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News And Views



2016

Pastoral Perspective



The word "triumph" has a very special meaning. It is a powerful term used to describe something more than just a single victory. It speaks of a decisive, overwhelming, and significant group of victories. It is the result of a culmination of many successful battles.

Graduation, for example, is a triumph. Passing an individual class is a victory. Graduation is the result of passing many classes; it is a triumph. For some, that truly involves a number of battles.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the triumph of Christ. This triumph is the culmination of many successful battles, battles against the fearsome powers and formidable enemies of the devil, sin, and death.

These enemies had the whole world in their grasp. The successful temptation of the devil in the Garden of Eden had enslaved the world to sin and put it under the penalty of death. Christ fought many battles to undo the victories of the devil, sin, and death. He withstood the temptations of the devil. In His miracles, healing, and proclamations of forgiveness, He won victory after victory over the power of sin to enslave people. He broke the grasp of death, for it could not hold Him. Finally and decisively, He rose triumphant from the grave.

Christ did this all for you. He who was without sin was numbered among the transgressors and suffered the slashing claws and teeth of sin for you. When He said on the cross, "It is finished," He meant nothing less than that your redemption had been won. You were there reconciled to God, who declared you to have right relationship with God for the sake of Jesus. All that remained to complete the triumph was the resurrection. And that happened on the first Easter morning. For now and always, the triumph is yours in Christ.

The fruits of the triumph are arrayed before you. There is the personal forgiveness of your sins, which Christ won for you once and for all. There is Christ's loving presence in Word and Sacrament, which strengthens and upholds you. There is hope and joy of eternal life, which gives you confidence for the future. There is the whole armor of God, which protects and defends you, and gives you the Word you need to overcome the devil. There is Christ's promise of continual intercession for you before the throne of His Father in heaven.

What a cause for rejoicing you have in Christ's great triumph for you! Live abundantly in that triumph! "Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia!"

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Celebrate the Resurrection

On Sunday, April 3, Pastor Carl's sermon will focus on the liturgy as an every-Sunday celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Don't miss this opportunity to gain a greater appreciation of our Lutheran worship practices.

Altar Guild Brunch and Training

On May 14 at 10:00 a.m., the Board of Worship and Music will host a thank-you brunch for all Altar Care volunteers. Families are welcome. The brunch will be followed by a brief training for Altar Care volunteers. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn about this vital ministry. Anyone interested in helping with altar care is encouraged to contact Triss Hoppman at 714-3011 or by e-mail triss hoppman@comcast.net.

SLY

SLY had a great time at Laser X playing Laser Tag on Sunday, March 14th. Pastor, Kirsten, Amber, Angie, Hannah, & Isa all joined in the fun afternoon despite the rain. We were the Red Team, and our team ended up winning the match!



Next up for SLY is the Youth Retreat at Mt. Cross, April 29—May 1. This is sure to be a great weekend of group-building and lifelong memory-making fun. We thank you for your support and prayers.

SLY meets the 1st Sunday of every month at 12:45pm following Confirmation. Pizza is provided. Mark your calendars for our next meeting – April 3rd.

On behalf of the Easter Bunny and all the SLY helpers, thank you for making the Annual Easter Egg hunt a success with your candy and plastic egg donations. If you are a parent and want to recycle your plastic eggs, you may bring them back to the church and give them to Kirsten.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

The Children's Clothing Place was closed for a couple of weeks; all the items needed to be rewashed and sorted. Thank you to Faith Thomas, Kelly Boyer, and Lois Sherrets for washing all the clothes. It was a big job, but these ladies got it done.

THANK YOU

Mack and I would like to say thank you to our Church Family for the prayers and wonderful cards Mack received during his surgery and recovery. He would not have recovered as quickly without all the love and prayers.

Love,
Mack and Carole Vance

CRAB FEED

HOWDY Y'ALL! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 15th Annual Crab Feed at St. Luke's. It was great to see so many familiar faces again and to welcome so many new folks to the table. Many, many thanks go out to the helpful crew that

helped put this event together. For many, it was not our first rodeo.

