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# News And Views

## Pastor's 2018 Annual Report



This issue of the News and Views is dedicated to the 2018 Annual Reports. Members and friends of St. Luke's made 2018 a great year of furthering our mission to spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory through Jesus Christ.

Our church council was led very effectively by our president, Paul Maki. Paul kept the council focused on our mission and encouraged and enabled the Boards in their work. He was an excellent president for the four years he served. Larry Dockter served as vice-president. Larry has been involved in congregational leadership for many years in a number of capacities. During 2018 he once again provided solid support and encouragement to the church council. Bob Behr worked tirelessly as our treasurer to keep us on track with good financial stewardship of the tremendous resources with which we are blessed. Jack Fenske served capably as our financial secretary, keeping very accurate records of our financial giving. He was assisted faithfully by our Special Funds Recorder, Ron Webb, who kept track of all our special giving. Merle Zbrog was a real asset to the council as council secretary. Merle kept very helpful records of our council and congregational meetings and faithfully kept council members informed of meetings and deadlines.

In addition to our great executive team listed above, our Board chairs and members were hard at work during 2018. Lauren Orcutt and the members of the Board of Christian Education made sure we continued to have excellent Sunday School for our children. After a delightful Confirmation class that was confirmed in the spring, a new class of nine youth started this important process of growing in the faith last fall. A number of adults spent the year reading through the Bible together and discussing it each week. I was privileged to lead the Confirmation class and adult study.

Laura Tice and Samantha Basquez provided leadership for our Youth Board. Our youth program was revitalized in 2018 with an exciting trip to Mt. Cross Bible Camp for a week in the summer. Laura and Samantha worked hard to provide activities and events for our youth during the year.

The Community Concerns Board, led by Faith Thomas, provided us with many opportunities during the year to reach out to our community with the love of the Lord. They kept us very focused on serving those in need.

The Worship and Music Board, under the leadership of Peggy Moser provided us with excellent worship opportunities through the year to help spread the Good News to many. Jane Fanucci served as our dedicated choir director and organist. She provided us with inspirational music through the year and led the choir quite effectively.

The Finance Board, chaired by Dave Saxby, made sure the generous financial gifts you shared for the Lord's work were used well.

The Property Board, led by Kelly Boyer, worked tirelessly to keep our beautiful facility in good shape for our many ministries. Perhaps more than any other, this Board worked the hardest, hands on and day to day, to make sure we were in good shape to be a community center for good.

The Women of the ELCA, led most of the year by Holly Hoppman and then by Marlene Kiser, provided great fellowship and serving opportunities for the women of our congregation and sponsored vital congregational serving ministries.

Last, but certainly not least, the Evangelism Board, with Carole Vance at the helm, gave themselves to provide congregational care and outreach opportunities. They proved once again to be the heart and soul of what makes us a congregation sharing the victory through Jesus.

Supporting all these groups was our excellent office secretary, Rochelle Jaeger. Rochelle kept things humming around the church with very effective coordination and support of our ministries. She also provided great support and encouragement for me as I serve as your pastor.

It was a privilege and a joy to serve as Pastor of St. Luke's in 2018. You have shown such love to Triss, Holly, and me. We are truly blessed. I look forward to another powerful year of ministry for us as a congregation in 2019.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,  
Pastor Carl



## **EPIPHANY BREAKFAST AND SERVICE, SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019**

We had a wonderful Breakfast of Casserole's, Fruit, Muffins, Breads. Thank you to Pat Webb, Carol Carney, Walt Arndt and Pauline Arndt for making the Casserole's. We made nine Casserole's and Lois Sherrets made one. We had lots of Muffins and Breads and Fruit. Thank you to Betty Englund for the wonderful special baked apples. We had lots of food.

Pastor Carl conducted the Sunday Service and Communion in Schultz Hall. We had around a 100 people in attendance.

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful nativities to share. Thank you to all that helped Set Up Schultz Hall and Clean Up.

### **GREETERS NEEDED**



To have someone greet our worshipers on Sunday morning, especially those who are visiting for the first time, is a vital part of the Evangelism Committee's endeavor to care for our congregation.

Sign up sheets are provided on the opportunity table and The Board thanks those who sign up. However, in the event that no one has signed up, for a given Sunday, we have a Coordinator who will encourage, in person, or call in order to assure that there are greeters every Sunday. The board greatly appreciates Debi Lentsch for volunteering to fill this position.



Happy New Year everyone! Community concerns next event coming up is Winter Sanctuary, on February 24th 2019. There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex! We need hard boiled eggs donated and homemade cookies so if you can participate with that or help out in any way please contact Faith Thomas at 916-205-5032 thank you all so much!



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“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.”

