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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



Ordination Day 1977

Concerning the teachings of Jesus—Jesus made one point over and over again most emphatically—the things He declared and taught were not in any way opposed to the ancient beliefs and teachings of Israel. It was the religious

authorities of His time that had fallen into error, not Jesus. Jesus, Elijah, Moses, Abraham and all of the others were in harmony. The so-called interpreters of Scripture who had come between had gradually lost touch with the real meaning of Scripture and had come to believe that their opinions were the sacred Word of God.

So, repeatedly, Jesus found Himself debating Scriptural matters with one authority or another, invariably revealing the falsehoods or contradictions of their teachings in the simplest and most inarguable way possible by using the Scriptures themselves to back up His own statements. He knew the Scriptures better than anyone else, which must have really riled His opponents. In every debate, those who accused Jesus of misusing Scripture walked away being shown as ones who themselves misused Scripture.

But in a delightful passage from Mark's gospel we read of a scribe who saw things clearly:

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came up and

heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 32 And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Here was a scribe of the old true school. Here was one who had not been sucked in by the politicking, greed and arrogance of most all of the religious authorities. The Temple had been turned into a marketplace and undo emphasis had been placed upon burnt sacrifices for the simple reason that there was money in it, and it also gave the religious authorities a means of exerting power over the people. It's good to read about a scribe who wasn't caught up in this.

A mutual endorsement came out of this encounter

between Jesus and the scribe. The scribe approved of Jesus and Jesus approved of the scribe. This is highly significant for it gives evidence of what we have already said—that Jesus was perfectly in tune with the Scriptures. Jesus really was in the spirit of Israel. A person could be a follower of Jesus and stay true to his heritage because Jesus was the past of Israel come alive in the present to fulfill the promise of the heritage.

So Jesus and the scribe stood solidly together on two important points. Firstly, they agreed that God is one. Secondly, they agreed that the love of God and others is the essential activity of the disciple. These teachings had remained the same all along, and still do. These are the greatest and most ancient teachings of Israel. In Jesus, these teachings came alive. We are united with the one God through Him and His love flows through us to unite us all in God's love. The scribe was very close to realizing this. May we all realize it and find life in our loving Lord.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

PASTOR'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE MINISTRY



July 23rd will be a very significant day for Pastor Carl and the congregation of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, as we gather to celebrate his 40th anniversary as an Ordained Pastor. The celebration will begin with worship at the 10:30

service where Pastor Carl will share a special message with the congregation including singing of hymns that have had a significant meaning to him over the last 40 years.

After the service, we will gather in Schultz Hall for a good old fashion Lutheran potluck. After the meal, there will be a short program highlighting

how the Lord has used Pastor Carl to do the work of the church. If you have had a time when the Lord has used Pastor Carl to make a difference in your life, I would love to be able to include that in the program. Please let myself or Holly know so we can ensure your message is included. Lastly, don't forget to mark this important date on your calendar as it will truly be a day of celebration and thanks for the difference Pastor Carl has made on our Lives!

Sign up on the Opportunity Table or call the church office (421-5039) to let us know you are coming.

In Christ's Service,
Paul Maki
President

18TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE JUNE 28TH - JULY 4TH



Our annual fireworks sale is just here! Our booth is again located at the intersection of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the middle of the Food Source parking lot between McDonald's and Starbucks. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We're looking for a lot of volunteers, so please consider all the ways you can help out this year. Here are some ways you can help: selling fireworks (sorry, 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!

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



**SUMMER FAMILY POTLUCK AND STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 6 P.M. IN SCHULTZ HALL
JULY 12—AUGUST 9**

On this 500th Anniversary year of the Reformation, our summer potluck and study will focus on the life, ministry, and legacy of Martin Luther, the great reformer. A potluck dinner will take place in air conditioned Schultz Hall at 6 p.m. each Wednesday from July 12 through August 9. After the delicious pot luck, we will view a 15-minute DVD on an aspect of Martin Luther's life and work as a reformer. We will then have time for sharing and discussion. Plan to take part in this exciting time of fellowship and learning. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table or call the church office (421-5039) so we can make sure to have adequate set up.



