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News And Views

WOMEN'S MAY 2013

Pastoral Perspective



The Good News of Easter is that the risen Lord Jesus is with us at all times. He is with us even at the time of death to give us new life. We can be confident that we and our loved ones have life, now and for eternity. We have not been defeated or ground down by death.

On his way into the village of Nain, Jesus meets a grieving woman on her way to the cemetery. She certainly has every reason to grieve. First, her husband had died, and then her only son! What's the use, she must have wondered. Life seemed to have lost all purpose and meaning. Roll the stone against the door and write: "The end: It's all over. I've called it quits. I've tossed in the towel." But God has a way of moving stones, just as He did with that big one which blocked the door to Jesus' grave.

He replaced the woman's cries of anguish with shouts of joy. Remember that when you are sure the end has come, the burden is too big, the battle is over, the enemy has prevailed.

God acted mightily: "When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. 'Don't cry!' he said. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. 'Young man,' he said, 'I tell you, get up.' Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother." (Luke 7:13-15)

The joy we can share from this event is that the mighty thing that happened was not just a single isolated revival, but a pledge and promise of things to come. The Lord Jesus showed Himself once again to be the unmistakable ray of light which announced and assured the dawn of the glad day of resurrection. Remember Jesus said of Himself, "I am the resurrection and the life." In Him, in His Easter conquest of the coffin and triumph over the tomb, the resurrection of all believers has been assured.

"Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk!" Don't you wonder what he had to say? Did he tell his eager attentive listeners all about the experience of dying and being dead? Oh, if only someone would. If only someone would take all the mystery out of death so we wouldn't be frightened by it. But all we have is the miracle of Easter, the miracle of the one who was raised eternally from the dead. In that greatest of all miracles the sting and horror of death is really removed for us. Easter is all we have. But it is enough!

The crowd's reaction to the raising of the son by Jesus was quite appropriate. With joy and thanksgiving they shouted, "God has visited his people!" They realized that in Jesus, God was active, He was there. This visit was to prove to be a redemptive and eternal visit.

The visit was redemptive because Jesus came to bear the burden of a cross to the lonely hill

of Golgotha, there to die so that God might blot out our offenses from His sight forever, henceforth to see us through the life giving eyes of Jesus. Christ visited Calvary and God no longer visits us for our sins. For three days Jesus visited a garden grave and then burst the bonds of death by His Easter rising. And now we are but temporary visitors in the tomb. For as He received, He gives us--new and immortal bodies in a new world.

The visit was also eternal. It reaches to all times and all places. Don't fret that Jesus has gone back to the Father and left us alone to suffer and die. He is right here in the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, Who makes us more than conquerors over every trial and suffering and loss. He is there in others to comfort, console and encourage. He is there every time water is poured on the head in baptism. He is there in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. He is there even at the time of death.

Let us respond with the joy and thanksgiving that comes with the knowledge that He redeems and He is here. God has and continues to visit His people and give them new life. So it was for the widow of Nain, so it is for us. Let others know this Good News is for them too.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



The Presidents' Corner It's been a few months since I last wrote and much has happened at St. Luke's.

We had another successful Crab Feed due to the efforts of many folks in so many ways. Lent was a special time with soup suppers, fellowship around the table, and short plays on the events leading up to Holy Week and Easter. We celebrated Easter with a full house for worship preceded by a wonderful Easter breakfast and egg hunt for the children, in spite of the stormy night before.

So now we look forward to the time leading up to summer as a time to begin a new Bible study with Pastor, help clean up our facilities and grounds, and continue to attend our Sunday worship services. The days and months seem to go by quickly as we move from season to season.

At our Council meeting in April, we reviewed proposed opportunities for using the Crab Feed earnings to reach out and serve others as well as continuing to support the maintenance of our facilities. We allocated \$3,000 to upgrade the nursery and develop a clothing exchange program for children in the community. Another \$650 went to the Evangelism Board to develop a system to make audio copies of our worship services to primarily reach out to those who are not physically able to attend. The Crab Feed committee received \$220 to purchase needed utensils to support Crab Feed events. And finally, \$4,678 was allocated to the Property Board for use towards their list of projects. We thank everyone who made this possible through their efforts working the Crab Feed, attending and supporting this event, or for donating various items or services for the raffle.

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

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



Congratulations to Justin and Laura Tice at the birth of their daughter, Amelia Quinn. Amelia was born on March 24. She weighed 8lb 5oz and was 20 1/2" long. Lets not forget big sister, Aiyana, grandma, Karen Cagle and great-grandmothers, Sylvia Kohler and Lou Tice.

