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News And Views



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Pastoral Perspective



The most important thing you can do as a parent, grandparent, or one who cares for young ones in any way is to help God's children come to Him.

Many times in Scripture, we hear God's gracious invitation to come to Him. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "Listen! Whoever is thirsty, come to the water! Whoever has no money can come, buy, and eat! Come, buy wine and milk. You don't have to pay; it's free!" (Isaiah 55:1) Jesus said: "Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) In Revelation 22:17 we read: "The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' Let those who hear this say, 'Come!' Let those who are thirsty come! Let those who want the water of life take it as a gift."

God calls us to come to Him. That is because it is God's earnest desire that every one of His children would come to Him and know the joy of being in right relationship with Him forever. In the first pages of the Bible, after Adam and Eve had sinned and were hiding from God, God came looking for them. In searching love God "called out to the man and asked him, 'Where are you?'" (Genesis 3:9) The loving call of God reached its climax when Jesus was lifted up on the cross, "drawing all people toward him." (John 12:31)

The reason, then, that it is so important to help God's children come to Him is that it is so im-

portant to God to have them come. Jesus said: "Don't stop the children from coming to me!" (Luke 18:16) Consider, then, how you can help God's children come to Him.

First, come to God yourself in all situations. To whom do you look in times of need and concern? If you want your children to come to God in faith, you need to be doing that yourself. To whom do you give thanks and praise in all things? If you want your children to come to God in thanksgiving and praise, you need to be doing that yourself. Your children are watching you carefully. If you despair and act hopeless when times are tough, they pick that up. If you trust in God, even in the toughest times, they will remember that. If you don't give thanks for the blessings you receive, your children learn from that. If you give thanks in all things, your children ponder that in their hearts and grow in it.

Second, help God's children develop the skills of the life of faith. One important area in this regard is prayer. You need to pray with your children in order to help them come to God. That's the best way to show your trust in God in all situations. That's the best way to show and grow in thanks and praise of God together. Pray at mealtime, at bedtime, whenever. Don't feel like these prayers have to be profound. They simply need to be heartfelt.

Third, spend time together discussing and learning together from church and from teachings in the Bible. Talk about Sunday School lessons, talk

about children's sermons, read the Bible together, read Bible storybooks or books based on Bible, view Bible videos together and discuss them. Do whatever works for you, but make discussion of the faith a family thing.

Fourth, help God's children come to him in service to others. Take part together in caring and sharing projects. Teach your children to give freely and naturally from what they receive as a matter of faith. Help your children feel and act on compassion for others in need.

Finally, realize and allow that your children are, in truth, God's children. God has a special purpose and ministry for each of His children. Your work is to help God's children come to Him so they can grow in God's plan and purpose for them. God bless you in this very special ministry.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with you,

Pastor Carl



ST. LUKE'S CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 7th, 2015, 265 members, guests and friends celebrated this historical occasion.

The day started with an inspirational and joyous worship service at 10:30 AM led by Pastor Carl Hoppman. Presiding minister, Bishop Mark Holmerud, of the Sierra Pacific Synod, delivered an inspirational message. Musical presentations by the Bell Choir, Children's Choir, and the Chapel Choir were enjoyed by all.

Following the service in the sanctuary, attendees proceeded to Schultz Hall for a delicious lunch prepared by volunteers of the Church. While moving through the serving area everyone enjoyed music by the Sacramento Youth Band under the direction of Micah Dugan.

The program following lunch was opened by

Paul Maki, Church Council President, with welcome and prayer. Master of Ceremonies Howard Triebwasser, proceeded to introduce and recognize special guests:

Bishop Mark Holmerud and wife Debbi
Carole Schultz, daughter-in-law of Pastor
Arnold Schultz
Albert Lundeen, son of Pastor Wally Lundeen
Sylvia Kohler, wife of Pastor Ad Kohler
Pastor Ron Zoesch and wife Robin
Pastor Tom Unmacht
Pastor Stan Niemi and wife Kris
Pastor Bob Janes and wife MaryAnn

Pastor Carl then talked about St. Luke's Mission Focus. Howard Triebwasser introduced members of St. Luke's who shared their personal stories of St. Luke's and their visions for the congregation:

Don Miller
Steven Lee
Ron Webb
Mary Frances Harris
Larry Dockter
Triss Hoppman

During the program and stories a drawing of various prizes was held and conducted by Larry Dockter. Pastor Carl then introduced members of Narcotics Anonymous and presented many gift cards which had been donated by St. Luke's members.

A special reading of the St. Luke's Anniversary Hymn was made by Ron Webb.

The program concluded with Bishop Holmerud offering words of encouragement and blessing.

