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News And Views

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Pastoral Perspective



We spend a lot of time waiting. We wait for things both piddling and profound. We wait with eager anticipation for food or something that excites us. We wait hopefully for vacation or retirement. We wait anxiously for medical tests and treatment. We wait for the

day we will fully understand what life is all about and just what it is we are waiting for in the first place. We wait for the day we will feel complete.

The fact that we wait tells us something about our natures. It tells us we are incomplete. If we were really complete, we wouldn't have anything to wait for, it would all be right here right now. We wait because of a basic lack which expresses itself through many complex wants and yearnings. At the deepest level, what we lack is a complete relationship with God. That is something we just don't have in this sinful world. We wait for Jesus to reappear to complete His work in us, to make us complete in relationship with God for eternity.

There is no way around the waiting. As long as we are living in time we are going to find ourselves in a state of expectancy, be it joyful or miserable. There are two primary qualities that we are encouraged by God to nurture in order to have peace in our lives as we wait.

The first quality is patience. There is simply no peace without patience because no matter how powerful our urges might be for fruition, God won't be rushed. God tells the prophet Habakkuk and us, "If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay." Patience is a fruit of the Spirit that allows the Christian to adapt to the inevitable waiting. It is also a means of bringing the Christian into tune with the gradual unfolding of God's plan and purpose. When we have the patience to watch and listen and aren't trying to hasten things ahead of their time, we begin to learn how God is working and we are enabled to be a part of that working.

The second quality is vigilance. As we patiently wait, we have to remain alert. Otherwise patience turns into stupor. We must wait, but we must also stay awake to what is developing and how we are called to be and act in the situations and circumstances we are in. We are encouraged to watch and listen for God's working and to be ready to respond to the Spirit's call immediately. In this way we are participating in the Lord's plan and purpose for us and we get to take part in His work in the world.

My prayer is that we are patient and vigilant in our waiting on the Lord.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl

Confirmation



Congratulations to those being confirmed this year!



Isabella Basquez
Hannah Encinas
Morgan Furry
Amber Mansfield
Angie Martinez
Elizabeth Wilson



Confirmation will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, May 15.

To all this year's confirmands: I am so proud of your faith journeys and the amazing young people that you all are. I know that God has big things in store for you. It has been my pleasure to watch all of you grow and mature into beautiful people who care about each other and humanity. Blessings to you all.

Kirsten Ireton

CELEBRATING GRADUATIONS

We need information about any graduates in your family!



Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors from SLY!

Parents, grandparents, and other proud family members, please share your graduate's information with Lauren at the church office so we can include your graduate in our Graduation Sunday festivities. The big day is Sunday, May 22th. Let Lauren know their school name and the school colors. This applies for any type of graduation from high school onward (college, trade school, grad school, law school, etc.). Let us celebrate with you!

W-ELCA

Mother's Day Luncheon



W-ELCA is hosting the Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7th, at 11:30 a.m. You are invited to join us, bring guests, and wear your favorite hat to celebrate Mother's Day! We are requesting that if you are interested in attending, to purchase a ticket for \$1 per person. We are having a catered lunch from Logan's Roadhouse and need an accurate headcount. The last Sunday to purchase tickets will be May 1st.

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/>

April Meeting

The Women of the ELCA had a cozy general business meeting in April. We discussed some of WELCA upcoming events as we gathered for lunch and collected household items to support the Kiwanis Family House.

BUNCO—June 4

Mark your calendars and save the date for this year's BUNCO event on Saturday June 4th, at 6 p.m. Keep an eye out for ticket sales. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Peggy Moser or Dorothy Haney.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 8, bring your mother to church to celebrate Mother's Day. Wear a hat and enjoy the special music the choirs have prepared to honor our mothers.



Altar Guild Brunch and Training

The Board of Worship and Music is hosting a thank you brunch for all Altar Care volunteers on May 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5 of the Sunday School wing. 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.



Filled Spirit

with the

Pentecost, the "birthday" of the Church, will be celebrated on May 15. Our young people will be confirmed that day and share their faith stories. Don't miss this moving observance in the life of our congregation.

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be observed the following week, May 22. Graduates from high school, college, or professional schools will be honored during our worship service.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is May 29. Our veterans' banners will be displayed. If you know of veterans who should be added to the banners, please contact the church office with the individual's name, branch of service, and years of service.



A Day for Remembering

SLY MEETINGS

During the summer, SLY will continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month, but we will meet at noon instead of 12:45 p.m. Our meeting dates will be 6/5, 7/10, and 8/7. (We will skip 7/3 due to the July 4th holiday and meet the following week instead.) Mark your calendars and please join us.

We would like to plan a summer campout or some other type of activity, but need parents to be involved too!



Remodeling Project



NARTHEX REMODELING

The painting has been done and looks great. Pat Webb brought in samples of magnetic boards, and we voted on the Sand Stone. We also voted on a 4x10 board—more room for additional name tags and announcements. Micki Fenske is staining the table and cabinet that will go into the narthex. Janette Payne is staining the flower chart. Thank you ladies! The carpets were installed on Friday, April 15, 2016. Pastor Carl has met with the company that will design and make the stained glass windows.

