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2018

# News And Views

## Pastoral Perspective



He knew what was in store for him. He shared it with his disciples. "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise. But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him." Mark 9:31-32

Jesus could not have said it more clearly. The deliverer was soon to be delivered. The disciples did not understand. They didn't get beyond the stabbing force of the word, "kill". They received no assurance from the promise that, "after three days he will rise". They didn't get what he was talking about at all. They were afraid to ask what it might mean. It's like when you are afraid to go to the doctor, even though you feel lousy, because you don't want to learn about what's happening with your body and what it might mean.

"And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you discussing on the way?' But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest." Mark 9:33-34 To overcome their anxiety, the disciples evidently attempted to fortify their spirits by arguing with one another about who was the greatest among them. If you are insecure or frightened about your position, the easiest way to bolster confidence is to compare

yourself with others. You can always find someone with whom you compare favorably. The disciples' attempt to regain confidence was exposed by Jesus' question, "What were you discussing on the way?" They wouldn't tell him because they were ashamed. Their discussion had wandered into a very distant place from where he wanted them to be. I imagine Jesus had hoped they would reflect upon his upcoming death and resurrection. Instead, they were carrying on about greatness without reference to the cross.

Jesus did not condemn them. He responded to their desire to be seen as the greatest and redirected it. The desire to be seen as the greatest has accounted for all manner of evil when it is seen as being enthroned at the expense of others. There is a greatness, however, that lets a person's God-given ambition become not the master of life but a servant of it. It lets God's gifts be used as intended rather than for selfish gain. It comes about by letting ambition motivate willingness to be used to the glory of God.

And so, Jesus challenges his disciples and us to willingness to serve. In willingness to serve is true greatness in God's eyes. God's gifts are then used to benefit others. This is greatness, not as the world measures it, but as God measures it. Let's be very careful here, though, so we don't get all fouled up and misunderstand what our Lord is saying. He isn't saying, "To the person who does the most good works goes the crown of greatness." Rather, he puts a child in the midst of his disciples, takes

him in his arms and says, "Take one of these, they are all around in the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the grieving and anyone who isn't so great in the eyes of the world, take one of these in your arms and show them my love. In that act you have allowed yourself to be truly great, not because you have done something spectacular that shows how wonderful you are, but because you have been a part of the work of the kingdom of God. And be motivated to do that again and again as the opportunity arises, which it will. And keep your focus always on me and not yourself. You will then unleash my power of love in their lives, which is far greater than anything you could give them on your own. And you will also begin to understand the way of the cross.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,  
Pastor Carl



Time to prep for the Fall Festival is here! We will gather the community on Saturday, October 6th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for some food, fun, and shopping! W-ELCA has been busy planning, but what can YOU do? Volunteer! Donate! Shop! Spread the word!

A \$5 pancake (and bacon!) breakfast will again be served from the kitchen from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Elk Grove. Donuts & coffee will be available after 10 a.m. in the Country Store. Once again, we will be inviting food vendors to provide lunch options and we will sell soda and water at the check-in table.

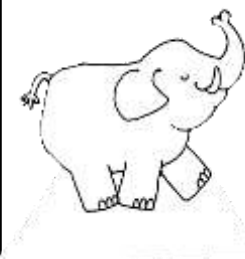
As always, the Country Store will sell delicious goodies lovingly made by our generous congregation. Our best sellers are individually



wrapped baked goods, like cookies, cupcakes, brownies, fudge, Crack Corn, etc. However, cakes, pies, and breads sell, too. We won't turn down any donation!



The Church Yard Sale will be located in Schultz Hall and the inner courtyard again. Piles of donated goods are already growing in the storage area behind the stage in Schultz Hall. Please drop off



your gently used donated treasures there. (Remember, if the condition of such is that you or your friends wouldn't buy it - please don't bring it. We had a LOT of garbage left over last year.) Please let us know if you need help getting items to the

church or unloading when you arrive - we will make every effort to help you. We usually don't sell clothes, but if you would like to bring them, they will be put in the barrel in the office to donate to St. John's or the Union Gospel Mission. If you would like to help with sorting, setting up, and pricing items for the Church Yard Sale, Judy Saxby (916.798.0825 or kringla646@comcast.net) and Carol Carney (916.335.0847 or jccarneyonroad@yahoo.com) will be at the church on Thursday and Friday, October 4th & 5th starting at 9 a.m. They would GREATLY appreciate your help tackling this large task.