-St. Luke’s Mission Statement

2018 turned out to be a very exciting year for our congregation as we were actively living and performing the mission of St Luke’s Lutheran Church. As we reflect on 2018 and looked at all the amazing work our church has performed, we know the Holy Spirit was truly in high gear. The reality is our work has just begun, and so, as we tackle 2019 and beyond, we will continue to spread the Good News and serve those in need.

In this edition of our News and Views, our dedicated leaders will highlight and summarize the work they have so faithfully completed. As you read these reports, you realize that our boards are focused on the mission of our church and have exhibited great passion and dedication to their responsibilities. A “Big Thank You” for all that

served the church and for those who volunteered endless hours to keep our mission statement alive.

Let’s continue on the topic of “Thank You.” Last year, we were able to gather and celebrate Pastor Carl’s 25th year as Pastor at St Luke’s. Let us endlessly thank Pastor Carl for his compassionate and dedicated work at St Luke’s. Pastor Carl has touched everyone’s life and has helped each one of us as we navigate through our many chapters of our Christian life. To Pastor Carl, in behalf of the whole Congregation, we would like to thank you for all your Spiritual guidance and your bountiful knowledge you share each time we are all gathered together.

Lastly, I would like to thank St Luke’s for allowing me to be your President for the last four years. It was an honor serving our church and the whole congregation. I truly appreciated everyone’s support as we centered on and lived the church’s mission statement. I am truly inspired for the New Year ahead as we continue to share the victory of Jesus Christ in our lives. Many thanks and may we continue to bring joy and pleasure in serving God and our church.

You are Loved,

Paul Maki



Our year began with our Epiphany Breakfast and Service on Saturday, January 6th, 2018. We served our wonderful casseroles, muffins, pastries and fruit. Pastor Carl helped us to understand and read Matthew 2:1-12 and King Herod's part in the Three Wise Men.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, 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 Sunday fell on April 1st. We had a wonderful Easter Breakfast co-chaired by Kelly Boyer and Eric Linblade. We had a wonderful Breakfast of French Toast, Potatoes, and Micki and Jack's Fenske famous Scrambled Eggs. We 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. The Evangelism Board Hosted our July Summer Root Beer and Orange Floats. We had our Outreach Lunch in August at the Yum Buffet. We had approximately 32 people join us for a great lunch.



To celebrate the beginning of our Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, the board hosted our annual Congregational BBQ/Picnic in September. Kelly Boyer and Ben Briel cooked the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs on the BBQ. We also celebrated Pastor Carl's 25th Anniversary of Ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

In October we had our Reformation Sunday Heritage Potluck to celebrate our Lutheran Heritage and our personal family heritages. Our Ministry Fair was held on November 25th. We decorated our Evangelism Table to entice our Congregation to sign up for Greeters, Refreshments and Visitor's Gifts.

The Evangelism Board hosted our Congregational Meeting and Potluck on Sunday December 9th, 2018. We had beautiful Table Decorations provided by W-ELCA.

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

It has been a very wonderful and busy year and could not be possible without my blessed board, Carolyn Andrews, Pauline Arndt, Walt Arndt, Kelly Boyer, Carol Carney, Joyce Jensen, and Pat Webb. I want to give a special Thank You to Ralph Zbrog, Merle Zbrog, Bob Behr and Ron Webb for helping set up Schultz Hall and the Courtyard for our Special Events.

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 2018 Worship and Music Board was chaired by Peggy Moser. Mary Harris, Karen Linfor, Triss Hoppman, Carolyn Andrews, Marlene Kiser, and Shirly Prouty served as members with Pastor Carl and Jane Fanucci as ex-officio members.

The rotating schedules for Communion Servers, Welcome Leaders, Readers and Altar Care continue working well. There is always a need for more Altar Care volunteers. Recruiting new members to service is an ongoing effort.

In January Triss wrote an offer letter for Jane to be full time choir director/organist. We are very pleased that Jane accepted.

Lent was early this year so we started discussing Ash Wednesday and all that is needed to prepare for the season in January.

In February we celebrated Black History month with a reading by Mary Francis Harris.

February also brought Lenten services that began February 14th with Ash Wednesday Holy Communion. Weekly services were held after the Lenten soup suppers. Dramas were presented featuring Pastor Carl and others. The services and suppers were well attended. Lenten Devotionals and Coin Folders were again made available. The proceeds from the coin folders went to the Pastoral Assistance fund

March brought us Holy week 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 to beautify our sanctuary.

The Adult Choir and Bell Choir were off for the summer, as were the acolytes. Special music was provided by Jane and various soloists. Altar Care workers filled in for the acolytes. Pastor Ron filled in during June while Pastor Carl was on vacation.

The Luau was held September 22. There were performances from the Bell Choir, the Adult Choirs and our Youth Choir with Judy Saxby and Peggy joining them. The menu was the same as in prior years with Kalua Pork and Hawaiian barbecued chicken. Pat Webb coordinated a very successful dessert auction. The event was attended by over 100 people. It was our most successful luau to date. Thank you to Karen Linfor and Shirly Prouty for chairing this event.



