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# News And Views



# 2015

## Pastoral Perspective



*"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

*Matthew 22:37-39*

Jesus, here, is teaching that loving God and neighbor is of the utmost importance for you as you follow Jesus in your day to day life. How are you to love God? By loving your neighbor. In what way are to love your neighbor? Love them as you love yourself. If you love others as you love yourself, then you are loving God. All the Law and the Prophets are distilled into this single principle. This one precept replaces the amazing detailed patchwork of the Mosaic code and covers infinitely more territory.

"Love your neighbor as yourself," Jesus said. It is the "as yourself" that is the operative element here. It is the element that you can't get around. It is the "as yourself" that makes this commandment comprehensive, universally applicable and without loopholes.

What does "as yourself" really mean? In what way do you love yourself that you should extend this love to others? Unless you suffer from severe depression or some other disorder, you love yourself in the sense that, even though you know

you are not flawless, you are dear to yourself. You ask God to protect, provide for and preserve you. You are on the lookout for people who will affirm your value as a person. You love yourself in the sense that anything connected with you seems vitally important. You need not have any illusions that you are the perfect person. You need not have any false affection for yourself. But, In spite of your shortcomings, you watch out for yourself. As for your faults, you are always hoping they will be excused by others. You feel that for any trouble you may cause, you are still somehow worthwhile. In spite of everything, you believe that there is a God given good to you that can and should be saved. When you are surrounded by people who are able to see this good and are concentrating on bringing it out, you are a vastly more joyful and better person for it.

Jesus taught that if you turn this kind of attention on others, it is love. You don't need to try to force yourself to feel false affection toward others. You don't need to try to make yourself blind to those qualities that are less than ideal about them. And you certainly don't have to always be giving others just what they want. You are, rather, to love others as you love yourself. That means you are to see their needs as vitally important. You are to see them as sharers in God's gifts rather than competitors and so share freely with them. You are to pray for the best in them even when knowing the worst.

Now you can get yourself in real trouble if you try to do this on your own power. You can use

others simply to make yourself feel better about yourself or to fulfill your own desires. It is important to share this love as you have received it from Jesus—humbly, graciously, seeing yourself simply as a channel of this love. Jesus isn't asking you to get into the lives of others to direct the traffic or control them or force yourself upon them. God has a special plan and purpose for each of His children. He is rather inviting you to join Him in this vital work of love and to trust that in His power, love really will conquer all.

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



## Welcome to Our New Church Council President

During our Congregational Meeting in December 2014, we did not elect a new president of the Church Council to replace Bob Behr, as no names were brought forward for nomination and election. The other officers and board chairs were elected by the congregation and have been continuing the blessed work of St. Luke's in the interim while we looked for a President.

We are now glad to report that we have received a nomination and during the February council meeting, have accepted that nomination. Council then took action and made it official by electing Paul Maki as our new President.

Paul, Chona and Josh live in Galt and have been attending St. Lukes since 2004. Paul is part of the management team for Fedex Office, and Chona is a marketing consultant for online and local entrepreneurs. They enjoy coming to our church because of the camaraderie, warmth and hospitality they have been receiving consistently and tirelessly from the St. Luke's congregation. They can often be seen

servicing wonderful snacks and coffee at our after-service social hour on Sunday mornings. Paul and Chona's son, Joshua Bell, is part of Liberty Ranch HS track team, a St. Luke's youth member and serves regularly as an acolyte during Sunday morning's 10:30am service. Please congratulate Paul on his new role of Council President for St. Luke's. The installation for the full council and board chairs was held on Sunday, April 12th, at the 10:30am service.

Congratulations Paul, and welcome aboard!  
In His Name...

*Larry Dockter*  
Church Council Vice-President



The Women of the ELCA has a cozy general business meeting in April. We discussed some of WELCA hosted events coming up and we collected non-perishable food items to support the ELK Grove Food Bank.



