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# News And Views

## Pastoral Perspective



The forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays, make up the season of Lent. Lent this year will start on Wednesday, March 6. The word Lent means spring. Think of early spring with the working of the soil and getting everything ready to burst forth into full

springtime. It is a time of preparation for the full flowering of spring on Easter Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That is a time when we remember how much we need new life in Jesus. By ourselves, we are dust and to dust we shall return. In Christ, we have new life. At the beginning of the Ash Wednesday service we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our mortality. As we go forward for Communion that night, we wipe off the ashes in the waters of the baptismal font to remind us of the new life we have in Jesus.

During the Sundays in Lent, we consider Bible passages dealing with Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to die for us. He took all our sins upon Himself so we could be free of their power to destroy us. The overriding theme is that God keeps His promise to be our God and give us salvation even though it costs Him so dearly. We place a rugged cross made of old Christmas trees in the front of the church during Lent to remind us of Jesus' awesome sacrifice on our behalf. The fabric hangings in the

front of the church and my vestments are purple during Lent. Purple is the color of penitence and royalty. We are sorry for our sins and remember it took the sacrifice of the King of all creation to free us from their power to destroy us.

We have special times together on Wednesdays during Lent. We begin with a soup supper in Schultz Hall at 6:00 p.m. This is a special fellowship time for us to enjoy a simple supper together as God's people. We then have a short service at 6:30 p.m., also in Schultz Hall. This year we have a series of dramas about several of the people who followed Jesus at the time of His passion.

The week before Easter Sunday is known as Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, also known as the Sunday of the Passion. The service starts with a procession of palms to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Everything seemed so wonderful, but it became increasingly obvious that Jesus did not come to set up a kingdom of this world. The service quickly changes mood, as Holy Week did so many years ago, for Jesus ends up being rejected and crucified. Thursday of Holy Week is an especially significant day. Jesus gathered with His disciples to share His last supper. During the Passover meal held that night He identified Himself as the lamb to be sacrificed to save God's people from their sins. He promised to be in with and under the bread and wine shared that night and any time the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is shared. We observe this day with a Passover Supper in Schultz Hall at

6:00 p.m. We remember through special foods and readings how God saved His people from slavery in Egypt. After a full lamb (or chicken) dinner, we have a Holy Communion service in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. We remember, as we receive the bread and wine of Communion, how Jesus saved us from slavery to sin. At the end of the service we strip the altar in remembrance of Jesus being arrested and taken into the hands of His captors. On Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday) we gather at 7:30 p.m. for a service of shadows. We remember through a series of Bible readings and hymns Jesus' awesome sacrifice for us on the cross.

All this is to help our hearts and minds get prepared for a wonderful celebration of the new life Jesus won for us on Easter Sunday. May God bless your Lenten journey.

Spreading, Sharing, and Serving with You,  
Pastor Carl



The Evangelism Board coordinates the boards and/or groups that host each soup supper. Each board/group sets up the room and provides soups, breads, desserts and cleans up. W-ELCA will host the first Soup Supper. The following is the list of dates for each Soup Supper.

- Ash Wed., March 6, 2019 W-ELCA
- Wed., March 13, 2019 Council
- Wed., March 20, 2019 Evangelism & Community Concerns
- Wed., March 27, 2019 Youth, Education & Property
- Wed., April 3, 2019 Worship & Music
- Wed., April 10, 2019 Congregation

## DINERS GROUPS



Taking into consideration the result of the diner's groups survey, the board is considering changing the format of the groups. Perhaps the groups of 6-8 would get together

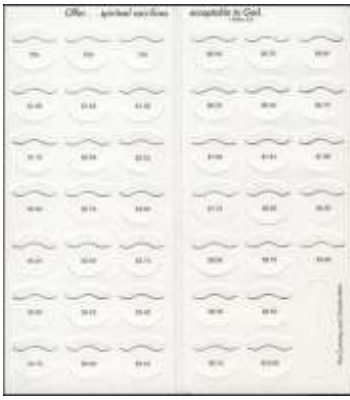
every other month instead of a period of three months at a time as we have been doing. We would also put together a list of people that are either new to the church or do not normally get involved with activities for the purpose of sharing with them by inviting them to join the groups when they get together for a meal or activity of their choice. A final decision will be made at our March meeting.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6 with a soup supper hosted by WELCA at 6:00p.m. in Schulz Hall. All are invited to attend and enjoy delicious soup and warm fellowship. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion follows at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this special service we experience our mortality with the Imposition of Ashes and the hope of new life in the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Devotional material will be available.