Do you have craft projects spilling out of your closets (and drawers and spare rooms and garage)? Donate them to the Crafters booth! See Dorothy Haney for information.



Rent-A-Space is taking over the ENTIRE parking lot!! (Parking will be available on the street or the side grass lot.) The rental fee is \$20 for a single space or \$35 for a double space. If you know a local community service organization, please let them know that they can have an information booth for FREE. Contact Holly Hoppman ASAP to reserve your spot because spaces fill up fast! Don't forget your friends &

family - give them a Rent-A-Space form or refer them to call the office.

We want your books & plants! We do respectfully request that you limit your book donations to paperbacks - no hardcover books or magazines please. Potted plants & flowers of all sizes are appreciated.



Finally, we cannot run this event without VOLUNTEERS! We need help with set-up (starting at 6am) and clean-up (2-3pm), so please bring your muscles! We also need help throughout the day to relieve workers in our various W-ELCA sponsored sales areas. Even if you can only spare an hour or two, we can use you! We can accommodate your abilities!

Look for sign-up sheets on the Opportunity Table.

Thank you, Katie Iniguez



Fall is here and it is time to prepare the church for the rainy, winter months. Thus, the Property Board will be holding an "All Members Work Day" on Saturday, October 13, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All members are encouraged to come out and help get the facilities ready for, hopefully, the good rains that soon will be here. The primary chore will be to clean the roofs and gutters of tree debris. Other chores to be accomplished are to remove redwood droppings from the bushes, weed and clean planter areas, pick up trash (especially behind the bushes), and spray Round Up. We hope to see you on Saturday morning, October 13.

Kelly Boyer, Chairperson Property Board



Youth hosted our second annual Congregational Camp Out and had some fun, special guests as youth from a church in Davis joined us! We had a blast and want to thank everyone that joined us! Pictures will be published in next month's Youth News and Views, so keep an eye out.

Our next event is the Fall Festival coming up on October 6th. Youth members will be helping out selling at the Books and Plants tables. Hope to see you there!

The next SLY meeting will be held on October 14th. We are up to 14 youth members right now and always looking to grow our group, so please let us know if you have a child or grandchild that may be interested in joining. The age group is 6th-12th graders, (10-18 years old). Our meetings are always held the second Sunday of the month following the 10:30 church service.

Starting November 4th we will begin taking orders for our annual Pumpkin Bread fundraiser.

The loaves are a suggested \$5 donation each and make great gifts, so please watch for the order forms!





# Women of the ELCA

Fall Season is here and the first W-ELCA meeting was held on Saturday September 8th, at Logan's Roadhouse, 9105 West Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove 95758. The food was great and the fellowship was even better. The meeting started with reports given on the summer events that took place since our last meeting in April: The Mother's Day Luncheon, Bunco Night and the Summer Bible Class's followed by the upcoming Fall events.

## Fall Events:

Mark your calendars for the Fall Festival on October 6, 2018. Please see the opportunity table for sign up sheets for those wishing to help out at the event or help with providing bake goodies, crafter items or white elephant items.

Second mark your calendars in November for the Thanks Offering Service on November 18th, this service is led by W-ELCA. This is a great time for women of the church to be part of our church worship service. Sign up sheets will be available around the first of November for parts in the service.



In December please mark your calendars for the WELCA Christmas Party on December 8, 2018 hosted by WELCA. This is always a fun event.

We have a busy fun Fall coming up so please join me as we look forward to all these special events.

Yours in Christ,  
Marlene Kiser,  
WELCA President

## HERITAGE POTLUCK, OCTOBER 28, 2018



This is an annual event to celebrate the Reformation, our Lutheran Heritage and our personal family heritages. We will learn about Martin Luther and the Reformation.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish representing your heritage, or a favorite family recipe to share. You are also invited to help us decorate the tables by bringing a family keepsake or something that shows off your heritage.

If you can attend, please sign up at the Opportunity Table, at the back of the sanctuary. We want to be sure to provide plenty of seating and tables. A Sign Up Sheet will be available effective October 7, 2018.