Next month WELCA is hosting the Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 9th, at 11:30am. All are invited to join us and bring guests. Please be sure to sign up and let us know how many people will be coming. We want to ensure that we have enough seats for everyone! At the Mother's Day Luncheon we will collect NEW undergarments for women and youth served by Saint John's Program for Real Change. Saint John's Program for Real Change provides vital Mental Health Services, Supportive Services, Career Education, On-the-Job Training, and Respite Services to women and children living in crisis. For more information about the Program for Real Change, I would encourage you to visit their website at:

<http://saintjohnsprogram.org/program/>



Mark your calendars and Save the Date for this year's BUNCO event on Saturday June 27th, at 6pm. Keep an eye out for Ticket sales. If you have any questions please contact Holly Hoppman or Dorothy Haney.



To all my Friends at St. Luke's,

I want to Thank all of you for the prayers, calls, cards and support you have given

me. Even though I am a pretty new member I am thankful for all the friendship all of you have given me and you have made me feel part of the family. I so appreciate all of you.

In Christ we Love,  
*Lou Juan Hubbard*

*Use your gifts in service  
to one another*

As a final wrap up of the incredibly wonder-

ful Winter Sanctuary, the Community Concerns Board wants to especially thank WELCA and those that helped prepare the dinner and/or came bright and early Monday morning to make sure the homeless participants had coffee and the tote bag filled with hygiene and snack items prepared by WELCA and the lunch bag prepared by our youth group.

A huge thank you goes to Michael Duffek who, on very short notice, donated all of the supplies and cooked a very delicious, authentic Italian Pasta for the dinner. We also thank Carolyn Andrews, Linda Birlew, Megan Calleja, Carol Carney, Linda Duffek, Pat Hamilton, Paul Heaton, Katie Iniguez, Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Sande Trezise and Ron and Pat Webb for all their hard work and support. Last but not least we thank Pastor Carl for making sure everything is going well and helping where ever he can.

We were greatly rewarded with the appreciation and smiles shown as they ended our time with us and boarded the buses to go back to Loaves & Fishes. Some mentioned that they hoped they would not have to come back next year, but if they do, they know we will make it nice for them.



*Al Moser,*  
Community  
Concerns Board Chair



### Diner's Club

We had such a wonderful time at our last dinner with our Diner's Club group we decided to write an article for the News & Views encouraging everyone to sign up next time. We thank Triss Hoppman and Pat Webb for coordinating this great chance to experience special fellowship with other Church members and getting to know each other better! We went to a Chinese Restaurant and sat at a table with a Lazy Susan, shared wonderful food, not only with our own designated group, Debi and Ken Lentsch, Lou Juan Hubbard (not able to attend due to injury) and Faith Thomas but we invited Esther Battyany, Ferd Boschee, Megan Calleja, Mary Harris, Christine Herndon and Barbara Manlapig to join us.

We encouraged our guests to sign up next time, just as we are, all of you who attend St. Luke's. Some are reluctant to sign up because they need a ride or are single and don't feel comfortable planning the outing for a given month. If you are not able to drive- the caring people at St. Luke's will be sure you are included and no one has to plan an outing by themselves or at all. Just sign up and enjoy this great opportunity for a fun, rewarding time together.

*Jerry and Carol Carney*



## 2014 Crab Feed/Fireworks Booth

### Property Board Expenditures

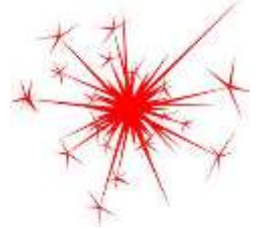
Last year, the Property Board received over \$16,000 from the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fund-raiser efforts. *Thank you for the great support.* But, have you ever wondered how these Property Board funds are spent? The answer for 2014 is shown below, which is typical. In short, the moneys are spent for facility maintenance and improvements. In general, the maintenance work is unexpected.