Weekly Lenten services will be held in Schultz Hall beginning March 13. They begin at 6:00 p.m. with a soup supper hosted by various congregational groups. A brief service with dramas begins at 6:30 p.m. Clean up and Choir practice follow at 7:00 p.m. The drama series for this year is entitled "Follow the Master" and feature conversations between people involved in the events surrounding the Passion. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Carl.



Lenten coin folders will also be available Ash Wednesday. All individuals who would like to participate are encouraged to take a folder. These folders are used to collect quarters as a daily reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us. The

collection starts on Ash Wednesday and continues throughout Lent on the weekdays and Saturdays (Sundays are excluded.) The contributions are used for the Pastoral assistance fund to help community members in need. The folders can be turned in on Easter or the following week.

### COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

Several Communion servers have recently retired and we are in need of additional volunteers. If you feel you need training we are happy to provide it. If you can help in this way, please contact Mary F. Harris.



The Women of ELCA celebrated Valentine's Day with a group of about 25 in February. We enjoyed a quiche and salad lunch, devotions and a fun game lead by Judy Saxby, last months minutes were read by Gabby Cox and the treasury report presented by Triss Hoppman. Old and new business was discussed.

A special thank you to all those who donated items, and help pack hygiene products after service on February 17, for the Winter Sanctuary this past month.

At our March meeting we will be hosting a potato bar for those wishing to join us on March 9th. Mission support for March is for Courage Connections, gather: hygiene items, gloves, scarves, socks and gift cards.

Ash Wednesday, soup supper will be on March 6th, and will be hosted by W-ELCA. We hope to see you there.

Yours in Christ,  
Marlene Kiser,  
WELCA President



Soup-er Bowl Sunday was a rousing success! Thank you to Judy Saxby for coordinating this event!

On February 24, we hosted Winter Sanctuary for the homeless.

Thank you to SLY for preparing sack lunches, as well. The Soul Stitchers have also made over 100 hats to give to our guests as well! Entertainment is provided by Sacramento Youth Jazz and the meal provided and prepared by Michael and Linda Duffek. Thank you to all the cookie and hard-boiled egg donors as well! This is truly a Congregational event! Yay, St Luke's!

Yours in Christ,  
Faith Thomas

## St. Luke's Youth

SLY members met on Sunday, February 10, 2019.

\* SLY leaders are creating a 2019 calendar of activities for the year to be released to members in draft form this Sunday.

\* Sunday, February 24, SLY members will pack lunches for attendees of Winter Sanctuary.

\* March 2, SLY members will help to sell soda, desserts, and for the first time will host a child care during the crab feed as a fundraiser.

\* The next SLY meeting will occur on Sunday, March 10, 2019.





Winter Sanctuary

TO MY ST. LUKE'S FAMILY

I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT DURING 2018 AFTER MY HEART VALVE RELACEMENT. IT WAS AN UPLIFT TO ME DURING MY HEALING.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ASK FOR THE SAME SUPPORT IN 2019 FOR A CURRENT HEART PROBLEM.  
YOURS IN CHRIST

John Johnsen

*Thankful*

### ADDRESS CHANGE

#### Jan Tanaka

6915 Elk Grove Blvd #127  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

#### Christina Hisamoto

2425 V St.  
Sacramento, CA 95818

### DEATH IN CONGREGATION



After a valiant struggle with post operative complications, Jerry Carney died February 13th and was taken by his Lord Jesus to the heavenly kingdom. Please give thanks for the incredible life he lived among us and the new life he has with Jesus for eternity. Please pray for Carol and the family, that

they are kept very close to the Lord and each other at this time.

A memorial service for Jerry Carney will be held on Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's followed by lunch in Schultz Hall.



