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News And Views



2014

Pastoral Perspective



"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia"—2 Corinthians 8:1.

That's where Paul, the Apostle's, account of the generous sharing of the Macedonian Christians starts—with the grace of God. Because these folks shared from the abundance of God's love, they joyfully shared in an amazing way. What is often expected is that folks will share from the generosity of their hearts. When folks share from the generosity of God's heart, it is a whole different matter. As Paul said, they *"gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will."* They knew God's gifts of grace are for sharing, not grasping. They trusted God would supply them anew.

Your sharing as a congregation of God's people has been amazing to me. It would be tempting to hold back or refrain from sharing through the up and down economic times in fear that there won't be enough. That's not been the case at all. Your sharing has remained steady and faithful. I praise God for that. It is a great sign of trust in God's grace.

The beautiful thing about the Macedonian Christians' amazing sharing was that they *"gave themselves first to the Lord."* They were intent on living under the grace and lordship of God. They

realized that everything belonged under the lordship of Jesus Christ. He was the Lord of their lives. He was the Lord of everything they had. They wanted nothing more than the Lord to use them to His glory. That attitude allowed for generous and gracious sharing in so many ways.

I have been blessed to see that kind of generous and gracious sharing among you again and again. Not only are you steady and faithful in financial sharing, but you look for ways to use the time and talents with which God has blessed you to further His work of love in the world. It is obvious you want to live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

Paul indicates that after giving themselves to the Lord, the Macedonian Christians gave themselves *"by the will of God to us."* They realized that it is God's will that we share of ourselves for the good of others. It is the way we can show our love of God. God doesn't need anything from us. It is all His anyway. But others sure do need our loving sharing. The Macedonian Christians realized this and *"begged Paul earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints."*

When someone is hurting, I don't hear from you, "O that's too bad." Rather you want to know how you can share. You want to know what you can do. You know in your heart that it is God's will for us to share in loving community in this world. Opportunities for sharing are opportunities to show our love of God. I praise God for your blessed desire for loving service.

It is truly a privilege to serve as your pastor. I know our future is very bright in the Lord as He continues to pour treasures of His grace upon us for sharing.

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



We are entering the last few months of the calendar year and have begun the budget process for 2015 and the search for new leaders to fill upcoming vacancies on the Church Council. These are important tasks to ensure we manage our resources and plan ahead for programs and outreach that allow us to our mission of “spreading, serving, and sharing”. Please consider how you can assist St. Luke’s in the coming year. We need everyone’s support as we look to the future.

The church officers and board chairs have had a few strategic planning meetings to assist in determining our strengths and weaknesses, and identifying and resolving some known challenges. I hope to be able to present some of our efforts at the annual meeting in December or in the annual reports at the end of the year.

WELCA’s recent Fall Festival was a great time of sharing with the community and providing some funds for their benevolence support. Lots of church folks out early setting up, cooking breakfast and lunch, and interacting with many members of the community. A great chance to be involved in the work of St Luke’s.

Our stewardship committee will soon be helping us focus on our many talents and treasures and how we can put those to work here at St. Luke’s. I hope

you can find a place to use your talents in the workings of St Luke’s and to help us continue to improve our efforts in all phases of the church programs. We always have lots to do and try to have fun along the way.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



This year’s Fall Festival and Family Fun Day was a great success. Many thanks go to everyone who volunteered and supported WELCA; with your help we were

able to raise just over \$2000 for our annual benevolence. We were blessed with wonderful weather, met new people, and saw old friends. An event of this nature could not be possible without the help of many people. From the folks who planned to everyone who was involved in collecting and sorting, from everyone who helped the day of, or donated baked good or white elephants to everyone who attended the event or helped clean up afterwards. We are incredibly grateful to everyone.

As we head into the end of our program year we are thrilled to have had such a remarkable fundraising year. We’re excited to be able to pay this forward with our annual benevolence giving at the end of the year. I would encourage everyone to consider an organization that they would like WELCA to consider for benevolence this year; these recommendations can be submitted in written form by leaving a note in the WELCA box in the church office or emailing us at our new email address: welca@slelca.org.

One of the local organizations we were able to support with a portion of last year’s benevolence is the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership, a local

food closet that serves and supports families in need within our local community. At our next meeting on Saturday, November 8th at 11:30am we will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. You are welcome to join us as we come together for our last business meeting of the year. You're invited to bring a soup or salad to share!

As we begin the holiday season I would like to encourage everyone to consider the blessings in your life. On November 23rd, the Women of the ELCA will be hosting the annual Thankoffering Sunday; leading worship gathered together to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us as we celebrate women of faith through the generations. If you are interested in being involved in the Thankoffering Service please let me know, or keep a look out for a sign-up sheet to participate in the service.