In 2014, the Property Board received a portion of the Crab feed net earnings and all of the Fireworks Booth net. Recently, the 2014 "books" were closed. Thus, a listing of the actual expenditures can now be compiled. The result is shown below. *The amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.*

+ Beginning Balance	+\$390	
+ Crab Feed	+\$5,699	
-- Repay Internal Loan	\$2,043	
-- Remove Trees	\$2,500	
-- Add Outlets, Schultz Hall (S.H.)	\$960	
-- Partially Re-tile S.H. Restroom	\$476	
-- Wax Floors S.H. Restrooms	\$440	
+ Fireworks Booth	+\$10,738	
-- Repair Sidewalk, Center Parkway		\$1,502
-- Parking Lot Reserve	\$2,000	
-- Replace S.H. Speakers	\$802	
-- Replace Exterior Light Fixture	\$348	
-- Install S.H. Blinds	\$329	
-- Repair S.H. Addition AC Unit	\$287	
-- Improve Kitchen Cooling	\$1,650	
-- Replace/Improve Parking Lot Lights	\$7,470	
+ Insurance Payment, Parking Lot Light	+\$5,172	
-- Repair Sanctuary Water Closet	\$664	
+ Ending Balance	+\$528	

It is apparent from the listing that the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth earnings are **critical** to the

maintaining the excellent facilities of St. Luke's. Your continuing support of these fund-raising events is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Clarence Korhonen,  
Chairperson  
St. Luke's Property Board



The Property Board extends a big "thank you" to those who participated in the Saturday morning "All Members Work Day" on March 28. It was a busy morning at church, with other events also occurring; however, the good-sized group completed all the planned tasks in short order.

The primary objective of this Work Day was to prepare the exterior facilities – the lawn, vegetation, hard surfaces, courtyard, etc. – for Easter. The tasks included cleaning (mopping) the Kitchen floor, trimming the vegetation, whacking weeds, picking up trash, cleaning hard surfaces, planting grass where two large trees were previously removed, removing debris from the roof valleys, cleaning the Linfor Memorial, and spraying weeds. In addition, the workers helped install the palm branches for Palm Sunday.

The following members assisted in the activities: Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Ron Franklin, Ed Ireton, Clarence Korhonen, Eric Linblade, Linda Birlew, Jon Linfor, Laura Weaver, Paul Linfor, Al Moser, and Joe Payne. It also should be noted that Bruce Kiser performed some Work Day chores during the week. Bruce's earlier work included trimming the palm trees, which provided the palm branches for Palm Sunday. The Board thanks all who helped make this Work Day a success. Thank you.

Clarence Korhonen, Chairperson  
St. Luke's Property Board





## Easter Breakfast

A **GREAT BIG** thank you to Carol Carney and Ron Webb for organizing such a wonderful Easter breakfast again. It was a marvelous celebration and a great time of sharing with each other. Over 100 people enjoyed a menu of French toast, scrambled eggs, ham, potatoes, fruit, homemade jams, Danish and beverages.

Carol and Ron wish to thank the following terrific group of volunteers who helped with everything from set up, decorating, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean up: Pauline and Walt Arndt, Bob Behr, Carol and Jerry Carney, Dave Davis, Mary Davis and Mason Berndt, Larry Docker, Jack and Micki Fenske, Joyce Jensen, Eric Linblade, Linda Olsen, Janette Payne, Dave and Judy Saxby, Carole Vance, Ron and Pat Webb, and Ron Zoesch. Special thanks to Bruce Kiser for putting away all the tables and chairs!

Thank you, Micki and Jack, for taking all the leftover food to the Union Gospel Mission. They were thrilled to have the extra food especially on Easter Sunday.

The Lord always provides—the \$365 collected in the freewill offering covered the breakfast expenses.

*Pat Webb, Chair*  
Evangelism Board



## SLY News

The SLY Annual Easter Egg hunt was another success and we wanted to say thank you to all the members of the congregation that so generously donated plastic eggs and candy for the hunt this year. We estimate that we had about 900 eggs this year! Needless to say, the children all had plenty of eggs and no one left empty

handed. SLY also wished to thank the Easter Bunny for coming out again this year. It is so nice of him to take time out of his busy day to join us on Easter morning each year. Be sure to check out some of the pictures on the St. Luke's Face Book page of the Easter Egg hunt and bunny pictures.



