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2017

News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia” (2 Corinthians 8:1). That’s where Paul, the Apostle’s, account of the generous sharing of the Macedonian Christians starts—with the grace of God. Because these folks shared from the abundance of God’s love, they joyfully shared in an amazing way. What is often expected is that folks will share from the generosity of their hearts. When folks share from the generosity of God’s heart, it is a whole different matter. As Paul said, they “gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will.” They knew God’s gifts of grace are for sharing, not grasping. They trusted God would supply them anew.

Your sharing as a congregation of God’s people has always been amazing to me. It would be tempting to hold back or refrain from sharing through the up and down economic times in fear that there won’t be enough. That’s not been the case at all. Your sharing has remained steady and faithful. I praise God for that. It is a great sign of trust in God’s grace.

The beautiful thing about the Macedonian Christians’ amazing sharing was that they “gave themselves first to the Lord.” They were intent on living under the grace and lordship of God. They

realized that everything belonged under the lordship of Jesus Christ. He was the Lord of their lives. He was the Lord of everything they had. They wanted nothing more than for the Lord to use them to His glory. That attitude allowed for generous and gracious sharing in so many ways.

I have been blessed to see that kind of generous and gracious sharing among you again and again. Not only are you steady and faithful in financial sharing, but you look for ways to use the time and talents with which God has blessed you to further His work of love in the world. It is obvious you want to live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of life.

Paul indicates that after giving themselves to the Lord, the Macedonian Christians gave themselves “by the will of God to us.” They realized that it is God’s will that we share of ourselves for the good of others. It is the way we can show our love of God. God doesn’t need anything from us. It is all His anyway. But others sure do need our loving sharing. The Macedonian Christians realized this and “begged Paul earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.”

When someone is hurting, I don’t hear from you, “O that’s too bad.” Rather you want to know how you can share. You want to know what you can do. You know in your heart that it is God’s will for us to share in loving community in this world. Opportunities for sharing are opportunities to show our love of God. I praise God for your blessed desire for loving service.

It is truly a privilege to serve as your pastor. I know our future is very bright in the Lord as He continues to pour treasures of His grace upon us for sharing.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

MINISTRY FAIR



After the 10:30 a.m. service on November 12th, we will have our annual Congregational Ministry Fair. The Boards and Ministry Group Leaders will set up tables in Schultz Hall. 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 2018. At the Ministry Fair, we will also collect estimate-of-giving cards for 2018. Your Ministry Group and Board sign-up sheet and estimate-of-giving cards for 2018 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 Guild



• **Altar Care Ministry Group**



• **Ushers Ministry Group**

• **Flutter Flag & Umbrella Ministry Group**

• **Soul Stitchers Ministry Group**



• **Choir Ministry Group**

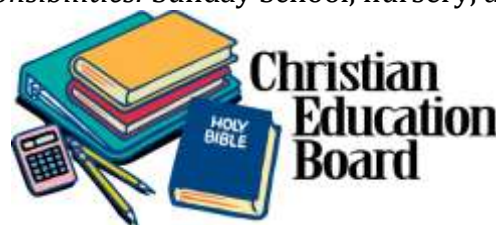
• **Community Concerns Board**

Board responsibilities: Food and clothing collection and distribution, working with community groups on mutual ministry, pastoral assistance fund, Winter Sanctuary, Share-a-Sole, Trunk-or-Treat



• **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, potlucks 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 hunt



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Thanksgiving Holy Communion will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 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 Narcotics Anonymous (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!



THANKOFFERING SERVICE



On Sunday, November 19, 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.

SHARE-A-SOLE

St. Luke's and Charles Mack Elementary School are teaming up on November 3 for Share-a-Sole. If you were one of those folks who helped fit the kids with new shoes, you know what a fun and joyous time we had! Volunteers to fit the kids are needed and a sign up sheet is on the Opportunity Table.



A barrel is in the Narthex marked Share-a-Sole for new shoe donations sizes 3-9, girl or boy. We're looking for new tennis shoes, sneakers, boots, dress shoes—any closed-toe shoes, no flipflops or sandals. Thank you for your generous spirit of your time, money and smiles!

If you have any questions, contact: Faith Thomas (916) 205-5032.



October kicks off a busy time of year for us. With the Fall Festival behind us I want to take time to thank everyone who came out to support our Fall Festival and Family Fun Day! It was great to see so many people come out to join us for the event. We don't have final numbers yet, but we brought in about the same amount as we did last year! We had a wrap up meeting on October 15th to discuss what worked well, and what are some things we can improve on. If you have any feedback, please feel free to email welca@slelca.org.

We hope you can join us for our regular meeting on Saturday, November 11th. Thankoffering is around the corner from there on Sunday, November 19th and we will have a signup sheet available at our meeting to participate in the Thankoffering service. If you have any questions, please contact Triss or Holly.

PUMPKIN BREAD



St. Luke's Youth will begin taking orders for mini loaves of delicious pumpkin bread from Sunday, October 29th, until Sunday, November 12th. Please check the Opportunity Table for our sign up sheet.