Corey Anderson	March 01
Selena Connell	March 05
Elizabeth Brasier	March 06
Jennifer Connell	March 06
Renee Roberts	March 06
Laura Tice	March 07
Kevin Kiser	March 09
Ben Bates	March 13
Donna Ben-lesau	March 13
Ron Petsch	March 13
Sarah Thomas	March 13
Sarah Madison	March 16
Mackenzie Harrison	March 17
Ernestine Roberts	March 20
Manny Menezes	March 21
Jan Tanaka	March 22
Irma Lowe	March 23
David Saxby	March 23
Kimiya Ricciardi	March 24
Norene Schell	March 24
Amelia Tice	March 24
Bob Harrison	March 26
Al Moser	March 26
Elizabeth Ward	March 27
Karen Kiser	March 28
John Johnsen	March 29
Patricia Lehman	March 29
Bob Behr	March 30
Kelly Sobkowsky	March 30





- March 3 **Merle & Ralph Zbrog**  
For Merle's Parents
- March 10 **Howard Triebwasser**  
In memory of his wife, Pearl
- March 17 *Needed*
- March 24 **Marlene & Duane Kiser**  
For Emma Kiser's 9th Birthday
- Judy Saxby**  
For David's 75th Birthday
- March 31 **Debi Lentsch**  
For Michele's Birthday

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

### January 2019

#### Comments:

- A terrific start to the new year!
- The January contributions exceeded (substantially) both the monthly Budget and last year's January's contributions.
- Annual contribution statements for 2018 were distributed in January 2019. If you did not receive a statement, or need a replacement, contact me.
- When making a special contribution, please clearly mark in large, bold letters what the contribution is for. Thank you.
- 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>	\$19,062	\$19,062	
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	\$2,787	\$2,787	
	17.1%	17.1%	
<b>Compared to 2018</b>	\$3,248	\$3,248	
	20.5%	20.5%	
No. of Contributors			
<b>2019</b> (Current Year)	80	80	avg.
<b>2018</b> (Last Year)	83	83	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$15	
Flowers		\$360	

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

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin  
(10:30 a.m.)  
March 3 Ben Briel, Faith Thomas  
March 6 Marlene Kiser, Karen Linfor  
March 10 Brenda Sulzmann  
March 17 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
March 24 Mary F. Harris, Dave Saxby  
March 31 Kirsten Ireton, Pat Lehman

## Communion Servers

March 3 Betty England, Mary F. Harris, Kirsten Ireton  
March 6 Peggy Moser, Gail Weber, Bob Behr  
March 17 Karen Linfor, Marlene Kiser, Shirley Prouty  
March 31 Connie Reule, Faith Thomas, Howard Triebwasser

## Counters

March 3 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule  
March 10 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman  
March 17 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig  
March 24 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser  
March 31 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule

## Greeters

March 3 Merle & Ralph Zbrog  
March 10 Lois Sherrets & Kelly Boyer  
March 17 Steven Lee & Gabby Cox  
March 24 Mack & Carole Vance and Pat Hamilton  
March 31 *Needed*

## Prayer Leaders

March 3 Judy Saxby  
March 6 Betty Englund  
March 10 Alison Thomas  
March 17 Faith Thomas  
March 24 Pat Webb  
March 31 Gail Webber

## Sunday School Teachers

March 3 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser  
March 10 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser  
March 17 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser  
March 24 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser  
March 31 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser

## Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin  
10:30 a.m. Craig Eckels  
**Readers** (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)  
March 3 Phil Petersen, Merle Zbrog  
March 6 Karen Linfor  
March 10 Rob Webb, Ralph Zbrog  
March 17 Christiana Wilson, Bob Behr  
March 24 Sarah Madison, Kelly Boyer  
March 31 Phil Petersen, Larry Dockter

## Refreshments

March 3 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman  
March 10 Marc & Alison Thomas  
March 17 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets  
March 24 Paul Maki & Chona Sison  
March 31 Jacob & Christiana Wilson

## Visitors' Gifts

March 3 Debi Lentsch  
March 10 Joyce Jensen  
March 17 Pat Webb  
March 24 Carole Vance  
March 31 Lois Sherrets

## Acolytes

March 3 Darnell Osako, LaRayna Osako-Cain  
March 10 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez  
March 17 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson  
March 24 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi  
March 31 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

## Welcome Leaders

March 3 Pat Webb  
March 10 Al Moser  
March 17 Chet Madison  
March 24 Lois Sherrets  
March 31 Karen Linfor

## Psalm Leaders

March 3 Sierra Etchison  
March 10 Aiyana Tice  
March 17 Lucy Orcutt  
March 24 Amber Mansfield  
March 31 Jai Lia Vang



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

*We will have Soup Suppers every Wednesday at 6pm until April 10th.*

*You're Invited !*