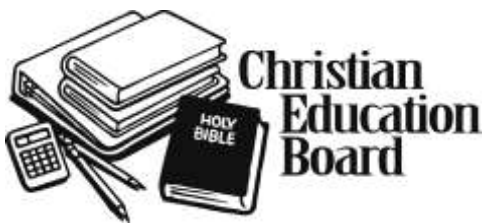
The Choirs resumed in September. The Adult choir presented weekly anthems and worked on the Christmas cantata. The Bell Choir performed many times this year as did Children's Choir. We had many new acolytes this year and thank you Amber and Angie for training them all.

Sign-ups for Readers, Altar Care, Welcome Leaders and Prayer Leaders went out in the fall. Larry Dockter continued as coordinator for the ushers. Thank you to Jeff Kiser for faithfully filling the candles with oil each week.

We celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day with special music from the Bell Choir and Adult Choir. Every name on our Memorial banners were read on Nov. 11th at 11:00am in a very moving celebration.

December gave us the opportunity for the congregation to purchase poinsettias for Christmas in memory or honor of someone continued. Dave Saxby once again purchased a beautiful tree. The tree and lights were put up by Paul, Jeff and Brandon, thank you gentlemen for your help. The tree was then decorated by the ladies after their annual Christmas luncheon. The Choir presented its annual Christmas cantata on December 16, "One King". We all celebrated a glorious season.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Moser  
Board of Worship and Music Chairperson



### Sunday School

The Sunday School program is running smoothly! Our younger class, for kids 3 to 5 years old, led by Peggy Moser, has expanded our Sunday School attendance by more than double and we are very happy to have some younger children join us to learn about God and the Bible. Peggy needs an

assistant each week; please let her know if you are willing to help for a period of time.

The class for children in first grade and up has had a dwindling attendance, partly because several children have moved up to Confirmation. If you know any kids in grades 1-6, let them know about our wonderful program!

In 2018 we had a special meeting to decide how to use the Sunday School fund, comprised of the children's tithes and offerings. The children decided to make a donation to St. John's Shelter for Women and Children, to help women and children in need, and a donation to ELCA Good Gifts, to purchase animals for struggling families in third-world countries.

### Confirmation

Last spring, we confirmed four participants: Kelly Boyer, Aiyana Tice, Ernestine Roberts, and Darnell Osako. They affirmed their faith in front of the whole congregation and we welcomed them with open arms.



In the fall, Pastor Carl started a new Confirmation class with 9 confirmands: Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi, Sierra Etchison, Noella Sondrini, JaiLia Vang, Izaiah Vang, Victor Basquez, Claire Kerian, and LaRayna Osako-Cain. We are thrilled to have such a big group, and the class is going very well. Confirmation class meets every second and fourth Sunday.

### Adult Bible Study

The adult Bible study this year has focused on reading through the Bible with Pastor Carl. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary Study Room or Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Church Office. It is an open group, and you are welcome to join at any time.

### Summer Bible Study

Last year, our July Bible study focused on Spirit-empowered witnessing. As St. Luke's mission statement says, "Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the Good News!"

Lauren Orcutt  
Chair



2018 was a busy year for the SLY group. We kicked off our monthly SLY group meeting which continue to take place on the second Sunday of each month prior to confirmation class.

We have more than doubled in size since the spring with the addition of several new 6th graders.

SLY helped as part of the St. Luke's community in the following ways:

Raising funds by selling baked goods and sodas at the annual crab feed.

Preparing sack lunches for homeless individuals to take after Winter Sanctuary

Stuffing Easter Eggs

Hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt

"Being" the Easter Bunny

Baking and selling pumpkin bread to the congregation

Cleaned out the youth loft above the sanctuary

Additionally, SLY:

Attended a week long retreat at Mount Cross



Hosted the 2nd Annual Congregational Campout



Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

What a full and successful year we have had. I am always thankful for the great ladies of St. Luke's church, you are just amazing.

I want to thank all the ladies who came in early to set up for the W-ELCA meetings and to those who stayed later and always help clean up. It would not be possible to have successful meetings without you.

Last year was so much fun and such a success. It is so rewarding to see how much W-ELCA is able to do in their mission support and benevolence each year. The support of all members of St. Luke's allows both benevolence and missions to be such a blessing. This year we were able to donate \$4200 to different groups in our local community and internationally.

## 2018

In February we helped with Winter Sanctuary overnight, a service project that W-ELCA did with the Community Concern Board. A hot meal was provided to the group in the evening followed by packets of toiletries and snacks given out to our 100 guests as they left the following morning. In March we hosted the Passover Lamb Dinner during Holy Week.

In April our meeting was held at the Kiwanis Family House where we were provided a talk on what the Kiwanis Family House does and a tour of the facility, what a great place.

