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# News And Views



## Pastoral Perspective



The old school basics for a good education are the three “Rs”: Reading, (W)riting, and (A)rithmetic. Sticking to these three “Rs” can provide all that is really needed to be well educated.

The old school basics for a good education in the Lord are also three “Rs”— Revelation, Reflection and Reinforcement. Sticking to these three “Rs” can provide all that is really needed to be well educated in the Lord. Paul’s experience of turning to God’s way from his own way as described in Galatians 1:11-24 shows these three “Rs” in action.

First off, there is Revelation. That’s the voice from outside. That’s God speaking to you. Jesus said to Paul, “Why are you persecuting me?” (see Galatians 1:15-16a and Acts 9:4) Paul had been trying to relate with God and others in his own way. That’s like trying to do arithmetic without paying attention to how it works. Paul just tried to apply his own rules and ways to life and relationship with the Lord. He ended up sure of himself and his answers, but he was completely wrong. God made that very clear to him. Perhaps you have tried to relate with God and others in your own way. You are so sure it must be right, but something happens that makes it very clear you are completely wrong. In my life, that has happened when I used to think if I just tried my best to please

everyone, they would be happy. Boy, did God ever make it clear to me that doesn’t work. I used to think I could solve everyone’s problems if I just tried hard enough. God revealed to me that was not possible and also was very self-centered. I used to think God didn’t want to have a relationship with me because I mess up and give into temptation. God has revealed to me that’s just not right. You get the idea? When God reveals to us our mistakes in relating with Him and others, He is working on educating us. That’s a good thing. We are learning and growing through these revelations.

It’s very important what we do with these revelations, however. That’s where the second “R” comes in—Reflection. After Jesus revelation to Paul and the all that happened to him then, Paul needed to reflect. In Galatians 1:16b-17, we read how Paul went away on his own for some time and really thought about what had been revealed to him and what it meant for his relationship with God and others. This is like the homework. It is so important to do if you are going to learn anything. Many times in school I would try to fake my way without doing my homework. It never worked very well. I didn’t really know what I was talking about and it showed. You just have to do your homework to really get a grasp of what the teacher is trying to teach you. When things are revealed to you about the way you are relating with God and others, you have got to reflect on the revelation until you get a grasp of how to do it God’s way. Other-

wise you don't really put the revelation to work in your life. Sometimes, I've had to have something revealed to me several times before I have been really willing to reflect on it and learn from it. Thankfully, God is a very patient teacher, but He expects us to do our homework.

Happily, we are not alone as we are educated in the Lord. We have many opportunities for our third "R"—Reinforcement. Paul tells the Galatian Christians in chapter 1, verses 18-24 that after reflection, he went to Jerusalem to check himself out with the first followers of Jesus. This sharing reinforced Paul's faith and his resolve to keep growing in the Lord. The reinforcing fellowship of the church is such an important basic in being educated in the Lord. We know that, but don't always act on it. I remember when I was in college I thought it was pretty cool that I didn't "have" to go to class. I had spent so many years with attendance strictly monitored, I loved getting to skip classes. I soon realized by doing that, however, I wasn't learning much and I was getting into trouble. As an adult, no one makes you go to hear and share in the Lord's word in worship, Bible study or other opportunities for reinforcement in the Lord. But skipping these opportunities makes it hard to get proper reinforcement of what God wants to teach you.

So as you consider how you can grow in the Lord, remember the three "Rs". If you stick to them you won't go wrong. You will have all that is needed for a great education in the Lord.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,  
*Pastor Carl*



Good-bye summer and hello fall! St. Luke's is in full swing with activities and programs.

Our education programs are back and going strong. We had a great kick-off picnic in the courtyard a few weeks ago. Thanks to Pat Webb and Missy Jensen and all you who provided assistance in setting up, barbecuing (Thanks, Ed), bringing salads, cleaning up, and baking for the bake sale. It was a relaxing time of eating, sharing, and eating some more despite the warm afternoon. Thanks to all who helped Community Concerns assemble the kits for Mack and Parkway Schools. Wow! It was great to see such support provided by St. Luke's to be able to reach out to children in the community. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to an important outreach.

The WELCA Fall Festival will be here soon on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of areas available, for all of us who can, to get involved and enjoy the fellowship and community activity. This is an important event in helping WELCA raise funds for the many benevolent programs that they support during the year.

