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# News And Views



## Pastoral Perspective



It has been said that when death comes close to us we understand it for the first time. As Christians, when death comes close to us we realize how vital our relationship with Jesus really is.

In the pursuits of life—growing up, earning a living, maintaining a home, raising a family—death may not come near us for years. The passing of acquaintances reminds us that death is around, but at some distance from us personally. Resurrection is God's known promise, but it seems removed from day to day experience.

Likely, that's the way it was for Jairus. Being a ruler of the synagogue suggests both position and responsibility. His life was full. He was not isolated from the funerals of his time. Yet death stood at a distance from him. This changed quickly for Jairus. How different things were for him when his daughter became very ill. Concern changed to fear for her life.

Then it happened. His daughter reached a crisis. Little life was left in her weak body. The color of death was on her face. "What can I do?" In gut wrenching agony he could hear his heart thumping within him. "What hope is there?"

"Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he is the answer. I have heard how he taught at the synagogue. All who heard him were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he will help us."

Jairus had perhaps heard about when Peter's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever and Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her. Jairus had perhaps heard that friends of a paralytic lowered him on a pallet through the roof of a tight-packed crowded house where Jesus was teaching. Jesus said to the paralytic "Your sins are forgiven." And then to show he had authority, "Rise, take up your pallet and go home." And the paralytic did just that. Perhaps word had come to Jairus that Jesus stilled the great storm on the sea with his command, "Peace! Be still!" "Jesus! Jesus from Nazareth, maybe he will hear my plea."

When Jairus heard that Jesus was coming, he had to be there. Jairus anxiously made his way through the great crowd. "There he is. I must speak to him!" Jairus fell at his feet and pleaded with Jesus, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so she may be made well, and live." And Jesus went with him.

Another circumstance of need interrupted their way to Jairus' house. Jairus must have wanted to pull Jesus away. But Jesus healed a hemorrhaging

woman and commended her for the sincerity of her faith. In the meantime all life had left the daughter of Jairus. A sad courier faced Jairus. "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the teacher any further?" Jairus stood in shock. Then somehow he heard Jesus' say "Do not fear, only believe." They turned together and continued to Jairus' home—Jesus, Jairus, and three disciples.

When they got there they heard the loud grieving lament. Jesus asked, "Why do you make a tumult and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." They laughed at Jesus, laughed at him about whom they had heard so much. They knew the girl was gone. Then Jesus ushered them all out. Taking Jairus, the girl's mother, and the three disciples, he went into the child's still room. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Little girl, I say to you arise." And immediately the girl got up. Those there were overcome with amazement. What a miracle! It was a miracle that could only be done by one who had authority even over death.

The raising of Jairus' daughter has much to say to us when death does finally come close to us. This miracle tells us that, in Jesus, there is a new dimension, a new force at work in the world that is more powerful even than death. For those who welcome what they have not earned, yet have yearned for, there is new life, joy and peace. The promised new age has arrived in Jesus. We live in this new age. The light of God's love that makes lives whole for eternity has come into the world.

The raising of this girl is a forerunner of Easter. It shows us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus, not even death itself. When death comes close to you, remember Jesus' words to Jairus. They are meant for you too. "Do not fear, only believe." The same Jesus who raised Jairus' daughter was later resurrected from the dead. That same Jesus will come to you and your loved ones when death comes near and say, "Arise!"

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,  
Pastor Carl



## **BACKPACK DRIVE FOR CHARLES MACK AND PARKWAY ELEMENTARY**

Many thanks go to everyone who was able to participate in the school supply drive this summer. We are stuffing all of the backpacks with the

donated supplies after worship on Sunday, August 6th. Please plan to stick around and help out. It's an awesome service project that we love and where many hands make light work! If you have it, wear your "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt that day!



## **PLANNING MEETING**

The Fall Festival is just around the corner and we are going to begin our planning for the event after worship on Sunday, August 13th. If you are interested in participating, but unable to attend the planning meeting, please contact Katie Iniguez. We look forward to you joining us and mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th 8am-2pm!!!

Judy Saxby and Carol Carney will be co-chairing the White Elephant area for the Fall Festival.

We would greatly appreciate everyone putting aside any gently used items that you would be so kind as to donate. You may bring them to the church for storage, if you do not have room in your homes.

