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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



It was an astonishing discovery the women made that first Easter morning. The gray shimmers of dawn found them approaching the forbidding chamber into which, not many hours before, the broken body of Jesus had been placed. They came with spices to complete the sad task of

burial. Their hope was nowhere in sight. Their expectations were shattered. They were looking for nothing more than dealing, as best they could, with the reality of their Lord's death. The biggest thing on their minds was who would roll the large stone away from the tomb so they could perform one last act of love for Jesus.

Were they ever in for a surprise. The stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone from the tomb. An angel was there to let them know what had happened. Jesus had risen! He was alive! There was new life! They were to go and tell the disciples.

This discovery of new life was overwhelming to the women and the others. It was hard to believe. But the risen Jesus appeared several times during the next forty days, quieted their fears and gave them assurance of this new life. Jesus had won new life

for them and was going to do all he could to make sure they received and lived in it. He had paid too much to win it to let them continue without hope or expectation beyond the power of sin and death.

Jesus is there for you now to quiet your fears and give you assurance of new life. Jesus has won new life for you and is going to do all he can to make sure you receive and live in it. He paid too much to win it to let you continue without hope or expectation beyond the power of sin and death.

The promise is that, "just as Christ was raised from the dead by the wonderful power of the Father, we also can live a new life." —Romans 6:4b

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
 Pastor Carl



EASTER BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 8:30-10:30 A.M.



Kelly Boyer and Eric Linblade are the Co-Chair to host this years Easter Breakfast. We will need a number of volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Please call Kelly or Eric to volunteer to help.

The Evangelism Board will provide the Fruit Salad. We will need help to cut up the

Fruit on Saturday, set up Schultz Hall and help Prepare the Food for Breakfast.

Joyce Jensen has graciously offered to coordinate the Greeters on Sunday Mornings. Thank you Joyce. If anyone would like to serve as a Greeter please call Joyce at 916-500-3264.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The soup suppers and service have been well attended. Thanks to W-ELCA for hosting the Ash Wednesday soup super, Council, Evangelism & Community Concerns, Worship, Music & Choirs, Property, Education & Youth, and the Congregation for hosting the past Wednesday Soup Suppers.

Clean up has been great with our new Dishwasher. Thank you Jack Fenske and Jerry Carney. Thanks to Merle & Ralph Zbrog, Dorothy Haney and Carol Carney and Bob Behr for being there to help clean up each and every week. Last week it took us 20 Minutes to clean up. It was a record!



SLY met March 11 for our monthly meeting. We made 100 lunches for Winter Sanctuary. Special Thank You to Jennifer Connell and Kirsten Ireton for donating/buying the items for the sack lunches! We couldn't continue this tradition without your support! We met again on March 30th to fill the Easter eggs for our annual Egg Hunt. Thank you to all those that donated candy for this event. The kid's really enjoy it! We also started the first phase of the Youth Loft renovation: Clean up. Phase 2 will begin in April. The kids have expressed interest in painting the loft, so Paint Day is TBD.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVING PROJECTS

The Sunday School kids are working on some big giving projects! Their tithes and offerings have been collecting for several years, and they now have a big sum to donate. They are really excited to help people!

We had a special Sunday School class to talk about an array of causes the kids could choose from. We tasted gross water and learned about clean water efforts around the world. We watched videos about donating animals to poor families (and then watched a video of baby goats wearing pajamas and hopping around!). We visited the Children's Clothing Closet and talked about what a difference it makes to have warm, well-fitting, nice clothes. And more! We read Bible verses about the causes and talked about how it's our duty and privilege to care for people in need as God's representatives on earth. It was fun to watch the kids feel empowered to make a difference.



At the end of the class, the kids gave speeches in support of their favorite options, and then we voted. They decided to support three special causes. Drumroll please...

Homelessness in Sacramento: The kids want to donate some of their money to help homeless women and children in our city. They'll be making a donation to St. John's Shelter for Women & Children, a wonderful organization that can really use extra support right now.

Lutheran Good Gifts: We're going to buy an animal (or a few!) for some families through Good Gifts. The kids were inspired to hear about how animals can change a family's life, and even help a whole community, by providing long-term, sustainable help. Plus, animals are fun! **Please bring your kids to join us to help pick out the animals on May 1st!**



The Children's Clothing Closet: Excited to support a program right here at St. Luke's and to help children right here in this neighborhood, the kids voted for this project the most. We're going to take a special Sunday School field trip to a thrift store so the children can purchase the clothes and shoes they want to share with the kids in our community. We will be taking this trip in the fall - stay tuned for more information.

If you're not a kid, but you're excited about these projects and want to help out, let me know!

