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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



There are different ways of considering things. One is to ask, "How can it be described?" So of a table, for example, one might ask, "What is it made of? How is it put together? How high is it?" Etc. These are all impersonal questions meant to store up

knowledge. The table is out there, detached and external from the person asking the questions. What is being looked for is an analysis of the table.

Another way of considering something is to ask, "What is its relationship with me?" So of a table, for example, one might ask, "What purpose does it serve? How does it make a difference in the way I live?" Etc. These are personal questions meant to help one understand the relationship of the table to the questioner. The table is discussed as it is related to the one considering it. The table is not out there, not looked at as external, but rather part of a larger reality of which both the table and the one considering it are parts. In this way of consideration, a complete description of the table is not the goal. The goal is a better realization of the relationship between the table and the one considering it.

As we consider the Trinity as Jesus speaks of it at the end of Matthew's Gospel, it is vital that we use the second way described above. There is no way we could fully understand or completely describe

the Trinity. And yet, the Trinity is very real in relationship to us and we are able to realize that relationship as long as we consider it in the right way.

Jesus says to His disciples after His resurrection, "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:18-19). Here we have the Trinity named as such. There are places in Scripture where the three persons of the Trinity are talked about together, but here they are in the formula with which we are so familiar—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus doesn't consider the Trinity as a static reality to be described and analyzed, but as a vital reality to be called upon in Baptism. He says we are to baptize in the name of the God who creates and preserves us, the God who acts in history, and the God who acts in us—all acting together as One to bring us into right relationship with God.

Paul explains this right relationship we have with God through baptism in Romans 8:14-17: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ." As baptized persons, we are being led by God, the

Holy Spirit. It is through our direct relationship with this Spirit that we are able to see God as our Father, the One who considers us His children and heirs. It is through our relationship with this Spirit that we can see God as the Son, the One by whose suffering and glorification it has been made possible for us to be children and heirs of God.

The Trinity, then, as considered by Jesus, is not a static concept but a vital way of realizing connection with the God who works in our lives and world as creator, savior, and guide. The claiming of this connection, the affirmation of this relationship, is the meaning of baptizing in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity, as Jesus shares it here, certainly cannot be seen as an absolute description of God. We cannot tell what God looks like, or describe the inner workings of the Trinity. But we can tell what God has to do with us. That's what is important for us. Rejoice in that relationship and share about it with others.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

P.S. As part of the Narthex remodeling, we will be installing a stained glass window depicting the Trinity. Look forward to this wonderful inspirational and teaching tool for considering and sharing about God's relationship with us.



W-ELCA

The Women of the ELCA hosted our Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7th. We had over 75 ladies and their guests in attendance at the Mother's Day Luncheon where we collected items for women and youth served by Saint John's Program for Real Change. Many thanks go to everyone who attended, as well as those involved in setting up, bringing food, and cleaning up.

MEGA BUNCO

We are gearing up for our next big event, MEGA BUNCO on June 4th. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. We are having a taco salad and nacho bar for dinner at 6 p.m., and BUNCO starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available now for \$15. Please contact Peggy Moser or Dorothy Haney for tickets or if you are interested in helping with the event. Raffle donations are being accepted now. We are also looking for card tables to use for the night. If you have one we could borrow, please bring it to the church by Friday, June 3rd.



WANT TO JOIN ST. LUKE'S?

We will be welcoming new members on June 26th! If you are interested in joining our congregation officially, or if you just want more information, mark the "Wish to Join St. Luke's" box on the friendship register during a Sunday service, or call the church office (421-5039).



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

17TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE June 28th – July 4th

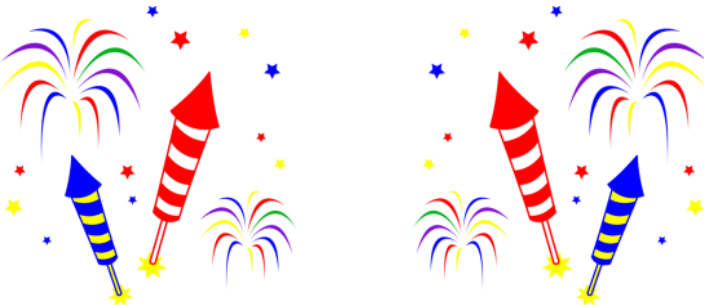
It's time to start spreading the news – our annual fireworks sale is just around the corner! Our booth is again located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many property board projects in and around 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 will be 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 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through July 4th (we're open until 10 p.m. 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 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



TRAVEL WITH RICK STEVES ON THE WEDNESDAYS IN JULY!



