



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
(916) 421-5039
www.slelca.org
office@slelca.org
Pastor Carl Hoppman
carlhoppman@gmail.com

FEBRUARY
2018

News And Views

Pastor's 2017 Annual Report



"It was a dark and stormy night" at the beginning of 2017. It rained and rained some more. Participation in worship and other activities was somewhat spotty.

Not believing it is good to just hope things will get better without doing anything, I approached the church council in April with a proposal for reaching out to folks who had been spotty in attendance. I named it "Two Con Contacts" because the idea was to reach out to folks who had missed worship for two consecutive Sundays. The council was supportive of the idea. Peggy Moser, Carole Vance, Laura Tice, and Faith Thomas volunteered to make Two Con contacts. They tirelessly contacted folks to keep contact with them and show concern for them. Most of the responses were quite positive and appreciated. Through the following months, these four folks did a tremendous amount of caring ministry to try and make sure folks weren't "falling through the cracks".

At the end of 2017 we had an average Sunday worship attendance of 108 for the year. That was down from 112 during 2016, but much better than things were looking for the first few months of the year. Although the initial program is over, we continue to reach out to folks who have been away for a while to see how they are doing rather than just wondering how they are doing. I am very

thankful for the commitment and dedication Peggy, Carole, Laura, and Faith have shown for this ministry.

Another huge undertaking during 2017 was the refurbishment of our worship space. New flooring and other improvements were far overdue for our sanctuary which was built in 1963. We were able to undertake this project because of a very generous Memorial gift from Lee Meyer. Many people participated in the project, but the work was spearheaded by Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney. We are quite grateful for their expertise and hard work. We worshipped in Schultz Hall for the summer as the work was being done. It was a community building experience. I was delighted to see how you all adapted to the needed situation and made it work wonderfully. Thanks to all who served on the Meyer Memorial committee, helped make worship work so well in Schultz Hall, and helped with the sanctuary refurbishment.

I reached a milestone in ministry during 2017 as I observed my 40th anniversary as an ordained minister. You put on such a wonderful and loving celebration for me that I thought I must have died—so many people said so many kind and loving things about my ministry. It was amazing to realize afterward it wasn't my funeral but an outpouring of love while I am still here. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have been a constant and caring support for Triss, Holly, and me for many years.

PRESIDENT'S 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

St Luke's was living its mission in 2017!

Through the Power of the Holy Spirit, we Accept God's call to spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

2017 was a very exciting year for our Congregation as we were actively living and performing the mission of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church. This would not have been possible without the many strong and dedicated leaders of our Congregation. A "Big Thank You" for all that served our Church and volunteered endless hours to keep our mission statement alive! I would like to especially thank our past council officers - Carolyn Andrews as Treasurer and Karen Linfor, as Council Secretary, who for the last four years have both gone far and above their call of duty to serve in our Church Council. We thank Dave Saxby for ensuring our Congregation is staying financially strong, and our Vice President Larry Dockter for his endless support and the resources he shares so freely. Our Community Concerns Board, led by Faith Thomas, did an outstanding job helping to "Serve Those in Need". Our Winter Sanctuary hosted over 100 guests and provided the people with warm meals and a safe place to sleep. We also would like to thank the generosity of our Church Youth for sending sacks of goodies to our guests as they left our Church. Our Congregation also collected 160 pairs of shoes and were able to fit 110 jackets to children at our local schools. New last year was Trunk-a-Treat, where we provided a safe place for children in our neighborhood to celebrate Halloween. The children who came had an opportunity to play fun games and collect some yummy candy.

We praise the Lord for the blessings that our Church have received from the Myer Memorial. Thanks to the Property Board for putting the Myers funds to great use as we were able to install new flooring in our Sanctuary. The whole Congregation joins me to thank Jack Fenske, Jerry Carney and the crew for all the hours they spent to complete this beautiful project. We are blessed to have such talented group of individuals on this board led by Kelly Boyer that keeps our Church and property in

We said goodbye to a couple of very important staff members during 2017. Lauren Orcutt, who served so well as our office secretary, resigned to prepare for a new addition to their family. We really miss Lauren, who did a wonderful job for us, but we are so happy that she and John now have a beautiful baby boy, Jack. We also miss Lucy Orcutt, who would assist in the office in many ways, but we are happy for her that she has a new brother. We also were sad to see our excellent Music Director, Brooke Barr, move to Tennessee. We had been blessed to go through so many wonderful life events with Brooke including her marrying Dave and having two delightful boys, Jesse and Justin. Brooke served with such spirituality and love.

Life and ministry does go on, however. We have been blessed with Rochelle Jaeger joining the staff as our office secretary. I have known Rochelle for much of her life. She has always been a quality and caring person. She is making things hum in the office. Jane Fanucci, who has served for some time as our organist, took over as choir director as well. She is now our primary musician. She is doing wonderfully as was shown by the much-appreciated Choir Christmas Cantata in December.

