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News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



In a powerful episode in his ministry, Jesus met a grieving woman on her way to the cemetery. She certainly had every reason to grieve. First, her husband had died, and then her only son! "What's the use", she must have wondered. Life seemed to have lost all purpose and meaning. Roll the stone against the door and write, "The End: It's all over. I've called it quits. I've tossed in the towel." But God has a way of moving stones, just as He did with that big one which blocked the door to Jesus' grave.

He replaced the woman's cries of anguish with shouts of joy. Remember that when you are sure the end has come, the burden is too big, the battle is over, the enemy has prevailed. God acted mightily through Jesus for the woman: "When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. 'Don't cry!' he said. Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. 'Young man,' he said, 'I tell you, get up.' Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother." (Luke 7:13-15)

The joy we are given from this event is that the mighty thing that happened was not just a single isolated revival, but a pledge and promise of things to come. The Lord Jesus showed himself to be the powerful ray of light which announced and assured

the dawn of the glad day of resurrection. Remember Jesus said of himself, "I am the resurrection and the life." In his Easter triumph over the tomb, the resurrection of all believers has been assured.

"Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother." The crowd's reaction was quite appropriate. With joy and thanksgiving they shouted, "God has visited his people!" They realized that in Jesus, God was active, He was there.

God was not only there—He is here! Don't think that Jesus has gone back to the Father and left us alone to suffer and die. He is right here, in the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who makes us more than conquerors over every trial and suffering and loss. He is right here in others who comfort, console and encourage. He is right here every time water is poured on the head of those being baptized. He is right here in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. He is right here even and especially at the time of death for our loved ones and for us.

Let us respond with the joy and thanksgiving that comes with the knowledge that he is right here. God has and continues to visit His people and give them new life. So it was for the woman in the Gospel episode, so it is for us!

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



DINER'S GROUPS

We all are having a great time with our Diner's Groups. This is the last month for the current groups. Next Diner's Groups will be September, October and November.

We will take sign ups in July and August.



A big shout out to all SLY members who lent a helping hand in preparing for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and helped to clean out the Youth Loft!

May's monthly SLY meeting has been moved.

We will hold May's meeting on Sunday, May 6, from 12p.m. to 3 p.m., since the second Sunday this month is Mother's Day. We will be making our SLY Tie-Dye shirts and begin prepping the youth loft to be painted! Make sure to bring a white shirt of your choice to tie-dye, your decorating ideas for the loft, and clothes that you aren't afraid to get dirty since we will be cleaning in the loft. (Please note that the meeting date is only changed for the month of May, and we will continue to meet the second Sunday of each month in June.)

SLY members are hoping to attend the Mount Cross Adventures on the Coast Program in July. Please keep an eye out for fundraisers to help support our youth group on this trip.

Also, keep a lookout in this month's church bulletins for a Congregational Campout Survey to help us determine when this event will be held this Fall. Last year was a huge success with the youth group members, and we cannot wait to host this event again. This free event is held on the St. Luke's campus and includes dinner, a fire pit for roasting s'mores, a sleep over, and breakfast. All ages welcome, and fun for the whole family! Please help us plan for this event by completing our survey!

If you have any questions about any of the upcoming youth events, please give Laura a call (916)271-7566.

Thank you to all who continue to support our endeavors with the St. Luke's Youth!

Samantha and Laura



Congratulations to those being confirmed this year on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. The group includes Kelly Boyer, Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts, and Darnell Osako.

The confirmands will share their faith journeys at both the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Confirmation will take place during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please be in prayer for the confirmands as they prepare their talks about their faith journeys. Please plan to attend worship on May 20 to support and celebrate with them!

This year's confirmands will be the first class to wear our new Confirmation robes. The robes are dedicated in memory of Carolyn Kiser.