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The Women of the ELCA would like to thank everyone who helped donate and pack hygiene products for Winter Sanctuary.

Our April meeting is at the Kiwanis House at 10:30 a.m. on April 14th. If you want to car pool please be at church at 10:00 am, to share a ride. Please bring a brown bag lunch, we will have a meeting following the tour of the house.

In support of Kiwanis Family house this month we are gathering socks and underwear for all genders and ages and toiletries and household or paper products such as: (Hotel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, etc.) • Hand held electric hair dryers • Alarm clocks • New Pillows (for twin beds) • Bath towels (White 30"x52"), Hand Towels (White 16"x30"), Wash Cloths (White) • Disinfectant Wipes (Clorox, Lysol or similar brand) • Liquid Dish Soap (for hand-washing dishes) • Powdered Laundry Detergent • Bleach • Unscented liquid Fabric Softener (NO DRYER SHEETS) • Non-Latex Nitrile Disposable gloves, sizes M and L • Paper Plates, Cups and Bowls)

Mark your calendars! Bunco tickets go on sale April 29th. Flyer coming soon!





Easter Sunday, April 1

Worship Service 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

will be served *from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. in Schultz Hall*

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

CRAB FEED

Our 17th Annual Crab Feed was a SUPER success! We had a great turn out with just over 200 people in attendance and almost 60 volunteers working the event.

I would like to thank everyone who came out for the evening to support our crab feed. Many thanks also go to everyone who donated to our raffle. This year's raffle was a great success! We raffled off over 50 prizes and our very own Mary Francis Harris was the big winner of the night!

An event of this nature would not be possible without the help of some true superheroes from our congregation. From kitchen support to setup and breakdown, check in, raffle ticket sellers, and everyone who donated desserts for our youth to sell with sodas; we would not have been able to have such a smashing time.



I would like to specifically thank the following people:

- Carolyn Andrews
- Samantha Basquez
- Bob Behr
- Kelly Boyer
- Carol Carney
- Jerry Carney
- Larry Dockter
- Deanna Dockter
- Jack Fenske
- Micki Fenske
- Dorothy Haney
- Carl Hoppman
- Triss Hoppman
- Katie Iniguez
- Kirsten Ireton
- Rochelle Jaeger
- Marlene Kiser
- Duane Kiser
- Jeff Kiser
- Karen Linfor
- Paul Maki
- Al Moser
- Peggy Moser
- Connie Reule
- Dave Saxby
- Judy Saxby
- Chona Sison
- Laura Tice
- Justin Tice
- Ron Webb
- Pat Webb
- Kevin Webb



Finally, a huge thank you goes out to the groups of young adult volunteers we had supporting the event throughout the night:

- St. Luke's Youth Group
- Monterey Trail's Key Club
- Sheldon High School Key Club
- Circle K

With gratitude,
Holly Hoppman
Crab Feed Chair



Holy Baptism

Jack Orcutt

Parents: John Caleb Orcutt and Lauren Orcutt

Sister: Lucy Orcutt

Sponsors: Gabe & Katie Waddell

We welcome Jack into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. May he join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.







CRAB
FEED
2018





COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Winter Sanctuary was a success! On March 11, we housed 100 homeless guests. They arrived at 5:30 pm, and at 6 pm, dinner was ready to serve. The Sacramento Youth Jazz Band provided a fantastic musical performance for our guests as they dined on beef rigatoni, salad, and bread. Dessert was you guessed it -homemade cookies! We also offered a "Take What You Need" table of 100+ Blessing Bags, 89 handmade hats from our Soul Stitchers group, gloves, sweatshirts, coats, socks, blankets, pajama bottoms, and books. By departure time the next morning, everything had been claimed! A never ending hot coffee/tea bar was a very popular place as well. As a wind-down for the evening, everyone got to watch the movie "Justice League", and settled in for sleep. The next morning at 5:30 am, we served hot, fresh coffee/tea and handed out bags of cookies along with bag lunches made by our very own SLY members, and off they went at 6:00 am! I want to extend my deepest thanks to all who provided cookies, served the food: Carol Carney, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser, Connie Ruele, Elizabeth Brasier, Kelly Boyer, Judy Saxsby, Amber, Elizabeth and Faith Thomas. Special thanks to the Sacramento Youth Jazz Band for the entertainment as well. Thanks to Pastor Carl for selecting and showing the movie. A special thanks to Michael and Linda Duffek for purchasing and preparing the evening's dinner.



