a nice shower for their sweet baby boy, Benjamin. Most recently, we held our Christmas Luncheon in the newly painted Schultz Hall. We had a delicious meal of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, Caesar salad, Jell-O salad, yams, and rolls and it was served buffet-style in the beautifully painted kitchen. There were approximately 70 people in attendance and we were treated to a dance performance by Leonardo de Vinci Folkorico Dance Group. Oh to be young and have that much energy!

I personally want to thank the Property Board (Clarence Korhonen, Jack Fenske, Jerry Carney, Bruce Kiser and Ed Ireton) for their work on the kitchen – especially Jack and Jerry. I also want to extend a special thank you to Micki Fenske for the extraordinary effort that she has put into the kitchen. Also, thank you to Linda Duffek, Pat Webb, Kelly Boyer and Carol Carney for your assistance with the kitchen project as well. We still have a bit more to do, but I thank everyone for their efforts thus far.

W-ELCA Missions 2012 Year End Review

January – Collected 109 food items and \$80 cash for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership

February – Collected 185 personal hygiene items and \$20 cash for the Moral Values Program.

March – Collected 51 T-shirts & socks and 55 towels/blankets/sheets for the Union Gospel Mission.

April – Collected 4 very full bags of miscellaneous household goods, school supplies, personal hygiene items and gift cards for Courageous Connections.

May – 95 articles of clothing for St. John’s Shelter for Women & Children.

June – 2 large bags of towels, 2 leashes, 8 pet food items for the Sacramento SPCA.

July and August – 429 school supply items donated to Parkway Elementary and Charles Mack Elementary and 7 baby care items donated to St. John’s Shelter for Women & Children.

September – 75 food items, 14 snacks/gum items, 82 hygiene items, 26 cards, books, misc, several bags of plastic forks & spoons and \$10 cash for the River City Blue Star Moms.

October – the leftover White Elephant items were donated to WEAVE.

November – 96 food items were donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank.

December – 19 new unwrapped toys were donated to Lutheran Social Services and several women participated in the Samaritan’s Purse “Operation Christmas Child” program donating a box of goodies to a child in need in a foreign country like India.

In Christ I look forward to a year full of His blessings,

Kirsten Ireton, W-ELCA President



Board of Worship and Music Annual Report — 2012

2012 began with the introduction of a new liturgical setting, Schubert’s German Mass. It is more “classical” than many of the liturgies we have used, but very beautiful. It was used until Easter.

In the spring our organist, Jane Fanucci, accepted a full time position with another church. We were sorry to lose her but grateful that she was willing to come for some special services to help us out.

Taehyun Ahn led the liturgy on non-communion Sundays in addition to continuing to preach once a month. After completing his year of service, he and Pastor Carl met with the candidacy committee at PLTS. Taehyun was accepted as a candidate for ELCA ministry and began taking required classes. The congregation generously assisted him with his application fee.

Lenten services continued to be held immediately after the Lenten Soup Suppers. Dramas were presented of “conversations” between Biblical figures that centered on the passion of Jesus. Missy Jensen, Taehyun and Pastor Carl were the actors and did a wonderful job.

Holy week featured the usual activities with a cleaning day the Saturday before Palm Sunday, decorating with palms and Easter lilies and the beautiful living cross. Special music was presented by the Bell Choir. A new program was begun to take orders for Easter lilies in honor or memory of people. It was well received with many lilies beautifying our service for Easter. The Luau was held the third Saturday of May. It featured the music of Elvis Presley, some new games and ukulele sing alongs. Approximately \$900 was raised and, as always, a good time had by all!

The big news in the late spring was Brooke’s announcement that she is expecting a baby. The Board began planning for her maternity leave, searching for a new organist who could also substitute as choir director.

The choir took summer break beginning the Sunday after Memorial Day. Throughout the summer, special music was provided by soloists, duets, small groups and Brooke. Unfortunately,

there was break-in and the chalices and some sound equipment were stolen. The chalices were replaced with insurance money and a safe was installed in the Altar Guild room to prevent this from happening again.

Sign-ups for Readers and Prayer Leaders went out in the fall. Nick Manlapig continued as coordinator and set the schedule for these worship assistants, sending reminders each week. Sign-ups for Altar Care and Communion Serving are on-going.

Choir resumed in September. We were blessed to have Jami Piper apply for the organist position. Jami is not only a very good organist but also has excellent skills as a pianist and choir director. This will be a great help when Brooke is on maternity leave and at other times. Jami started as our organist in December. She and her husband, Allen, are a wonderful addition to our church family and musical ministry.

As the Board's annual budget was being prepared for 2013, it was noticed that flower costs had risen and the requested donations were no longer covering the cost. It was decided that the requested donation would be raised to \$20 per arrangement in January in order to cover costs.