Thanks
for your
participation

The generosity of the congregation, both monetarily, and the willingness to help prepare in advance, and work the day of the event was truly overwhelming and we can't thank you

enough. You all did so much to make our job such a pleasure – can't mention every thing everyone did but –We hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter Breakfast as much as we enjoyed being co-chair of such an incredible time of fellowship in celebration of the risen Christ.

We thank Carolyn Andrews, Kelly Boyer, Deanna Dockter, Bruce Kiser (Karen did you know he can run a mean vacuum) and Pat Webb for setting up and decorating Schultz Hall. We thank the Saturday morning Kitchen Crew, Larry Dockter, Carol Carney, and Eric Linblade; the Sunday morning Kitchen Crew, first the egg couple Jack & Micki Fenske for supplying and preparing all the scrambled eggs (great recipe) Bob Behr (Mr. Ham), Ben Briel, Carol Carney (Ms. Everywhere) and her support Jerry Carney, Deanna Dockter (The Sausage Lady), her other half Larry Dockter, and Eric Linblade (Mr. Vanilla) and the servers Selena Connell, Linda Duffek and Missy Jensen.

The clean up crew, Justin Tice & his mother Karen Cagle, and Christiana Wilson – you were the greatest – all the dishes were done in no time.

And the un-decorating group Carole Edwards, Irma Lowe, Pat Webb and Christiana Wilson.

If we missed anyone please except our thanks.

In Christ,

Carol Carney
Ron Webb



Easter Sunday was a wonderful time of celebration and fellowship. Special thanks to Carol Carney and Ron Webb for a great job co-chairing the

breakfast. Over 100 people enjoyed a delicious breakfast of French Toast, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, sliced peaches, sweet rolls, coffee and juice. We appreciate everyone who helped with set-up, food preparation, serving and clean-up. Thanks to Jerry and Carol, our leftovers were shared with the Union Gospel Mission. Even with a price increase this year for the ham, the generous free-will donations covered our expenses.



**AFTER SERVICE
REFRESHMENTS**

Thank you to all our wonderful servers who make sure that every Sunday we can all enjoy a time of fellowship and snacks after church. To help everyone who serves or may be considering becoming a server, we have posted in Room #5 suggestions for serving from making coffee, setting up and clean-up. We hope you will find these suggestions helpful.



Dear Carl,

Thank you for playing a pivotal role in the success of the 2012-2013 Winter Sanctuary. We appreciate you and your congregations commitment for providing one day of shelter for Sacramento's homeless.

Sincerely,
Sacramento Steps Forward



Dear St. Luke's Lutheran Church

On behalf of the children and staff of the Sacramento Children's Home, we would like to thank you for your donation. We truly appreciate your gift and thoughtfulness.

Our professional staff, which provides round-the-clock expertise on the full range of childhood development issues, serves more than 5,000 children and 3,500 families annually—a broader continuum of care than any other agency of its kind in the region.

Thank you for your generosity. We are grateful for your commitment to making a difference to children and families throughout the great Sacramento area.

Sincerely,
Roy Alexander, LCSW
Chief Executive Officer



Reading The Bible Christian Education Board:

In last month's News and Views, we mentioned the success of the Christian Education survey. Pastor is leading us through our Bible reading classes, which began with an orientation class on Sunday, April 14th. On May 5, we will begin our group study class. Group study is a conversational, group environment where people can explore and grow our faith together. It's a safe place to ask questions about faith and learn about the Bible. Here are a few highlights from the first three meetings:

Chapter One: Story

Each of our stories is a part of a bigger story – God's story

As a group, we will explore the Bible together looking for guidance so we may find our place in the story

Chapter Two: Scripture

The primary way God reveals himself to us today is through Scripture

The Bible is both historically reliable and relevant to our lives

Chapter Three: Creation

The story begins with a glorious Creator and his beautiful creation

Human beings were created to reflect God's image and be in a relationship with him

The results of the recent survey were clear. We all have a desire to grow in our relationship with God. What exactly *is* growing? The answer is found in a New Testament book of the Bible. It is in a letter written by the apostle Paul: 2 Thessalonians 1; 3-4 "We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for

each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trails you are enduring."

Paul is congratulating them on growing their faith. So what's the big deal about faith? Well, God wants to grow our faith, and here's why. . . Because faith, or trust, is the centerpiece of every great relationship. You can't have a healthy relationship with anyone without faith or trust. As trust deepens, relationships deepen and mature. God sent Jesus into the world to reestablish a relationship with mankind. For that relationship to happen there must be trust, or to use the Bible word, faith. Anything that enhances trust between two entities enhances the relationship. Think about your spouses, siblings, and friends. Grow the trust and you deepen the relationship.