Even with fewer folks in attendance than years past and with the rain pouring outside, we were able to raise \$8,407.04—about \$250 more than last year. As approved with the budget in December, \$3000 will go to support the narthex remodel that is currently underway, while the remainder will go towards other property maintenance and improvement projects this year.

I would like to specifically thank and recognize everyone who helped out with the planning and execution of this year's Crab Feed: Jeanette & Joe Payne, Triss Hoppman, Kirsten Ireton, Larry Dockter, Carol & Jerry Carney, Carolyn Andrews, Judy & Dave Saxby, Peggy & Al Moser, Katie Iniguez, Dorothy Haney, Ron & Pat Webb, Debbie Silverberg, Karen Linfor, Jeff Kiser, Bruce Kiser, Jared Kiser, Pastor, Kelly Boyer, Lydia Toloy, Jack & Micki Fenske, Bob Behr, Christiana Wilson, Connie Reule, Paul Maki, Chona Sison, Samantha Basquez, and Julie Ireton; our St. Luke's Youth Group, for selling sodas and desserts; and Monterey Trail's and Kennedy High School's key clubs for helping serve our guests.

Once again, thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for this year's Crab Feed! We'll see ya next year!

Holly Hoppman
Crab Feed Coordinator



Once again, many chicken dinners (34) were prepared for the Crab Feed, and it could not have been done without the help of others. I want to thank Ron and Pat Webb for helping me locate the chickens, which turned out to be a great price and probably the nicest we have ever bought. Thanks to Jerry Carney for cutting them all in half and doing the initial cleaning. And then thanks to the amazing ladies who not only worked hard putting the dinners all together, but also provided a fun time of fellowship: Carolyn Andrews, Judy Saxby, Lois Sherrets, and Christiana Wilson, as well as Kirsten Ireton, who helped get the chickens on the plates in time to serve them.

Carol Carney
Chicken Coordinator,
Better known as the "Chicken Lady"





Crab Feed 2016



W-ELCA

Our March general meeting was held on Saturday 3/12. We had a potato bar and took a collection for Chicks in Crisis. We are working on a field trip outing to see Chicks in Crisis and learn more about what they do, so keep an eye out for more information soon.

We hosted the Lamb Dinner on Maundy Thursday on March 24. Many thanks to everyone who helped out.

Our next meeting will be April 9th, at 11:30 a.m., in Schultz Hall. We hope you'll join us!

Holly Hoppman
W-ELCA President

Mother's Day—Wear a Hat!

Attention ladies . . . Got a hat? If not, let's go shopping! Our W-ELCA group is asking all the women of our congregation (whether mothers or not) to join us in worship on Mother's Day, May 8th, by wearing hats while praising God and honoring mothers. It will be fun, and you will love it. Others will too.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Frances Harris



EVANGELISM

Lenten Soup Suppers and Services

Our Lenten Soup Suppers began on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, with a dinner hosted by W-ELCA. All who attended enjoyed delicious soups, breads, and desserts. Following the soup supper, we joined together in the sanctuary for a special worship service and the imposition of ashes.

I would like to thank the following boards for hosting this year's soup suppers: W-ELCA, Council, Worship and Music, Choir, Property, Youth, Evangelism, Community Concerns, and the Congregation.



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PROPERTY

Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the all-members work day. Jack and Jerry changed the filters—much appreciated. Thank you to Bruce Kaiser for loaning us a pressure washer. A great big thank you to Lydia Toloy for scrubbing the bathroom walls. We didn't get everything done because of the wet weather (e.g., we couldn't paint the outside wall), but we still accomplished a lot.

A huge thank you to Linda Duffek for hiring pest control to kill the spiders in Room 1, and to Lois Sherrets and Faith Thomas for washing and folding the clothes.

The narthex renovation is coming along nicely. A big thank you to Philip Connell for his hard work

and labor.

Thank you to everybody and happy Easter!