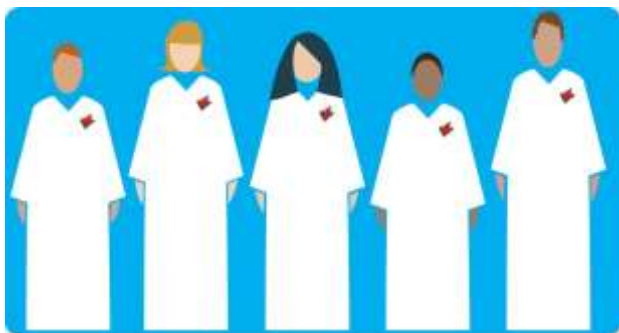
Special request is for costume jewelry, as it sells well. We would appreciate receiving it no later than Sunday, September 3 in order to give us ample time to sort and prepare it for sale.

## SEPTEMBER W-ELCA GATHERING

Our next W-ELCA gathering will be an off-site luncheon on Saturday, September 9th! We'll be meeting at church at 11:00am, and then heading over to Chicago Fire on Laguna Blvd. in Elk Grove for lunch and fellowship together! Look for a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table!



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



### ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM "CONFIRMED IN THE WORD"

I am very excited about the Confirmation material, "Confirmed In The Word". In two school years, it will give your student a solid under girding of Biblical faith for life. Confirmation Class is for youth 6th grade and above. Students do not need to be members of St. Luke's. This school year (September-May) we will consider the New Testament in depth by discussing about seventy New Testament passages. Next school year we will study the Old Testament.

Confirmation Class will be held once a month, on the fourth Sunday of the month, from 12 noon to 3

p.m. We will meet in the overflow room at church. Lunch will be provided.

I will email the material to be discussed beforehand for those who would like to consider it ahead and for those who have to miss a class session. If a student misses a class session, I will count on a parent or mentor to discuss the material missed with the student and sign and return the discussion sheet so I can be assured each student has discussed each unit.

At the end of two years of study, students who have discussed all the units in class or with a parent or mentor will be eligible for Confirmation. Confirmation takes place at a Sunday worship service in late May or early June. Confirmation is a very special event when each student states publicly that he or she desires and promises to make the Christian faith theirs for life. It is accompanied by the blessing of the Holy Spirit and a celebration by the congregation.

If you would like to register someone in your family for Confirmation Class, please let me know. The first class session will be Sunday, September 24th.

Pastor Carl

### WHO DOESN'T LIKE TO GO OUT TO LUNCH?

Especially when it is an all you can eat buffet! The Evangelism Board invites you to join them at the No. 1 Buffet, 7090 Stockton Blvd., on Saturday, August 12, at 11:30am.



There is something for everyone—they offer Chinese, American, Korean and Japanese cuisine as well as fresh fruit, desserts and a salad bar. Adults

are \$10.95 (seniors over 62 get a 10% discount); children ages 7-10 are \$5.95 and children ages 3-6 are \$4.95. Children under 3 are free. Soft drinks and ice tea are \$1.59 with free refills. There is no need to pay ahead of time as everyone will pay individually at the restaurant.

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the Opportunity Table. It's important to sign up as we must let them know how many plan to attend so that we have enough seating for everyone.

Don't miss out on this great time of fellowship with your church family.

**Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 5th.**

*-Pat Webb*



### **THANK YOU! FROM THE COMMUNITY CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

In May we had our 1st annual sock drive which was a wonderful success. We would like to thank all those who helped make this a giant success! We collected over 350 pairs of socks which will be used to help our Winter Sanctuary guests and walk-ins. We couldn't have done this without your help, support, and participation and we look forward to doing it again next year.

*-Lynn T. Gavia*

### **NEW OFFICE EMAIL**



In order to make full use of our website, we ask that you now please send emails to the church office at **office@slelca.org**. Please delete other email addresses you might have for the church office. Pastor Carl's email address continues to be **carlhoppman@gmail.com**.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Signs ups are now being taken for Readers, Prayer Leaders, Psalm Leaders, and Acolytes for 2017-2018. If you haven't filled out a sign-up sheet at church and would like to serve in this way, please call the church office (421-5039) or Barbara Manlapig (383-9376) by August 13th. Please note that we reserve Psalm Leading and Acolyting for children and youth.