Come join us on Sunday, May 5, in Room 4 from 9-10:15. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like more information.
Missy Jensen, Chair for Christian Education Board
916.400.3517.



Graduation Sunday is June 9. If you or someone you know are graduating from high school or college, please let the church office know. We are excited to celebrate with you.

Unlocked Church Doors



The church doors are being left opened – unlocked or locked but unlatched – too often! Needless to say, unlocked doors are inviting to unwanted, mischievous/malicious guests and create losses for St. Luke's. It is suspected that, in the recent St. Luke's burglary (during which, sound equipment and the communion chalices were stolen), entrance was gained through an unlocked door. Other instances have occurred, in which, the damage was minor, but added chores were created. Example, this winter someone got into Schultz Hall and released the contents of a fire extinguisher – a mess to clean up but no insurance claim.

As you have no doubt seen, the Property Board has installed bright yellow notices on all the doors to remind those who are responsible for locking up to ensure the doors are latched and locked. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon to find a door locked but **unlatched**, especially during the winter months when the doors swell and do not latch without a little effort.

In addition, red "emergency exit only" signs have been installed on four exterior doors, which are seldom used. Nonetheless, these are the doors which are most often found unlocked.

- The door by the Altar Guild room.
- The south (Tangerine) sanctuary door.
- The east Multi-Purpose room door.
- The east door of the Schultz Hall addition.

Finally, Chairperson Clarence Korhonen is contacting the leader of each non-St. Luke's group that uses St. Luke's facilities and reminding each to make sure the facilities are locked when leaving.

It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure the church facilities are secure. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

St. Luke's Property Board

mother's DAY

Just a brief reminder to all the lovely ladies of St. Luke's, please mark your calendars for our annual W-ELCA Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th at 11:30am. Please bring a friend to share this special day with us. We will be collecting undergarments for women & children at St. John's Shelter.



Preparations are underway for this year's MEGA Bunco on Saturday, June 1st and tickets will be on sale soon, so save the date and tell your friends. You don't want to miss this fun event that is sure to sell out again this year. Tickets are only \$15 and include a pasta dinner. Proceeds benefit the W-ELCA Benevolence Fund. Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm and BUNCO at 7:00pm. This year we will also be collecting pet supplies & food for the Sacramento SPCA. We will soon be asking for card tables so if you have one or two you can loan us please see Peggy Moser.



We continue to be blessed by so many things in our lives and in our congregation, I especially want to thank the Property Board, especially Jack and Jerry, for their constant upkeep of our facility. Please know that your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. Also, I would like to thank the Connell Family for their generous donation to the Passover Supper again this year and in year's past. Your continued support of this event is so greatly appreciated by your church family. I would also like to thank everyone that helped out with this year's Passover Supper, especially Linda Duffek, who chaired this year's event.

In Christ,
Kirsten Ireton, W-ELCA President



The 2013 Relay For Life of Elk Grove event is May 18th & 19th 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. Last year we raised over \$3,500 for cancer research, support service, programs and advocacy. You can visit the Relay Website for information about signing up or Luminaria donations: www.relayforlife.org/elkgrovec. 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! Kirsten Ireton also has raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt handmade by Pat Lehman for a suggested donation of \$5 per ticket. The raffle will be held on May 18th.



Council approved the use of Crab Feed funds at April's meeting to be shared between Evangelism, Community Concerns, and the Property boards. The Board of Community Concerns is excited about moving forward with the Nursery and Baby Clothing Exchange project. With a fresh coat of paint, some changes to the room, and storage for the clothing exchange, we hope to have the room functioning as a nursery by June.

The clothing exchange will be an ongoing project we hope will meet a need that all families face: ever growing babies. The exchange will be open to everyone in the congregation and any community members who wish to donate outgrown clothes and/or pick up bigger sized clothes. We will be accepting baby and toddler clothes sized newborn-5T.

On a similar note, many many thanks go out to the Connell family, who will expanding the baby room off the narthex for parents to take their little ones during services.

Keep an eye out for more information and sign up sheets for our Neighbors helping Neighbors program. Please consider how you can use your time and talents to help others. The goal is to get sign ups from our congregation who would like to lend a hand to those in the community around St. Luke's.



RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES

As we have a number of members who are no longer able to attend Sunday worship services, we will soon start recording our worship services once a month. Copies will then be personally delivered to our shut-ins. CD players will be available for those who do not have one. Copies will also be available for anyone who would appreciate one.