Our Sock Drive netted 73 pairs of socks!  
Thank you SO much!

If you notice the barrel in the Narthex, it's for our 3rd Annual Share-a-Sole shoes event for kids at Charles Mack school, scheduled for 10/10 this year! If you would like to participate, there are a number of ways: purchase a pair of shoes and place them in the barrel, or sign up to participate in the shoe distribution on October 10th. This is a lot of fun and very satisfying!



Next up, is our 2nd Annual Community Trunk-or-Treat, scheduled for Oct 27th!

A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Last year we had 15 cars and over a hundred kids and families!

Let's have some fun! Sign up!

Faith Thomas, chair

**St Luke's Lutheran Church**  
**7595 Center Parkway**

**FREE**  
invites you  
**Trunk  
or Treat**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017**  
**3P.M.-7P.M.**

☆ Costume Contest  
☆ Games ☆ Face Painting  
☆ Trunk Decoration Contest  
Hotdogs, chips and soda for \$5  
Free coats for kids 3T to 14



*PengXue Vang's Family*

*PengXue's Father, Say Xiong Vang. He was taken by his Lord Jesus into the heavenly kingdom where he will live eternally in His love and presence with those who have gone before him. Please give thanks for his life here and the life he has in heaven. Please pray for PengXue and the whole family that they are encompassed by the Lord in*

*His loving care. Services were held September 15-17th at East Lawn, Elk Grove.*



*Guillory Family*

*Please join in giving thanks for Sandy Guillory's life with us in this world and the new life she has in the heavenly kingdom for eternity with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sandy died September 10th. Please pray that the Lord will keep her husband, Mil and the family close in His tender love and care. Services were held September 20th at East Lawn Mortuary, Elk Grove.*

*Cathy Davis' Family*

*The Davis family invites you to join them celebrate the life of Cathy's mom, Theola Stockman. September 29, 2018, 2 p.m.*

*at St. Luke's Church.  
Dessert reception to follow.*







Congregational Picnic and Pastor Ca





arl celebrating 25 years at St. Luke's

## MISSION LIFE

*This is the last of several articles about Rev. Stan and Kris Niemi's missionary ministry in Papua New Guinea during the 1980s.*

taking on Alkena Parish

I would rotate going to different villages around Alkena and would leave before dark carrying my mantle lantern for the rainy dark trip home we would meet in a prayer house where a local leader would teach a bible story we'd sing songs and I'd



preach or lead a short bible study in Pidgeon it was impressive that some of the teachers in the villages were women who would teach bible stories from memory, after learning the stories and professing faith they would be baptized Then I'd come home at night Kris would be there

in the candle (we bought candles by the case) and lantern light I also preached at Sunday services in Pidgeon and it would be translated into Kaugel (the language Named after the river flowing through the valley spoken by some 20,0000 people which was a pretty large language group for PNG after being in Alkena for a year I started teaching a reading class for Christian headmen I had to raise the ceiling so that I could stand at the blackboard that I made with chalkboard paint. Several the headmen learned quickly, and I was pleasantly surprised (they wanted to read the Bible. One interesting note was the song leader who was an albino, he would stand up and lead the songs in Kaugel (the music sounded like something out of a monastery in Nepal , he was a good student in my Pidgeon class as well) another Christian headman was Pogul an old fight leader who had heard the gospel when running away from all the battles took place and came back a believer he would come to visit me bringing Uruepe the circuit President who

could speak a little English as he had gone to a mission school to translate for him. Pogul would stand in the front of the church and give direction to the congregation with words like take your kid outside because he just peed on the floor! He would chase out the dogs who would fight and generally keep the peace while yelling at people. Baptisms would take place only periodically and I and an indigenous pastor would baptize 50-60 people at a time, no immersion just lots of water on the head and in the name of god the father and "Pikinini bilong em" (Son) and the Holy spirit

the women and young children would sit separate from the men as was the custom in early churches in America one of the ministries the Lutheran leaders were called upon to participate in was talking to groups of people that were at war we would sit for hours listening to both sides and broker peace between the tribal groups it was tough (sitting for hours in a smoky hut) but I felt a sense of pride that Lutheran leaders were asked and trusted to do this ministry while most of the time we were successful.