### **COMFORT COMMITTEE**

The Comfort Committee provides a hospitality ministry to bereaved families by facilitating receptions for the families after memorial services. There is no charge to the families for this ministry, although donations are gratefully accepted. It is funded by WELCA as part of their annual budget and is under the general oversight of the WELCA Board who selects the chairperson(s).

The time commitment per service is generally about 3 to 3 ½ hours. The number of people needed to help with each service is about 5 – 7 but there are often more volunteers. 2 – 3 people generally set up the tables and chairs, put out the place settings and make beverages. The remaining volunteers work in the kitchen prior to the service, assembling food trays, making salads, etc. Everyone usually helps with clean up. The number of times per year the Committee's services are required varies. That part is in God's hands. Any interested congregational member is welcome to participate in the Comfort Committee. The group is composed of both men and women; it is not necessary to be a WELCA member to participate. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Triss Hoppman or Peggy Moser and we will add you to the contact list.



## 18TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE AND ON THE 8TH DAY, THEY RESTED

We were blest with an abundance of goodwill and fellowship again this year – and Great Weather! There was the usual cadre of volunteers who helped out by providing food, water, snacks, drinks, other tangible or monetary donations, selling or buying fireworks, setting up or taking down the booth, or who spread the word to family and friends to stop on by and visit us. We all had a great time! On the sales side, we were just over \$27,300 in sales. After paying for expenses (fireworks, taxes, and permits), we'll put over \$8,100 in the bank to help the Property Board with the work they do here in keeping the church facilities in tip-top shape!

A loud shout-out goes to all the wonderful folks who brought us food this year. We had great pizza, salads, fruit, brownies, cookies, popcorn, chips, and other snacks. And your response to my request for water was tremendous – we had plenty of water (the ladies at the booth suggested that next year I request jewelry – ha)! Also, a special thank you goes to Pastor and Triss Hoppman for supplying us with some great pulled pork and all the trimmings and salads for our July



4th celebration. Wonderful!

We always have a great time working at the booth because it's always nice to meet the new faces, welcome our returning customers, and to watch the excitement in the kids' faces. That's the best part, the fellowship and fun we share with our neighbors and friends.

And finally, an extra shout-out to my faithful team of volunteers (Dorothy, Ron, Pat, Peggy, Al, Jerry, Carol, Jack, Micki, Bruce, Karen, Paul, Holly, Ed, Kirsten, Bob, Carolyn, Connie, Eric, Kelly, Debi, Stephen, Pat, Mary, and many, many, others), who were there to assist in some way or another. To Pastor Carl for coming out on July 2nd to provide us a special Sunday service with Communion. And finally, an extra shout-out to Phillip and Jennifer Connell who could provide a truck and trailer again to haul our fireworks to and from the warehouse. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to all and see you next year!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter

Fireworks Committee Chairman



# MEYER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The sanctuary is all done! The carpet and tile has been installed, the sanctuary is beautifully cleaned, and we have a brand new projector and a 14 foot screen installed, which we have begun to utilize! We are so blessed to have this project completed and ready for the next priority projects! Next up is some new appliances which will be installed throughout the facility. Many, many, many thanks go to the team of folks that helped over the last 3 months to get this project completed, especially Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney!