Women of the ELCA

April's meeting was held at the Kiwanis Family House. The meeting started with an introduction to the Kiwanis Family House with explaining how the Family House got started and what their mission is today. We were given a tour of the House allowing us to see the services that are provided during many families/individuals crisis or needs when a family member is receiving care at the University of Davis Medical Center. What a great service mission the Kiwanis Family House has provided and continues to provide to our community here in Sacramento, Northern California and even internationally.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events:

May 12 – Mother's Day Meeting. Lunch will be a Salad Bar.

June 2 – Bunco Night hosted by the women of WELCA. Doors open at 5:30PM;
Dinner at 6 PM; Bunco at 7 PM.

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Saint Luke's Women of the E.L.C.A.
7595 CENTER PKWY
SACRAMENTO, CA 95823

March 20, 2018

Dear Saint Luke's Women of the E.L.C.A.

Thank you so much for your generous donation! I feel very fortunate to welcome you to the Loaves & Fishes community.



Franklin Graham, President

March 19, 2018

Saint Luke's Women of the E. L. C. A.
7595 Center Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823-3755

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.



MOTHER'S DAY LUCHEON

In May, W-ELCA is hosting the Annual Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 12th, at 11:30a.m. This year the luncheon will be a salad bar.



You are invited to join us, bring guests, and wear your favorite hat to celebrate mother's day! At the Mother's Day Luncheon we will collect packaged new underwear and socks for ladies, tampons, maxi pads, Depends for adults, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, body wash, soap, shampoo, conditioner, face cleanser, loofas, combs, brushes, hair ties, duffle bags, body spray, mani/pedi sets, rubber flip-flops, drink tumblers/water bottles, bus/RT passes in support of Saint John's Program for Real Change. Saint John's Program for Real Change provides vital mental health services, supportive services, career education, on-the-job training, and respite Services to women and children living in crisis. For more information about the Program for Real Change.

Visit their website at:

<http://saintjohnsprogram.org/program>



WEAR A HAT FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. The women of the congregation are invited to wear hats that day in celebration of the day. Bring your mothers, grandmothers, daughters, grand-daughters, aunts, nieces and other special women in your life to church to be honored on this special day. The bell choir will perform at the service.



St. Luke's donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank 213 pounds of food!! Thank you!!

THANK YOU EVERY-BUNNY

The Easter Breakfast was a huge success all due to the amazing help from our great kitchen bunnies and to the people who brought very tasty food. The Wilson family, Ofelia Ojeda, Steven Lee, Gail Webber. And our Kitchen bunnies for Saturday and Sunday; Ron & Cheryl Franklin, Linda Ferguson, Sue Fletcher, Micki & Jack Fenske, Bob Behr, Joyce Jensen, Carol Vance, Walt & Pauline Arndt, Lois Sherrts, Linda Duffek, Lynn Gavia, Liza & Ron Petsch, Thanks for always getting pictures.

Thanks to everyone, you did an amazing job, and had a great time working with everyone.

Sincerely,
Your Sister in Christ
Kelly Boyer







Before

THANK YOU

Shortly after Christmas an unfortunate incident occurred and our lovely glass Shepherd had a big hole in it. Without Ron's efforts in tracking down the glass and installation it would not have been restored to it's natural beauty. Thank you, Ron Petsch so much for you hard work!





Pal m Sunday



Erwin spent many hours over the years establishing the garden, a job he truly loved. The Kiser Family is very pleased and thankful to have the rose garden dedicated in his honor.



Baptisms

Amelia Quinn Tice &
Aiyana Lynn Tice

Parents: Justin & Laura Tice
Laura Lynn Tice

Parents: Debbie Reed and David Pierson

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



Marlene Kiser for the loss of her Mom, Betty Olsen. Betty was taken up into the heavenly kingdom on May 16, 2018 at the age of 100. Please

give thanks for a long wonderful life lived lovingly among us and for the new life she has now in the heavenly kingdom for eternity. Please pray for Marlene and the family, that they are kept close to one another and the Lord in His tender care.

Services were held on April 26th at Fremont Presbyterian Church.



The Duffek family invites you to join them celebrate the life of Linda's mom, Mary Rich. Memorial Service is on May 5, 2018, 11a.m. at St. Luke's Church. Lunch to follow.



