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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



Busy, busy, busy. That's how life seems so often. Either you are busy doing things or you're busy thinking about what you ought to be doing. It's hard to find a quiet time to get centered on what is really important. Often, the search for a quiet time is futile. I suggest what you do, instead of

trying to carve out a quiet time, is work at cultivating a quiet heart.

A quiet heart doesn't rely on having everything calm to be able to get centered on what is really important. A quiet heart is surrendered to the Lord. A quiet heart looks to the Lord for how best to use all that is given to you. One of my favorite psalms is Psalm 131. It describes how to have a quiet heart—not by trying to figure everything out and do everything wonderfully and marvelously all the time, but rather by being calm and quiet in the Lord and hoping in him and his guidance for now and forever.

The psalmist writes:

1 Lord, my heart is not proud;
 my eyes are not haughty.
 I don't concern myself with matters too great
 or too awesome for me to grasp.
 2 Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself,
 like a weaned child who no longer cries for its
 mother's milk.

Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me.
 3 O Israel, put your hope in the Lord—
 now and always.

Let's pray for each other, that we will have quiet hearts, so we will know what is really important for us to do, and that we will use all that is given to us for doing those things.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



Organized by the Women of the ELCA

**Saturday, October 3rd, 2015
 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Fall Festival is our biggest community event of the year! We hope you are able to join us anytime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 3rd. We have a big white elephant sale, a country store, and tables full of baked goods, books, plants, popcorn, crafts, toys, stuffed animals, and more.

We're renting out spaces, filling the parking lot and the grass around the church exterior, to vendors and individuals selling yard sale items. So far we

have vendors signed up to sell jewelry, jams, curios, children's books, vintage items, hand-crafted products, yard art, candles, quilts, wind chimes, clocks, and more.

We're excited to have Good Day Sacramento come out to the event this year; look out for us in the 8 o'clock hour the morning of the event.

We have several activities for the kids: pumpkin painting, face painting, and coloring paper crowns!

Breakfast costs \$4 (suggested donation) for pancakes, sausage or bacon, and coffee or juice. For lunch you can buy a hot dog for \$4, or a hamburger for \$5, along with chips and a drink.



**All proceeds benefit
W-ELCA's benevolence fund!**

The benevolence fund has been used to donate to the following organizations:

- Union Gospel Mission (homeless services)
- Chicks in Crisis (services for homeless women and children and for women facing unwanted pregnancies)
- Elk Grove Food Bank
- St. John's Program for Real Change (helping homeless mothers transition out of homelessness)
- The Sacramento SPCA (animal welfare)
- Parkway Elementary and Charles Mack Elementary School
- Courageous Connections (supporting current and emancipated foster youth)
- Moral Values Program (protecting, supporting, and mentoring abused, neglected, and troubled youth)
- South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (emergency food closet)

Thanks for your support!

We want to thank everyone who has already donated such wonderful white elephants to support WELCA's benevolence program.

Help needed to prepare for the Fall Festival

We're still looking for support for staffing our booths. Look for sign up sheets on the opportunity table for Books & Plants, Country Store, Crafters, White Elephants, and Food Tent.

We are still accepting donations of white elephants, handmade crafts, books, baked goods, and especially plants! We also are in need of plastic and paper bags. Donations can be brought to the church any Sunday, or Monday—Thursday mornings, through October 1st. If you are providing baked goods, please contact Connie Ruele (689-8528) to make arrangements for dropping them off by Friday, October 2nd.

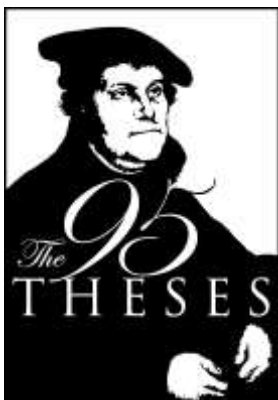


We need your help to sort, price, and prepare the white elephant items for the sale. Please come to the Overflow Room, for any amount of time that you are available, starting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 1. If you have any questions or concerns about the white elephants, please contact Carol Carney at 335-0847 or Judy Saxby at 798-0825.



For all other questions, call the church office at 421-5039 during office hours (Monday through Thursday mornings), or email Holly at welca@slelca.org.





REFORMATION DAY

Reformation Day—October 31st—is one of the most significant dates in church history. On this day in 1517, Martin Luther nailed the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church in Germany—an event that is commonly considered the start of the Protestant Reformation.