Finally, the ELCA's Women and Justice: One in Christ Task Force requested the ELCA Church Council to authorize a social message on gender-based violence, because of growing level of gender-based violence throughout our society today. As referenced on the ELCA's website "Gender-based violence includes, but is not limited to, rape, sexual abuse, physical and sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, and sexual harassment. It can be perpetuated by anyone." I would encourage everyone to read the draft the ELCA has published for public comment and respond here: <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Gender-Violence>.

In Christ's Service,
Holly Hoppman
WELCA President



All Members Work Day September 27

The September 27 "All Members Work Day" was a huge success. Despite the damp weather, much was accomplished. Windows were washed; tree debris was removed from the roofs; **all** the gutters were cleaned (a big, but much needed chore); the Linfor Memorial was cleaned; trash was pick up; excess tree droppings were removed from the planters and wheeled away; and the paved areas were swept and/or blown clean.

The Property Board thanks all the Work Day participants: Larry Dockter, Jack Fenske, Dorothy Haney, Kirsten and Ed Ireton, Bruce Kiser, Clarence Korhonen, Jon Linfor and son Paul, Judy and David Saxby, Christiana Wilson and grandson Fedel, and Chuck Yakabe. Their hard work made the Day a success.

The next Work Day will be held in the spring of 2015; all are welcomed. And again, thank you to the workers who "pitched in" last month.

Clarence Korhonen, Chairperson
St. Luke's Property Board



Community Concerns



We were pleased to welcome Faith Thomas as a member of the Board.

Once again, we thank everyone who participated in any way to allow the filling of 108 back packs to be donated to Charles Mack and Parkway Schools and delivered by Al and Peggy Moser and Mack Vance. It is hard to explain how very thankful they were for this outpouring of love, by our Congregation, to those who ordinarily would not have been able to afford these necessary items for their educational opportunity.

The Children's baby clothing exchange has been a huge success – thank you Carole Edwards for organizing all of the clothes that have been generously donated. We will now advertise on Craig's List and the Penny Saver letting people know that the clothes are available. Lynn Gavia will be asked to update the flyer.

A check for \$125.00 from Special Funds will be sent to Pelican Bay State Prison in celebration of 300 attendees (10 percent of the population) who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior for the church Christmas Dinner. God works in mysterious ways even in the darkest of places.

We thank Marlene Kiser and Triss Hoppman for sitting at the table at the Fall Festival, for Peggy Moser and Katie Iniguez for their support in giving out information to inform the community of the wonderful opportunities we have to offer at St. Luke's.

The Winter Sanctuary date has been changed from Sunday, January 18 to Sunday, March 22nd. Al Moser, as coordinator of this event, has been asked to attend a meeting regarding the County Zoning Code but hopefully this will not interfere with our plans to sponsor this event.

We are very excited that The Sacramento Youth Band members will be eating with the homeless people and putting on a performance for them – more information to follow closer to the actual date.



Remember This?

We are back – Judy Saxby and Carol Carney, once again, hope you have a lot of "White Elephants" moving from place to place because you are not sure what to do with them! We would love to have you consider donating them for the Fall Festival, October 4.

Well, once again, your generosity was overwhelming and we can't thank you enough for your support. It is unbelievable that we cleared \$679.60 worth of dollars, quarters and dimes on "White Elephants"!

We want you to know that the money is going to benevolence but, if you were fortunate enough to join us and see the people that came to allow us to care for many who are less fortunate in our Church community, it meant much more than the money we collected. The happy, thankful people that bought from us, many repeaters from past years, made it such a very rewarding, fun filled experience! All of the little children were so well behaved with so many words of appreciation and even some hugs to go with it!

A very special thank you to my amazing co-chair, Judy Saxby, who stayed by the cash box the whole time, did the pricing, and collecting of most of the money.

Special thank you to those that helped us with the following – we could not have done it without you!

Signs

Jack Fenske
Jerry Carney

Sorting of White Elephants - Thursday, October 2.

Mary Harris
Micki Fenske
Linda Duffek
Deanna Dockter
Peggy Moser
Jan Tanaka
Dorothy Haney
Bruce Kiser
Jacob Kiser for making sure all of the toys were O.K. to sell!

Selling

Joyce Jensen
Mary Harris
Jack and Micki Fenske
Mack Vance

Clean Up – David Saxby and all others that helped.

Tables and Support – Holly Hoppman

Start saving those little “ White Elephants” – we hope to be back the first Saturday of October, 2015!



Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck

On Sunday, December 14, we will be hosting the potluck for the Annual Congregational meeting. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend so you won't miss a great time of sharing as well as some delicious food.

In loving service,
Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair

Getting To Know Each Other Better



Brooke Barr, St. Luke's Music Director, was born in Pine Hill, Arkansas. When she was 3, her family moved to San Jose, California. Brooke graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, where her dorm room had a "million dollar view" of the Pacific Ocean. Brooke is loving mom to son, Jesse, serves as our Music Director, and teaches piano

to a number of children. Previously an interior decorator, Brooke now decorates for fun for family and friends. St. Luke's has been very welcoming and a blessing to her, she says.

David Barr, Brooke's husband, was born in Oakland and raised in Concord, California. He played football for the University of California, Berkeley, and was later drafted by the NFL Philadelphia Eagles team. David also played NFL Euro-ball in Scotland. He is a sales representative for Nike. David enjoys traveling and working out. He faithfully attends St. Luke's with Jesse.

Jesse Barr, 21 months old, loves throwing balls. Maybe he inherited his athleticism from his dad.



The weather has changed!

Our after service refreshments have been moved to our Fellowship Room (#5) in the Education wing. Come over and warm yourself up with a cup of hot coffee and enjoy a cookie or two.

All of us on the Evangelism Board wish to thank the following persons who have faithfully served refreshments this year: Walt and Pauline Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Jerry and Carol Carney, Lynn Gavia, Dorothy Haney, Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Joyce Jensen, Ken and Debi Lentsch, Paul Maki, Ofelia Ojeda,

Chona Sison, Mack and Carole Vance, and Robin and Ron Zoesch. Special thanks to everyone who has provided baked goods, juice and other treats, or helped clean up. Without all of you, this special time of fellowship would not be possible.

We can definitely use more people to serve. If you would like to help serve refreshments, please let me know or just add your name to the refreshment calendar in the church office.



We welcome Ramires Daniel King into the family of Christ. He was baptized on October 12. He is the son of Sunny and Jacquell King. His sponsors are: James and Veronica Gallway, Bryon and Aletha Peters, Wanerlyn R. Warner, Satta J. George, Lee G. Davis, Kwasi Lawrence, and Rupert McClendon. Grandparents are: Jacob and Christiana Wilson.



Beginning Sunday, November 2nd our Youth will begin selling 2015 Calendars. You will see them every Sunday after the 10:30am service until they are sold out. Each calendar is \$7.00 and proceeds go to support our Youth and their activities.



Thanksgiving Eve Communion Wednesday, November 27 7:00 PM

Join in thanking our Lord for our many blessings.



Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

Please sign-up to bring a pie to share for the Pie Social after the Thanksgiving Eve Service. Make sure that it is pre-cut and in a disposable dish as leftovers are donated to the Narcotics Anonymous marathon meeting that is held at St. Luke's in the Multi-Purpose room.



CROP Walk 2014

Thank you to all that supported our 2014 CROP Walk! We raised \$155 this year to help feed the hungry in our community. It was a beautiful day for a walk around the Capitol and Old Sacramento. Our walkers included Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez, Connie Reule, Pastor Carl and Kirsten Ireton. We hope next year we will have a bigger turn-out.



Dear St. Luke's,

Thank you for the backpack and all the school supplies in it.

Darnell Osako



Pumpkin Bread

St. Luke's Youth will begin taking orders for mini loaves of delicious Pumpkin Bread from Sunday November 2nd until Sunday, November 16th. Please sign-up so you don't miss out. The pumpkin bread will be available for pickup on Sunday, November 23rd after worship service in the kitchen. Your donations are greatly appreciate and will help fund youth group activities and outings.

We are also currently accepting donations of the following items: Flour, Sugar, Canned Pumpkin, and Eggs. If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Ireton at 916-296-5907 or via email kireton@surewest.net.



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| November 7 | Andrew Harrison |
| November 10 | Judy Saxby |
| November 14 | Julie Ireton |
| November 15 | Marc Thomas |
| November 16 | Alison Korhonen |
| November 17 | Betty Ley |
| November 17 | Mike Wilke |
| November 22 | Rosary Jensen |
| November 27 | Micki Fenske |
| November 27 | Carl Hoppman |

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



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| November 2 | Mary F. Harris for anniversary of membership at St. Luke's |
| November 9 | Al and Irene Boschee for anniversary |
| November 16 | Kelly Boyer for Connie's birthday |
| November 23 | Walt and Pauline Arndt In memory of Ken |
| November 26 | Larry and Deanna Dockter In thanksgiving for our many blessings |

Fun at the Fall Festival

**Pastor Carl
and Carol
Carney**



**Latasha
Lawrence
and Carol
Carney**



Mary F. Harris



**Elsbeth
Whitehurst**



**Faith Thomas
and Friend**



**There is nothing more joyous than the smiles of our little ones.
Brooklyn Moser**



Happy Vendors

Family Fun!



