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# News And Views



## Pastoral Perspective



Several times, Jesus tells the folks he heals, "Your faith has made you well." I would like here to explore the power faith releases that allows for that wellness. When Jesus says, "Your faith has made you well," he is pointing out that we possess a great potential

for power. Jesus says that if we have the faith to free this power potential, we will experience amazing things. Yet it is hard to believe that Jesus means what He says when we so often don't realize we have this power potential. But really, whenever we give ourselves over to Jesus' loving care, whenever we exercise faith, we are unleashing this power potential whether we realize it or not. We are making a commitment of trust that opens up a tremendous channel for Jesus' power to flow into us and through us.

Think about it this way. When you trust someone or have faith in them, you are giving them power. First, you are giving them power to do as they see fit in the situation. But you are giving them power in an even more significant way. When you show confidence in someone, that person becomes more powerful because of your faith in them. For example, when you are trying to help someone who has no confidence or trust or faith in you, don't you feel weakened by that? But when you are really trusted by someone in a situation, don't you feel a kind of

expansion, a lifting of barriers, a sense that you can accomplish whatever needs to be done? What has happened is that someone's faith in you has released a power with which you can do great things. If that is true for our relationships with one another, how much truer is it when we put our trust in Jesus.

Let's consider this reality even deeper. If you put your trust in someone or something, where does that power go? It goes to the other person or thing. What it can accomplish depends on them. But why place your faith in Jesus? Why not place your faith in wealth or technology? When your trust is in the wealth you have or the technology you can use, you might get something out of it, but it is quite limited. There is no consciousness to truly unleash the power potential, and the payback is pretty restricted. It can give out at any time. Why not put all your faith in another person? It is fine to have faith in others, but that always needs to be limited. No matter how good that person might be, there are shortcomings or inability to see the whole picture that will restrict the amount of power available for the situation. Why not put all your faith in yourself? What will that deliver? Well, it depends on you. It has been shown again and again that we have a tremendous power potential within ourselves. Let us focus on unleashing that, rather than putting our faith in something or someone else. Again, our own shortcomings or inability to see the whole picture will restrict the power available for the situation.

The challenge is to find something or someone to receive our faith. There is only one who has no shortcomings, who can see the whole picture. His name is Jesus. He came into this world to receive your faith and unleash the power of abundant life in all situations. When we give our faith to Jesus, tremendous power flows into us and through us that can truly handle anything.

Try it with whatever situation you are now facing. Certainly wealth and technology might help with the situation somewhat. Other people can be helpful as well. You can certainly help yourself. But put your trust in Jesus to truly understand the whole situation and carry you through in His boundless love. There is a power unleashed that will not fail. He will see you through every situation of life and carry you finally to life eternal.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,  
Pastor Carl

## MINISTRY FAIR

After the 10:30 a.m. service on November 13th, we will have a Congregational Ministry Fair. The Boards and Ministry Group Leaders will set up tables in the courtyard or in the Fellowship Room (depending on the weather). You can browse the various Ministry Groups and Boards, get more information, ask any questions, and sign up for the Groups and Boards you want to join for 2017. At the Ministry Fair, we will also collect estimate-of-giving cards for 2017. Your Ministry Group and Board sign-up sheet and estimate-of-giving cards for 2017 will be sent out at the beginning of November to help you prepare for the Ministry Fair.



Please pray about these opportunities and consider joining one (or more!) Groups or Boards to support our mission as a congregation.

Here are the Ministry Groups and Boards for you to consider joining:

- **Greeters Ministry Group**
- **Welcome Leader Ministry Group**



- **Communion Servers Ministry Group**



- **Altar Care Ministry Group**



- **Ushers Ministry Group**



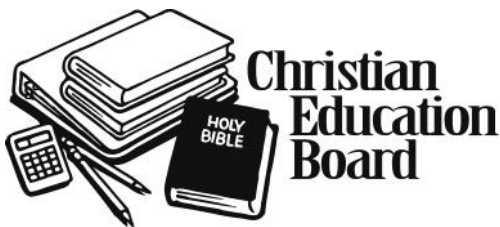
- **Community Concerns Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Food and clothing collection and distribution, working with community groups on mutual ministry, pastoral assistance fund, Winter Sanctuary



- **Christian Education Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Sunday School, nursery, adult education