You have a wonderful opportunity to take part in a potluck dinner and virtual travel experience with Rick Steves on the four Wednesdays in July. We will meet in Schultz Hall

at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays from July 6th through July 27th.

After a delightful potluck dinner together, Rick Steves will lead us by DVD to a different, exciting, faith-filled location each week.

First, we will travel with him to Germany and see the important places of Martin Luther's life and ministry. Rick, who is a Lutheran living in Washington state, will help us understand and appreciate Luther's powerful message for his age and ours.

The next Wednesday, we will travel to the eastern Mediterranean to experience the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul. We will learn about Paul's teachings that are so vital to the Christian faith, while seeing some marvelous sights.

The third Wednesday we will go to Papua New Guinea to learn how we are woven together in a global neighborhood.

The fourth Wednesday, we will travel with Rick to South Central Los Angeles to consider how we are working in the city for good!

Plan now to attend these special travel experiences with the world renowned travel leader, Rick Steves.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

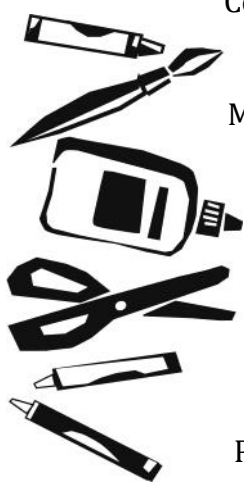
Community Concerns Board and W-ELCA

Once again, The Community Concerns Board is asking the generous members of our congregation to help our local schools, Charles Mack and Parkway, by donating the supplies.

Please note: Due to the early start of school, you may bring your donations to the church anytime until the deadline of Sunday, July 31. The backpacks will be filled by the Community Concerns Board Members in conjunction with W-ELCA on Sunday, August 7—however, everyone is welcome to help.

Like last year, we had the opportunity to purchase 100 quality backpacks. Therefore, we are only asking for items to fill the backpacks. (You are also welcome to donate to the cost of the backpacks!) Bring your donated items to church any time between now and Sunday, July 31.

Here are the items we're looking for:

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- Folders with pockets
 - Spiral notebooks, wide rule
 - Filler paper, wide rule
 - Construction paper
 - Book covers
 - Pencil case
 - Markers, washable
 - Paint sets
 - Crayons
 - Pencils, #2
 - Glue
 - Glue sticks
 - Erasers
 - Scissors
 - Ruler
 - Pencil sharpeners
 - Highlighters
 - Pens

We will also be collecting supplies for teachers and classrooms: construction paper, binder paper, dry erase markers, boxes of Kleenex, and copy/print paper.

Many children can't afford basic school supplies, which can lead to bullying, shame, academic struggles, isolation, and more. Our donations give them a fair chance to succeed. We can also encourage them greatly by showing that they're not alone—someone cares about them and wants to support them.

Many schools can't afford to provide basic classroom supplies, so many teachers pay for them out of their own pockets, which is difficult for them to afford, too, as teachers don't make much money.

Please consider helping with this very important project that has a tremendous impact on our neighborhood—it's a wonderful, concrete way we can minister to our local community. Thank you in advance for your donations, which make an incredible difference in the lives of children who truly need our compassion and generosity.



EVANGELISM

Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Sunday June 19th

We wish to celebrate all the special men in our congregation and let them know how much they are appreciated. The Evangelism Board will serve pie and ice cream following the services on June 19th. A sign-up sheet for bringing pies will be available on the Opportunity Table beginning Sunday, June 5th. Pauline Arndt will provide the sign-up sheet. Thank you Pauline! We will be scooping ice cream on June 17th. Pat Webb, Pauline Arndt, and Joyce Jensen volunteered to help scoop ice cream.



Narthex Remodeling

A cabinet has been installed in the Narthex to hold the bean jars and blank name tags. The Flower Chart has also been installed. The Opportunity Table has been completed and installed in the Narthex. All three look beautiful. Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney built the flower chart and table. Micki Fenske stained the cabinet and table. They all did an amazing job. Janette Payne helped design the flower chart as well as staining it and adding the lettering. Pat Webb advised she is waiting for a replacement piece for the coat rack.

St. Luke's is so fortunate to have such wonderful craftsmen, and we wish to thank Jack Fenske, Micki Fenske, Jerry Carney, Pat Webb, and Janette Payne for their wonderful work on the Narthex Remodeling.

Our New Flower Chart is Here! Thank You Jack Fenske!