Your council is entering the budget cycle for 2014 and reviewing programs and fixed-expenses to develop the budget framework that will allow us to continue to fulfill our mission of spreading, serving and sharing. In addition, we have some big shoes to fill as Larry Dockter will be completing his service as Church Treasurer for the past four years. Thanks Larry! We may have a few other positions to fill on Council so we'll have a nominating committee in place to look for those willing to serve in the leadership of the church. We all have talents to share in our church's mission. Please consider how you can use your time and talents to be a part of our work here. We always have space for new ideas and enthusiasm in spreading the Good News.

Of course, our ability to maintain our programs, facilities, and staff is dependent on the financial support provided by all in the church family. We have been truly blessed over the years to have great support during both good and not so good economic times. We need to continue to have everyone's support to ensure St. Luke's can continue as a vital member of the community and a welcoming place for worship. We can do a lot working together for the glory of God.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,  
*Bob Behr*



### **Group Study – Bible Study**

**What:** Group Study is an interactive study group that takes the Word of God and applies it to our everyday life.

**When:** Sunday's @ 11:00 AM

**Where:** Room 4 in the education wing

**Current Topic:** God's Comfort

Times of pain can tear our hearts, wound our spirits, and leave us broken and scared. We long for comfort. If we seek God's comfort, we will find a wealth of resources. In the process we may even find that our suffering becomes a source of personal growth, wisdom and compassion that takes us beyond ourselves. In these studies we will discover how to meet God in the midst of struggles and receive His strength and grace.

Please extend an invitation to anyone you would think would benefit from a time of fellowship.



# **KISS**

## **(keep it simple service) An Alternative Worship Service**

**What:** Just the essentials: Prayer, Word and Community – about 30 minutes!

**When:** Sundays @ 12:16PM

**Where:** St. Luke's Church  
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***COME GET YOUR GOD ON!***



Are you in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade? Are you interested in having fun, doing service projects, meeting new people and going places? Then come help get SLY back off the ground. Kirsten Ireton is our new Youth Group Leader and wants to make sure the group has some fun activities and also gives back to the community at the same time. If you are interested in helping on the Youth Board please talk with Kirsten.



The first activity, which is open to all, is the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol at 1:00pm. See Kirsten for information about the walk or register online at <http://tinyurl.com/mrcfxrh>. If you would like to make a donation to our team see Pastor Carl or Kirsten. The walk benefits local food closets.



### W-ELCA

Just a reminder that the Fall Festival is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Bring you homemade baked goodies for the Country Store to the church office Friday by noon or Saturday morning by 7:00am. Please make sure they are packaged and ready to sell.

The women's group will be having a short business meeting on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. There will be Coffee and tea provided.



On Friday, August 23, 21 people enjoyed a delicious lunch and had a good time of sharing. It was a great way to support the St. John's Shelter for Women and Children as the Café is part of their on-the-job training program for women to have careers in the food service, catering, retail and hospitality industries.

If you haven't been to the Café yet, be sure to give it a try. You won't be disappointed. The Café is located at the Sacramento Army Depot, 14 Business Park Way.



### OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BBQ PICNIC AND BAKE SALE

Despite it being a little warm, everyone had a good time. We had a wonderful selection of salads along with delicious barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Special thanks to Ed Ireton for doing a fabulous job on the BBQ. A BIG thank you to the following people who helped with either set up, serving or clean up: Carolyn Andrews, Pauline and Walt Arndt, Bob Behr, Deanna and Larry Dockter, Lynn Gavia, Pat Hamilton, Paul Heaton, Holly Hoppman, Kirsten Ireton, John Johnsen, Bruce Kiser, Jeff Kiser, Clarence Korhonen, Al Moser, Carole and Mack Vance, Pat and Ron Webb, and Thelma Williams.

After the picnic, many joined together to fill backpacks with all the school supplies that were so generously donated this summer. The backpacks and school supplies were divided between the Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary

schools. This service project, "God's Work, Our Hands", was in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA.

It was a great day of sharing and a wonderful beginning to our fall Sunday School and Adult Education classes.

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair  
Missy Jensen, Education Chair  
Al Moser, Community Concerns Chair



**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
ANNUAL HERITAGE POTLUCK,  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 at  
11:30 AM**

What can be better than learning more about the Reformation, enjoying good food and fellowship? You won't want to miss one of our favorite potlucks of the year. You are encouraged to bring a dish representing your heritage or one of your family's favorites.