- **Evangelism Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Parish visitation with Pastor, refreshments after worship, greeters, visitors' gifts, outreach, Easter breakfast, pot-

lucks and going out for meals, diners' groups, publicity (web, advertising, Facebook, etc.), Lenten soup suppers, Epiphany breakfast



- **Finance Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Financial audit, insurance, office supplies and equipment, overseeing important financial documents, offerings counters, taxes and fees, budget, working with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary



- **Property Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Landscape service, cleaning and janitorial services and supplies, supervising janitorial and landscape workers, facility maintenance, repairs, improvements, watering and sprinklers, church work days



- **Worship & Music Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Worship services and music, worship and music supplies, adult choir and bell choir, Luau, flowers, acolytes, ushers, readers, prayer leaders, altar guild, supervising the music director and organist, children's music programs



- **Youth Board**

*Board responsibilities:* Youth meetings, outings and events, youth gatherings and trips, Easter egg hunts



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

This year's Fall Festival and Family Fun Day was a tremendous success. Many thanks go to everyone who volunteered and supported WELCA; with your help we were able to raise just about \$3000 for our annual benevolence fund. An event of this nature would not be possible without the help and support of many people, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone.

The money raised at the Fall Festival will be combined with the other funds raised this year to support other organizations locally, nationally, and internationally. One of the local organizations we were able to support with a portion of last year's benevolence is the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership, a local food closet that serves and supports families in need within our local community. At our next monthly meeting on Saturday November 12th, at 11:30 a.m., we will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the Partnership. You are welcome to join us as we come together for our last business meeting of the year. You're invited to bring a soup or salad to share!



One of the other organizations we have been able to support through our monthly missions and our annual benevolence fund is Chicks in Crisis, an organization based in Elk Grove that offers adoption, parenting, and educational services to young mothers and their children. Every month, Chicks in Crisis supports more than 400 mothers and fathers who choose to keep their babies by providing prenatal care, life skills training, parenting assistance, clothes, emergency food, baby supplies, and legal guidance. Chicks in Crisis directly reduces the number of infants facing abandonment, foster care, abuse, or even death. On Saturday, November 19th,



at 1 p.m., you are invited to join us for a tour of the Chicks in Crisis Ranch. We'll meet at church at 12:30 p.m., and then head over to the Ranch. Look for a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table if you're interested in joining us!

In Christ's Service,  
Holly Hoppman  
W-ELCA President

## THANKOFFERING SUNDAY



On Sunday, November 20th, the Women will be hosting the annual Thankoffering Sunday. We will be leading worship, gathered together to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to us. If you are interested in being involved in the service please let

Triss Hoppman know, or keep a look out for a sign-up sheet to participate in the service.

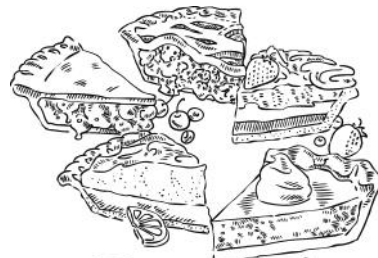
## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Thanksgiving Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Join us in giving thanks for the abundance God provides.



## THANKSGIVING PIE SOCIAL

Following the Thanksgiving Eve Service, we'll be having our annual Pie Social. If you'd like to, please bring a pie to share. We can't have too much, as all the leftovers are donated to the NA marathon meeting that our resident NA groups host for those who are in need of extra support through the holiday weekend. Any and all leftovers are always very welcome!



*Pie Social*

## COLD & FLU SEASON

As fall begins, we're entering the cold and flu season. We don't want anyone to miss church if they feel well enough to attend, but we don't want to spread germs either.

During the sharing of the peace (the part of the service when we shake hands with those around us and say "peace be with you" or similar words), please remain seated if you have been ill or are concerned about catching something. All those standing are invited to greet one another.

When people remain seated, feel free to wish them peace, but don't shake their hands; either they are contagious, or they need to protect their health and don't want to risk getting germs.





## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Well! What can we say to adequately thank everyone, once again, for their generous contributions to the White Elephant sales effort at the Fall Festival? We hardly had to ask – the amazing amount of donations just kept coming. There is no doubt that the generosity of our loving congregation is above and beyond what anyone can possibly expect.

Also, the large number of you who came to help us un-pack, sort, price, and arrange all of the items was so greatly appreciated by Judy Saxby and Carol Carney, the co-chairs of what could have been an over-whelming undertaking without all of you. Due to the large number, we are not going to mention each and every name as first of all we can't take up the whole News and Views, and we would feel bad if we forgot anyone—you know who you are, and please know how grateful we are.