The entire celebration was a collaborative effort by many volunteer members of St. Luke's for which I sincerely thank and appreciate their efforts. This was a success.

We truly had a time of thanksgiving and celebration for what the Lord has accomplished through us these last 90 years.

Howard Triebwasser,
Chairman, 90th Anniversary Committee



It's called the Dog Days of Summer. July is hot, hot in Sacramento. But, it is also the time when everything grows. Therefore, July is a great time to grow in your faith as

well. Again this year we will have an educational program and potluck called, "Wednesdays in July". It starts July 8 and continues July 15, 22 and 29. It will start at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck, followed by study and conversation, and conclude no later than 7:45.

This year we will focus on being, "Claimed, Gathered and Sent". It is a study initiated by our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to discuss the strengths of the church, and the opportunities as Lutherans to bring a word of hope to a world that often so desperately needs that Word.

It comes from the Bishop's four foci for our call as the church: 1) We are the Church, which covers our gathering in worship and what it brings to our lives, 2) We are Lutheran which helps us realize the important emphasis of our faith that can be a gift for the universal church, 3) We are the Church Together, which reminds us we cannot simply be islands onto ourselves, but the church is strongest that works together with others, and 4) We are Church For the Sake of the World. This is our call to service and outreach in our community and throughout the world.

This study is meant to be interactive using scriptures and our own experiences to share and strengthen one another. While we encourage your participation in each session, if you need to miss a time, each will be self-contained. Pastor Ron Zoesch will lead the study and conversation. Come to Wednesdays in July!



We welcome Lauren Orcutt as our new church office secretary beginning July 1. Lauren comes to the position with a rich and varied skill set. She has very helpful experience as a teacher/tutor, editor, proofreader, copywriter, and receptionist.

Recently, she did a marvelous job writing the copy for our Web site, www.slelca.org. Make sure to check it out.

Our new office hours, starting July 1, will be Monday through Thursday from 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM. Drop by and welcome Lauren as she undertakes this vital ministry for the mission of our congregation.

Again, we thank Deanna Dockter for her 14 years of dedicated service to the Lord as our church office secretary. You will have opportunity to say thanks to her at the after-worship refreshments on Sunday, July 12.



DINNER/FUNDRAISER AT PALERMO'S RISTORANTE

We had a wonderful turnout of 40 adults and 2 children. Not only was it a great time of sharing with each other and enjoying a delicious meal, but Palermo's gave us back \$177 (15% of the cost of our food purchases) to use for future church ministries.



Lost, June 7, in kitchen a women's watch.

It was on the windowsill over the main sink.

If you saw it/or found it, please notify the church office.



SUMMERTIME TREATS, SUNDAY, JULY 19

What tastes better when it's hot than an ice cream float? Following the services on Sunday, July 19, the Evangelism Board will be serving up their Annual Root Beer and Orange Soda Floats.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy these delicious, refreshing treats.



WHO DOESN'T LIKE SHARING A GOOD MEAL WITH FRIENDS!

It's time for new sign-ups for our small diner's groups. If you have been a part of one of our past groups, you will want to be sure to stop at the Opportunity Table during July and August and sign up for our new groups that will get together in the fall. Everyone who signs up will be organized into small groups of 6-8 people. Each small group will then get together for meals and/or activities of their choice, once a month, in September, October and November. Some of our past groups have enjoyed inviting others to join them. Some groups have had such a good time that they keep getting together! It really is a fun way to get to know people outside of Sunday worship. **DON'T MISS OUT**--the deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 23.

Pat Webb, Chair
Evangelism Board



CLASS OF 2015



Graduates

High School

Megan Calleja

Luther Burbank

(Granddaughter of Faith Thomas)

Kyle Cobb

Capitol Christian

(Grandson of Chet and Sarah Madison)

Daniel Encinas

Monterey Trails

(Son of Mark and Kristen Encinas)

Katy Etchison

Elk Grove

(Daughter John and Tracy Etchison)

Hannah Hope Hanson

Yuba City

(Granddaughter of Pat Hamilton)

Myles Madison

Laguna

(Grandson of Chet and Sarah Madison)

Graduates

College

Sarah Johnson

Chapman University

Fowler School of Law in

Orange, CA—with a Juris

Doctor Degree

(Granddaughter of Alvin and Irene Boschee and Niece of Connie Reule)

Kelly O'Halloran

Northwestern University

School of Law in Chicago

with a Juris Doctor Degree

with a Juris Doctor Degree

(Granddaughter of Alvin and Irene Boschee and Niece of Connie Reule)

GET YOUR RED OF STUFF

It's that time again to be thinking about the Fall Festival - Saturday, October 3.