Calling all Cancer Survivors!  
**Team Friends in Faith** would like you to join us on Saturday, May 16th at the Relay For Life of Elk Grove at 9:00am for the Survivor's Lap. You will walk a lap in celebration of your victory over cancer and also help us remember those who have lost their battles. For more information about Relay and how to sign-up please contact Kirsten Ireton, Peggy Moser or Katie Iniguez or visit [www.relayforlife.org/elkgrovec](http://www.relayforlife.org/elkgrovec) and look for our team "Friends in Faith" and then join us! Even if you aren't a cancer survivor we still want you to come out and join our team.



GUONGIOMO—LET'S DO ITALIAN  
AT PALERMO RISTORANTE IN  
ELK GROVE ON MONDAY, JUNE 1,  
AT 7 PM

If you like sharing a good meal with friends and having a fun evening, you won't want to miss this dining adventure.

Palermo's, located at 9632 Emerald Oaks Drive, is a family-owned business and offers some of the best Italian food you will find anywhere. Their extensive menu includes mouth-watering pasta dishes, chicken, seafood and beef dishes. Most entrees range from \$10.95 to \$19.95.

Not only will you enjoy great food, but Palermo's will donate 15% of our food purchases back to the church for us to use for future church ministries.

You will find a sign-up sheet and a copy of the menu on the Opportunity table.

The deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 24.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 685-6345.

*Pat Webb*, Chair  
Evangelism Board



**St. Luke's  
Fireworks Booth**

## 16th Annual Fireworks Sale June 28th - July 4th

It's time to start spreading the news – our annual fireworks sale is just around the corner! Our booth is again located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.


We're again looking for a lot of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out this year. Here's some ideas where you can help – selling fireworks (you must be 18 or over), coming by and visiting, bringing snacks and drinks to share, helping to unload/load the truck each day, waving flags and banners to attract passersby to our booth, buying your fireworks from us, and encouraging your friends and family to do the same!

If you can volunteer to work in the booth, there is a sign-up sheet soon in the Narthex to reserve your favorite time(s). The booth opens at noon on June 28th, and then every day after that from 9am to 9pm through July 4th (we're open until 10pm on July 3rd and 4th).

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help as a volunteer, just call or see me. We do have a lot of fun every year (including Fireworks Booth Bingo), so don't miss out.

In His Name...

*Larry Dockter*  
Fireworks Booth Committee Chair



*St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
requests the honor of your presence  
as we commemorate 90 years of  
Celebrating the Victory of Jesus Christ.*

*Join us on Sunday, June 7th  
for worship at 10:30am and luncheon to follow*

*St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823*

*Response requested by May 24th.*



*Please respond by returning the response card  
sent in a separate mailing or by calling the  
church office at 421-5039. There will be no  
8:15 AM service on Sunday, June 7 so we can  
all celebrate together.*



He's Risen!







Keep in prayer Duane and Marlene Kiser, Bruce and Karen Kiser and their families upon the death of their beloved dad, Erwin Kiser on April 12.

Our sympathies are with Genie Sommer and family upon the death of Fred Sommer. Services are to be held on May 1 at 11:00AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, CA.

Prayers go out to Don and Betty Englund and family at the death of Betty's cousin, Shirley Martsch. A memorial was held here at St. Luke's on April 18.

**Thank You!**



TOPS #2278 would like to say "Thank You" to St. Luke's for the use of Schultz Hall for our BUNCO fundraiser. This fundraiser was a huge success for our Relay for Life Team.

Thanks again,  
Pat Hamilton

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT MARCH 2015

### OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Offering</b>	\$19,750	\$53,367
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$299	\$42
	-1.5%	0.8%
<b>Compared to 2014</b>	-\$333	\$1,366
	-1.7%	2.50%
<b>Contributors:</b>		
<b>2015</b> (Current Year)	88	88 Aver.
<b>2014</b> (Last Year)	100	91 Aver.