In May we celebrated our Mothers (ladies of the church) with a Mother's Day lunch and program. In June we ended the spring season with our Annual Bunco Night, always a fun night for all. July and August the summer Bible class's took place, and sharing of some great food.



In August W-ELCA participated in the congregational service day by assembling collected school supplies for 100 school backpacks for the Parkway and Charles Mack Elementary Schools.

In October fall rushed in with the Annual Fall Festival, which is always a lot of fun but also a lot of work. Thank you all!



In December we ended our year with the Christmas Gathering and the amazing mission support project of providing Christmas present to 7 adopted families! Just amazing!! Thank you all who helped in any way with the missions, service projects or celebrations, you are all a blessing for W-ELCA!

## Here comes 2019

We started our 2019 year with a meeting on January 12, with the new elected officers for 2019: Marlene Kiser, president; Judy Saxby, vice-president; Gabby Cox secretary; and Triss Hoppman, treasure.

If you looking to get involved with W-ELCA in 2019 our next gathering is on February 9, celebrating Valentine's Day. Our mission support in February is the Winter Sanctuary Service Project so please start gathering needed travel size toiletries, adult size socks, and single packet snacks. (tooth brushes; body wash; mouth wash; shampoo; lotion; soap; toothpaste; hand wipes; band aids; bottles of water; packets of nuts; instant coffee, cheese or peanut butter and crackers; and raisins.) Hope to see you there.



Yours in Christ,  
Marlene Kiser,  
WELCA President





St Luke's congregation was busy in 2018!

February 4- Soup-er Bowl Sunday Soup Collection to help the Elk Grove Food Closet: Soup-er Bowl is scheduled for February 3, 2019. Giving to Elk Grove Food Bank for 2018 = 976 lbs!

March 11 – Winter Sanctuary, we served 100 guests, both men and women. They really enjoyed the Sacramento Youth Jazz Band, Dinner, and the movie. 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 February 24, 2019.

The Children's Clothing Closet (CCC) is a year-round 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 100+ coats on October 27, just in time for cold weather, and over 20 families found goodies in the CCC for their families.

Pastor's Pantry has been closed indefinitely due to the aggressiveness of some in the homeless population in the area.

August 5 - 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!



October 27 — our 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event was a great success! We Partnered up with Valley Hi Resource Center, one of St Luke's community organizations we help, had 19 "trunks", 15 games, cupcake walk, face painting, and 800+ people and a whole lot of fun! I kept hearing "I can't WAIT for next year!"



October 10 — Our 3" year of participating in the Share-A-Sole shoe giveaway and was a great success — we fitted 224 children at Charles Mack Elementary School with new shoes and all those who participated had a great time.

Yours In Christ,  
Faith Thomas, Chair



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report 2018**

The year 2018 began with the addition of a third bank account (Receiving Account) into which all Sunday offerings and miscellaneous donations were deposited. This assisted with keeping the other two accounts (General Fund Account and Special Funds Account) separate and distinct. The offerings, flower receipts, facility use donations, etc. were subsequently transferred to the General Fund Account which is the normal operating and budget account. Special or designated donations/receipts, such as memorials, Sunday school offerings, crab feed, fireworks booth, etc. were transferred to the Special Funds Account as necessary. The Special Funds Account is the "holding" account for these various specific/designated receipts.

On the following pages are the 2018 year-end reports for the "Special Funds" and "General Fund and Budget". The Special Funds Account is primarily managed by the appointed Special Funds Recorder (Ron Webb) with oversight by the Finance Board. Management of the General Fund Account is primarily by the elected Treasurer (Bob Behr) with oversight by the Finance Board. The data presented in the reports are "unaudited" pending completion of audits in early 2019.

### **Special Funds**

The Special Funds Report shows the various designated sub-fund accounts (memorials, various board designated funds, special event net receipts, Sunday school offerings, etc.) that are tracked and recorded. Of note is the Community Concerns #2 sub-fund which is the holding account for 10% of the net receipts from the Crab Feed, Fireworks Booth, and Luau events. The Community Concerns Board and the recognized event sponsor, as appropriate, provide recommendations on community agencies or specific church missions to receive some financial assistance. The largest sub-fund, Reserve Fund, is an emergency set-aside fund

with oversight of the Church Council and/or Congregation in accordance with the Church Constitution and By-Laws and as detailed in a Continuing Resolution. Its use is primarily for the emergency/unexpected need which is vital to the life of the congregation and needs to be corrected immediately outside of the budget.