All in all, 2017 was a year of positive transition for St. Luke's. Through it all, we kept focused on our mission to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ. Our leadership team was fantastic, under the direction of our president, Paul Maki. Enjoy reading the annual reports in this issue of the News and Views highlighting all the Lord did through us this last year. We are positioned for a powerful year in ministry during 2018. Thank you for the privilege of continuing to serve as your pastor as we move forward, following the Lord's loving guidance.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl

excellent condition. We all were very thankful to have Holly Hoppman for effectively leading the Myer Memorial Committee.

Carol Vance and the Evangelism Committee were unstoppable last year, helping and hosting multiple luncheons and meals for our Church. Thank you Carol and your ever-committed committee for organizing Sunday refreshments, visiting of shut-ins, arranging greeters and ensuring welcome gifts were handed out each Sunday. It's because of these services that make Saint Luke's Church a warm and welcoming congregation.

And what would a Sunday service be without glorious music and liturgy. Peggy Moser and her Committee work effortlessly to ensure we have music that helps keep our services alive and exciting. We are blessed to have Jane Fanucci as our Church Organist and Choir Director. Her talent helps enrich our worship services every Sunday. Thank you Samantha Basquez and Laura Tice for co-chairing SLY in 2017. They were able to bring some great energy in to the program and kept the Youth busy with fun events throughout the year, and for getting the Youth to participate in service projects as needed. This year, we had our first congregational sleep over at the Church. It was great to see the Youth and Congregation sharing food and fellowship. We look forward to another year of the Youth gathering and sharing in the Lord's name.

We were excited to be able to fill the Christian Education Board with Lauren Orcutt. Lauren has worked closely with Pastor Carl to ensure our Education program is current and updated with relevant materials. Sunday School classes are going strong with the help of volunteers rotating on a weekly schedule. Our wonderful, vibrant children can look forward to more great classes in 2018!

WELCA under the leadership of Holly Hoppman were definitely living the Church's Mission Statement. They did an amazing job organizing the Fall Festival this year. Funds from this event and other fundraisers throughout the year are given back to our local community to help "Serve those in Need" Thank you WELCA for everything you do for our Church and community.

Lastly I would like to thank our amazing Pastor. We are blessed to have such an amazing person lead our congregation. His dedication commitment and energy are non-stop. I know from all the stories

that were shared with him at his 40th celebration, the Lord has truly used Pastor Carl to "Spread the Good News and Serve those in Need".

As the President of the Church Council, I look ahead to another promising year, I am looking forward to continue working with the Congregation and Council to address the needs of the Church, specifically working with the Evangelism Board on how we can better outreach to the local community to grow our current ministry.

With the Lord's grace and mercy and Pastor Carl's guidance, I would welcome hearing your ideas on how we can keep our ministry welcoming and meaningful to our community and congregation. Thank you all again.

Remember, You are Loved.
Paul Maki

Bring your Sweetie to Church **for Valentine's Day**

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14 with a soup supper hosted by WELCA at 6:00p.m. in Schulz Hall. All are invited to attend and enjoy delicious soup and warm fellowship. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion follows at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this special service we experience our mortality with the Imposition of Ashes and the hope of new life in the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Devotional material will be available. This year's booklet is based on the "I Am" passages in the Gospel of John.

Weekly Lenten services will be held in Schultz Hall beginning February 21. They begin at 6:00 p.m. with a soup supper hosted by various congregational groups. A brief service with dramas begins at 6:30 p.m. Clean up and Choir practice follow at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten coin folders will also be available Ash Wednesday. All individuals who would like to participate are encouraged to take a folder. These folders are used to collect quarters as a daily reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us. The collection starts on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent on the weekdays and Saturdays (Sundays are excluded.) The contributions are used for the Pastoral assistance fund to help community members in need. The folders can be turned in on Easter or the following week.

EPIPHANY BREAKFAST

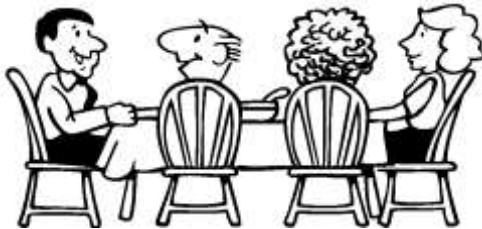
On Saturday, January 6, the Evangelism Board hosted the Epiphany Breakfast and Service. It was a great time of sharing, enjoying delicious casseroles, prepared by our board members and an array of muffins, breads, pastries and Betty Englund's baked apples. Pastor Carl helped us to understand and read Matthew 2:1-12 and King Herod's part in the Three Wise Men. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, brought food and stayed to clean up.



AND WORSHIP SERVICES

Our Lenten Season will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th with a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA

at 6pm in Schultz Hall followed by the Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes Service in the Sanctuary. Each week through March 21st Soup Suppers and Services will be in Schultz Hall at 6pm.



DINER'S GROUPS

New groups to be formed for February, March and April. Sign up sheet is on the opportunity table. The deadline for Sign ups were Sunday January 28, 2018. We will assign the groups and notify each group by mail.