It has been a goal during this past year to bring the flower chart back to its original place in the Narthex.

But not in our wildest dreams did we envision what was to come. Thanks to a true and dedicated master craftsman, we have a glorious new flower chart and accompanying envelope holder now in place.

Jack, your workmanship and skill is a true blessing, and you have extended that blessing to the congregation of St. Luke's.

On behalf of the Board of Worship & Music and the entire congregation, for sure, we extend a very big and very heartfelt thank you!!

You are the best!!

Janette Payne



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/>.

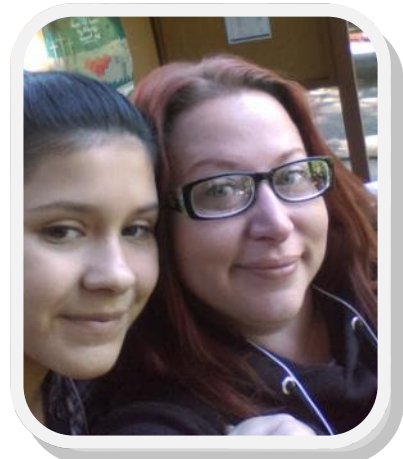
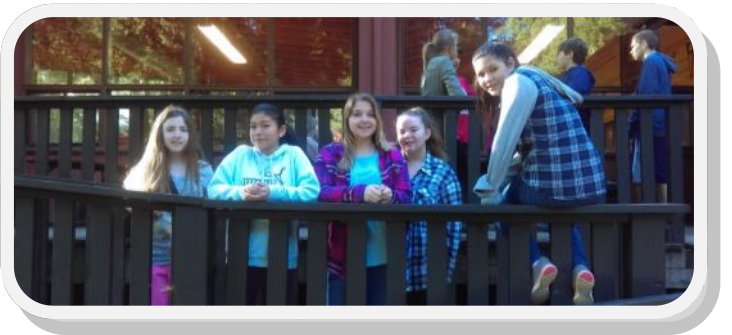
CORRECTION

Jesse Barr's birthday is February 5, not May 5.

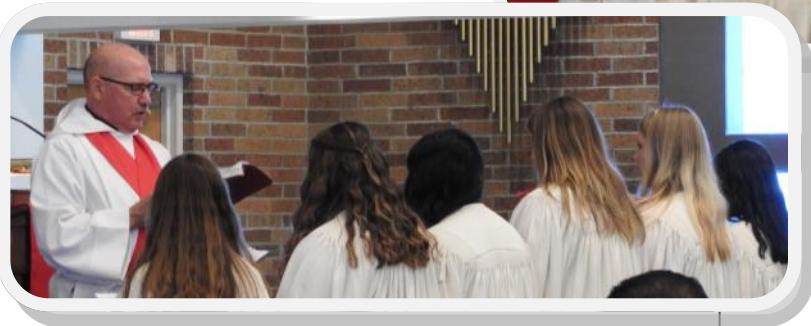
MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



CONFIRMATION RETREAT



CONFIRMATION



Many thanks to Deanna and Larry Dockter for cleaning, mending, and pressing all of the confirmation robes!

2016 GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday

Heartfelt congratulations to all our graduates!

Joshua Bell

Liberty Ranch High School, Galt, California

Katherine Mackenzie Light

(Karen Linfor's Granddaughter)

Vista Ridge High School, Cedar Park, Texas

Kennedy Hamilton

(Pat Hamilton's Granddaughter)

Vista Ridge High School,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Spencer Manlapig

(Barbara Manlapig's Grandson)

San Diego State University, San Diego, California
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Michelle Arndt

(Pauline and Walt Arndt's Granddaughter)

California State University, Sacramento
Sacramento, California
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Christyl Yensuahte-Ardina Wilson

(Jacob and Christiana Wilson's Daughter)

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
Masters of Art in Developmental Psychology





Marcella Minning died on April 30 and was taken by her Lord Jesus to the heavenly kingdom to live eternally in His presence and love with those who have gone before her. Please give thanks for the long and loving life of this caring and nurturing person. Please pray for her daughter, Nancy, and the whole family, that they are kept close in the Lord's love and tender care during this time. A memorial service was held at St. Luke's on May 10th.

doTERRA ESSENTIAL OILS MEETING

Sunday, June 26, noon, in the multipurpose room
(Not sponsored by St. Luke's)

Join me for an informational meeting about doTERRA Essential Oils. (Light snacks will be provided!) Essential oils can be used as an alternative to some medications and often have fewer adverse side effects. If you're interested in natural options for your health care, but don't know what to do or where to start, come and learn about essential oils and how to effectively incorporate them into your daily life. They are not just for aromatherapy. It's amazing how simple it is to empower yourself to manage your own wellness. Come learn more about which essential oils are best for your body and how you can use them to improve your whole health, body, mind, and spirit.