Having said that, there are a few who special thank yous we want to address. Thank you to Joyce Jensen, who was there all three days and spent the whole Festival in the church area, as our #1 sales person. Also, a huge thank you to the men of our congregation—we could not have done it without you. Thank you Bruce Kiser, Ron Webb, Mack Vance, and Jeff Kiser!



## PUMPKIN BREAD

St. Luke's Youth will begin taking orders for mini loaves of delicious pumpkin bread from Sunday, October 31st, until Sunday, November 13th. Please sign up so you don't miss out. The pumpkin bread will be available for pickup in the kitchen on Sunday, November 20th, after the worship service. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help fund youth group activities and outings.

We are also currently accepting donations of the following items: flour, sugar, and eggs. If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten Ireton at 916-296-5907 or via email at [kireton@surewest.net](mailto:kireton@surewest.net).

## 2017 WALL AND POCKET CALENDARS

Can you believe that the end of the year is almost upon us? And because you're planning for the new year, SLY is here to help! We have your 2017 wall & pocket calendars available for purchase while supplies last. Wall calendars are \$7.00 and pocket calendars are \$6.00! Don't forget—these make great gifts and stocking stuffers.



## ST. LUKE'S YOUTH NEWS

SLY members, mark your calendars. We will be making pumpkin bread on Saturday, November 19th, at 10 a.m. in the kitchen. This is a huge fundraiser for us, and your help is needed. Bring your friends to help! We also will be handing out the loaves of pumpkin bread on Sunday the 20th, so be sure to help with that as well.

December 16th will be a Youth Group movie night & overnighter. We will watch a movie, play games, enjoy each other's company, and maybe even sing a Christmas song or two! Plan on arriving at 7 p.m. and staying until 9 a.m. the next morning. Breakfast will be served.

### CHILDREN'S JACKETS & COATS NEEDED

**As well as clothes and shoes**

Our Children's Clothing Closet provides clothes for those in need in our local neighborhood. We always need more gently used clothes in sizes newborn through 5T.

Right now, we especially need coats and jackets! Kids who can't afford jackets will be miserable and shivering all winter long. Being cold all the time makes it harder to focus on school, plus it's embarrassing and physically unhealthy. If you have any gently used coats your kids have grown out of, or if you're planning to buy them new coats anyway, please donate whatever you can spare!



Other clothes will be gratefully accepted, too. We're running low on all sizes and both genders. The bigger sizes and boys' clothes in particular always need replenishing. Wintery clothes are most useful, but we will take anything in good condition.

## CLOTHING NEEDED

### WOMEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED FOR ST. JOHN'S SHELTER

**Diapers needed too**

We are also gathering donations of gently used women's clothes to donate to St. John's Shelter, a wonderful local ministry that helps women and children. If you have any to donate, they will be put to very good use. Bring them in to the church office; we have a bin dedicated to collecting clothes for St. John's. The shelter is also in dire need of diapers in sizes 4-6.

### COPY PAPER NEEDED FOR CHARLES MACK ELEMENTARY

Charles Mack Elementary School is desperately in need of copy paper. Many schools are shockingly underfunded, and teachers often purchase supplies out of their own pockets. Without the proper materials, it's difficult to teach a class effectively, and everyone suffers as a result. This is a simple, extremely practical way we can support the children in our community. If you can donate any paper, it will be greatly appreciated. Contact Peggy with any questions.



Life Is a Gift



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ofelia Ojeda's grandson, Adam Jameson Ojeda, was born on September 23, 2016. Mom and baby are both doing ok. Praise God!

## THANK YOU

St. Luke's friends and prayer partners,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, and cards during my illness. Knowing all of you were supporting me and my family relieved a great burden and set me free in God's love.

Sincerely,  
Debi Lentsch and Family



## PRAYER CONCERNS?

A prayer concerns sheet is available every Sunday on the Opportunity Table. Please feel free to write down any prayer requests you want to share with our congregation. Pastor Carl will include them in the prayers during the service.