SLY

Happy New Year! SLY is happy to announce that we will have our first meeting of 2018 on Sunday, February 11, 2018, from 12:00 to 1:00 in the church overflow room. We will be discussing our upcoming activities, including the crab feed, and we will begin refurbishing the youth loft!



SLY meetings will be held monthly on the second Saturday of each month from 12 to 1. All children in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join. For more information please email Samantha Basquez at Basquezfamily916@gmail.com or Laura Tice at lpierson92@yahoo.com.

Samantha Basquez

LET US WELCOME OUR 2018 COUNCIL MEMBERS & BOARD CHAIRS!

Paul Maki	President
Larry Dockter	Vice President
Faith Thomas	Community Concerns
Peggy Moser	Worship & Music
Lauren Orcutt	Education
Carol Vance	Evangelism
Samantha Basquez	Co-Chair, Youth Board
Laura Tice	Co-Chair, Youth Board
Kelly Boyer	Property Board
David Saxby	Finance Board
Jack Fenske	Financial Secretary
Ron Webb	Special Fund Recorder

NEW

Merle Zbrog

Bob Behr

Marlene Kiser

Council Secretary

Treasurer

W-ELCA President

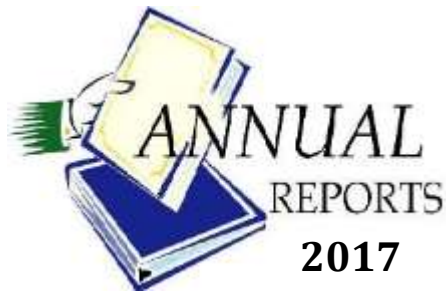
Many thanks to all of you for serving our congregation in such crucial ways. Installation for Officers, Board Chairs, and Board Members will be next Sunday at Worship.

Elk Grove Food Bank

Our food giving increased this year! We donated 623 lbs of food for the homeless in 2017!

Let's keep it up! Thank you so much, Judy Saxby





EVANGELISM BOARD

Our year began with Epiphany Breakfast and Service on January 6th. Pastor Ron's message was about the Wise Men and the Gifts they presented to Baby Jesus and how they were used. We enjoyed great food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, began with our Lenten soup suppers and services. W-ELCA hosted our first Lenten soup supper and we all shared in the Holy Communion worship service. Five more soup suppers (hosted by our boards, church council and the congregation) worship services followed. We enjoyed many delicious soups, breads and desserts each Wednesday.

Easter fell on April 16th. We had a wonderful Easter Breakfast co-chaired by Dave Davis, Eric Linblade, Ron & Cheryl Franklin, Micki Fenske. We had a wonderful Breakfast of Blueberry Cream Cheese French Toast, Potatoes Casserole, Tator Tots and Micki and Jack's Scrambled Eggs. We also had a variety of Breads, Muffins and Fruits. Thank you to everyone who helped with set-up, cooking, serving and clean up.

In June we hosted the Annual Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream in honor of our wonderful men.

In July we hosted our Annual Summer Root Beer and Orange Floats.

On July 23rd, the Evangelism Board hosted the Lutheran Pot luck for Pastor Carl's 40th year of Ministry. We all had lots of good food and a great time of sharing.

In August we had a wonderful Outreach Luncheon at No 1 Buffet. We had a wonderful range of food from which we selected. A good time was had by all.

To celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School and adult Bible Study classes, the board hosted the annual Congregational BBQ Picnic. Thanks to Linda Fergusson and Sue Fechter for doing a great job cooking all the hamburgers and hot dogs and to

everyone who brought salads to share. Everyone was great to help set up the tables and canopies. We had a wonderful and well attended 500th Reformation Sunday October 29th. We had an old fashion Lutheran Pot Luck. Lots of good food and program. Pastor Carl and the Youth of our Church put on a great program.

In November we had a Ministry Fair. We decorated a table and gave away candy. We had several people sign up for Greeters and Visitor's Gifts. Our Congregational Meeting and Potluck was held on Sunday, December 10th. The Evangelism Board hosts this event. We had beautiful Table Decorations provided by W-ELCA. Lots of good food and desserts.

The board also continues with the after service refreshments, visiting shut-ins and our visitor's welcome gifts. Joyce Jensen has agreed to coordinate our Sunday Greeters. Thank you Joyce. I would like to thank everyone who as helped serve or has provided refreshments for after service. Thank You to Ron Webb who continues to make the Coffee every Sunday Morning.

It was a very wonderful and busy year and could not be possible without my blessed board, Pat Webb, Carolyn Andrews, Kelly Boyer, Pauline Arndt, Walt Arndt, Joyce Jensen and Carol Carney. I would like to thank Pastor Carl for his love, support and guidance this past year.

In Christ,
Carole Vance
Evangelism Board Chair

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

The 2017 Worship and Music Board was chaired by Peggy Moser. Mary Harris, Karen Linfor, Marlene Kiser, Ben Briel and Triss Hoppman served as members with Pastor Carl and Brooke Barr as ex-officio members.