A special treat in the fall was performances by the Bell Choir at several services. Thank you to Karen Behr for continuing to lead this dedicated group.

The new Veterans Day banners were once again used with the addition of some new people. Since Veterans Day actually fell on Sunday, special music in honor of the branches of military service was presented. The women led worship for the annual Thank Offering service the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Howard Triebwasser agreed to once again be the coordinator for the Communion Servers.

The opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias in memory or honor of someone was once again offered and well received. Dave Saxby once again obtained a beautiful tree for Christmas. The Choir presented its annual Christmas cantata on December 23, A Festival of Lessons and Carols. It featured several beautiful carols and congregational singing.

Board members for 2012 were Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor, Triss Hoppman, Karen Behr and Holly Hoppman. Ex-officio members were Brooke Barr and Pastor Carl.

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



Congratulations to Jesse and Katie Iniguez at the birth of their son, Benjamin Allen. Benjamin was born on December 5, 2012. Proud grandparents are Al and Peggy Moser.



It's A Girl!

It's a Diaper & Wipe Shower
For Alison & Marc Thomas
Sunday, February 10th after church
Pamper's brand diapers & wipes are preferred.
See all of you there.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2012**

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

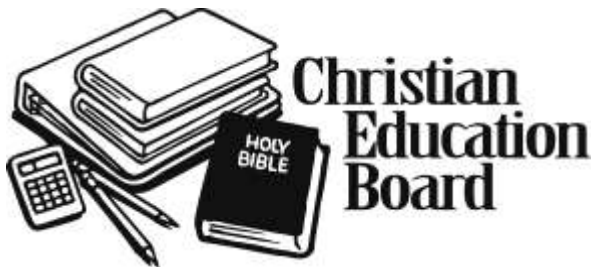
	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$23,142	\$196,579
Compared to Budget	\$298	-\$1,026
	1.3%	-0.5%
Compared to 2011	\$4,841	\$14,252
	26.4%	7.60%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		-\$1,026
Contributors:		
2012 (Current Year)	107	89 Aver.
2011 (Last Year)	98	86 Aver.

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

Notes:

a) If you need envelopes, see the Financial Secretary, Ron Webb (916-685-6345). egredhead@aol.com

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Highlights from the Education Board for 2012

Sunday School: the children had a full year of fellowship and learning led by Kirsten Ireton. They spent the summer months creating wonderful crafts to sell at the silent art auction and bake sale in September. They raised \$556.50 for their charity! They wrapped the year up with a wonderful performance at the annual Christmas Cantata.

Confirmation: We celebrated confirmation of four youth on June 10. The confirmands this year were Selena Connell, Katie Light, Daniel Encinas and Joshua Bell.

Adult Sunday School: Completed a study of the book of John and a series based on The Screw Tape Letters by CS Lewis. The Apostle Paul study began in 2012 and continues in 2013.

Crossways Series: Taehyun did a great job leading the Parables study during the summer.

We are looking forward to 2013! Please let us know how we can serve your Christian educational needs!

Respectfully submitted by: *Missy Jensen*



2012 ANNUAL REPORT—EVANGELISM BOARD

Our year began with our annual January 6th Epiphany breakfast and service celebrating God's revealing of his Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. It was a very special time of sharing with each other and remembering that God is the Savior of all.

Ash Wednesday, February 22, began our Lenten soup suppers and services. This year all of the services, except for Ash Wednesday, were held in Schultz Hall. Pastor Carl, Taehyun Ahn and Missy Jensen did a wonderful job presenting inspiring dramas each week showing us how Jesus touched so many lives. Thank you to everyone who brought all those delicious soups, breads and desserts each Wednesday to share.

We were so blessed this year to have Carol Carney and Ron Webb co-chair the Easter Breakfast on Easter

Sunday, April 8. We had a delicious breakfast of French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, coffee and juice. Special thanks to Carol and Ron and to all those who helped with set-up, cooking, serving and clean-up to make our Easter celebration so special.

On April 21, we joined together for a great outreach lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory for 4 kinds of pasta, salad, bread and even spumoni ice cream! It was a great time for all those who attended.

During the summer, we celebrated Father's Day, June 17, by honoring all our wonderful men with our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social, and in July we hosted our annual Root Beer and Orange Soda Float Sunday. Everyone looks forward to these yummy treats, especially on a hot July day.

In September, we joined with the Education Board for the annual BBQ picnic and Sunday School art auction and bake sale to celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School and adult Bible study classes. This is always a great time to get together, enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch (thank you Ed Ireton for the great job on the BBQ) and let the children know how important they are to us by supporting them.

