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News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



All of us, no matter what our age, are constantly exposed to advertising--in newspapers and magazines, on radio and television, on billboards, in circulars and catalogs that come in the mail, by telemarketing phone calls, and by ads on our computer screens. We are constantly being urged to buy goods and

services, to invest some of our resources for a return in the future, or to indulge ourselves in food, drink or entertainment for the gratification of our desires.

All of us, I'm sure, have been stung in our purchases or investments at least a few times. The toy we bought fell apart as soon as the kids began to play with it. The appliance we purchased never worked right. The car we got turned out to be a lemon or a gas-hog. The value of our savings and investments was challenged by a volatile economy. The medicine for which we paid dearly turned out to not really help at all.

Now along comes Christ with his fantastic offer: "Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke over your shoulders, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble. Then you will find rest for yourselves because my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) This really sounds like one of those "too-good-to-be-true" offers!

Nothing to send in, no limited time, no purchase required, no minimum order--just Christ, who makes this tremendous invitation, to come to him and find rest.

But wait just a minute. Don't hang up. Have you ever felt cornered by a chain of events that appeared to back you deeper and deeper into a situation from which you could see no escape? Have you ever felt on the verge of sheer panic as you faced choices which seemed to offer only varying degrees of disaster? Have you ever lain awake at night, burdened with anxious fears or a broken heart? You don't have to live very long to experience some of these feelings. And Christ knows that. He knows where you are in the world all the time, and he knows how desperately you need the comfort and hope, the living love, that his offer promises.

Don't think for a minute that this offer is for someone else but not for you. Christ came into the world to be with you in the challenges this world brings. If you find yourself laboring through life, trying to make some sense out of everything that is going on, this offer is for you. If you bend beneath time's load, longing for the relief you anticipate when the bundle of years is lifted, this invitation is for you. No matter what your situation, this offer is for you.

So, come to Christ in faith. Believe in him as the Son of God sent into the world to live, suffer, die and rise from death to reveal God's compassion and

care for you in your present situation and every situation to come. He offers to yoke with you so you will have strength for the moment and rest from trying to carry everything on your own shoulders. Don't miss out on this fantastic offer. It really is true. Act now! You'll be glad you did.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing With You,
Pastor Carl



20TH ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE
JUNE 28TH – JULY 4TH

Our annual fireworks sale is here! Our booth is again located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the Food Source parking lot. The funds we raise from the sale of fireworks are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We're again looking for a lot of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out this year. Here are some ideas where you can help: selling fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), coming by and visiting, bringing snacks and drinks to share, helping to unload/load the truck each day, waving flags and banners to attract passersby to our booth, buying your fireworks from us, and encouraging your friends and family to do the same!

If you can volunteer to work in the booth, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your favorite time(s). June 28th to July 2nd, the booth is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On July 3rd and 4th we're open until 10 p.m.

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help as a volunteer, just call or see me. We have a lot of fun every year (including Fireworks Booth Bingo), so don't miss out.

In His Name...

Larry Dockter
Fireworks Booth Committee Chair

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

BIBLE STUDY: THE POWER OF SIMPLE PRAYER

Folks tend to make the practice of prayer too complicated. As a result, many keep from regular prayer. They lose out on building a stronger relationship with the Lord that is nurtured through prayer in all situations. This year for our Wednesday Evenings in July Bible Study, I will be focusing on the tremendous power of simple prayer to keep us connected with the Lord and His way through everything we experience in life.

Through sharing together, along with the use of a four session DVD series hosted by Max Lucado, we will work on developing a simple and powerful prayer life. We will distill prayer to four short statements and learn how to easily add specifics to those statements depending on where we are in life and what is going on. The statements are:

- Father, you are good.
- I need help.
- They need help.
- Thank you. In Jesus' Name. Amen

The Wednesdays in July Bible Study begins July 10 and goes through July 31. We will start each Wednesday with a potluck at 6 p.m. in Schultz Hall followed by a session on one of the four prayer statements listed above. This study could help your whole family, so feel free to bring your children or other young people so they can learn the simple secrets of powerful and productive prayer for life. A sign-up sheet for the Bible study is on the opportunity table, or just feel free to come without signing up. If you can bring something for the potluck, great. If not, there will be plenty.

Pastor Carl





**ANNUAL
SUMMER
ROOT BEER AND
ORANGE SODA
FLOATS**



SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

The Evangelism Board will provide and serve Root Beer and Orange Floats in the Courtyard following the Services. This event is enjoyed by both Adults and Children on a warm afternoon.



**DINER'S
GROUPS**

Debi Lentsch and I organized the Diner's Group. We kept the groups small in order that we invite Current Members who normally do not participate in the Diner's Groups and New Members. Please let Carole Vance know if you have signed up for the Diner's Group and have not received your Diner's Group Letter. Phone Number 916-421-9172.