The rotating schedules for Communion Servers, Welcome Leaders and Altar Care continued in 2017. Communion servers are scheduled by Mary Harris, Welcome Leaders by Peggy Moser and Altar Care by Triss Hoppman. There is ongoing need for more Altar Care volunteers. Our goal is to have 24 volunteers to minimize the number of times per year each person serves. Barbara Manlapig

continued as coordinator for Readers and Prayer Leaders. The schedules for these are set in the fall. Larry Dockter continued as coordinator for the ushers. Jeff Kiser faithfully filled the candles with oil each week.

In January, arrangements were made to refinish the piano as it had scratches in the finish. In February, in recognition of Black History Month, Pastor delivered a special sermon on Fredrick Douglass. Karen Linfor represented the Board on the Meyer Memorial Fund committee. The Board's priorities were the replacement of the sanctuary flooring, repair of the communion rail and clean-up of the overflow room.

Lenten services began March 1 with Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. Weekly services were held after the Lenten soup suppers. Dramas were presented featuring Pastor Carl and others focusing on Luther's Small Catechism. The services and suppers were well attended. Lenten Devotionals based on the Small Catechism and Coin Folders were made available. The proceeds from the coin folders went to the Pastoral Assistance fund.

Holy week began with Palm Sunday, April 9, and featured the usual activities with a cleaning day the Saturday before Palm Sunday, decorating with palms and Easter lilies and the beautiful living cross. As always, thank you to Bruce Kiser for providing the palms. Thank you also to Holly Hoppman and Rachel Kiser for decorating the cross and to everyone who purchased Easter lilies for our Easter celebration.

The Meyer Memorial Fund committee recommendations were approved by the congregation and work on the sanctuary renovations began April 29. Services were held in Schultz Hall during the renovation period, April 30 through July 15. The baby grand piano was moved to the fellowship hall to accompany worship. Jane used several instruments, including violin, to accompany the liturgy. Thank you to Holly Hoppman for marking the floor in Schultz Hall to expedite the set up each week.

During this same time, renovations were made to

the choir room. New carpeting was installed, the room was painted and the furnishings were rearranged to make filing easier. Special music storage boxes were purchased for several books or anthems that Brooke donated from her former church. This makes the books much easier to find and makes better use of the available storage space.

Graduation Sunday was celebrated on May 28. Pentecost was June 4. The contemporary liturgy was once again used for the summer and through the Pentecost season. Ben Briel resigned from the Board in June in order to focus on the Property Board where he is also a member. The Board regretfully accepted his resignation.

A choir music exchange was presented by a local choral society. Churches could bring their unwanted/excess music to the exchange and buy new pieces for 10 cents a copy. Anthems usually cost between 2.75 to 3.50 per copy, so this is a great discount. Marlene Kiser and Holly Hoppman attended for St. Luke's and were able to obtain 25 new pieces for \$95.00.

It came to the Board's attention that many people without vision problems were using the large print bulletins because the hymns were included. This resulted in a shortage of large print bulletins for those who need them for vision challenges. The bulletin was redesigned so that the hymns are now included, in their appropriate spot in the service, in all bulletins. Thank you to Rochelle for making this change. The new format has been well received.

Worship in the sanctuary resumed July 16. A small choral group presented a special anthem for the rededication. The Board presented thank you gifts to Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney for their work on the sanctuary. Thank you to Jerry for making new carpet liners for the pew racks. New pencils were purchased for the pew racks that fit better in the slots. A gift was also given to Jacob Wilson in thanks for his keyboard playing at the 8:15 service each week.

In August, our Music Director, Brooke Barr, submitted her resignation effective September 13. She and her family moved out of the state. Pastor

Carl was on vacation August 14 through September 2. Pastor Ron Zoesch filled in in his absence.

The Luau was not held in September. Due to a schedule conflict the date was changed from September 16 to the 23rd. Unfortunately, this resulted in other schedule conflicts so that many choir and bell choir members were not available for the 23rd. With Brooke's resignation as well, it seemed advisable to cancel the Luau for 2017. The Board plans to host the luau in September of 2018.

The Choirs resumed in September. Judy Saxby continues to lead the children's choir. With Brooke's departure, Jane Fanucci, our organist, was approached about leading the choir. She and the Board agreed to a trial period through the end of the year at which time the arrangement would be re-evaluated to see if Jane wanted to continue or if a separate choir director should be hired. Jane and the Board have agreed to continue having Jane lead the choir. She will officially take the position of Organist/Choir Director on January 1, 2018.

In October, several members of the bell choir attended a handbell festival in Redding. There were classes and opportunities to perform as a group or individuals. Our choir did not perform but attended the classes and learned a lot. Contact was made with the Good Shepherd bell choir who has offered to help us occasionally as we have no director.