**GOT PICTURES OF
PASTOR CARL?**

I am preparing a slide show of my 40 years in ministry to show on July 23rd. If you have any pictures that include me, please get me a copy so I can have a bunch to put in the

show. If you have them on your phone or computer, please email them to carlhoppman@gmail.com. If you have prints, please loan them to me. I will scan them and return them to you. Thanks for the memories.

—Pastor Carl

**SANCTUARY REFURBISHMENT DEDICATION
SUNDAY JULY 16TH**

For the past several weeks we have been worshipping in Schultz Hall while the sanctuary has been refurbished. Many thanks to Jack Fenske who has been working tirelessly on the project and has been keeping us updated on its progress. Thanks to the many folks who have assisted in this major endeavor. The project is now almost complete and we plan to return to the sanctuary on July 16. The new flooring and other improvements will be dedicated that day. Be sure to join us in the celebration.

Thank you to all who have helped make our worship experience in the fellowship hall a good one. Our musicians, Jane and Brooke, found creative ways to accompany our singing. Special thanks to Peggy Moser who took care of setting up the altar area and organizing space for the communion vessels and altar appointments. Thanks to the Altar Care workers, Servers, Ushers and Acolytes for keeping everything orderly and rolling with the punches when needed. Thanks also to Holly Hoppman for handling the sound board and making sure we could hear the service. And many, many thanks to all who helped move tables and chairs several times over the past weeks.



**ANNUAL SUMMER
ROOT BEER
AND
ORANGE SODA FLOATS
SUNDAY JULY 16, 2017**

Join on us in celebration of our newly tiled and carpeted sanctuary. The Evangelism Board will provide and serve the root beer and orange floats in the Courtyard following the worship services . This is a great event for a warm afternoon and it is enjoyed by both adults and children.



**DINER'S
GROUPS**

It's time for new sign-ups for our small diner's groups. Everyone who signs up will be organized into small groups of 6-8 people. Each

small group will then get together for meals and/or activities of their choice, once a month, in the fall. Some of our past groups have enjoyed inviting others to join them. Some groups have had such a good time that they keep getting together! It really is a fun way to get to know people outside of Sunday worship.

Sign ups will be taken in July and August for the new groups to get together in September, October and November. A sign up sheet will be available



Sunday July 30th.

We are excited to host a baby shower for Lauren and John Orcutt's newest addition. Following worship on Sunday, July 30th you are welcome to join us in Schultz Hall for a baby shower luncheon.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Community Concerns is hosting our annual School Supplies and Backpack drive for Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary! WELCA has purchased 120 backpacks and pencil cases. Join us to fill them up on Sunday, August 6th! Meanwhile, we are collecting these items:

- Binders
- Book covers
- Color paper
- Color pencils
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Glue
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Kleenex
- Markers (washable)
- Notebooks
- Paint sets
- Paper clips
- Pencils (#2)
- Pens
- Pocket folders
- Reams of copy paper
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Sharpeners
- Wide ruled paper



Many children can't afford basic school supplies, and our donations give them a fair chance to succeed. We can encourage them greatly by showing that they're not alone—someone cares about them and wants to support them. It's a wonderful, concrete way we can minister to our local community. Thank you for all your support!

Faith Thomas
Community Concerns Chair

FALL FESTIVAL

Time goes fast so we want to remind everyone that once again, Judy Saxby and Carol Carney will be co-chairing the White Elephant area for the Fall Festival, October 7, 2017.

Therefore, we would greatly appreciate everyone putting aside any gently used items that you would be so kind as to donate. As soon as the remodeling is completed you may bring them to the church for storage, if you do not have room in your homes.

Special request is for costume jewelry as it sells well however we would appreciate receiving it no later than Sunday, September 3 in order to give us ample time to sort and prepare it for sale.



NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

In an effort to assure that there are enough large print bulletins

for those who need them due to sight limitations, the Board of Worship and Music has decided to print the hymns in all bulletins. The large print and regular bulletins are now identical except for the size of the print. The hymns are now printed where they are sung in the service and the Psalm is printed where it is read. We hope you like this new format. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Board of Worship and Music.