In Christ's Service  
Holly Hoppman  
Meyer Memorial Committee Chair



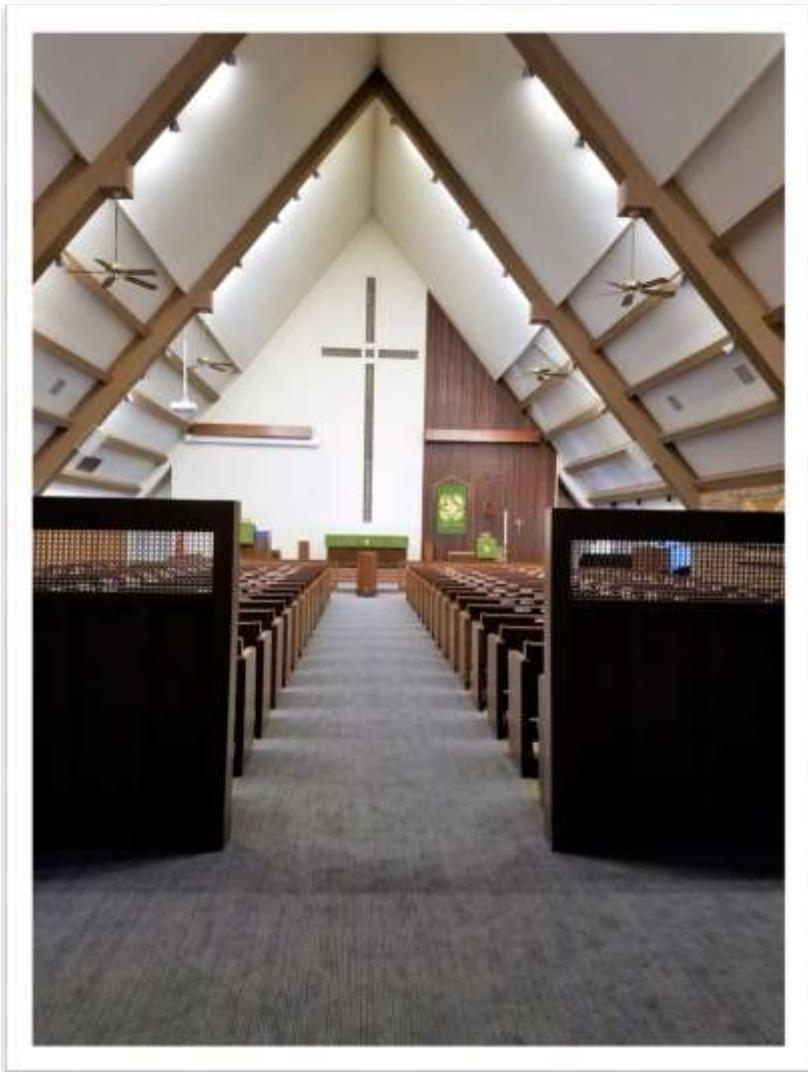
What a turn out!  
After everyone got there, we ran out of bulletins



The beautiful cross that was originally from Faith Lutheran in Stockton



Children's Time



Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney with a popcorn thank you



### **Our New Member**

Larry Johnson

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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.

Tuesday, June 27

The Bible in One Year

Job 8-10 and ACTS 8:26-40

### **Five Finger Prayers**

**P** rayer is a conversation with God, not a formula. Yet sometimes we might need to use a "method" to freshen up our prayer time. We can pray the Psalms or other Scriptures (such as The Lord's Prayer), or use the Acts method (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). I recently came across this "Five Finger Prayer" to use as a guide when praying for others:

- When you fold your hands, the thumb nearest you. So begin by praying for those closest to you – your loved ones (PHIL. 1:3-5).
- The index finger is the pointer. Pray for those who teach – Bible teachers and preachers, and those who teach children (1THESS. 5:25).
- The next finger is the tallest. It reminds you to pray for those in authority over you – national and local leaders, and your supervisor at work (1TIM. 2:1-2)
- The fourth finger is usually the weakest. Pray for those who are in trouble or who are suffering (James 5:13-16).
- Then comes your little finger. It reminds you of your smallness in relation to God's greatness. Ask Him to supply your needs (PHIL. 4:6-19).

Whatever method you use, just talk with your Father. He wants to hear what's on your heart.

Father, give me the wisdom to know how to pray for others.

It's not the words we pray that matter; it's the condition of your heart.

*-submitted by Joyce Jensen*





August 6    **Howard Triebloasser**  
 In Memory of his wife  
 Pearl's Birthday

**Connie Reule**  
 For her Mom  
 Irene Boschee's 85th Birthday

**Katie Iniguez**  
 For Xander's 3rd Birthday &  
 Omama's Birthday

August 13    **Ron & Pat Webb**  
 In Memory of Pat's Mom  
 Vi Gibson's Birthday

**Connie Reule**  
 For her Granddaughter  
 Amber Mansfield's 16th Birthday

August 20    *Needed*

August 27    *Needed*

Lois Sherrets	August 01
Jerry Carney	August 03
Lydia Toloy	August 03
Ralph Zbrog	August 03
Elsbeth Whitehurst	August 04
Kennard Ferguson	August 07
Alexander Iniguez	August 07
Irene Boschee	August 08
Don Schell	August 08
Linda Duffek	August 10
Stephanie Espinoza	August 11
Aiden Kiser	August 12
Amber Mansfield	August 16
Kay Yakabe	August 16
Kristen Encinas	August 18
Angelo Osako	August 21
Aiyana Tice	August 22
Zoe Franklin	August 23
Mack Vance	August 23
Carolyn Andrews	August 27
Faith Thomas	August 31

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

June 2017

## Comments:

- June provides a mid-year report and it is somewhat discouraging.
- This month the offerings were significant down when compared to both the Budget and 2016 – possibly it was the hot weather.
- Probably more alarming is the Year-to-Date totals, which are down about 4.5 percent when compared to the Budget and 2016 Year-to-Date totals.
- 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.