Also in October was the 500th anniversary service for the Reformation on the 29th. Paul Maki accompanied the hymns and choir on the trumpet which made the service very festive. Following worship, the annual Heritage pot-luck was held with a special presentation by the youth. In November, the women of the ELCA lead the annual Thankoffering service the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Holy Communion was celebrated the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias for Christmas in memory or honor of someone continued for Christmas. Dave Saxby once again purchased a beautiful tree. The tree and the sanctuary were decorated after the WELCA luncheon on December 9. The Choir presented its

annual Christmas cantata on December 17. It was a repeat of the Cantata performed in 2015 "When Earth Received Her King". The Children's Choir participated in the Cantata and the Bell Choir performed a new Christmas piece "People Look East". As the 24th was a Sunday, Christmas Holy Communion was celebrated that morning and the traditional Christmas Eve Candle-lighting service was held that evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Triss Hoppman for the Board of Worship and Music

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

St Luke's congregation was busy in 2017!

1 February 5- Soup-er Bowl Sunday Soup Collection to help the Elk Grove Food Closet; Super Bowl is scheduled for February 4, 2018.

2 March 26 - Winter Sanctuary, we served 100 guests, both men and women. They really enjoyed the Sacramento Youth Jazz Band, Dinner, and the movie (Dr Strange). We had help from 4-5 Sacramento Steps Forward staffers. They also collected the leftover lunches and donated them to Loaves & fishes. The Winter Sanctuary is scheduled for March 11, 2018.

3 The Children's Clothing Closet (CCC) is a year-around free children's clothing source. It has become quite popular with families in our neighborhood, and community, and our Coats for Kids was a huge success! We passed out 110 coats on October 28, just in time for cold weather, and over 20 families found goodies in the CCC for their families.

4 Pastor's Pantry has been quite busy all year due to the homeless population in the area.

5 August 6 - Back-to-School Backpacks for Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary was very gratefully received by both schools and I think some teachers were a little teary-eyed over their supplies!

6 October 28 - our first Annual Trunk-or-Treat event was a great success! We had 13 "trunks", games, cupcake walk, face painting, and 100-plus

kids and a whole lot of fun! I kept hearing “I can’t WAIT for next year!”

7 November 3 – Our 2nd year of participating the Share-A-Sole shoe giveaway and was a great success – we fitted 160 children with new shoes and all those who participated had a great time.

Yours in Christ,
Faith Thomas, Chair

EDUCATION BOARD

Adult Bible Studies

At the beginning of the year, Pastor Carl led an adult Bible study of the Psalms, discussing how their concepts and emotions speak to our lives today. In the fall, Pastor Carl led a study on Martin Luther’s treatise, “On the Freedom of a Christian,” in celebration of the Reformation’s 500th anniversary last year.

Summer Bible Study

Also in honor of the Reformation’s anniversary, our summer family Bible study focused on studying the Reformation through a video series, This Changed Everything, from the Christian History Institute. It explored the life and work of Martin Luther and the early reform movements inside and outside of the Roman Catholic Church.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class now has a new schedule – it meets once a month after church. This makes it easier for everyone to attend all the sessions. Confirmation class is a two-year-long study of the Bible with Pastor Carl for kids in 6th grade and up.

Sunday School

Peggy Moser has started a Sunday School group for younger kids ages 3, 4, and 5! This gives the children a wonderful chance to hear about God’s word in a way they can understand and enjoy. Peggy always makes it fun with plenty of activities and projects.

The older kids Sunday School group welcomes kids ages 6+. Let me know if you are interested in teaching or helping teach Sunday School once a month or being a back-up teacher.

Members

The Education Board started up again this year after a hiatus. We now have five members: me, Laura Tice, Christina Hisamoto, Lajuan Andrews, and Pastor Carl. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the board!

FINANCE BOARD

This year, the following items were discussed and actions taken:

Reviewed and updated Finance Continuing Resolutions.

Completed Special Funds Audit.

Created a new Bank Account to simplify and clarify the General Budget and resulting reports by eliminating the “pass through” subaccounts and revising the Charter of Accounts.

Reviewed and approved 2018 Committee Budget Requests. Provided a Budget that lives within projected funds.

The Finance Board made the following recommendations:

Recommendation to Church Council pertaining to the 2018 Budget. The Budget was approved by the Congregation.

Respectfully Submitted
David Saxby
Finance Board Chair

PROPERTY BOARD

Responsibilities: The St. Luke’s Bylaws states that the Property P.B. (P.B.) is responsible for the “general custodial management of this congregation’s property and facilities”. These responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and improvement of St. Luke’s equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds.

Funds: The funds to accomplish the P.B. activities are received from the General Budget (primarily expended for the facility operations) and the P.B. Special Funds (generally reserved for major maintenance and improvement projects).

The Special Funds, which are critical for maintaining and improving the facilities, are

received solely from the annual Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fund raiser events. Your support for these events is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

General Budget Activities: In 2017, \$38,090 was allocated in the General Budget to the P.B. for facility operating expenses. And, \$38,693 was expended; i.e., an over-expenditure of \$603. The line items that were significantly over-expended were: Refuse Disposal (\$1,071 over), Electricity (\$381 over), and Janitorial Supplies (\$406 over). To keep the spending within reason, the routine floor care work that was planned and approved for 2017 was deferred to 2018 – a \$1,000 deferment.