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

### Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School \$9.05
- b) Flowers \$650.00

Ron Webb  
Financial Secretary



May 2 Kelly Boyer  
 May 2 Genie Sommer  
 May 6 Dallas King  
 May 8 John Mansfield  
 May 8 Jennifer Petersen  
 May 9 Katie Iniguez  
 May 9 Dave Barr  
 May 14 Lucy Orcutt  
 May 15 Victoria Diaz  
 May 16 Tracy Etchison  
 May 17 Debi Lentsch  
 May 18 Bob Guilbeau  
 May 18 Alison Thomas  
 May 19 Samantha Basquez  
 May 23 Claire Kerian  
 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.



Congratulations to Great-Grandma Kathryn Felgenhauer (Aunt Kathy) and Grandma Kristine Felgenhauer at the birth of Estrella Pineda born on March 17, 2015.



May 3 Al and Peggy Moser 45th Anniversary;  
 Larry and Deanna Dockter for Jeremy and Darren's birthday's  
  
 May 10 Al and Irene Boschee for loved ones;  
 Al and Peggy Moser for Katie Iniguez's birthday  
  
 May 17 Ken Lentsch for Debi's birthday  
 Larry and Deanna Dockter for Victoria's 2nd birthday  
  
 May 24 Joe and Janette Payne for 32nd anniversary (May 21)  
  
 May 31

**At our Passover Supper** on Maundy Thursday we unveiled new "Plague Posters". Here is a sample. Make sure to come to the Supper next year and see them all! Thanks to all who made the Supper such a success, especially Linda Ferguson who smoked the lamb and chicken. It was delicious!



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Acolytes

May 3 Daniel Encinas  
 May 10 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson  
 May 17 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez  
 May 24 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry  
 May 31 Daniel Encinas

## Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin  
 10:30 AM Mary F. Harris, Karen Linfor

## Communion Servers

Karen Linfor, Betty Englund, Al Moser

## Counters

May 3 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
 May 10 Don Schell, Bob Behr  
 May 17 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
 May 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser  
 May 31 Jack and Micki Fenske

## Greeters

May 3 Needed  
 May 10 Needed  
 May 17 Needed  
 May 24 Needed  
 May 31 Needed

## Head Ushers

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

## Prayer Leaders

May 3 Tracy Etchison  
 May 10 Holly Hoppman  
 May 17 Marlene Kiser  
 May 24 Barbara Manlapig  
 May 31 Ken Lentsch

## Psalm Leaders

May 3 Sierra Etchison  
 May 10 Morgan Furry  
 May 17 Amber Mansfield  
 May 24 Angie Martinez  
 May 31 Aiyana Tice

## Readers 8:15 AM

May 3 Phil Petersen  
 May 10 Ron Webb  
 May 17 Christiana Wilson  
 May 24 Kelly Boyer  
 May 31 Eric Linblade

## Readers 10:30 AM

May 3 Faith Thomas  
 May 10 Laura Tice  
 May 17 Pat Webb  
 May 24 Triss Hoppman  
 May 31 Mary F. Harris

## Refreshments

May 3 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia  
 May 10 Jerry and Carol Carney  
 May 17 Paul Maki and Chona Sison  
 May 24 Ron And Robin Zoesch, Joyce Jensen  
 May 31 Ken and Debi Lentsch

## Visitors Gifts

May 3 Crystal Boettcher  
 May 10 Walt and Pauline Arndt  
 May 17 Joyce Jensen  
 May 24 Thelma Williams  
 May 31 Joyce Jensen

## Welcome Leaders

May 3 Peggy Moser  
 May 10 Pat Webb  
 May 17 Chet Madison  
 May 24 Carolyn Andrews  
 May 31 Pauline Arndt



*Thanks for  
 Serving*





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**Memorial Day**  
**May 25**