Once, again, Judy Saxby and Carol Carney would love to have all those "White Elephants" that

you find between now and then! Please give us gently used items - what we say when we are looking for them ourselves, is: "would I want to buy it?" - if not, we figure others would not either. We will not be selling clothes however we have the barrel for St. John's Shelter in the office and all clothes are greatly appreciated.

Real large items will have to be collected closer to the event, however you can bring smaller items to the church any time - they can be stored upstairs in the loft above the choir bathroom.

We thank you. Your generosity and support have been amazing in the past and we look forward to another great year

If you have any questions or concerns or need help please contact one of us.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT MAY 2015

OFFERINGS (General Fund Only):

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$19,104	\$90,671
Compared to Budget	\$3,647	\$4,217
	24.0%	5.0%
Compared to 2014	\$3,647	\$5,650
	24.0%	7.00%
Contributors:		
2015 (Current Year)	93	89 Aver.
2014 (Last Year)	96	94 Aver.

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

Other Special Gifts:

- a) Sunday School \$41.41
- b) Flowers \$260.00

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary



July 3	Ken Lentsch
July 4	Harold Sodergren
July 5	Bruce Kiser
July 6	Cliff Landaker
July 7	Bekka Roberts
July 7	Lisa Olsen
July 8	Rosie Johnson
July 16	Al Boschee
July 24	Juanita Guilbeau
July 26	Bob Janes
July 27	Pat Webb
July 29	Ron Zoesch

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



July 5	Betty Olson to celebrate Duane and Marlene Kiser's 40th Wedding Anniversary; Larry and Deanna Dockter for Bekka's 7th birthday; Debi Lentsch for Ken's birthday
July 12	Kelly Boyer for God's Grace; Karen Linfor in memory of Jerry's birthday
July 19	
July 26	Ron and Pat Webb for Pat's birthday; Thelma Williams in memory of James Williams



I would like to thank Linda Olsen, Lois Sherrets, Connie Reule, Nancy Minning, Al Moser, Walt and Pauline Arndt, John Johnsen, Thelma Williams, Mack and Carole Vance, Brenda Sulzman, Kay Yakabe, Dorothy Haney and Carolyn Andrews for all of their volunteer work in the church office while I was secretary. Thank you to my Church Family and Pastor Carl for your friendship during my time as your secretary. I will cherish all the memories. This has been a wonderful journey.

Deanna Dockter

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

July 5 Daniel Encinas
July 12 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
July 19 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
July 26 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry

Altar Care

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

Communion Servers

Faith Thomas, Crystal Boettcher

Counters

July 5 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 12 Don Schell, Bob Behr
July 19 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
July 26 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

July 5 Debi Lentsch, Karen Linfor
July 12
July 19 Ron and Pat Webb
July 26 Crystal Boettcher

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Ken Lentsch, Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders

July 5 Judy Saxby
July 12 David Saxby
July 19 Faith Thomas
July 26 Alison Thomas

Psalm Leaders

July 5 Morgan Furry
July 12 Amber Mansfield
July 19 Angie Martinez
July 26 Aiyana Tice

Readers 8:15 AM

July 5 Kelly Boyer
July 12 Eric Linblade
July 19 Ron Webb
July 26 Ron Webb

Readers 10:30 AM

July 5
July 12 Tracy Etchison
July 19 Holly Hoppman
July 26 Marlene Kiser

Refreshments

July 5 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
July 12 Jerry and Carol Carney
July 19 Annual Root Beer/Orange Soda Floats
July 26 Paul Maki and Chona Sison

Visitors Gifts

July 5 Walt Arndt
July 12 Joyce Jensen
July 19 Thelma Williams
July 26 Carole Vance

Welcome Leaders

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



*Thanks For
Serving*

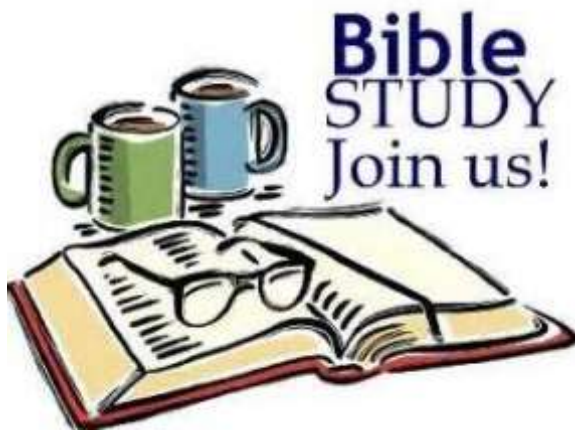


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Bible
STUDY
Join us!

& Potluck

Join us on
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Pastor Ron Zoesch will lead us in
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