## 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/>.







## ALTAR FLOWERS

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Nov. 6      Al and Irene Boschee  
For their 66th Wedding Anniversary

David Saxby  
For Judy's Birthday

Nov. 13     Jack and Micki Fenske  
For their 52nd Anniversary

Nov. 20     Walt and Pauline Arndt  
In loving memory of Ken Arndt

Nov. 27     Jack and Micki Fenske  
For Micki's Birthday

Triss and Holly Hoppman  
For Carl's Birthday



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Encinas	November 6
Andrew Harrison	November 7
Judy Saxby	November 10
Billie Becker	November 11
Julie Ireton	November 14
Marc Thomas	November 15
Alison Korhonen-Kerian	November 16
Mike Wilke	November 17
Christine Herndon	November 19
Rosary Jensen	November 22
Micki Fenske	November 27
Carl Hoppman	November 27
Mark Encinas	November 29

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

September 2016

## Comments:

- September is a four Sunday month.
- Good news – offerings were up 12 percent for the month compared to 2015.
- The year-to-date totals remain on track.
- When feasible, please use numbered envelopes. It makes the accounting processes much easier for the Sunday Counters and the Financial Secretary. Thank you.
- If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.
- When using pew envelopes, please write your first and last name legibly. Thanks.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske  
St. Luke's Financial Secretary

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$17,413	\$163,917
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	\$999	\$3,325
	6.1%	2.1%
<b>Compared to 2015</b>	\$1,905	\$4,047
	12.3%	2.5%
No. of Contributors		
<b>2016</b>	82	88 avg.
<b>2015</b>	87	91 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School		\$14
Flowers		\$140
Memorials		\$75

*Note: Plus values are above Budget/Last Year; minus values are below.*



# Finance Update

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin  
(10:30 a.m.)  
Nov. 6 Ben Briel, Steven Lee  
Nov. 13 Kelly Boyer  
Nov. 20 Karen Linfor, Mary F. Harris  
Nov. 23 Triss Hoppman, Peggy Moser  
Nov. 27 Faith Thomas

## Communion Servers

Nov. 6 Connie Reule, Betty Englund  
Nov. 20 Mary F. Harris, Pat Hamilton,  
Connie Reule  
Nov. 23 David Saxby, Al Moser,  
Howard Triebwasser

## Counters

Nov. 6 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
Nov. 13 Don Schell, Bob Behr  
Nov. 20 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
Nov. 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

Nov. 6 Juliette & Jeremiah Rowland & John  
Nov. 13 Steven Lee, Lois Sherrets  
Nov. 20 Linda Olsen  
Nov. 27 *Needed*

## Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin  
10:30 a.m. TBD

## Prayer Leaders

Nov. 6 Sylvia Kohler  
Nov. 13 Holly Hoppman  
Nov. 20 Ladies' Day  
Nov. 27 Triss Hoppman

## Psalm Leaders

Nov. 6 Sierra Etchison  
Nov. 13 Amber Mansfield  
Nov. 20 Ladies' Day  
Nov. 27 Angie Martinez

## Acolytes

Nov. 6 Darnell Osako, LaRayne Osako-Cain  
Nov. 13 Lily Neidich, Aiyana Tice  
Nov. 20 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez  
Nov. 27 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

## Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)

Nov. 6 Lydia Toloy; Marlene Kiser  
Nov. 13 Eric Linblade; Sylvia Kohler  
Nov. 20 Ladies' Day  
Nov. 27 Christiana Wilson; Al Moser

## Refreshments

Nov. 6 Ed & Kirsten Ireton  
Nov. 13 Marc & Alison Thomas  
Nov. 20 Paul Maki & Chona Sison  
Nov. 27 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets

## Visitors' Gifts

Nov. 6 Carole Vance  
Nov. 13 Linda Olsen  
Nov. 20 Carolyn Andrews  
Nov. 27 Pat Webb

## Welcome Leaders

Nov. 6 Carolyn Andrews  
Nov. 13 Pauline Arndt  
Nov. 20 Mary F. Harris  
Nov. 27 Ron Zoesch

## Sunday School Teachers

Nov. 6 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto  
Nov. 13 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez  
Nov. 20 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews  
Nov. 27 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice



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# November 13th

*after the 10:30 a.m.  
worship service*

See all the ways you can  
support our mission as a  
congregation!

### Ministry Groups:

- Greeters
- Communion Servers
  - Altar Care
- Welcome Leaders
  - Ushers



## Ministry Fair

### Boards:

- Community Concerns
- Christian Education
  - Evangelism
  - Finance
  - Property
- Worship & Music
  - Youth



*We will also collect  
estimate-of-giving  
cards at the fair*