Luther, a devout Catholic priest, was appalled by rampant corruption in the church. Priests were selling “indulgences,” pieces of paper that promised the forgiveness of sins. The people would purchase indulgences so they could commit sins without consequences, and the priests profited by claiming to peddle God’s free gift of grace.

The Ninety-Five Theses detailed these and many other abuses in the church. As the theses circulated among scholars all over Europe, Luther’s ideas helped spark a widespread and far-reaching religious, cultural, and political upheaval. Luther and other reformers, such as John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Knox, challenged papal authority and called for essential reforms in the church’s structure and teachings. Although Luther simply wanted to restore the Catholic church’s piety and dignity, he was ultimately excommunicated, and the Reformation led to the establishment of separate Protestant churches (named after the reformers’ *protests*).

Luther also translated the Bible into the German vernacular—before that, most Bibles were written



in Latin—so that the common people could access God’s word directly, instead of hearing it through the corrupt priests.

At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that we are justified and set free by grace through faith. Salvation is a free gift of God that cannot be earned by doing good deeds (or buying indulgences). As Luther wrote in thesis sixty-two:

“The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.”

ANNUAL REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Celebration and Potluck
Sunday, October 25,
after the 10:30 a.m. service**

This annual event is a celebration of the Reformation, our Lutheran heritage, and our personal family heritages. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing your heritage, or a favorite family recipe, to share.

You are also invited to help us decorate the tables by bringing a family keepsake or something that shows off your heritage.

We will enjoy a time of learning about Martin Luther and the Reformation, accompanied by a Reformation-themed activity.

If you can attend, please sign up at the Opportunity Table, at the back of the sanctuary. We want to be able to provide plenty of seating and tables.





SLY FUNDRAISER & NEWS

St. Luke's Youth

SLY members will be selling 2016 pocket and wall calendars until supplies run out. Pocket calendars are available for \$5 and wall calendars are \$6. They make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.

The first SLY meeting of the fall season will be held on Sunday, October 4th, following the confirmation class. Pizza will be provided for all those who attend. We will discuss fundraising, pumpkin bread, and other events.



BOOK CLUB

Evangelism Board

Is reading books one of your hobbies? Would you like to meet with other St. Luke's members to discuss what you liked (or disliked) about a previously assigned and agreed-upon book?

If this interests you, please call Robin Zoesch at 385-9312. Thank you for considering this.

Robin Zoesch

COMMUNITY CONCERNS REPORT

The school supplies drive was a great success!

The Community Concerns Board met on Tuesday, September 8. It was a true time of thanksgiving; we're grateful to the members of our congregation for, once again, donating a large quantity of school

supplies. As we gathered to sort the supplies in preparation for stuffing the 100 backpacks generously donated by W-ELCA, we were overwhelmed by their generosity. We thank each and every one who donated supplies and helped in any other way to make this such a fantastic outreach to our community.

Supplies were put in the backpacks after the Congregational Picnic on Sunday, September 13, and we thank those who participated in this rewarding time of fellowship. The filled backpacks, as well as the supplies collected for school teachers, were distributed by Al Moser, Community Concerns Board Chair, and Mack Vance, a great supporter of the Board.

Thank you all for helping us with this greatly appreciated effort to put a smile on the faces of these children who have so little and the teachers who often are compelled to buy supplies. Our donations will help make sure the students of Parkway and Charles Mack Elementary Schools will have the best opportunity to fulfill their education.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

St. Luke's Women of the ELCA met on Saturday, September 12th, for a general meeting. We were excited to participate in the "God's Work, Our Hands" Service Day. We were able to purchase 100 high-quality backpacks to support the backpack and school supplies drive this year. It's a wonderful way we can support our local community's youth.





EVANGELISM BOARD REPORT

The Evangelism Board members (Carolyn Andrews, Pauline and Walt Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Joyce Jensen, Pat Webb, Robin Zoesch, and Carole Vance) wish to thank everyone who helped make our Congregational BBQ & Picnic special. I wish to personally thank Paul Maki, Joshua Bell, Steven Lee, Mack Vance, and Jack Fenske for taking time from their Saturdays to set up tables and canopies. A special

thank-you to Ed and Kirsten Ireton for the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, and thank you to everyone who supplied the wonderful salads. Everyone had a great time!

It was a wonderful day, and it was great to see everyone wearing their God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts. Many hands filled the backpacks with all the school supplies that were generously donated throughout the summer.