### **General Fund and Budget**

The General Fund report shows the various Income and Expense accounts as approved by the Congregation in December 2017 and the actual vs. budgeted amounts for each line item. For the Income line items, the Envelope Offerings were below the budgeted amount while the Loose Cash Offerings exceeded expectations. Facility Usage was enhanced with the unexpected location of a Voting Center at St. Luke's for the primary election in June and the regular election in November for which we received a donation from the County. All expenses were scrutinized by the various Boards to strive to remain within the approved budgeted amounts while meeting the assorted demands of our mission. Two line items were not initiated fully or otherwise: Choir Director Wages under Worship and Music Board and Custodial Wages under Property Board. In early 2018 after the budgeting process and congregational approval, the Worship and Music Board decided not to hire a separate Choir Director but to incorporate that function under the Organist. Likewise, after an exploratory period and much review, the Property Board decided to delay hiring a part-time custodian or contract. The existing Custodial Contract was renegotiated to enhance the services provided and the Property Board would continue to oversee and implement areas not covered by the contract.

### **2019 Budget**

The adopted budget for 2019 will continue to provide the necessary operational funds and allow us to continue our efforts to reach out into the community to enrich those around us. With everyone working together we can continue our mission to Spread, Serve, and Share.

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT DECEMBER 2018



## PROPERTY ANNUAL REPORT - 2018

Sub-Fund		
Memorials:	Number	Balance
Under \$99.99	2	\$13.82
\$100.00 to \$249.99	2	\$320.00
\$250.00 to \$499.99	2	\$630.00
\$499.99 to \$999.99	4	\$2,480.73
Over \$1,000.00	1	\$5,467.03
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$8,911.58</b>
Special Funds Accounts		
Community Concerns #1		\$430.12
Community Concerns #2		\$1,714.75
Crab Feed Fund		\$500.00
Evangelism Board Fund		\$1,352.96
Fireworks Booth		\$500.00
Luau Music		\$2,192.43
Pastoral Assistance Fund		\$313.69
Reserve Fund		\$36,738.48
Reule Handbell Fund		\$1,608.17
Sunday School Fund		\$1,084.13
Property Board		\$1,432.52
Parking Lot Fund		\$2,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$49,867.25</b>

**TOTAL** **\$58,778.83**

Bank Statement Balance	12/31/201	
Checks/Deposits not cleared/ posted	8	\$62,235.20
	Net	<b>(\$3,456.37)</b>

Actual Funds Available Total **\$58,778.83**

Ronald L. Webb  
Special Funds Recorder

The St. Luke's Bylaws specifies that the Property Board 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.

**Janitorial Services:** In 2017, the Board and others had become unsatisfied with the on-going janitorial services contract. Thus, funds were included in the 2018 Budget for a part-time employee to perform the janitorial and minor property maintenance duties. In early 2018, the Board, with the assistance of Peggy Moser and Holly Hoppman, conducted an extensive recruiting, screening, and interviewing effort in a search for a suitable employee. The effort was unsuccessful – numerous applicants, 14 scheduled interviews, only eight "showed up" for interviews, none acceptable.

At about the same time, (a) the on-going contract was transferred to a related firm, (b) the on-site workers were replaced with another crew, and (c) subsequently the contract was slightly expanded. Since these modifications were made, the Board and others have been satisfied with the janitorial services received and the on-going contract continues.

**Landscape Services:** The on-going, landscape services contract was executed with a new firm in mid-2016. The Board has been satisfied with the new contractor's performance.

**Major Projects Completed:** The major projects completed in 2018 are listed below.

Property Board Special Funds –  
 Refurnished the Office Restroom, including installing a hot water heater; \$998.  
 Constructed a sewer clean out for the long, flat Sanctuary sewer line; \$2,007.

Constructed an iron fence, with a lock and panic bar, for the Sanctuary southwest alcove; \$3,250. Reserved funds for sealing and striping the parking lot on a five- to seven-year schedule; \$2,000.

Removed trees, trimmed trees, and ground tree stumps in the Park Area; \$1,500.

The Property Board Special Funds are critical for maintaining and improving the facilities and are received solely from the annual Crab Feed and Fireworks Booth fund raiser events. Your support for these events is appreciated. Thank you.

Meyer Memorial Funds – These projects were completed in cooperation with Nancy Minning and Connie Reule, members of the Meyer Memorial Committee.

Purchased and installed a new commercial dish washer with the assistance of Craig Eckels; \$2,728 (machine), \$219 (installation).

Purchased and coordinated the installation of two new refrigerators (Small Kitchen and Education Wing, Room 5); \$1,696.

Reserve Funds – The Council declared the following project to be an “emergency”; thus, funding was from the Reserve Account.

Constructed an iron fence, with gates, between the Sanctuary and Office; \$3,100 (contract), \$163 (dead bolts).

General Budget Funds –

Conducted two “All Members Work Day” events – one in the spring to prepare the facilities for Easter and one in the fall to prepare for the rainy, winter months.

Replaced three sprinkler valves and five sprinkler heads for the small, brick courtyard; cost included with the next item.

Replaced a 2- inch sprinkler valve for the Park Area; \$500.

In mid-year, negotiated a new, monthly refuse disposal rate, which created a saving of about \$180 each month.