More Happy Children



A warning from Pauline Arndt!

If someone phones and when you answer they say "Grandma" Respond with Oh, which one are you to see if it is your grandson/daughter. I answered "Stephen" how are you? Well, he was in jail because of an auto accident he had been arrested for having his phone which caused the accident and his friend Peter was injured in the hospital but his father who is an attorney knew the judge so was getting his record expunged so he wouldn't have a record. But, they had a gag order on the case so he couldn't call his mom. Anyway, I ended up borrowing \$2,000 from my next door neighbor to go get some non traceable things at the drug store...the clerk at the drugstore questioned me if I was being scammed, not me I handle these things daily on the phone! So she insisted on giving me receipts for each one of the \$500 cards. I then went and phoned "his attorney" and gave him the numbers. I then waited for Stephen to phone me to be sure all was well. Saturday morning I forwarded my house phone to my cell so he could call me when I was at the market...which he did. He found on his attorney's desk a property lien for \$2,000 could I help him? I said no, I don't have \$2,000 I had to borrow the first from my neighbor. I kept asking if he had told his mom as I knew she would really let me have it for not calling her. Well, he didn't call back, I left 2 messages on his phone and sent him a text message. I was beginning to think I shouldn't have bailed him out. How would he get to work if his car was damaged, Oh, Ken had a hand in this, he doesn't want his truck sold so now Stephen will have to take it and drive it. It was Ken's baby. Our daughter Kathy came

by Saturday afternoon and I took her aside and told her what had happened and asked if she'd spoken to Gail. No, but they would see her that evening. So, nothing. I worried and prayed during service Sunday. I have had so much on my mind as you well know. So when we got home I called Kathy and asked if Gail had said anything about Stephen. She said no. But she did say something strange. Stephen told Gail he had gotten some strange messages from grandma did she know what they were about. So we talked and realized I had been scammed. Now I have to pay my neighbor \$2,000 that we don't have. I feel really bad. I am going to file a police report this morning. I just want folks to know not to respond to calls from anyone who says hi grandma. Make sure it is your grandchild before you say a name. All through the process I had red flags I couldn't understand, but wasn't thinking straight and not really up to par these days as you know.

My mom had to name me Pauline. I live up to the Perils of Pauline so well!

Thanks



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

Nov. 2 Daniel Encinas
Nov. 9 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
Nov. 16 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
Nov. 23 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry
Nov. 30 Daniel Encinas

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Connie Reule, Nancy Minning

Communion Servers

David Saxby, Janette Payne, Kirsten Ireton

Counters

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

Greeters

Nov. 2 Al and Irene Boschee
Nov. 9 Carole Edwards, Paul Edwards
Nov. 16 Chet and Sarah Madison
Nov. 23 Women of the ELCA
Nov. 30

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Kelly Boyer

Prayer Leaders

Nov. 2 Faith Thomas
Nov. 9 Laura Tice
Nov. 16 Pat Webb
Nov. 23 Women of the ELCA
Nov. 30 Peggy Moser

Psalm Leaders

Nov. 2 Isabella Basquez
Nov. 9 Daniel Encinas
Nov. 16 Sierra Etchison
Nov. 23 Women of the ELCA
Nov. 30 Morgan Furry

Readers 8:15 AM

Nov. 2 Sarah Madison
Nov. 9 Phil Petersen
Nov. 16 Ron Webb
Nov. 23 Women of the ELCA
Nov. 30 Christiana Wilson

Readers 10:30 AM

Nov. 2 Marlene Kiser
Nov. 9 Sylvia Kohler
Nov. 16 Ken Lentsch
Nov. 23 Women of the ELCA
Nov. 30 Al Moser

Refreshments

Nov. 2 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
Nov. 9 Pending
Nov. 16 Paul Maki and Chona Sison
Nov. 23 Jerry and Carol Carney
Nov. 30 Ken and Debi Lentsch

Visitors Gifts

Nov. 2 Robin Zoesch
Nov. 9 Pat Webb
Nov. 16 Thelma Williams
Nov. 23 Pauline Arndt
Nov. 30 Kelly Boyer

Welcome Leaders

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

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for
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**Thanksgiving Eve
Holy Communion
7:00 PM**
Our Famous Pie Social will
follow service