Please bring one or more family keepsakes that you would like to share for our display table.

A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway. Please sign up as it really helps us to know how many are planning to attend. We would appreciate extra help with set-up and decorating on Saturday, October 26, as well as kitchen help and clean-up on Reformation Sunday.

In loving service,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



*Our thoughts and prayers are with Sarah Madison and family upon the passing of Sarah's Mom, Elizabeth Drew Nabors, who is now home with her Heavenly Father.*



Thank you so much for your prayers, condolences, and concern during our family's time of loss and bereavement with the passing of my dear mother. Your friendship and kindness is truly a reflection of God's Love.

Sarah Jo Madison



Dear Church Family,

Thank you, Thank you to the best church family in the world, Kirsten and my beautiful daughter for helping me celebrate this milestone birthday. I had a grand time celebrating my 70th birthday with such a loving group.

I love you one and all.

Carolyn Andrews

P.S. Love the surprise party.



Sarah Louise Thomas was baptized on September 15. She is the daughter of Marc and Alison Thomas, sister to Cannon and Megan Thomas, and Granddaughter of Bob Behr. Her sponsors are Greg and Amy Behr. We welcome Sarah into the family of Christ.



Kennedy Lynn Johnson was baptized on September 22. She is the daughter of Bryce Johnson and Tara-ja White. Her sponsors are Eric and Latia Briggs. Proud friends of Carolyn Andrews, Lajuan Andrews.



We wish to welcome our newest member, Elizabeth Ward, to our church family.



We would appreciate any gently used items you may have such as furniture, kitchen items, decorations, bikes, art, tools, jewelry, toys - any reusable and sellable items. Just bring them to the church and put them in the

overflow room.

Anything we don't sell will be donated to St. John's Shelter - we will not be selling clothes but if you wish to bring some you may put them in St. John's barrel in the office.

If you have any questions or need help getting your items to the church please call Judy Saxby, Carol Carney or the church office. We will look forward to taking care of your little elephants and hopefully getting them a new home!



### Thank You from the Property Board.

The Property Board appreciates and thanks the members who participated in the "All Members Work Day" on Saturday, September 21; namely, Al Boschee, Jerry Carney, Larry Dockter, Jack Fenske, Mike Heiber, Bruce Kiser, Dorothy Haney, Al Moser, and Mack Vance. This small, but energetic, group completed a number of needed, deferred tasks. The primary tasks involved the new Work Shed - reinstalling the chain link fence, installing shelving, and moving (and sorting) materials from the old shed to the new shed. In addition, the group trimmed shrubbery and cleaned trash/debris from the exterior facilities. This day completes the "All Members Work Day" events scheduled for this year. In 2014, the Board will continue the Work Day successes. Thank you for your participation.

# God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Many thanks go out to everyone involved in the God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday Celebration.

The Evangelism Board hosted a wonderful lunch, enjoyed by all, while the Education Board sold baked goods to raise money for Sunday School benevolence, and the Community Concerns Board lead a service project in honor of the ELCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In all, over the summer, we collected over 2300 individual items including: pens, pencils, binders, dividers, paper, notebooks, backpacks, totes, Kleenex, erasers, glue, crayons, markers, colored pencils, hand sanitizer, scissors, highlighters, book covers, calculators, and rulers. We were able to fill 60 backpacks and totes full of supplies for children in need at Charles Mack and Parkway schools, along with extra supplies for the classrooms.

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies; and to everyone who helped organize and fill the packs on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Pastor and Mack Vance for delivering all the packs and supplies to the schools. It was greatly appreciated by the school staff and will be put to great use right here in our community.