Stripped and waxed 3,400 square feet of selected vinyl floors; \$1,150.

Purchased and installed a large, exterior light fixture; \$278. An electrician diagnosed the initial problem; Board members installed the new fixture.

Removed the two “fixed” Office benches and replaced with a moveable bench; \$386.

Routine Tasks: The routine tasks completed by the Property Board in 2018 are listed in the next paragraphs. These tasks were performed by Property Board members, except when noted otherwise. The expenses accrued by each task was generally less than \$100.



Annual Tasks – Purchased and installed HVAC air filters for all five systems, assisted the Fire Department perform the required facility inspection, assisted a firm to locate and recharge all fire extinguishers, purchased and installed an ice machine filter, and reset the thermostats in the Education Wing for “cool” or “heat” (2x).

Plumbing Tasks – Installed a garbage disposal for the front Kitchen sink (thank you Larry Johnson, a prior Board member), installed a paper towel dispenser, installed a soap dispenser (2x), maintained supplies for the janitorial contract workers, furnished dispenser keys for the janitorial contract workers, acquired the necessary dish washing chemicals, repaired a urinal leak (2x), reinstalled a toilet paper holder (2x), called a plumber to unplug a toilet (often), replaced a storm drain clean out box (the landscape contractor assisted), and fixed a leaking Kitchen faucet.

Sprinkler Tasks – Repaired irrigation drip lines (4x), checked and reset the irrigation systems to conform to the City’s requirements, and repaired sprinkler heads as required (3x).

Other Tasks – Repaired a Good Shepherd window pane (thank you Ron Petsch), installed the Good Shepherd statue in the Sanctuary Garden (a memorial gift), purchased and replaced light bulbs as required (often), installed hangers for the new confirmation robes (a memorial gift), obtained and installed memorial plaques (2x), replaced a photo-electric cell, repaired a broken pew leg, replaced a broken pane in the Choir Loft windows, installed secure locks on the Sanctuary sliding glass doors, refitted the thresholds for the westerly Sanctuary oak doors, reconnected a Sanctuary carillon pipe, sold the old commercial dish washer for \$300, disposed of electronic devices remaining from the Fall Festival, replaced the door latch on the Crafters Closet, and reset loose bricks for the Education Wing planter.

Vandalism: Vandalism this year was minor and limited to breaking two window panes and, on two occasions, plugging toilets with debris.

Homeless Issues: The homeless issues continue. Several serious incidents in 2018 have caused the Board and Council to take additional preemptive measures – namely: the alcove fencing, the fence between the Sanctuary and Office, and the removal

of the fixed benches. Some homeless individuals are only a nuisance, but there are those that (a) disturb others (members, guests, staff, etc.) (b) create messes and unsanitary conditions (feces and urine) that requires cleaning, (c) disrupt services and events, and, at times, (d) frighten others by their actions.

Closing: The past year was a busy year for the Property Board and much was accomplished. The Board and St. Luke’s were exceedingly blessed. The Property Board members in 2018 were Kelly Boyer (Chairperson), Ben Briel, 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.

In closing, the Property Board appreciates the support and assistance received throughout the year. Thank you to all.