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General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$16,723	\$107,608
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$1,568	-\$5,164
	-8.6%	-4.6%
<b>Compared to 2015</b>	-\$1,842	-\$4,678
	-9.9%	-4.2%
No. of Contributors		
<b>2017</b> (Current Year)	85	87 avg.
<b>2016</b> (Last Year)	83	90 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School		\$8
Flowers		\$160
Memorials		\$125
Special Gift (Confirmation Expense)		\$196

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



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

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

August 6 Peggy Moser, Mary F. Harris  
August 13 Dave Saxby  
August 20 Marlene Kiser, Shirley Prouty  
August 27 Carol Carney

## Communion Servers

August 6 Kelly Boyer, Mary F. Harris, Linda Duffek  
August 20 Betty Englund, Pat Hamilton, Bob Behr

## Counters

August 6 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
August 13 John Orcutt, Bob Behr  
August 20 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
August 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser  
Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

## Greeters

August 6 Ralph & Merle Zborg  
August 13 Mack & Carole Vance  
August 20 Faith Thomas, Elizabeth Brasier  
August 27 Karen Linfor, Pat Webb

## Prayer Leaders

August 6 Peggy Moser  
August 13 Alison Thomas  
August 20 Faith Thomas  
August 27 Kelly Boyer

## Psalm Leaders

August 6 Aiyana Tice  
August 13 Sierra Etchison  
August 20 Amber Mansfield  
August 27 Angie Martinez

## Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin  
10:30 a.m. Larry Dockter

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

August 6 Lydia Toloy; Betty Englund  
August 13 Ron Webb; Laura Tice  
August 20 Christiana Wilson; Barbara Manlapig  
August 27 Eric Linblade; Pat Webb

## Refreshments

August 6 Ofelia Ojeda, Carol Carney  
August 13 Marc & Alison Thomas  
August 20 Mack & Carol Vance  
August 27 Dorothy Haney, Carole Vance

## Visitors' Gifts

August 6 Pat Webb  
August 13 Carole Vance  
August 20 Carolyn Andrews  
August 27 Joyce Jensen

## Acolytes

August 6 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain  
August 13 Aiyana Tice  
August 20 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez  
August 27 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

## Welcome Leaders

August 6 Kelly Boyer  
August 13 Mary Frances Harris  
August 20 Pat Webb  
August 27 Carolyn Andrews

## Sunday School Teachers

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

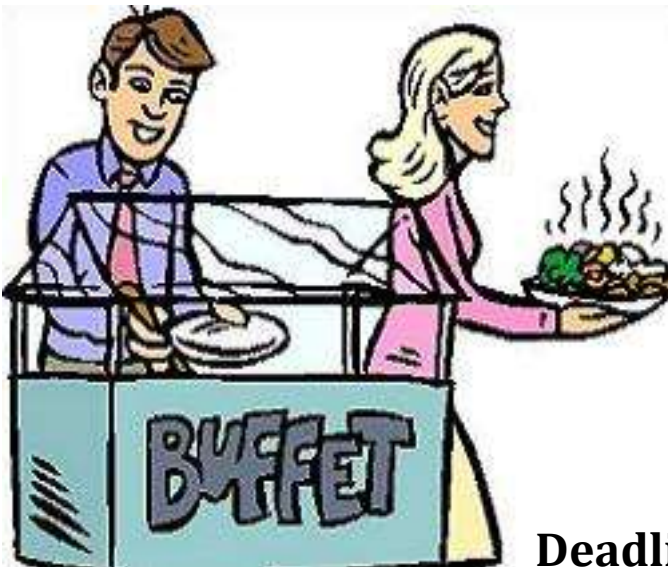


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# Join Us for Lunch!



**on Saturday,  
August 12.**

**Look inside for details**

**Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 5th**