I hope you didn't miss the Annual Heritage Potluck on Reformation Sunday, October 28. This year in addition to all the wonderful food

(family favorites or one representing your heritage), everyone had the opportunity to learn more about Martin Luther. Thanks to Pauline for designing the placemats with questions about Martin Luther and the Reformation, to Paul Maki for printing them for us, and to Pastor Carl for his tie-breaking questions.

We closed the year with the Congregational Potluck and meeting on Sunday, December 9. Thanks to W-ELCA for providing the beautiful Christmas decorations and to everyone who brought food and helped set up, serve and clean up.

Thank you to Pat Hamilton who did a great job this year of making sure we always have greeters every Sunday to extend that special welcome as we arrive for worship.

During the year, we joined Pastor Carl in visiting those who are no longer physically able to come to worship services. These visits are so appreciated and we receive just as much or more from this special time of sharing.

This year we also had the privilege to share ministry with Taehyun Ahn as he prepares to serve the ELCA.

As you can see, we have had a very exciting year, but none of this would be possible without my faithful board members, Carolyn Andrews, Pauline Arndt, and Thelma Williams. I also want to thank Pastor Carl for

his guidance and support in all we do to provide leadership and direction for congregational care and work to spread, serve and share God's word.

We feel so blessed to be a part of our wonderful church family. We appreciate everyone's support of our Evangelism programs and look forward to another year of sharing with you.

Pat Webb, Chair
Evangelism Board



W-ELCA

The St. Luke's Women of ELCA are pleased to announce their 2012 Benevolence donations as approved at their General Meeting on January 12, 2013. We have been so blessed this past year and thank everyone who helped make 2012 a great year of giving. In total, we donated \$3,910 to the following:

Adopt-A-Chaplain \$360
Boys & Girls Club of Sacramento \$200
Christmas Promise \$300
Courage to Be You \$250
Courageous Connections \$500
Elk Grove Food Bank \$250
Foundation for International Community Assistance \$100
Moral Values Program \$500
Pastor's Assistance \$300
River City Blue Star Moms \$100
South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership \$250

St. Luke's for Office Supplies \$100
Taehyun Anh \$500
WIND Youth Services \$200

The 2013 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, Baby Showers, and the Fall Festival), and the organizations that we will be supporting each month.

The W-ELCA Board looks forward to seeing everyone at our February 9th 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 Campbell's Chunky Soups or Progresso Soups & Crackers for Pastor's Assistance. These soups should be in pop-top cans and not condensed soups.

We are also looking forward to a Diaper & Wipe shower for Alison & Marc Thomas as we help them celebrate the upcoming birth of their new baby girl. The couple prefers Pampers' brand diapers. Please come and share the joyous occasion with special cake after church on Sunday, February 10th in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the February 13th 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



What a blessing it was to have January 6 fall on a Sunday this year as it made it possible for everyone in our congregation to be part of our annual Epiphany breakfast and service celebrating the revealing of God's Son, Jesus Christ, to the world.

For the first time, both the 9:30 am breakfast and worship service were held in Schultz Hall. Over 100 of us enjoyed delicious breakfast casseroles (prepared and served by our faithful board members, Carolyn Andrews, Thelma Williams, Pauline Arndt (and Walt) and Pat. Thanks to everyone who brought fruit, muffins, nut breads, and coffeecake to share. Special thanks to Ron Webb for setting up all the tables and to him and Ron and Cheryl Franklin for coming very early on Sunday morning to prepare Schultz Hall for the worship service. Thanks to everyone who stayed to help clean up—it was so appreciated.

Pauline--thanks for the wonderful table decorations featuring scenes of Epiphany and the Magi and to Pastor Carl for a wonderful message that God's love is for all of us.

Ash Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

We begin the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday, February 13, with our first soup supper hosted by W-ELCA. The soup supper will be at 6pm in Schultz Hall followed by the Holy Communion worship service in the Sanctuary at 7pm. You are invited to come and enjoy delicious soups, bread and desserts and share in this special fellowship

and worship.

Following Ash Wednesday, soup suppers and services will be held each Wednesday at 6pm in Schultz Hall through Wednesday, March 20th. Each Wednesday soup supper will be hosted by a different board, the Council or the congregation.

In loving service,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Wednesday, February 13

Soup Supper at 6:00pm

Service of Holy Communion
and Imposition of Ashes
at 7:00 pm



Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm for our Lenten Soup Suppers and Services to be held in Schultz Hall. This is a wonderful time of fellowship to share and learn with one another.



We are saddened to report the sudden death of Karen Behr on January 24th. Please give thanks for her wonderful and caring life among us and the new life she has with Jesus in heaven for eternity. Please keep Bob and the whole family in your prayers.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, February 1st at St. Luke's at 3:00 PM.