Kelly Boyer	May 02
Ryan Edwards	May 04
Jeremy Roberts	May 04
Jennifer Petersen	May 08
Katie Iniguez	May 09
Lucy Orcutt	May 14
Victoria Diaz	May 15
Tracy Etchison	May 16
Debi Lentsch	May 17
Brenda Sulzmann	May 18
Alison Thomas	May 18
Samantha Basquez	May 19
Carole Edwards	May 21
Liza Petsch	May 22
Claire Kerian	May 23
Nancy Minning	May 26
Kennedy Moser	May 27
Carol Carney	May 30
Dorothy Haney	May 30
Justin Tice	May 30
Duane Reule	May 31





May 6 **Katie Iniguez**
For Al & Peggy's Anniversary

Kelly & Lois
In Memory of Son & Brother,
Keith on his birthday

May 13 **Jerry & Carol Carney**

May 20 **Al Moser**
For Katie's Iniguez Birthday

Bob Behr
For Alison Thomas' Birthday

May 27 **Bernie**
For the Glory of God

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

March 2018

Comments:

- This month is a four-Sunday month, plus it includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, but **not** Easter Sunday. Last year, Easter was in mid-April.
- In general, this report is not encouraging – all financial comparisons are negative.
- However, on a positive note, the “number of Contributors” remains upward for 2018.
- It is anticipated April will be a good month with Easter Sunday and five Sundays.
- Please use numbered envelopes, when feasible. Thank you.
- If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.
- When using pew envelopes, please write legibly. Thanks.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske
St. Luke's Financial Secretary
916-714-3626

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$16,566	\$48,563	
Compared to Budget	-\$1,964	-\$2,231	
	-10.6%	-4.4%	
Compared to 2017	-\$1,536	-\$2,964	
	-8.5%	-5.8%	
No. of Contributors			
2018 (Current Year)	92	87	avg.
2017 (Last Year)	93	85	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$35	
Flowers*		\$340	
Soup Suppers		\$164	
Easter Lilies		\$340	

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

*Includes a \$200 Special Gift

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
May 6 Ben Briel, Faith Thomas
May 13 Karen Linfor
May 20 Connie Reule, Nancy Minning
May 27 Lydia Toloy

Communion Servers

May 6 Betty Englund, Pat Hamilton,
Mary Frances Harris
May 20 Kirsten Ireton, Marlene Kiser,
Karen Linfor

Counters

May 6 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
May 13 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
May 20 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
May 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

May 6 Jack & Micki Fenske
May 13 Kelley Boyer & Lois Sherrets
May 20 Ed & Kirsan Ireton
May 27 Pat Hamilton & Steven Lee

Prayer Leaders

May 6 Bob Behr
May 13 Holly Hoppman
May 20 Kelly Boyer
May 27 Larry Dockter

Psalm Leaders

May 6 Elizabeth Wilson
May 13 Isabella Basquez
May 20 Kimiya Ricciardi
May 27 Sierra Etchison

Head Ushers

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

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

May 6 Sarah Madison; Mary F. Harris
May 13 Phil Petersen; Barbara Manlapig
May 20 Lydia Toloy; Triss Hoppman
May 27 Ron Webb; Katie Iniguez

Refreshments

May 6 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman
May 13 Marc & Alison Thomas
May 20 Paul Maki & Chona Sison
May 27 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets

Visitors' Gifts

May 6 Joyce Jensen
May 13 Pauline Arndt
May 20 Carole Vance
May 27 Carol Carney

Acolytes

May 6 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
May 13 Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts
May 20 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
May 27 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

Welcome Leaders

May 6 Gail Weber
May 13 Al Moser
May 20 Chet Madison
May 27 Kelly Boyer

Sunday School Teachers

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

*Thanks
for
Serving!*



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Return Service Requested



*Please join us for Mother's Day
Luncheon on May 12th at 11:30 am.
Wear a hat at the luncheon and at
Mother's Day service,
Sunday, May 13th.*