BUNCO

Our annual Mega BUNCO event was held on Saturday, June 3rd and was a great success. We raised about \$2000 that will go toward W-ELCA's annual benevolence which will be distributed in January. Many thanks go out to everyone who was able to attend, help, or donate in some way. As always, we collected items for the Sacramento SPCA.

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS



If you would like to present a piece of special music during the summer, please contact Music Director, Brooke Barr. You can sing a solo, perform as a small group or play an instrument. Brooke will assist you in practicing for your presentation.





SLY kids are officially on Summer break and ready for some fun. We had a sleepover at the end of June where we discussed what we would like to do as a group. The kids expressed interest in taking a trip to

Waterworld or Sunsplash in Roseville! We will be coordinating that in the coming weeks. If anyone from the congregation is interested in meeting us out there, please contact Samantha or Laura and we can keep you in the loop of our plan.

SLY is also still interested in doing a congregational family sleepout (here at St. Lukes!) if anyone would like to participate please contact Samantha Basquez (916) 271-2070 or Laura Tice (916) 271-7566. We are thinking mid to late September at this point. We could BBQ and play lawn games in the big grassy field. Feedback/suggestions welcome! We will be holding off until Fall for the youth loft

revamp. But please still keep the kids in mind if you have furniture donations this Summer!

Also, when you're having those family barbecues this summer please save your bottles and cans for our youth to recycle! We can use the money toward our trips to Waterworld and Mt. Cross. Contact Laura Tice if you need someone to come by and get the recyclables!

MEYER UPDATE

The Sanctuary flooring project is going smoothly! The tile under the pews and in the overflow room has been abated and new flooring is in place. We are now waiting for the carpet to be delivered and installed. Hopefully by the time this reaches you all that will be complete! You are invited to join us on Sunday, July 16th for a dedication of the new sanctuary flooring!



Here are pictures of custom woodwork done by Jack & Micki Fenske and Jerry Carney at the altar steps. They also did marvelous custom woodwork on the altar and pulpit. Thank you Jack, Micki and Jerry!



Class of 2017



Drew Cobb

Sheldon High School

In August, Drew will be attending the University of West Georgia on a 4 year complete Athletic Basketball Scholarship
Grandson of Chet and Sarah Madison

Ian Madison

Laguna Creek High School

Ian has proudly decided to join the U.S. Navy and will begin his service this summer in August
Grandson of Chet and Sarah Madison

Maria Schell

Samual Merit University School of Nursing Graduate School

Masters Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner MSN FNP
Wife of Michael Schell

Gwendolyn Petersen

M.S. in Education and Counseling
West Chester University
Daughter of Phillip & Jennifer Petersen

Nicholas Aaron Johnson

Journalism
University of Arizona, Tucson
Nephew of Connie Ruele
Grandson of Al & Irene Boschee

Elijah Hanson

High School
Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts
Grandson of Pat Hamilton

Carissa Smith

High School
Capital Christian High School
Niece of Brooke Barr

Hannah Hughes

Golden Sierra High School
Hannah will be attending Folsom Lake College
Granddaughter of Bernie Johansen

Brian Canty

BS in Electrical Engineering
UC Santa Barbara
Continuing there for Masters
Grandson of Marilyn Sodergren

Selena Ann Connell

Christian Brothers High School
Selena will be attending Texas Christian University
Daughter of Phillip & Jennifer Connell





Our New Members

J.D. and Gabby Cox

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PRAYER LOOP

For those that do not know or have forgotten, St. Luke's has an E-Mail prayer chain that is a wonderful way of knowing who in our congregation needs our prayers, extra love and support.

If you would like to be included please contact Pastor Carl or the church Secretary and they will add you to the list.

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/>.

PRAYER CONCERNS

A prayer concerns sheet is now available 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.