St. Luke’s Property Board,  
Kelly Boyer, Chairperson

**GENERAL FUND and BUDGET REPORT  
DECEMBER 2018**

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	December		Entire Year 2018	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Major 40, Church Income // Minor 10, Designated Giving</b>				
01 - Envelope Offerings	25,330.50	24,608.37	216,500.00	209,626.03
02 - Loose Cash Offerings	175.50	384.35	1,500.00	3,240.25
03 - Flower Inc	266.67	730.00	3,200.00	3,225.50
04 - Facility Usage	1,000.00	4,490.00	12,000.00	13,080.00
05 - Reimbursements/Rebates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06 - Other Inc	0.00	0.00	0.00	409.00
	<b>26,772.67</b>	<b>30,212.72</b>	<b>233,200.00</b>	<b>229,580.78</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>26,772.67</b>	<b>30,212.72</b>	<b>233,200.00</b>	<b>229,580.78</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Major 51, General Budget // Minor 10, Synod/ELCA</b>				
01 - Synod Benevolence	2,550.60	2,498.00	21,800.00	21,292.00
02 - Other ELCA Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	109.00
	<b>2,550.60</b>	<b>2,498.00</b>	<b>21,800.00</b>	<b>21,401.00</b>
<b>Major 52, General Budget Expense // Minor 10, Executive Committee</b>				
01 - Pastor Wages	2,556.00	2,556.34	30,676.00	30,676.09
02 - Pastor SSEA	221.25	221.26	2,655.00	2,655.12
03 - Pastor Housing Allowance	3,663.33	3,663.34	43,960.00	43,960.00
04 - Pastor Benefits	2,008.73	2,008.73	24,104.76	24,104.76
05 - Pastor Continuing Educ	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
06 - Office Secretary Wages	1,181.25	1,181.25	12,285.00	12,285.00
07 - Sub Pastors & Others	0.00	300.00	400.00	1,200.00
08 - Stewardship Program Exp	0.00	0.00	200.00	50.00
09 - Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
	<b>9,630.56</b>	<b>9,930.92</b>	<b>114,280.76</b>	<b>114,965.97</b>
<b>Major 53, General Budget // Minor 10, Community Concerns</b>				
01 - CC Program Exp	125.00	0.00	500.00	362.47
	<b>125.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>362.47</b>
<b>Major 54, General Budget // Minor 10, Education Board</b>				
01 - Sunday School	200.00	40.38	800.00	1,114.75
02 - Adult Education Curriculum	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Other Education Expenses	25.00	0.00	100.00	102.22
	<b>225.00</b>	<b>40.38</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>1,216.97</b>
<b>Major 55, General Budget // Minor 10, Evangelism Board</b>				
01 - Evangelism Program Exp	41.00	0.00	500.00	161.49
02 - Advertising	0.00	0.00	294.00	367.50
	<b>41.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>794.00</b>	<b>528.99</b>
<b>Major 56, General Budget // Minor 10, W &amp; M Board</b>				
01 - Organist Wages	1,117.09	1,117.09	13,405.00	13,404.99
02 - Choir Director Wages	583.00	0.00	5,250.00	0.00
03 - Worship Supplies	175.00	54.85	2,090.00	1,558.34
04 - Flower Exp	267.00	618.75	3,200.00	3,394.50
05 - W&M Other Exp	58.00	72.93	700.00	346.75
	<b>2,200.09</b>	<b>1,863.62</b>	<b>24,645.00</b>	<b>18,704.58</b>

**GENERAL FUND and BUDGET REPORT  
DECEMBER 2018**

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	December		Entire Year 2018	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Major 57, General Budget // Minor 10, Finance Board</b>				
01 - Payroll Taxes	197.25	175.83	2,367.00	1,965.40
02 - Workers Comp Ins	323.75	188.45	1,295.00	915.85
03 - Property Fees & Taxes	1,479.50	0.00	2,959.00	3,035.47
04 - Liability Property Ins	2,027.75	1,538.50	8,111.00	7,931.75
05 - Pastor Mileage	137.50	116.09	1,650.00	1,436.57
06 - Office Supplies	125.00	128.47	1,500.00	1,222.88
07 - Telephone	103.50	105.58	1,242.00	1,258.58
08 - Postage	71.00	200.00	850.00	975.00
09 - Internet	70.00	70.00	840.00	840.00
10 - Office Equipment Exp	295.00	332.12	3,545.00	4,216.04
11 - Conferences/Conventions	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
12 - Misc. Fees & Taxes	50.00	0.00	200.00	1,391.17
	<b>4,880.25</b>	<b>2,855.04</b>	<b>25,159.00</b>	<b>25,788.71</b>
<b>Major 58, General Budget // Minor 10, Property Board</b>				
01 - Facility Maintenance	325.00	632.44	3,900.00	3,132.34
02 - Custodial Wages/Contract	754.00	510.00	9,048.00	5,788.00
03 - Floor Care Services	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,150.00
04 - Landscape Svc Contract	650.00	650.00	7,800.00	8,300.00
05 - Refuse Services	350.00	349.49	4,200.00	4,928.47
06 - Electricity	417.00	412.63	5,000.00	4,347.17
07 - Natural Gas	500.00	320.48	3,000.00	2,133.71
08 - Sewer Charges	141.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,578.18
09 - Water Charges	200.00	172.64	2,400.00	2,711.72
10 - Storm Drainage Fees	377.93	386.32	4,535.00	4,617.47
11 - Street Sweeping Fees	4.39	4.38	53.00	52.56
12 - Janitorial Supplies	91.00	0.00	1,100.00	723.50
13 - Other Property Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>3,810.32</b>	<b>3,438.38</b>	<b>43,936.00</b>	<b>39,463.12</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>23,462.82</b>	<b>20,626.34</b>	<b>232,014.76</b>	<b>222,431.81</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$3,309.85</b>	<b>\$9,586.38</b>	<b>\$1,184.24</b>	<b>\$7,148.97</b>

**General Fund Bank Balance December 31, 2018    \$47,831.11**

Robert D. Behr  
Treasurer

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*18<sup>th</sup> Annual  
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*Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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To the Congregation:

Recently, within 2 weeks, My first cousin and my sister passed on to glory, And it has been a devastating experience. Since then it has been a struggle to find the right relatable words to express my profound appreciation to all of the members who gave me uplifting words of condolence and support. The pats on my shoulder and the hugs were so lovingly given and dearly received. Again, thank you. What a blessing it is to be a member of such a wonderful congregation as St. Luke's Lutheran Church. You make life easier.