Possibly, the over expenditures can be explained by the fact that St. Luke's is an active and generous congregation, which results in frequent use of its facilities.

A partial list of typical and/or noteworthy routine maintenance expenditures from the General Budget are listed below. Items marked by "c" were performed by a contractor.

Repaired the Office water heater (c) - \$100.

Last winter, rented a sump pump to drain the flooded parking lot - \$228.

Rented a power washer to clean the walkways and courtyard - \$159.

Purchased and installed a "test", replacement floor register - \$75.

Replaced the ice-maker water filter (\$71) and furnace air filters (\$86).

Deep-cleaned the Schultz Hall carpet (c) - \$500.

Purchased 30, four-foot florescent bulbs to have "on hand" for replacements, as needed - \$99.

Modified an old metal, chair cart for use as a storage cart under the Schultz Hall stage - \$95.

Purchased plumbing hardware for repairing the original Women's Restroom sewer line - \$78

Repaired a two-inch broken backflow valve (c) - donated by the contractor (value \$200).

Replaced ballasts and bulbs for several Office lighting fixtures (c) - \$270.

Purchased paint for the Choir Room - \$201.

Repaired, cleaned, and added Freon to the Sanctuary HVAC system (c) - \$889.

Painted the cabinets in the hallway at the south/east corner of the Sanctuary – no cost.

Installed an electrical receptacle for an added

Kitchen garbage disposal (c) - \$106.

Repaired a leak in a Kitchen sink drain - \$10.

Repaired a Schultz Hall exterior light (c) - \$80.

Obtained and installed an Erwin Kiser memorial plaque - \$42 (installation materials).

Purchased and installed a replacement window for the Multi-Purpose Shed - \$99.

Repaired a leaking urinal - \$5.

Installed two, baby changing tables - \$10.

Unplugged the long, westerly sewer line by high-pressure jetting (c) - \$350.

Special Funds Activities: The Special Funds available in 2017 to the P.B. were \$31,544 – \$6,933 remaining in the account from the 2016, \$8,653 from the Crab Feed fund raiser, \$8,000 from moneys reserved for the Parking Lot in previous years, and \$7,958 from the Fireworks Booth fund raiser. Note: Each year, in which, the Parking Lot is not sealed and striped, the P.B. reserves \$2,000 for the next sealing/stripping work.

In 2017, \$32,631 was expended from the Special Funds. This created a negative balance of \$1,087 in the P.B. Special Funds account. However, the negative balance is minor compared to the total, positive balance of all St. Luke's Special Funds. In addition, the negative balance will be only temporary, as the next Crab Feed will soon occur.

The 2017 P.B. Special Fund expenditures are described below. The work was performed by contractors, except where otherwise noted.

Removed a tree that had blown down and removed the non-rose shrubbery in the Kiser memorial garden - \$1,000.

Last winter, partial cleared the Parking Lot storm drain line, with high-pressure, truck-mounted jetting equipment, to drain the flooded Parking Lot - \$1,305.

Chalked the walkway joints between the Sanctuary and Office - \$1,085.

Repaired the sewer line for the original Women's Restroom - \$3,195.

Constructed a one-foot wide concrete strip between the east Sanctuary sidewalk and the Parking Lot, to eliminate tripping hazards - \$2,100.

Purchased replacement floor registers for the Sanctuary and Overflow Room (Study Room) - \$913. The registers were installed by the Ireton

family. Thank you Iretons.

Constructed a new trim cap for the trash bin enclosure - \$1,330. The old wooden cap was destroyed by a vandalism fire.

Sealed and re-stripped the Parking Lot - \$10,350.

Painted the Choir Room – \$1,300.

Purchased and installed replacement floor registers for Schultz Hall - \$571. The registers were installed by P.B. members.

Removed a portion of the Parking Lot storm drain line, which was nearly plugged with roots, and replaced with a new pipe, to eliminate any future Parking Lot flooding - \$9,482.

In Progress: Developed a list of community charities and distributed 10 percent of the net proceeds from the Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth, as stated in the adopted 2017 General Budget - \$1,662.

General Activities:

All Members Work Day – Conducted an All Members Work Day on two Saturday mornings (one in the spring and one in the fall), during which, minor maintenance tasks were accomplished. This year, the participation was great. Thank you.

Vandalism – Vandalism this year has been minor, but several incidents have occurred – a stained-glass pane was broken in the Good Shepherd window, the padlocks for the chain link gates were broken and stolen, and several electrical receptacle covers were damaged.