DEATH IN OUR CONGREGATION



We mourn the death of Ken Lentsch, who was taken up into the heavenly kingdom on May 31, 2017. We extend our deepest sympathy to Debi Lentsch and her family at the death of her husband.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 11a.m.
Reception to follow in Shultz Hall



July 2 **Marlene & Duane Kiser** for their
42nd Anniversary

July 9 *Needed*

July 16 **Karen Linfor**
In Memory of Jerry's Birthday

Connie Reule
For her Dad, Al Boschee's Birthday

July 23 **Ron & Pat Webb**
For Pat's Birthday

July 30 *Needed*



Bruce Kiser July 05

Cliff Landaker July 06

Bekka Roberts July 07

Rosie Johnson July 08

Alvin Boschee July 16

Steven Lee July 17

Ronald Ley July 19

Pat Webb July 27

Linda Olsen July 28

Ron Zoesch July 29



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

May 2017

Comments:

- This year, May had four Sundays; last year May had five Sundays.
- The offerings for the **month** were good and not so good – good, over Budget for the month and not so good, less than last year’s May offerings.
- Some progress was made to decrease the Budget’s **year-to-date** deficit, although minor.
- A concern is that the number of contributors is decreasing, significantly for the month.
- Please use numbered envelopes, when feasible. Thank you.
- If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.
- When using pew envelopes, please write legibly. Thanks.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske
 St. Luke’s Financial Secretary
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General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$17,842	\$90,885
Compared to Budget	\$950	-\$3,596
	5.6%	-3.8%
Compared to 2016	-\$663	-\$2,837
	-3.6%	-3.0%
No. of Contributors		
2017 (Current Year)	82	88 avg.
2016 (Last Year)	93	91 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School		\$19
Flowers		\$120
Special Gift (Flowers)		\$200
Special Gift (Pastoral Assistance)		\$55
Special Gift (Bell Choir)		\$100

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)

July 2 Carol Carney, Dave Saxby
July 9 Ben Briel
July 16 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 23 Karen Linfor
July 30 Linda Olsen, Faith Thomas

Communion Servers

July 2 Kirsten Ireton, Kelly Boyer,
Connie Reule
July 16 Mary Frances Harris, Pat
Hamilton, Linda Duffek
July 30 Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Bob
Behr

Counters

July 2 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 9 Don Schell, Bob Behr
July 16 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
July 23 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
July 30 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

Greeters

July 2 Gale Weber
July 9 *Needed*
July 16 *Needed*
July 23 *Needed*
July 30 *Needed*

Prayer Leaders

July 2 Faith Thomas
July 9 Pat Webb
July 16 Bob Behr
July 23 Alison Thomas
July 30 Kelly Boyer

Psalm Leaders

July 2 Sierra Etchison
July 9 Amber Mansfield
July 16 Angie Martinez
July 23 Aiyana Tice
July 30 Lucy Orcutt

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Kelly Boyer

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

July 2 Eric Linblade; Barbara Manlapig
July 9 Sarah Madison; Tracy Etchison
July 16 Phil Petersen; Al Moser
July 23 Lydia Toloy; Marlene Kiser
July 30 Ron Webb; Bob Behr

Refreshments

July 2 Ed & Kirsten Ireton
July 9 Marc & Alison Thomas
July 16 Rootbeer & Orange Floats
July 23 Pastor Carl's Potluck in celebration of
his 40th year of Ministry
July 30 Lauren Orcutt's Baby Shower

Visitors' Gifts

July 2 Linda Olsen
July 9 Carol Carney
July 16 Pauline Arndt
July 23 Linda Jensen
July 30 Carole Vance

Acolytes

July 2 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain
July 9 Aiyana Tice
July 16 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
July 23 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
July 30 Isabella Basquez, Aiyana Tice

Welcome Leaders

July 2 Carolyn Andrews
July 9 Lydia Toloy
July 16 Carol Carney
July 23 Chet Madison
July 30 Al Moser

Sunday School Teachers

July 2 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
July 9 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
July 16 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
July 23 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice
July 30 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice



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Sunday, July 16th
is our
Sanctuary Refurbishment Dedication
a special invitation is held for :

«Label Name 1»
«Address Line 1»
«Address Line 2»
«City», «State» «Zip Code (5-digit)»



Come on out and join us!

Fireworks

Hours
June 28th 12pm-9pm
June 29—July 2 9pm-9pm
July 3 9pm-10pm

Booth

Located at
Food Source Parking Lot
between McDonald's &
Starbucks