Carole Vance, Evangelism Member



CONGREGATIONAL BBQ & PICNIC



PROPERTY BOARD REPORT

It required two projects, but the Property Board has resolved the drainage problems along the east side of the sanctuary building.

In the process, several additional issues were also corrected: (a) uneven sidewalks, at the south end of the building, which created tripping hazards; (b) unattractive, overgrown shrubs along the east side; and (c) no automatic sprinklers for the shrubbery on the east side.

Funding for both projects was provided by the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fundraiser events. Without these funds, the projects would not have occurred. The Property Board thanks everyone for the fundraising support.

The drainage issues were created by the lack of a drainage inlet, in the original construction, for the downspout located at the southeast corner of the sanctuary building. This downspout drains almost 40 percent of the east half of the roof. The issue is aggravated by the fact that the sidewalk and parking lot pavement are higher than the planting area.

The first phase of the work was installing a new drainage inlet at the southeast corner. However, before this work could begin, the existing sidewalk had to be removed, because the planned connection between the new inlet and an existing drainage pipe was under the sidewalk. Thus, a contractor was hired to remove and replace the sidewalks, which also eliminated the tripping hazards.

When the sidewalks were removed, the Board members installed the new inlet, which will eliminate nearly all of flooding that has occurred in the past. The total cost of the initial project was \$2,200.

Next, the Board hired a landscape firm to re-landscape the area along the east side of the sanctuary building, from the south end to the large AC. The work also included the area within the small

courtyard.

The goals for this project included the following:

- Improve the building security and discourage unwanted overnight activities (i.e., less vegetation for hiding).
- Improve the appeal and consistency of the shrubs.
- Remove the overgrown vegetation. This is critical for preventing dry rot, especially for the low windows.
- Provide a water-conserving, automatic sprinkler system (i.e., a drip system).
- Lessen the accumulation of water on the sidewalk during the rainy season. To achieve this goal, a new French drain was constructed, adjacent to the sidewalk, for the full length of the planting area.

For many years, this planting area has been maintained, including watering, by Peggy and Al Moser. Thus, prior to beginning work, the Board discussed the project with the Mosers, and they were fully supportive. The Property Board thanks Peggy and Al for their years of faithful efforts to maintain this planting area.

In an effort to conserve water and avoid over-planting, only seven plants were planted: five Escallonia, commonly called Kompakta (a small, spreading shrub with petite pink flowers), and two Viburnum tinus, commonly called Spring Bouquet (a medium-sized shrub with white flowers). The area looks somewhat sparse now, but please be patient; the plants will be considerably larger when they reach maturity. The cost for the landscaping and related work was \$3,100.

If you have any additional questions, please contact a Board member.

Jack Fenske,
Property Board member





Fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society

Please join Team Friends in Faith as we walk in the annual Sacramento Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, October 18th. The event starts with registration at 7 a.m., and the walk begins at 8 a.m., so we should be back in time for church! We will be carpooling from St. Luke's.

There is no cost to register, but donations are encouraged, as this is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Visit <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/friendsinfaith> to register or donate to the team. Let's show our support to all those who have fought and are fighting breast cancer. If you have any questions, please contact Team Captain Kirsten at 296-5907.



Ria Williams, a welcomed member of our congregation, passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 91. Please pray for her brother, extended family members, and friends as they grieve. We give thanks for her long life, and we rejoice that she will spend eternity in the Lord's presence. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on September 12.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF

Please pray for those whose lives, homes, and property have been endangered by fires throughout Northern California. Pray as well for the many firefighters and first responders who are putting their lives in danger to bring relief and comfort. And pray for rain and favorable weather to end this tragedy.

The Lutheran church has several wonderful organizations that provide long-term disaster relief to devastated areas. They work with local churches to provide support, healing, and hope. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and Lutheran Social Services (LSS) help communities recover and stabilize during the weeks and months after the Red Cross and other agencies withdraw.

To help the people and communities that have been affected by the Butte and Valley fires, please generously support the relief work of LDR and LSS. Their immediate needs are being met, but let us commit to supporting them during the long journey of healing and rebuilding. LDR and LSS will coordinate with local congregations and relief agencies to put your gifts to the best and most needed uses.

If you would like to make a donation for the Northern California disaster relief through St. Luke's, simply mark your offering "Fire Relief" and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church. We will forward it to the proper relief agency.