The pumpkin bread will be available for pickup in the kitchen on Sunday, November 19th, 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 Laura Tice at (916) 271-7566 or via email at lpiereson92@yahoo.com



FALL FESTIVAL YARD SALE

We were so thankful for all the support given to us as co-chairs of the Church Yard Sale (formally White Elephant Sale) at the Fall Festival.

All the wonderful donations were greatly appreciated as well as the volunteer help we had. We especially thank the men who helped in some way -it would have been so hard without you, Bob Behr, Jerry Carney, Jack Fenske, Bruce Kiser, Ron Petsch and Mack Vance. And of course our amazing sorting, pricing and selling gals - Linda Duffek, Micki Fenske, Dorothy Haney, Mary Frances Harris, Joyce Jensen, Pat Lehman, Peggy Moser, Ernestine Roberts, Faith Thomas and

Carole Vance. Also a special thank you to the hard working Fall Festival chairperson, Katie Iniguez for all the signs and for arranging to have all the left over items taken away.

As a side note: Ron and Lisa Petsch and Ernestine Roberts are new to our Congregation and were wonderful help - a very special thank you to the three of you.

Hope to see all of you back next year.
Carol Carney & Judy Saxby



Thank you so much for your heartfelt sympathy *at Ken's graduation to Heaven at the end of May* and for the outpouring of care you have shown to me and our families during this time of grieving. Your thoughts, prayers and cards have been very comforting. I t was a blessing to be a *part of Ken's life. We both experienced Christ's love and peace reflected in each other, friends, relatives and neighbors we met along our life's path together.* Thank you for being a blessing to Ken, me, our families and to others.

Sincerely,
Debi Lentsch

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 available in the Narthex 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.



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| November 5 | Al & Irene Boschee
For their 67th Anniversary |
| | Barros Family
In memory of Gladys |
| November 12 | Shirley Prouty
In memory of Robert Prouty |
| November 19 | Phil & Jennifer Petersen
In memory of Jenny's Mom,
Ellen Hintz |
| | Walt & Pauline Arndt
In memory of Ken's 60th Birthday |
| November 26 | Triss and Holly Hoppman
For Carl's Birthday |



Hannah Encinas	November 06
Andrew Harrison	November 07
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
Dax Moser	November 30



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

September 2017

Comments:

- The good news this month – offerings comparable to 2016 and met the Budget.
- The not-so-good news – the YTD offerings continue to lag when compared to 2016 and the Budget.
- 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	
Total Contributions	\$17,359	\$159,565	
Compared to Budget	\$117	-\$9,127	
	0.7%	-5.4%	
Compared to 2016	-\$54	-\$4,353	
	-0.3%	-2.7%	
No. of Contributors			
2017 (Current Year)	89	89	avg.
2016 (Last Year)	87	89	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$21	
Flowers		\$140	
Special Gift (SLY)		\$27	

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

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

Nov 5 Peggy Moser, Karen Linfor
Nov 12 Connie Ruele
Nov 19 Linda Olsen, Brenda Sulzmann
Nov 22 Triss Hoppman, Peggy Moser
Nov 26 Nancy Minning

Communion Servers

Nov 5 Peggy Moser, Connie Reule, Lydia Toloy
Nov 19 Faith Thomas, Kelly Boyer, Linda Duffek
Nov 22 Howard Triebwasser, Betty Englund, Marlene Kiser

Counters

Nov 5 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Nov 12 John Orcutt, Bob Behr
Nov 19 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
Nov 26 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

Nov 5 Mack and Carole Vance
Nov 12 Jerry and Carol Carney
Nov 19 Joyce Jensen and Pat Hamilton
Nov 26 J.D. and Gabby Cox

Prayer Leaders

Nov 5 Alison Thomas
Nov 12 Faith Thomas
Nov 19 "Ladies' Day"
Nov 22 Pat Webb
Nov 26 Merle Zbrog

Psalms Leaders

Nov 5 Sierra Etchison
Nov 12 Kimiya Ricciardi
Nov 19 Katie Light
Nov 22 Aiyana Tice
Nov 26 Amber Mansfield

Head Ushers

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

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

Nov 5 Ron Webb; Tracy Etchison
Nov 12 Christiana Wilson; Holly Hoppman
Nov 19 "Ladies' Day"
Nov 22 Laura Tice
Nov 26 Kristine Felgenhauer; Katie Iniguez

Refreshments

Nov 5 Sharon Jefferson and Vicki Esparza
Nov 12 Marc & Alison Thomas
Nov 19 Karen Linfor
Nov 22 Pie Social
Nov 26 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets

Visitors' Gifts

Nov 5 Carole Vance
Nov 12 Carol Carney
Nov 19 Joyce Jensen
Nov 26 Walt Arndt

Acolytes

Nov 5 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
Nov 12 Aiyana Tice
Nov 19 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez, Katie Light
Nov 26 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

Welcome Leaders

Nov 5 Carol Carney
Nov 12 Chet Madison
Nov 19 Al Moser
Nov 26 Kelly Boyer

Sunday School Teachers

Nov 5 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
Nov 12 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
Nov 19 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
Nov 26 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice
Alison Thomas, Laura Tice



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Join us for Thankoffering Service on Sunday,
November 19th



THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

Thanksgiving Holy Communion
Service will be celebrated on
Thanksgiving Eve,
November 22, at 7:00 p.m.