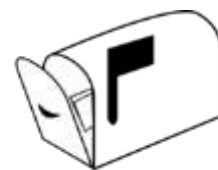


Thank you so much for the wonderful celebration of my 25th Anniversary as pastor of St. Luke's. The notes were very heartwarming and encouraging. The gifts were so generous. The balloons and cake really were great. It is a privilege and delight to serve as your pastor. Triss, Holly, and I have always felt loved and supported. May God continue to bless us as we keep focused on our mission to "spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world".

Pastor Carl



Micayla Shower	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Hannelore Marchuk	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
Gail Weber	October 07
Thelma Williams	October 07
Ron Franklin	October 08
Jeff Kiser	October 08
Ofelia Ojeda	October 08
Isaac Diaz	October 15
Duane Kiser	October 19
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dolores Johnson	October 31



**NOTE!**  
**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Irma Lowe  
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October 7 **Ralph & Merle Zbrog**  
For their Anniversary

**Yvonne Brown**  
For Howard Triebwasser's  
85th Birthday

**Kelly Boyer**  
For her daughters' Amanda &  
Shelby's Birthday

October 14 **Ron & Pat Webb**  
For their Anniversary

October 21 *Needed*

October 28 **Gail Weber**  
In Memory of John



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

August 2018

### Comments:

- August was a four-Sunday month.
- After excellent offerings in June and July, this month was poor as the tabulation shows.
- In August, the offerings were 33 percent below last year's offerings and 20 percent below the approved Budget.
- Possibly, many members took vacations in August.
- When making a special contribution, please clearly mark in large, bold letters what the contribution is for.
- 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>	\$13,030	\$133,469	
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$3,321	-\$6,487	
	-20.3%	-4.6%	
<b>Compared to 2017</b>	-\$6,543	-\$17,981	
	-33.4%	-11.9%	
No. of Contributors			
<b>2018</b> (Current Year)	80	86	avg.
<b>2017</b> (Last Year)	89	89	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$72	
Flowers		\$280	
Memorials		\$50	
Special Gifts		\$75	

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



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin

(10:30 a.m.)

October 7 Jennifer Connell, Rachel Kiser

October 14 Shirley Prouty

October 21 Brenda Sulzmann, Marlene Kiser

October 28 Carol Carney

## Communion Servers

October 7 Connie Reule, Faith Thomas, Gail Weber

October 21 Carolyn Andrews, Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer

## Counters

October 7 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

October 14 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman

October 21 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig

October 28 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

October 7 Jerry & Carol Carney

October 14 Ed & Kirsten Ireton

October 21 Jan Tanaka

October 28 Ralph & Merle Zbrog

## Prayer Leaders

October 7 Katie Iniguez

October 14 Marlene Kiser

October 21 Kirsten Ireton

October 28 Triss Hoppman

## Psalms Leaders

October 7 Amber Mansfield

October 14 Angie Martinez

October 21 Lucy Orcutt

October 28 Aiyana Tice

## Sunday School Teachers

October 7 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser

October 14 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser

October 21 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser

October 28 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser

## Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin

10:30 a.m.

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

October 7 Phil Petersen; Kelly Boyer

October 14 Ron Webb; Betty Englund

October 21 Ron Webb; Tracy Etchison

October 28 Sarah Madison; Faith Harper

## Refreshments

October 7 Carol Carney & Ofelia Ojeda

October 14 Pauline Arndt & Carole Vance

October 21 Mack & Carole Vance

October 28 Reformation Potluck

## Visitors' Gifts

October 7 Pat Hamilton

October 14 Steven Lee

October 21 Carol Carney

October 28 Gail Weber

## Acolytes

October 7 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

October 14

October 21 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

October 28 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

## Welcome Leaders

October 7 Betty Englund

October 14 Carolyn Andrews

October 21 Pat Webb

October 28 Gail Weber



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Return Service Requested

Church Yard Sale \* Country Store  
Crafters Corner \* Books \* Plants  
Kids' Activities \* Pancake Breakfast  
Vendors \* Community Yard Sales

Rent-A-Space available  
\$20 for a single space, \$35 double

# Fall Festival

Saturday, October 6, 2018  
8 am to 2 pm

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For more information,  
Call (916) 421-5039

Proceeds benefit the  
St. Luke's Women of the ELCA Benevolence Fund