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BABY SHOWER

Congratulations Brooke & Dave Barr!

Happy Birthday!

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| Micayla Shower | October 2nd |
| Ferd Boschee | October 3rd |
| Hannelore Marchuk | October 3rd |
| Howard Triebwasser | October 4th |
| Gail Weber | October 7th |
| Thelma Williams | October 7th |
| Vivian Blazic | October 8th |
| Ron Franklin | October 8th |
| Jeff Kiser | October 8th |
| Ofelia Ojeda | October 8th |
| Duane Kiser | October 19th |
| Katie Ramsey | October 19th |
| Joan Mooney | October 21st |
| Susan Myers | October 21st |
| Ben Ireton | October 22nd |
| Christina Hisamoto | October 28th |



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

Altar Flowers

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| Oct. 4 | Larry and Deanna Dockter For Micayla's 13th birthday |
| | Marlene and Duane Kiser for Jeff Kiser's birthday |
| Oct. 11 | Ken and Debi Lentsch for Chris's birthday |
| Oct. 18 | Ron and Pat Webb for their anniversary |
| Oct. 25 | Karen Linfor in memory of her parents |



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

August 2015

| Offerings (General Fund Only) | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|------|
| | This Month | Year to Date | |
| Total Offering | \$19,986 | \$144,343 | |
| Compared to Budget | \$1,855 | \$3,990 | |
| | 11.0% | 3.0% | |
| Compared to 2014 | \$1,407 | \$5,928 | |
| | 8.0% | 4.0% | |
| Contributors | | | |
| 2015 (Current Year) | 103 | 92 | avg. |
| 2014 (Last Year) | 82 | 88 | avg. |
| Other Special Gifts | | | |
| Sunday School | | \$10.96 | |
| Flowers | | \$160.00 | |

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

Ron Webb
Financial Secretary



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes
 Oct. 4 Daniel Encinas
 Oct. 11 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
 Oct. 18 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
 Oct. 25 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry

Altar Care
 8:15 a.m. Cheryl Franklin
 10:30 a.m. Connie Reule, Nancy Minning

Communion Servers
 (Needed)

Counters
 Oct. 4 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
 Oct. 11 Don Schell, Bob Behr
 Oct. 18 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
 Oct. 25 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters
 Oct. 4 (Needed)
 Oct. 11 (Needed)
 Oct. 18 (Needed)
 Oct. 25 (Needed)

Head Ushers
 8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
 10:30 a.m. Craig Eckels

Prayer Leaders
 Oct. 4 Judy Saxby
 Oct. 11 David Saxby
 Oct. 18 Lauren Orcutt
 Oct. 25 Ken Lentsch

Psalm Leaders
 Oct. 4 Lucy Orcutt
 Oct. 11 Aiyana Tice
 Oct. 18 Hannah Encinas
 Oct. 25 Sierra Etchison

Readers 8:15 a.m.
 Oct. 4 Phil Petersen
 Oct. 11 Ron Webb
 Oct. 18 Christiana Wilson
 Oct. 25 Kelly Boyer

Readers 10:30 a.m.
 Oct. 4 Betty Englund
 Oct. 11 Mary Francis Harris
 Oct. 18 Holly Hoppman
 Oct. 25 Triss Hoppman

Refreshments
 Oct. 4 Ofelia Ojeda
 Oct. 11 (Needed)
 Oct. 18 Mack and Carole Vance
 Oct. 25 Reformation Sunday Potluck

Visitors' Gifts
 Oct. 4 Pat Webb
 Oct. 11 Pauline Arndt
 Oct. 18 Carolyn Andrews
 Oct. 25 Crystal Boettcher

Welcome Leaders
 Oct. 4 Ron Zoesch
 Oct. 11 Pat Webb
 Oct. 18 Chet Madison
 Oct. 25 Carolyn Andrews

If you can help serve communion for October, please sign up at the Opportunity Table in the back of the sanctuary. If you can serve as a greeter, look for the sign-up sheet on the wall in the entryway, by the big doors. The refreshments sign-up sheet is in the church office.





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Return Service Requested

«Head of House» «Last Name» «Spouse»
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- White elephant sale
- Bake sale
- Vendors
- Yard sales
- Books, plants, toys, and more!



- Pancake breakfast
- Hamburgers and hot dogs
- Kid's activities

*All proceeds benefit
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benevolence fund!*

October 3rd

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