**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S  
AUGUST 2013**



**OFFERINGS (General Fund)**

	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total Offering</b>	\$14,925	\$129,092
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$2,636	-\$7,218
	-15.0%	-5.6%
<b>Compared to 2012</b>	-\$1,490	\$775
	-9.1%	0.50%
<b>Projected Year-End Balance</b> (Compared to budget)		
<b>Contributors:</b>		
<b>2013</b> (Current Year)	79	91 <sup>Aver</sup>
<b>2012</b> (Last	92	89 <sup>Aver</sup>

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

**Other Special Gifts:**

- a) Sunday School
- b) Flowers \$80.00

*Ron Webb*  
Financial Secretary

**Council Highlights**

- KISS Services have begun and meets every Sunday at 12:16pm in Room 3 of the Education Wing.
- Board budget proposals are due to the Finance Board by Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Congregational Picnic and God's Work/Our Hands. Project was a huge success.
- Mark your calendars for October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Congregational Heritage Potluck and Reformation Celebration. Bring something to share from your family heritage.
- We are still in need of Altar care, ushers, and communion servers. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
- Fall Festival is just around the corner. WELCA is still in need of paperback books, white elephants, and volunteers to help serve food.
- This year's stewardship program will start October 20<sup>th</sup> and continue November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, with a series of sermons on the purpose and functions of our church council boards. Find out what we do and why each board's role is so vital and how we serve the church's mission, along with how you can volunteer with your time, talents, or giving in the coming program year.
- The Council will begin strategic planning on October 26<sup>th</sup>.



October 1 Fred Sommer  
October 2 Micayla Shower  
October 3 Ferd Boschee  
October 3 Hannelore Marchuk  
October 4 Howard Triebwasser  
October 6 Harry Weston  
October 7 Gail Weber  
October 7 Thelma Williams  
October 8 Vivian Blazic  
October 8 Ron Franklin  
October 8 Jeff Kiser  
October 8 Ofelia Ojeda  
October 19 Duane Kiser  
October 19 Katie Ramsey  
October 21 Astrid Lynn  
October 21 Joan Mooney  
October 21 Susan Myers  
October 22 Ben Ireton  
October 28 Christina Hisamoto

October 6 *Reule Family In Fondest Memory of  
Our Very Dear Betty Jo;  
Duane and Marlene Kiser for Jeff  
Kiser's birthday*

October 13 *Larry & Deanna Dockter for Micayla's  
11th birthday;  
Ken and Debi Lentsch for Son, Chris'  
birthday*

October 20 *Craig, Brad and Jerry in Celebration of  
Harry & Adeline Weston's 70th  
Wedding Anniversary;  
Ron and Pat Webb for anniversary  
Viviane Hernandez for birthday*

October 27

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

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Acolytes

Oct. 6 Daniel Encinas  
Oct. 13 Katy Etchison  
Oct. 20 Selena Connell  
Oct. 27 Joshua Bell

## Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin  
10:30 AM Holly Hoppman

## Communion Servers

David Saxby, Al Moser, Karen Linfor

## Counters

Oct. 6 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen  
Oct. 13 Don Schell, Bob Behr  
Oct. 20 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
Oct. 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

Oct. 6 Jerry and Carol Carney  
Oct. 13 Ken and Debi Lentsch  
Oct. 20 Connie Reule and Nancy Minning  
Oct. 27 Paul Maki and Chona Sison

## Head Ushers

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

## Prayer Leaders

Oct. 6 Tracy Etchison  
Oct. 13 Marlene Kiser  
Oct. 20 David Saxby  
Oct. 27 Larry Dockter

## Psalm Leaders

Oct. 6 Isabella Basquez  
Oct. 13 Micayla Shower  
Oct. 20 Elizabeth Wilson  
Oct. 27 Sierra Etchison

## Readers 8:15 AM

Oct. 6 Eric Linblade  
Oct. 13 Phil Petersen  
Oct. 20 Christiana Wilson  
Oct. 27 Kelly Boyer

## Readers 10:30 AM

Oct. 6 Nick Manlapig  
Oct. 13 Pat Webb  
Oct. 20 Samantha Basquez  
Oct. 27 Betty Englund

## Refreshments

Oct. 6 Ofelia Ojeda  
Oct. 13 Mack and Carole Vance  
Oct. 20 The Weston's  
Oct. 27 Heritage Potluck Sunday

## Visitor Gifts

Oct. 6 Pauline Arndt  
Oct. 13 Pat Webb  
Oct. 20 Carolyn Andrews  
Oct. 27 Pending

## Welcome Leaders

Oct. 6 Pauline Arndt  
Oct. 13 Pat Webb  
Oct. 20 Chet Madison  
Oct. 27 Carolyn Andrews

*Thanks  
for  
Serving!*



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***Reformation  
Sunday  
and Heritage  
Potluck***

***October 27  
11:30 AM***