Remembering Jerry Linfor
July 14, 1934-February 19, 2012



"In the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore"



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Highlights - 01/15/2013**

- Worship attendance during 2012 is down by 7 as compared to 2011. Want to encourage those who are not coming to church regularly.
- The Worship and Music Board is looking for more people to sign-up for Altar guild.
- The Education Board will put out a suggestion box, to see what the congregation feels are their educational needs, and how we can serve them, to hopefully develop a curriculum for the coming years.
- Wednesday Lenten soup suppers are starting on February 16 – WELCA will host the first one. Refreshment calendar will be updated and up on Sunday.
- Restrooms behind Schultz Hall are just about finished. Many thanks to Jack and Jerry for the wonderful job they have done. It will be ready for the Winter Sanctuary event on 2/11.
- Property Board is working on Security issues
- WELCA is hosting a baby shower for Alison and Marc Thomas on February 10th, 2013.
- WELCA has decided to adopt a family during the 2013 Christmas season through an organization called Christmas Promise.
- Winter Sanctuary is coming up on 2/11/13. We will have up to 100 homeless people being picked up and brought here to stay overnight. We will serve them dinner, give them a warm place to sleep and provide a breakfast.
- The Council is reviewing a Continuing Resolution for use of kitchen.
- Strategic Planning meeting will be held Saturday, February 16, 10am at church. The Blumhardt Fund has a zero balance, all projects have been completed!

Holly Hoppman—Church Council Secretary

Epiphany Breakfast—January 6, 2013





BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

February 1	Diane McDonald
February 3	Daniel Connell
February 7	John Mansfield
February 8	Steven Mihanovich
February 10	Landon Cooper
February 10	Holly Hoppman
February 11	Joyce Finnegan
February 11	Debbie Silverberg
February 15	Ed Ireton
February 16	MaryAnn Janes
February 17	Eric Linblade
February 17	Ian Petersen
February 19	Katy Etchison
February 22	Ron Webb
February 24	Lajuan Andrews
February 26	Gloria (Kambak) Kaiser
February 26	Salina Villanueva
February 27	Megan Thomas
February 28	Cheryl Franklin



Altar Flowers

- February 3 *Thelma Williams & John Johnsen In Memory of Our Parents*
- February 10 *Rosary Jensen; Triss and Carl Hoppman for Holly's 31st Birthday*
- February 17 *Karen Linfor In Memory of Beloved Husband Jerry; The Etchison Family For Katy's 16th Birthday*
- February 24 *Rosary Jensen In Memory of Grandparents*



I would like to thank Al Moser for all he does around the office for me. It only takes a phone call and he is here before I know it with a smile and a willingness to help.

In Christ,
Deanna Dockter

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes
Feb. 3 Daniel Encinas
Feb. 10 Katy Etchison
Feb. 17 Selena Connell
Feb. 24 Joshua Bell

Altar Care
8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Jennifer Connell

Communion Servers
Howard Triebwasser, Ken Lentsch,
Debi Lentsch

Counters
Feb. 3 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
Feb. 10 Don Schell, Bob Behr
Feb. 17 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Feb. 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters
Feb. 3
Feb. 10
Feb. 17
Feb. 24 Jerry & Carol Carney

Head Ushers
8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders
Feb. 3 Bob Behr
Feb. 10 Mary Harris
Feb. 17 Karen Behr
Feb. 24 Marlene Kiser

Psalm Leaders
Feb. 3 Derrick Mihanovich
Feb. 10 Elizabeth Wilson
Feb. 17 Amber Mansfield
Feb. 24 Aiyana Tice

Readers 8:15 AM
Feb. 3 Kristine Felgenhauer
Feb. 10 Phil Petersen
Feb. 17 Christiana Wilson
Feb. 24 Kelly Boyer

Readers 10:30 AM
Feb. 3 Pat Webb
Feb. 10 Marlene Kiser
Feb. 17 Elise Mihanovich
Feb. 24 Bob Behr

Wednesday Lenten Readers
Feb. 13 Karen Behr
Feb. 20 Mary Harris
Feb. 27 Tracy Etchison

Wednesday, Lenten Prayer Leaders
Feb. 13 Nick Manlapig
Feb. 20 Elise Mihanovich
Feb. 27 Pat Webb

Refreshments
Feb. 3 Ofelia Ojeda
Feb. 10 Thomas Baby Shower
Feb. 17 Mack & Carole Vance
Feb. 24 Pending

Visitor Greeters
Feb. 3 Thelma Williams
Feb. 10 Carole Vance
Feb. 17 Pat Webb
Feb. 24 Pauline Arndt

Welcome Leaders
Feb. 3 Peggy Moser
Feb. 10 Pat Webb
Feb. 17 Chet Madison
Feb. 24 Carolyn Andrews



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Wednesday**

**Soup Supper—February 13
6:00PM**