DINERS' GROUPS

Everyone seems to be having a great time with sharing a meal and fellowship. This is the last month for the current groups. The next Diners' Groups will be in September, October, and November. We will take sign-ups in July and August.

EASTER BREAKFAST

We had a wonderful breakfast of crème brûlée French toast topped with pecans, a vegetable dish, two kinds of potatoes, scrambled eggs, and ham. We also enjoyed a variety of muffins, breakfast breads, homemade jams, and two large bowls of fresh fruit, accompanied by coffee, juice, and hot chocolate. We served over 150 people for breakfast, and all had a great time. We would like to say a special thank you to Dave Davis, Eric Linblade, Dave's son Mason, and Dave's mother Mary for pre-

paring and cooking the wonderful food. I would also like to thank the following people who helped set up, serve the food, and clean up: Jack & Micki Fenske, Pauline Arndt, Bob Behr, Ben Briel, Lois Sherrets, Carol Carney, Linda Duffek, Lydia Toloy, Ron Franklin, Maribel Herrera, Connie Reule, Justin Tice, Carole & Mack Vance, Ron & Pat Webb, Lucie Budd, and Karen Cagle. Our donations and offerings came to \$435.00.

EASTER PICTURES







THANK YOU

Walt and I want to thank everyone for helping us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. Especially the ladies in charge of refreshments, it was set up so beautifully. We enjoyed being served. It was such a pleasure to share this special event with our many friends at St. Luke's. We also thank folks for the lovely cards and the beautiful hydrangea that was on the table.

Walt also want to thank you all for the many cards and prayers and encouragement during Walt's ordeal with vertigo. He is finally beginning to be able to do some things, and he knows it is your prayers that are being heard. We are so lucky to be a part of the St. Luke's family.

Blessings to all,
Walt and Pauline Arndt

RELAY FOR LIFE—SACRAMENTO

Team Friends in Faith would like to thank everyone who supported the Relay for Life of Sacramento. The event, held on Saturday, April 16th, was a huge

success, raising over \$31,000 before expenses for the American Cancer Society. Our team of 30+ members raised a whopping \$5,501.10 through a great raffle, bake sales, a vendor and craft fair, and the many donations of our friends and family.



Suzanne Zemke, a 6-year cancer survivor (wow!), beautifully sang the National Anthem to open the event, and Carol Carney was chosen to be one of the survivors to carry the banner around the track during the opening lap. We were honored to have 11 survivors on our team, and next year we hope that if you are a cancer survivor, you will join us at Relay so you can be celebrated as

well. Survivors were treated to a free breakfast and lunch, a special t-shirt, and a goodie bag.

We are still continuing to raise money until the end of the year, so if you would still like to make a donation, you can write a check payable to the American Cancer Society and give it to Kirsten Ireton or Peggy Moser. Your donation is of course tax-deductible and will go to research, support services, and the many programs that the American Cancer Society offers, like rides to treatment and a 24/7/365 telephone support line (800-227-2345). Thank you again on behalf of Team Friends in Faith!

DEATH IN OUR CONGREGATION

Genie Sommer died and was taken by her Savior, Jesus, to the heavenly kingdom on March 30th to be reunited with her husband Fred and the many who have gone before her. Please give thanks for her incredible caring life among us and for the new life she has received from her risen Lord Jesus for eternity. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on April 23.

WE MOURN
WITH YOU



OCEAN MEMORY: A POEM

My cousin, Sahar Moslehi, was passed away in late February at the age of 26. A student, athlete, and

friend, she influenced me in my younger years before going away to college and eventually to medical school. Through her hard work, she inspired me to be better and work harder. In memory of her, I decided to write this poem to present at her funeral, which Pastor Carl attended. The imagery of this poem creates a beach that resembles a moment in time. Because Sahar loved the ocean and dolphins, it was perfect to have a scene where toes could be in the sand. May her heart forever be in peace, coasting along the shoreline.



Ocean Memory *by Selena Connell*

At the shore of life,
I am there;
toes in the sand, wind beneath my feet—
the waves crash, and I am at peace.

Here I stand,
with my toes in the sand,
as memories begin to surf between
the tides of my thoughts,
intertwined in love.

How beautiful my life has been.

Glancing out into the horizon,
towards the rising sun,

I spot a grey, curved fin,
gliding along the blue.
How graceful dolphins swim—
how peaceful, serene, and true.

Let me be the one whom glides along the blue
into the courageous adventure that holds nothing
but truth.

The waves begin to swim across tips of my toes.

With every step,
I leave an indent behind
in the path of sand,
and in the hearts of the land.

As I smell the salty air,
the breeze glides through my long, dark hair,
and I am still.

With my toes in the sand,
I look up at the mystery beyond the clouds.

My footprints behind me,
my legacy ahead of me,
I stand—
the strong, brave woman I am—
with my feet in the sand.