Homeless – The homeless problem continues, although it is primarily a nuisance issue. The major issues are that the individuals (i) disturb others (members, guests, staff, etc.) by their presence, (ii) create messes and unsanitary conditions (feces and urine) that requires cleaning, (iii) disrupt services and events, and, at times, (iv) frighten others by their actions or their dogs' actions. The P.B. members have had many lengthy discussions regarding the homeless issues, but a feasible solution has not been discovered. The recently-installed wrought iron fence has minimized the unwelcomed traffic in the back area of the church facilities, but it has not provided the ultimate solution.

Custodian – The current janitorial contractor has not been satisfactory for some time. This has become more apparent as the facilities are rented

to others, such as the school lease. The P.B., in cooperation with the Council, has explored various options to resolve, not only the janitorial issues, but also the need for a maintenance person. The current volunteers are becoming elderly and tired. Late last year, the Council approved a proposal to employ a part-time Custodian. The Custodian is scheduled to work three hours per day, four days a week. Responsibilities include both janitorial and minor maintenance duties. The P.B. is now in the process of hiring a person to fulfill the Custodian position.

Closing: The past year was a very busy year for the P.B., but much was accomplished. The Board and St. Luke's were exceedingly blessed. The P.B. greatly appreciated the support received throughout the year. Thank you.

The P.B. members in 2017 were Kelly Boyer (Chairperson), Jerry Carney, Gaylen Everett, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, Bruce Kiser, and Clarence Korhonen. On St. Luke's behalf, I thank the Board members for their dedication and hours of devoted work.

Prepared by Jack Fenske for
St. Luke's Property Board,
Kelly Boyer, Chairperson

W-ELCA

2017 was a great year for the Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) at St. Luke's. Throughout the year we had three General meetings (in January, April, and November). We celebrated Mother's Day and Christmas with our traditional annual gatherings. Our biggest events this year are Mega Bunco and our Fall Festival. We had just over 100 people come together for a fiesta dinner and a fun evening of Mega Bunco in June. In October we held our annual Fall Festival and Family Fun Day. We hosted many local vendors and community members for a day of yard sales, food, and sharing.

Our mission supports this year was a great success. Throughout the year we took different collections each month for local organizations that could use a variety of in-kind donations from diapers, wipes, and baby food for Chicks in Crisis to towels, pet

food and supplies for the Sacramento SPCA. This year we had the opportunity to participate in a couple of service projects. In February we assembled tote bags of snacks and toiletries for the group that was staying at the church for the Winter Sanctuary overnight. In August we participated in the congregational service day assembling collected school supplies in 120 backpacks students attending Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary schools. Finally, for our Christmas collection in 2017, we adopted 5 families from Charles Mack Elementary school, just across the street on the opposite side of Neilson Park. We collected over 100 gifts and over \$600 in gift cards for those families. Many thanks go out to the volunteers we had wrapping gifts so we could get the gifts delivered to the families before Christmas. The families were very grateful for the support we were able to provide.

I want to thank everyone who made 2017 so successful for the Women of the ELCA. It is because of the generous support of so many this past year that we are able to donate \$4300 in benevolence funds to organizations both locally and internationally. I am always impressed by the generosity of our congregation. The volunteers for our various events, the donors who give either monetarily or in-kind gifts, and those of you who were able to support us by attending any of our events, made a meaningful difference and we thank you!

If you are interested in getting involved in 2018 our next gathering we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 10th with lunch, games, and prizes! Bring a quiche or salad to share. This meeting our mission support collection will go to support a service project we'll be doing following the celebration to support Winter Sanctuary. So please bring any of the following items Band aids; cotton balls; Q-tips; tooth brushes; floss picks; body wash; mouth wash; shampoo; lotion; soap; toothpaste; hand wipes; bottles of water; hard wrapped candies; packets of nuts; instant coffee; cheese and crackers; peanut butter and crackers; raisins; or any single packet snacks and we'll see you in February!

I would like to personally thank everyone who supported W-ELCA in 2017. This year marks my last year as President of our Women's group and I'm excited for the newly elected new officers for 2018 - Marlene Kiser, president; Katie Iniguez, vice-president; Connie Reule, secretary; and Triss Hoppman, treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Hoppman

CRAB FEED

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2017 Crab Feed. We were able to raise just over \$8500 to support ministries here at St. Luke's. We hope you join us for the 17th Annual Crab Feed on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018. It's a superhero theme this year! If you need tickets or you are interested in being involved in any way, please contact Holly Hoppman, Committee Chair.

<http://slelca.org/events/event/st-lukes-crab-feed/>



Mom & I would like to thank our church family for all the prayers for Connie. We are so grateful also for Connie's beautiful service by Pastor Carl and for the luncheon after service. It was great! Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Lois & Kelly

Calling all Super Heroes!
Help us defeat Lord Dungeness
and his six legged crustaceans ...



Get your tickets today!

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.