OUTREACH LUNCHEON

Please mark your Calendars our Congregational Outreach Luncheon will be August 10th at Sizzler Restaurant. More Information and Sign Up Sheet to follow.

-Carole Vance
Evangelism Chair

**BABY SHOWER FOR
LAUREN & JOHN
ORCUTT**



Sunday, July 21st after
10:30 service

It is almost time for Baby Orcutt to come into this world and we would like to celebrate with them this joyous coming event. This will be a diapers and baby wipe baby shower which all parents need for their special little ones.

For those who would like to help with bringing tea sandwiches, fruit or vegetables to share there will be a sign up sheet in the church narthex starting the first of July.



BUNCO - June 1 was the annual Mega Bunco Night hosted by the women of WELCA. Door opened at 5:30PM, Dinner was at 6 PM (Nachos and/or Taco Salads), with Bunco at 7 PM. Everyone had a great time and it was a great success. Many thanks to all who attended this fun event, helped or donated in some way. The mission collection for the month were items for the Sacramento SPCA.

Summer Family Potluck and Study coming Wednesdays, July 10 – July 31, at 6PM. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table or call the church office (421-5039) so we know how many people will be attending. A sign-up also will be available to help with set up and clean up for each night so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

Mission collections for July & August will be for the School Supply Drive.

Fall Festival is just around the corner and plans are afoot. Please plan to attend a planning meeting and join the fun of the event October 5, 2019. Please sign up on the Opportunity Table in areas you would like to help with for this special and fun event.

*Yours in Christ,
Marlene Kiser, WELCA President*



School Supplies Needed



- Binders
- Book covers
- Color paper
- Color pencils
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Glue
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Kleenex
- Markers (washable)
- Notebooks
- Paint sets
- Paper clips
- Pencils (#2)
- Pens
- Pocket folders
- Reams of copy paper
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Sharpeners
- Wide ruled paper

Community Concerns Committee is gearing up for our annual Backpacks 4 Kids! Every year we assemble new backpacks (graciously provided by WELCA) and supplies (graciously provided by YOU, the Congregation!) for Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary schools. Everyone who can help comes to Schultz Hall after church on August 4, 2019 and fills the empty backpacks (generally about 125) with school supplies (listed left) for needy kids. We take them to the school offices and they distribute them as needed. Everything from pens and pencils, erasers and rules, binders and bookcovers, reams of paper and large boxes of kleenex! And the list goes on!

A bin will be placed in the narthex marked "SCHOOL SUPPLIES"! Thanks for your help!

Also, a plea was recently made by Loaves & Fishes to coffee cups! See below:

Got any silly souvenir mugs that you're not using? What about the weird gift-with-purchase cups that don't go with any of your dishes? Or even a few plain ones that need a good home? If so, we can put them to good use!

We're in need of reusable hot beverage mugs for our guests' morning coffee. Reusable cups do the planet a favor by reducing waste, and there is something ineffably comforting about wrapping your hands around that first hot cup of coffee. You can share that comfort with our guests by donating your spare coffee cups to Friendship Park's breakfast program. — at Friendship Park (Sacramento Loaves & Fishes).



St. Luke's Youth



June 9th kicked off the end of Confirmation for summer break, and SLY took a trip to Scandia Family Fun Center with SLY members, leaders and Pastor Carl!

After we got back from Scandia, SLY leaders had a quick meeting with members and parents to discuss the upcoming summer events. Thank you parents for attending!

SLY members and leaders took a trip to the theater to see Toy Story 4 on June 27th. (Pictures next month!)

Our next meeting is Sunday July 14th.

Please save the date on August 11 for our first-ever SLY water play day! More details will be provided soon! (Our monthly meeting is this day as well)





Cannon Thomas

King City High School
Son of Alison & Marc Thomas
Grandson of Bob Behr
Will be attending Sonoma State in the Fall

Karstan Cagle

Jesuit High School
Son of Karen & Stan Cagle
Will be attending St. Mary's College
in Moraga California in the Fall

Amber Mansfield

Valley High School
Daughter of John & Sandra Mansfield
Grandmother: Connie Reule
Great Grandparents: Al & Irene Boschee

Ernestine Roberts

Valley High School
Relative of Jacob & Christiana Wilson

Grace Guerrero

Freedom High School
Sister of Christina Hisamoto

Jamison Ryan Smith

Capital Christian High School
Nephew of Brooke Barr
Will be entering the U.S. Airforce

Sally Hageman

University of Maryland
PHD in Social Welfare
Daughter of Jane Fanucci



Cannon Thomas & Karstan Cagle



Amber
Mansfield



Ernestine
Roberts



Brooke Barr & Karen Linfor on Graduation Sunday

thank
YOU

Thank you for all of the beautiful cards and your prayers following the "graduation" to Heaven of my Mom, Marge, age 96.