With the moon in control,
and the rising sun about to show,
I tell you to let me go—
for I am the breeze beneath your feet,
and the light that shines on the ocean tides.

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 UPDATES

Sande Heaton's birthday is on April 3rd.

Steven Lee has a new telephone number:

MOBILITY SCOOTER AVAILABLE

St. Luke's now has a mobility scooter available. Reserve it through the church office if you want to use it for services or other church activities.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Given By:

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| May 1 | Lois Sherrets
For Kelly Boyer's Birthday |
| May 8 | Chet & Sarah Madison
To celebrate Mother's Day |
| | Hannelore & Inge Marchuk
In loving memory of our mother,
Hedwig |
| May 15 | Al & Irene Boschee
For loved ones |



May 2	Kelly Boyer
May 4	Ryan Edwards
May 4	Jeremy Roberts
May 5	Jesse Barr
May 8	Jennifer Petersen
May 9	Dave Barr
May 9	Katie Iniguez
May 12	James Williams
May 14	Lucy Orcutt
May 15	Victoria Diaz
May 16	Tracy Etchison
May 17	Debi Lentsch
May 18	Bob Guilbeau
May 18	Brenda Sulzmann
May 18	Alison Thomas
May 19	Samantha Basquez
May 21	Carole Edwards
May 23	Claire Kerian
May 25	Christina Kiser
May 26	Nancy Minning
May 27	Kennedy Moser
May 30	Carol Carney
May 30	Dorothy Haney
May 30	Justin Tice
May 31	Duane Reule

- makes record keeping easier, and most importantly, minimizes errors.
- If you do not have a box of assigned numbered envelopes, contact me.

Offerings (General Fund Only)			
	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Offering	\$18,746	\$53,741	
Compared to Budget	-\$1,883	-\$1,047	
	-9.1%	-1.9%	
Compared to 2015	-\$1,004	+\$374	
	-5.1%	+0.7%	
Contributors			
2016 (Current Year)	105	92	avg.
2015 (Last Year)	88	84	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$34	
Flowers		\$120	
Memorials		\$25	
Crab Feed Donation		\$100	
Lenten Offering		\$567	
Easter Lilies		\$390	

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

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

March 2016

Comments:

- The YTD figures are on track.
- Easter Sunday on March 27.
- Five Sundays in March 2015.
- Last year, Easter Sunday was on April 5.
- I encourage all members to use numbered envelopes, if feasible. The use of numbered envelopes speeds up the Sunday counting process,

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Acolytes	May 22	<i>TBD</i>
May 1	<i>TBD</i>	May 29	Larry Dockter
May 8	Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson		
May 15	<i>TBD</i>		
May 22	Morgan Furry, Lucy Orcutt		Psalm Leaders
May 29	Joshua Bell	May 1	Angie Martinez
		May 8	Lucy Orcutt
	Altar Care	May 15	Aiyana Tice
8:15 a.m.	Cheryl Franklin	May 22	Hannah Encinas
10:30 a.m.		May 29	Sierra Etchison
May 1	Linda Duffek, Faith Thomas		Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
May 8	Dave Saxby	May 1	Phil Petersen; Janette Payne
May 15	Steven Lee, Lydia Toloy	May 8	Ron Webb; Judy Saxby
May 22	Ben Briel	May 15	Christiana Wilson; David Saxby
May 29	Connie Reule, Nancy Minning	May 22	Kelly Boyer; Faith Thomas
		May 29	Kathryn Felgenhauer; Alison Thomas
	Communion Servers		Refreshments
May 1	Pat Hamilton, Al Moser, Connie Reule	May 1	Ed & Kirsten Ireton
May 15	Mary F. Harris, Connie Reule, David Saxby	May 8	Marc & Alison Thomas
May 29	Peggy Moser, Kelly Boyer, Betty Englund	May 15	Paul Maki & Chona Sison
		May 22	Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets
	Counters	May 29	Jacob & Christiana Wilson
May 1	Nancy Minning, Connie Reule		Visitors' Gifts
May 8	Don Schell, Bob Behr	May 1	Linda Olsen
May 15	Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig	May 8	Pat Webb
May 22	Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser	May 15	Carolyn Andrews
May 29	Carolyn Andrews, Jack Fenske, Micki Fenske	May 22	Linda Olsen
		May 29	Pauline Arndt
	Greeters		Welcome Leaders
May 1	Steven Lee	May 1	Ron Zoesch
May 8	<i>Needed</i>	May 8	Pat Webb
May 15	<i>Needed</i>	May 15	Chet Madison
May 22	<i>Needed</i>	May 22	Carolyn Andrews
May 29	<i>Needed</i>	May 29	Pauline Arndt
	Head Ushers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)		Sunday School Teachers
	Ron Franklin; Kelly Boyer	May 1	Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
	Prayer Leaders	May 8	Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
May 1	Mary Frances Harris	May 15	Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
May 8	Tracy Etchison	May 22	Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
May 15	Betty Englund	May 29	Alison Thomas, Debi Lentsch



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Confirmation Sunday



May 15

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