Your sister in Christ,
Kelly Boyer
Property Board Chair

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Drafts of the minutes from the Council Meetings are available in the office, posted on the bulletin board. They will be updated every month after the council meets. They are also available on the church website at <http://slelca.org/resources/>.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Ferd Boschee has a new address:

A LOSS IN OUR CONGREGATION

Harold Sodergren died peacefully, surrounded by loving family, on March 19. Please give thanks for his long and vibrant life here and for the new life he has in the heavenly kingdom for eternity. The family is planning private services for Harold.

ALTAR FLOWERS



- April 3 Ken and Debi Lentsch
for Michele's birthday
- April 17 Mary Frances Harris
for the birthday celebrat
and Jane
- April 24 Joe and Janette Payne
in memory of our beloved parents
Walt and Pauline Arndt
for their 60th wedding anniversary



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 4 Adeline Weston
April 4 Chris Wilke
April 6 Larry Dockter
April 9 Don Englund
April 12 Clarence Korhonen
April 16 Marilyn Sodergren
April 16 Charles Yakabe
April 17 Megan Dockter
April 17 Heidi Harrison
April 19 Reuben Jones
April 19 Kamryn Olsen
April 20 Mary Frances Harris
April 20 Cheryl Menezes
April 21 Brooke Barr
April 24 Erika Korhonen
April 24 Marsha Ley
April 24 Connie Reule
April 24 Amelia Tice
April 25 Rylee Shower
April 27 Lisa Englund
April 28 Lisa Olsen
April 30 Rachel Kiser

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

February 2016

Offerings (General Fund Only)			
	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Offering	\$15,609	\$34,996	
Compared to Budget	-10.9%	+2.4%	
	-\$1,914	+\$807	
Compared to 2015	-11.0%	+4.0%	
	-\$1,926	+\$1,350	
Contributors			
2016 (YTD)	82	85	avg.
2015 (Last Year)	88	90	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$33	
Flowers		\$120	
Memorials		\$530	
Lenten		\$10	
Easter Lilies		\$100	

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

Jack Fenske
St. Luke's Financial Secretary



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

April 3 Daniel Encinas
April 10 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
April 17 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
April 24 Morgan Furry, Lucy Orcutt

Altar Care (8:15 a.m.)

Cheryl Franklin

(10:30 a.m.)

April 3 Marlene Kiser, Janette Payne
April 10 Linda Olsen
April 17 Linda Duffek, Peggy Moser
April 24 Lisa Olsen

Communion Servers

April 3 Daniel Encinas, Al Moser,
Faith Thomas
April 17 Howard Triebwasser, Peggy Moser,
Bob Behr

Counters

April 3 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 10 Don Schell, Bob Behr
April 17 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
April 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

April 3 Laura Sondrini
April 10 Lydia Toloy
April 17 *Needed*
April 24 *Needed*

Head Usher (8:15 a.m.)

Ron Franklin

(10:30 a.m.)

April 3 Craig Eckels
April 10 Craig Eckels
April 17 Larry Dockter
April 24 Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders

April 3 Marlene Kiser
April 10 Sylvia Kohler
April 17 Triss Hoppman
April 24 Holly Hoppman

Psalm Leaders

April 3 Aiyana Tice
April 10 Hannah Encinas
April 17 Sierra Etchison
April 24 Amber Mansfield

Readers (8:15 a.m.)

April 3 Kelly Boyer
April 10 Kathryn Felgenhauer
April 17 Eric Linblade
April 24 Sarah Madison

(10:30 a.m.)

April 3 Al Moser
April 10 John Orcutt
April 17 Lauren Orcutt
April 24 Joe Payne

Refreshments

April 3 Ofelia Ojeda, Carol Carney
April 10 Sande & Paul Heaton
April 17 Mack & Carole Vance
April 24 Kelly Boyer, Joyce Jensen, Carole Vance. This is the 60th wedding anniversary for Pauline & Walt Arndt—please join us for cake!

Visitors' Gifts

April 3 Kelly Boyer
April 10 Joyce Jensen
April 17 Walt Arndt
April 24 *Pending*

Welcome Leaders

April 3 Pat Webb
April 10 Chet Madison
April 17 Carolyn Andrews
April 24 Pauline Arndt

Sunday School Teachers

April 3 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
April 10 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
April 17 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
April 24 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez



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