Kellie Morningstar, Wellness Advocate



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| June 12 | Jan Tanaka
For the return of her son |
| June 19 | Karen Linfor
In remembrance of her wedding anniversary |



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| June 1 | Karen Cagle |
| June 1 | Paul Heaton |
| June 3 | Phillip Connell |
| June 3 | Phillip Petersen |
| June 5 | Phyllis Englund |
| June 8 | Elizabeth Wilson |
| June 15 | Peggy Moser |
| June 16 | Eric Kiser |
| June 20 | Caliana Osako |
| June 21 | Shirley Prouty |
| June 22 | John Orcutt |
| June 23 | Canon Thomas |
| June 26 | Joshua Anderson |
| June 27 | Susan Mihanovich |
| June 27 | Ryder Roberts |
| June 29 | Paul Edwards |

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

April 2016

Comments:

- Excellent month.
- The YTD figures are on track.
- Easter Sunday was in March this year.
- Last year, Easter Sunday was in April.
- I encourage all members to use **numbered** envelopes, if feasible. The use of numbered envelopes speeds up the Sunday counting process, makes record keeping easier, and most importantly, minimizes errors.
- If you do not have a box of assigned numbered envelopes, contact me.

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

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 St. Luke's Financial Secretary

Offerings (General Fund Only)		
	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$20,932	\$75,027
Compared to Budget	+\$1,856	+\$1,163
	+9.7%	+1.6%
Compared to 2015	+\$2,099	+\$2,767
	+11.1%	+3.8%
Contributors		
2016 (Current Year)	88	91 avg.
2015 (Last Year)	99	88 avg.
Other Contributions		
Sunday School	\$17	
Memorials	\$1,850	
Special Gift—Refuse Pickup	\$200	
Special Gift—Office Supplies	\$100	
Flowers	\$120	
Lenten Offering	\$30	

Note: Plus values are good; minus values are not.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Altar Care			Readers (8:15; 10:30 a.m.)
8:15 a.m.	Cheryl Franklin	June 5		Eric Linblade; Pat Webb
10:30 a.m.		June 12		Sarah Madison; Alison Thomas
June 5	Janette Payne, Joe Payne	June 19		Phil Petersen; Linda Birlew
June 12	Mary Frances Harris	June 26		Ron Webb; Larry Dockter
June 19	Linda Olsen, Lisa Olsen			
June 26	Carol Carney			
	Communion Servers	June 5		Refreshments
June 19	Pat Hamilton, Janette Payne, Faith Thomas	June 12		Ofelia Ojeda and Carol Carney
		June 19		Linda Olsen and Carole Vance
		June 26		Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream
				<i>Pending</i>
	Counters			Visitors' Gifts
June 5	Nancy Minning, Connie Reule	June 5		Carole Vance
June 12	Don Schell, Bob Behr	June 12		Joyce Jensen
June 19	Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig	June 19		No gifts – Father's Day
June 26	Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser	June 26		Pauline Arndt
	Greeters			Welcome Leaders
June 5	<i>Needed</i>	June 5		Mary Frances Harris
June 12	<i>Needed</i>	June 12		Ron Zoesch
June 19	Gail M. Weber	June 19		Pat Webb
June 26	<i>Needed</i>	June 26		Chet Madison
	Head Ushers			Sunday School Teachers
8:15 a.m.	Ron Franklin	June 5		Christina Hisamoto, Lauren Orcutt
10:30 a.m.	Craig Eckels	June 12		Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
		June 19		Lajuan Andrews, Alison Thomas
	Prayer Leaders	June 26		Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice
June 5	Bob Behr			
June 12	Pat Webb			
June 19	Ron Webb			
June 26	Laura Tice			
	Psalm Leaders			
June 5	Amber Mansfield			
June 12	Angie Martinez			
June 19	Lucy Orcutt			
June 26	Aiyana Tice			

**Thanks
for
Serving!**



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JUNE 4

BUNKO NIGHT

Doors open:

5:30 p.m.

*Taco salad and
nacho bar:*

6 p.m.

BUNKO:

7 P.M.

Tickets: \$15

Raffle!



Get Your Tickets!