Thank you also for your sweet messages and cards for my birthday in May. You are all such a blessing.

Debi Lentsch

Thank
You!

The Evangelism Board would like to thank "Everyone" that brought pies for our Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream Social. Because of all of you, Father's Day was a success.

Carole Vance - Chair



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| Keith Spear | July 01 |
| Bruce Kiser | July 05 |
| Cliff Landaker | July 06 |
| Kris Niemi | July 06 |
| Bekka Roberts | July 07 |
| Rosie Johnson | July 08 |
| Alvin Boschee | July 16 |
| Steven Lee | July 17 |
| Pat Webb | July 27 |
| Linda Olsen | July 28 |
| Ron Zoesch | July 29 |

CLIFF LANDAKER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Landaker Family would like to invite everyone to wish Cliff a Happy Birthday at their home.

July 6, 2019
11:30 am—3:00 pm
4521 A Parkway
Sacramento, CA 95823





- July 7 **Shirley Prouty**
In memory of her Mother, Emma Tate
- July 14 **Larry & Deanna Dockter**
Thank you to all First Responders
- July 14 **Connie Reule**
For Al Boschee's 90th Birthday
- July 21 **Spear Family**
For Ursula Spear's Birthday
- July 28 **Ron Webb**
For Pat's Birthday

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

May 2019

Comments:

- The May contributions were excellent, especially for a four-Sunday month.
- As with last month, the only flaw in this report is the decrease in the Number of Contributors from last year.
- Several members are giving their contribution "online". If you wish to give "online", access your bank's website and select "Pay Bills". You will need the address of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, which is 7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento, CA, 95823.
- To assist the Sunday Counters and the Financial Secretary, please –
 - ⇒For a special contribution, clearly mark in large, bold letters how the contribution is to be used.
 - ⇒Use numbered envelopes, when feasible.
 - ⇒If you need numbered envelopes, either see me or drop a note in the offering.

When using pew envelopes, please write legibly.

- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske
St. Luke's Financial Secretary
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General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$18,556	\$90,923	
Compared to Budget	\$3,636	\$6,444	
	24.4%	7.6%	
Compared to 2018	\$3,997	\$8,846	
	27.5%	10.8%	
No. of Contributors			
2019 (Current Year)	83	80	avg.
2018 (Last Year)	79	86	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Sunday School		\$9	
Flowers		\$120	
Special Gifts Substitute Pastor & Others -\$300 Pastoral Assistance -\$200		\$500	
Lenten Offering (Coin Folders) Designated for Pastoral Assistance		\$30	
Memorial		\$55	

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
July 7 Shirley Prouty, Mary F. Harris
July 14 Faith Harper
July 21 Brenda Sulzmann, Carole Johnson
July 28 Steven Lee

Communion Servers

July 7 Shirley Prouty, Connie Reule
Faith Thomas, Howard Triebwasser
July 21 Gail Weber, Ralph Zbrog, Bob Behr

Counters

July 7 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
July 14 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
July 21 Betty Englund, Barbara Manlapig
July 28 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

July 7 *Needed*
July 14 *Needed*
July 21 *Needed*
July 28 Cathy Davis & Gaylen Everett

Prayer Leaders

July 7 Judy Saxby
July 14 Alison Thomas
July 21 Faith Thomas
July 28 Pat Webb

Psalm Leaders

July 7 Sierra Etchison
July 14 Aiyana Tice
July 21 Lucy Orcutt
July 28 Lauren Richey

Head Ushers

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

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

July 7 Phil Petersen; Judy Saxby
July 14 Ron Webb; Jan Tanaka
July 21 Christiana Wilson; Faith Thomas
July 28 Sarah Madison; Alison Thomas

Refreshments

July 7 Kirsten Ireton & Pat Lehman
July 14 **Summer Root Beer & Orange Floats**
July 21 Paul Maki & Chona Sison
July 28 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets

Visitors' Gifts

July 7 Carolyn Andrews
July 14 Steven Lee
July 21 Pat Webb
July 28 Pauline Arndt

Acolytes

July 7 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
July 14 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez
July 21 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson
July 28 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi

Welcome Leaders

July 7 Pat Webb
July 14 Gail Weber
July 21 Al Moser
July 28 Chet Madison

Sunday School Teachers—ART PROJECTS

July 7 *Needed*
July 14 Lizzy Lynch
July 21 Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas
July 28 *Needed*



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Come on out and join us!

Fireworks Booth

Hours
June 28th 12pm-9pm
June 29—July 2 9pm-9pm
July 3 & 4 9pm-10pm

Located at
Food Source Parking Lot
between McDonald's &
Starbucks