Coming soon at St Luke's "Park", our first Community-wide "Eggs-travaganza"! On Saturday, March 31, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm, we are hosting a free community Easter egg hunt! For ages up to 12 years, come join the fun! We are looking for a few volunteers to help supervise the various age groups, so let Lynn Gavia, Linda Duffek, or Elizabeth Brasier know if you have questions.

Faith Thomas, Community Concerns chair





April 1 *Needed*

April 8 *Needed*

April 15 **Ron & Cheryl Franklin**
For Ruben Jones Birthday

April 22 **Mary Frances Harris**
For her Birthday on April 20th

April 29 *Needed*



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| Anthony Neidich | April 01 |
| Michele Clemens | April 03 |
| Sandra Heaton | April 04 |
| Adeline Weston | April 04 |
| Chris Wilke | April 04 |
| Larry Dockter | April 06 |
| Don Englund | April 09 |
| Clarence Korhonen | April 12 |
| Marilyn Sodergren | April 16 |
| Charles Yakabe | April 16 |
| Megan Gadreault | April 17 |
| Heidi Harrison | April 17 |
| Reuben Jones | April 19 |
| Kamryn Olsen | April 19 |
| Mary Frances Harris | April 20 |
| Cheryl Menezes | April 20 |
| Erika Korhonen | April 24 |
| Marsha Ley | April 24 |
| Connie Reule | April 24 |
| Amelia Tice | April 24 |
| Rylee Shower | April 25 |
| Lisa Englund | April 27 |
| Lisa Olsen | April 28 |
| Rachel Kiser | April 30 |



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

February 2018

Comments:

- This month is a four-Sunday month, plus Ash Wednesday.
- Good news. The offerings are on target for both “this month” and the “year to date”, when compared to the adopted Budget,
- When the “year to date” offerings for 2018 are compared to 2017, the 2018 offerings are somewhat less and warrant watching as the year progresses.
- More good news. The early figures indicate that the “number of contributors” is increasing. The increase for the month of February was significant.
- 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 | \$16,183 | \$31,997 |
| Compared to Budget | \$269 | -\$267 |
| | 1.7% | -0.8% |
| Compared to 2017 | \$261 | -\$1,428 |
| | 1.6% | -4.3% |
| No. of Contributors | | |
| 2018 (Current Year) | 85 | 84 avg. |
| 2017 (Last Year) | 79 | 82 avg. |
| Other Special Gifts | | |
| Sunday School | \$42 | |
| Flowers | \$130 | |
| Soup Suppers | \$51 | |

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



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
April 1 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman
April 8 Connie Reule
April 15 Steven Lee, Dave Saxby
April 22 Nancy Minning
April 29 Jennifer Connell, Rachel Kiser

Communion Servers

April 1 Peggy Moser, Connie Reule,
Carolyn Andrews
April 15 Faith Thomas, Gail Weber,
Howard Triebwasser
April 29 Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer,
Linda Duffek

Counters

April 1 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
April 8 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
April 15 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
April 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
April 29 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

Greeters

April 1 Ralph & Merle Zbrog
April 8 Paul Maki & Chona Sison
April 15 Larry & Deanna Dockter
April 22 Laura Sondrini & Gabby Cox
April 29 Joyce Jensen & Carole Vance

Prayer Leaders

April 1 Alison Thomas
April 8 Faith Thomas
April 15 Barbara Manlapig
April 22 Merle Zbrog
April 29 Samantha Basquez

Psalm Leaders

April 1 Kimiya Ricciardi
April 8 Amber Mansfield
April 15 Angie Martinez
April 22 Lucy Orcutt
April 29 Aiyana Tice

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Larry Dockter
April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29
Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
Lydia Toloy; Barbara Manlapig
Need; Kelly Boyer
Christiana Wilson; Betty Englund
Kristine Felgenhauer; Larry Dockter
Eric Linblade; Tracy Etchison

Refreshments

April 1 Easter Breakfast
April 8 Carol Carney & Ofelia Ojeda
April 15 Mack and Carole Vance
April 22 Walt & Pauline Arndt and Joyce Jensen
April 29 Jacob and Christiana Wilson

Visitors' Gifts

April 1 Steven Lee
April 8 Pauline Arndt
April 15 Carolyn Andrews
April 22 Joyce Jensen
April 29 Pat Webb

Acolytes

April 1 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
April 8 Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts
April 15 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
April 22 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
April 29 Isabella Basquez, Aiyana Tice

Welcome Leaders

April 1 Kelly Boyer
April 8 Mary Francis Harris
April 15 Betty Englund
April 22 Carolyn Andrews
April 29 Pat Webb

Sunday School Teachers

April 1 *No Sunday School*
April 8 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez
April 15 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews
April 22 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice
April 29 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice



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