February 04 **Ron & Cheryl Franklin**
In Memory of Mildred

February 11 **Rochelle Jaeger**
For Holly's Birthday

February 18 **Karen Linfor**
In Memory of Jerry

February 25 **Bob Behr**
For Megan's Birthday and
In memory of his wife, Karen

February Birthdays



Diane McDonald	February 01
Daniel Connell	February 03
LaRayna Osako-Cain	February 03
Daniel Encinas	February 07
Jesse Iniguez	February 07
John Mansfield	February 07
Holly Hoppman	February 10
Lacey King	February 10
Lindsay King	February 10
Brooklyn Moser	February 10
Debbie Silverberg	February 11
Kim Osako	February 12
Robin Zoesch	February 13
Ed Ireton	February 15
MaryAnn Janes	February 16
Rochelle Jaeger	February 17
Eric Linblade	February 17
Andrew Encinas	February 18
Katy Etchison	February 19
Ron Webb	February 22
Lajuan Andrews	February 24
Megan Thomas	February 27
Cheryl Franklin	February 28



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
December & Year End Report - 2017

General Fund Contributions (only) - 2017		
Data	December	2017 Total
Total Contributions	\$33,613	\$226,009
Compared to Budget	\$6,352	-\$6,991
	23.3%	-3.0%
Compared to 2016	\$11,310	\$3,151
	50.7%	1.4%
No. of Contributors		
2017 (This Year)	104	90 avg.
2016 (Last Year)	101	89 avg.

Note: Minus values are below Budget or 2016 values.

Other Contributions - 2017		
	December	Total
Sunday School	\$30	\$328
Memorials		\$2,015
Special Gift		\$1,449
Soup Suppers (partial)		\$311
Lenten Offerings		\$306
Thank Offering		\$1,552
Flowers	\$120	\$2,060
Easter Lilies		\$490
Poinsettias	\$450	\$520

Comments:

- a. The December contributions were excellent – 51 percent greater than last year. **Wow!**
- b. However, the impressive 2017 December contributions must be tempered somewhat by the fact that an estimated 5,000 dollars were advance contributions for the next year; i.e., 2018. Regardless, the December contributions

were exceptional.

- c. The total 2017 contributions to the General Fund were \$226,009, slightly below (3.0 percent, \$7,000) the adopted General Budget. Given the many variables, forecasting the income to within three percent is remarkable. Our compliments to the 2017 budget developers.
- d. When compared to the previous year (2016), the total 2017 contributions were essentially “flat”; i.e., a slight 1.4 percent (\$3,000) increase without any adjustment for the advanced contributions for 2018. If the adjustment is considered, the comparison yields a 0.8 percent (\$2,000) decrease.
- e. For 2017, the average number of discrete contributors, for a month, increased by one from 2016; i.e., from 89 to 90. Although the difference is modest, the direction is good.
- f. Annual statements of contributions for 2017 were distributed in January 2018, for all contributors. If you did not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below. In total, 143 statements were distributed.
- g. 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.
- h. When you need numbered envelopes, either contact me or drop a note in the offering.
- i. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary’s duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- j. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.

*Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net
 St. Luke’s Financial Secretary*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
February 04 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman
February 11 Dave Saxby
February 14 Marlene Kiser, Peggy Moser
February 18 Connie Reule, Nancy Minning
February 25 Shirley Prouty

Communion Servers

February 04 Kirsten Ireton, Marlene Kiser,
Karen Linfor
February 14 Peggy Moser, Connie Reule,
Ash Wed Lydia Toloy
February 18 Faith Thomas, Gail Weber
Howard Triebwasser

Counters

February 04 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
February 11 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
February 18 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
February 25 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

February 04 Steven Lee, Joyce Jensen
February 11 Ralph & Merle Zbrog
February 18 *Needed*
February 25 *Needed*

Prayer Leaders

February 04 Triss Hoppman
February 11 Holly Hoppman
February 14 Katie Iniguez
February 18 Marlene Kiser
February 25 Al Moser

Psalm Leaders

February 04 Aiyana Tice
February 11 Elizabeth Wilson
February 14 Isabella Basquez
February 18 Kimiya Ricciardi
February 25 Sierra Etchison

Head Ushers

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

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

February 04 Phil Petersen, Alison Thomas
February 11 Lydia Toloy, Faith Thomas
February 14 John Orcutt
February 18 Ron Webb, Laura Tice
February 25 Christiana Wilson, Pat Webb

Refreshments

February 04 Ofelia Ojeda & Carol Carney
February 11 Mack & Carole Vance
February 18 Walt, Pauline & Joyce Jensen
February 25 Kelly Boyer and Lois Sherrets

Visitors' Gifts

February 04 Joyce Jensen
February 11 Walt Arndt
February 18 Kelly Boyer
February 25 Pat Webb

Acolytes

February 04 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
February 11 Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts
February 18 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
February 25 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

Welcome Leaders

February 04 Kelly Boyer
February 11 Mary Francis Harris
February 18 Betty Englund
February 25 Carolyn Andrews

Sunday School Teachers

February 04 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto
February 11 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
February 18 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
February 25 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit No. 739
Sacramento, CA

Return Service Requested



Our Lenten Season will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 6pm in Schultz Hall. Holy Communion will follow in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

We will have Soup Suppers every Wednesday at 6pm until March 21st.

You're Invited !