Yours in Christ,

*Mary Frances Harris*



Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you so very much for your prayers and cards. They really lifted me up when I needed it.

*Irene Boschee*



- February 3                      Needed
- February 10                   **Jerry & Carol Carney**  
For the Love of The Lord
- February 17                   **Tom & Faith Harper**  
For their 20th Anniversary
- February 24                   **Pat Webb**  
For Ron's Birthday



# February BIRTHDAYS

- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Daniel Connell     | February 03 |
| LaRayna Osako-Cain | February 03 |
| Daniel Encinas     | February 07 |
| Holly Hoppman      | February 10 |
| Lacey King         | February 10 |
| Lindsay King       | February 10 |
| Brooklyn Moser     | February 10 |
| Kim Osako          | February 12 |
| Robin Zoesch       | February 13 |
| Ed Ireton          | February 15 |
| 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 - 2018**

<b>General Fund Contributions (only) - 2018</b>		
<b>Data</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>2018 Total</b>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$24,993	\$212,866
Compared to Budget	-\$513	-\$5,134
	-2.0%	-2.4%
Compared to 2017	-\$8,620	-\$13,143
	-25.6%	-5.8%
<b>No. of Contributors</b>		
2018 (This Year)	99	85 avg.
2017 (Last Year)	104	90 avg.

Note: Minus values are below Budget or 2017 values.

<b>Other Contributions - 2018</b>		
	<b>December</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Sunday School	\$31	\$430
Memorials	\$220	\$650
Special Gifts	\$100	\$675
Lenten Offerings		\$406
Thank Offering		\$1,578
Soup Suppers		\$215
Easter Breakfast		\$381
Crab Feed		\$720
Flowers	\$160	\$2,216
Easter Lilies		\$400
Poinsettias	\$570	\$610

**Comments:**

December –

- a. The December contributions are skewed by the fact that an estimated \$5,000 was prepaid in late 2017 for 2018 because of the impending changes in the tax laws.
- b. The December contributions were slightly below Budget.

- c. The contributions were significantly below 2017 December contributions, even when the \$5,000 prepaid is considered.

2018 Totals –

- d. The skewed comment in “a”, above, applies to the 2018 totals as well.
- e. For 2018, the total contributions were about two percent less than the Budget; however, if the \$5,000 prepaid is considered the contributions equaled the Budget.
- f. However, when compared to 2017, the 2018 total contributions are significantly less even when the prepaid is considered – about \$8,000 or four percent.
- g. In 2018, the average number of discrete monthly contributors decreased by five from 2017; i.e., from 90 to 85. This is a continuing concern.

General –

- h. Annual statements of contributions for 2018 will be distributed in January 2018, for all contributors. If you do not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below.
- i. 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.
- j. When you need numbered envelopes, either contact me or drop a note in the offering.
- k. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary’s duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- l. Your continuing support is appreciated. Thank you.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, [LRFenske@comcast.net](mailto:LRFenske@comcast.net)  
St. Luke’s Financial Secretary

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin  
(10:30 a.m.)  
February 3 *Needed*  
February 10 *Needed*  
February 17 *Needed*  
February 24 *Needed*

## Communion Servers

February 3 Howard Triebwasser,  
Gail Weber, Carolyn Andrews  
February 17 Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer,  
Linda Duffek

## Counters

February 3 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
February 10 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman  
February 17 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
February 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

## Greeters

February 3 Marlene & Duane Kiser  
February 10 Ofelia Ojida & Pat Hamilton  
February 17 *Needed*  
February 24 Kathy Davis & Gaylen Everett

## Prayer Leaders

February 3 Christina Hisamoto  
February 10 Katie Iniguez  
February 17 Marlene Kiser  
February 24 David Saxby

## Psalm Leaders

February 3 Sierra Etchison  
February 10 Aiyana Tice  
February 17 Lucy Orcutt  
February 24 Amber Mansfield

## Head Ushers

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

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

February 3 Phil Petersen; Faith Thomas  
February 10 Ron Webb; Gail Webber  
February 17 Christiana Wilson; Ron Webb  
February 24 Sarah Madison; Pat Webb

## Refreshments

February 3 Carol Carney & Ofelia Ojeda  
February 10 *Needed*  
February 17 Mack & Carole Vance  
February 24 Pauline & Walt Arndt

## Visitors' Gifts

February 3 Pat Hamilton  
February 10 Gabby Cox  
February 17 Steven Lee  
February 24 Laura Sondrini

## Acolytes

February 3 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain  
February 10 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez  
February 17 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson  
February 24 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

## Welcome Leaders

February 3 Lois Sherrets  
February 10 Karen Linfor  
February 17 Merle Zbrog  
February 24 Betty Englund

## Sunday School Teachers

February 3 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser  
February 10 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser  
February 17 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser  
February 24 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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