If you or someone you know would enjoy one of our worship CD's, please let me, Pastor Carl, or any member of our board know. We hope that this new program will allow everyone to participate in worship and bring us all closer as a church family.

Blessings,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Proud Parents to be:
Anthony and Deanna



Grandpa Bob
With Megan and
Bekka

Brooke, David and Jesse



Big Sister Aiyana with Amelia



Jesse, Katie
and
Benjamin
at the
ballgame



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

MARCH 2013 OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$21,101	\$51,234
Compared to Budget	\$3,185	\$132
	17.8%	0.3%
Compared to 2012	\$6,208	\$1,783
	41.7%	3.60%
Projected Year-End Balance (Compared to budget)		\$12,274
Contributors:		
2013 (Current Year)	117	97 Average
2012 (Last Year)	86	91 Average

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School - \$44.18
- b) Flowers (including Lilly's) \$550.00

Ron Webb

Financial Secretary



**Keep kids in the pews
Noise is the sound of
growth**

Children are the future of the church, and we must pass on our faith (Hebrews 11 for an example). Let's face it, if we don't have kids in the pews, we have no reason to expect that they will magically flock to the church as teenagers.

I now this might ruffle a few feathers, but the fact that a child is making some noise shouldn't concern folks as much as a sanctuary that is silent. The noise of our kids makes is the sound of the church growing. We should celebrate this holy noise and be grateful that someone cared enough to pass the faith on to them.

Pastor Telyea
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Bellevue, Washington



The Alzheimer's Association will be hosting workshops Tuesdays, May 7, May 14 and May 21. One will be for the caregivers and the other for early Alzheimer's patients. Flyers and more information will be available in the office.



May 2	Kelly Boyer
May 2	Genie Sommer
May 8	Jennifer Petersen
May 9	Katie Iniguez
May 16	Tracy Etchison
May 17	Debi Lentsch
May 18	Bob Guilbeau
May 18	Brenda Sulzman
May 18	Alison Thomas
May 19	Samantha Basquez
May 23	Claire Kerian
May 25	Ginny Almeida
May 26	Nancy Minning
May 30	Carol Carney
May 30	Dorothy Haney
May 30	Justin Tice
May 31	Duane Reule

If your birthday is this month and you are not on our list please notify the church office, so we can update our files.



May 5	<i>Larry & Deanna Dockter For Jeremy's Birthday</i>
May 12	<i>"Hannelore and Inge in loving memory of our mother Hedwig Marchuk"; Al & Irene Boschee For Loved Ones</i>
May 19	<i>Ken Lentsch For Debi's Birthday</i>
May 26	<i>Reuben & Ruth Jones For 65th Wedding Anniversary</i>



I want to say thanks to everyone who helped make the Passover dinner a great success.

A special thank you to the Connell Family for your generous contribution.

I am glad to be part of the team that keeps this tradition going.

Linda Duffek
Chair Passover Supper

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

May 5 Daniel Encinas
May 12 Katy Etchison
May 19 Selena Connell
May 26 Joshua Bell

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Mary Harris, Peggy Moser

Communion Servers

Ken Lentsch, Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule

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

Counters

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

Greeters

May 5 Ron, Debbie and Ryan Johansen
May 12 Jack and Micki Fenske
May 19 Jerry and Carol Carney
May 26 Paul Maki and Chona Sison

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

Head Ushers

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

Prayer Leaders

May 5 Bob Behr
May 12 Mary Harris
May 19 Barbara Manlapig
May 26 Tracy Etchison

Psalm Leaders

May 5 Elizabeth Wilson
May 12 Amber Mansfield
May 19 Aiyana Tice
May 26 Isabella Basquez

Readers 8:15 AM

May 5 Eric Linblade
May 12 Phil Petersen
May 19 Phil Petersen
May 26 Christiana Wilson

Readers 10:30 AM

May 5 Samantha Basquez
May 12 Barbara Manlapig
May 19 Larry Dockter
May 26 Pat Webb

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

Refreshments

May 5 Ed & Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
May 12 Kelly Boyer
May 19 Paul Maki and Chona Sison
May 26 Jerry & Carol Carney

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

Visitor Greeters

May 5 Carole Vance
May 12 Kelly Boyer
May 19 Pauline Arndt
May 26 Carolyn Andrews

Welcome Leaders

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



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Brooke Barr with Jesse,
Katie Iniguez with Benjamin
Alison Thomas with Sarah