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News And Views

Pastoral Perspective



"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus, here, is teaching that loving God and neighbor is of the utmost importance for you as you follow Jesus in your day to day life. How are you to love God? By loving your neighbor. In what way are to love your neighbor? Love them as you love yourself. If you love others as you love yourself, then you are loving God. All the Law and the Prophets are distilled into this single principle. This one precept replaces the amazing detailed patchwork of the Mosaic code and covers infinitely more territory.

"Love your neighbor as yourself", Jesus said. It is the "as yourself" that is the operative element here. It is the element that you can't get around. It is the "as yourself" that makes this commandment comprehensive, universally applicable and without loopholes.

What does "as yourself" really mean? In what way do you love yourself that you should extend this love to others? Unless you suffer from severe depression or some other disorder, you love yourself in the sense that, even though you know you are not flawless, you are dear to yourself. You

ask God to protect, provide for and preserve you. You are on the lookout for people who will affirm your value as a person. You love yourself in the sense that anything connected with you seems vitally important. You need not have any illusions that you are the perfect person. You need not have any false affection for yourself. But, In spite of your shortcomings, you watch out for yourself. As for your faults, you are always hoping they will be excused by others. You feel that for any trouble you may cause, you are still somehow worthwhile. In spite of everything, you believe that there is a God given good to you that can and should be saved. When you are surrounded by people who are able to see this good and are concentrating on bringing it out, you are a vastly more joyful and better person for it.

Jesus taught that if you turn this kind of attention on others, it is love. You don't need to try to force yourself to feel false affection toward others. You don't need to try to make yourself blind to those qualities that are less than ideal about them. And you certainly don't have to always be giving others just what they want. You are, rather, to love others as you love yourself. That means you are to see their needs as vitally important. You are to see them as sharers in God's gifts rather than competitors and so share freely with them. You are to pray for the best in them even when knowing the worst.

Now you can get yourself in real trouble if you try to do this on your own power. You can use others simply to make yourself feel better about yourself or to fulfill your own desires. It is

important to share this love as you have received it from Jesus—humbly, graciously, seeing yourself simply as a channel of this love. Jesus isn't asking you to get into the lives of others to direct the traffic or control them or force yourself upon them. God has a special plan and purpose for each of His children. He is rather inviting you to join Him in this vital work of love and to trust that in His power, love really will conquer all.

*Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl*



Our Lenten Season will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th with a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA at 6pm in Schultz Hall followed by the Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes Service in the Sanctuary at 7pm. Each week through April 1st Soup Suppers and services will be in Schultz Hall at 6pm. The following is the list of hosts for each Soup Supper.

Ash Wed., February 26, 2020	W-ELCA
Wed., March 04, 2020	Council
Wed., March 11, 2020	Youth, Education & Property
Wed., March 18, 2020	Evangelism & Community Concerns
Wed., March 25, 2020	Worship & Music & Choirs
Wed., April 01, 2020	Congregation

The drama series for this year is entitled "How to Be A Disciple." If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Carl.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

After Ash Wednesday our Lenten services will be held Wednesdays in Schultz Hall. 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. If you would like to participate in the dramas, please contact Pastor Carl. If you are not in the choir, your help with clean up would be most appreciated.

Lenten devotionals are available in the narthex. This year's devotional is entitled "By His Wounds Are Healed" and features brief daily meditations on the sacrifice Christ made for us. Families are welcome to take one per household.



Lenten coin folders are also available. 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. If you prefer to write a check, envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday.



The Women of ELCA celebrated both Valentine's Day and Women Heart Health month with a group of about 20 people. We enjoyed a potluck lunch, devotions and a fun Valentine Bingo game was done by Peggy Moser. Minutes were read from our last meeting from November, 2019, by Gabby Cox and the Treasury report was presented by Triss Hoppman.



The Benevolence for money earned from 2019 were reviewed and approved by the ladies present at the meeting. In 2020 we will distribute to:

To	Amount
Warm Line Family Resource Center	\$200.00
ELCA Good Gifts	\$200.00
Valley Hi Family Resource Center	\$500.00
Mustard Seed School	\$200.00
South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership	\$300.00
Elk Grove Food Bank	\$300.00
St. John's Program for Real Change	\$300.00
Samaritan's Purse	\$200.00
My Sister's House	\$300.00
Boys and Girls Clubs of Sacramento	\$200.00
Adopt a Chaplin	\$360.00
Chicks in Crisis	\$200.00
Star 6 Foundation	\$250.00
CA Peace Officers Foundation	\$250.00
School Project Backpacks	\$500.00
Pastoral Assistance	\$500.00
Memorials	\$200.00
My Mother's Voice	\$200.00
L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement)	\$200.00

New Business for the year was discussed—Fall Festival, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Mother's Day Luncheon, and Bunco.

The Mission project for February was for Union Gospel Mission, thank you all who donated any items.

A special project for Lent was presented by Peggy Moser called "Forty Days – Forty Items". The challenge to everyone is each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or dresser that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. At the end of the forty Days (Thursday, April 9th), bring the bag to church or donate it to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them.

Our next meeting will be March 14, lunch will be a potato bar – please bring topping. A signup sheet will be available March 1 on the opportunity table in the narthex. Mission support will be for "My Sister's House".

*Yours in Christ,
Marlene Kiser, WELCA President*

CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES!

Help us defeat Lord Dungeness and his six legged crustaceans ...



April 4, 2020

8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Please join us to beautify our church on Saturday, April 4th for the Spring season.

A Night Under The Stars

On Saturday, March 28th 2020 from 5-9pm, the youth will be holding our very first church ball. Tickets are on sale for \$20. You can find Amber Mansfield for tickets. The attire is set to be formal. Dinner will be served by the youth. There will be a DJ that caters to all so you can dance the night away with any whom you may choose. And a photographer will be there to capture it all! Come out and support the youth group!





- March 1 **Philip Karlstad**
For Mom's Birthday
- March 8 **Shirley Prouty**
In memory of her father, Jack
Tate
- Jacob & Christiana Wilson**
For their grandson, Celsus Ebba's
1st Birthday
- March 15 **Howard Triebwasser**
In Memory of wife, Pearl
Triebwasser
- Bruce & Karen Kiser**
For their 45th Anniversary
- March 22 **Marlene & Duane Kiser**
For Emma's 10th Birthday
- March 29 **Laura Weaver & John Linfor**
In memory of Michael Weaver
- For John Johnsen's heavenly
birthday



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| Corey Anderson | March 01 |
| Elizabeth Brasier | March 06 |
| Jennifer Connell | March 06 |
| Karen Richey | March 06 |
| Renee Roberts | March 06 |
| Laura Tice | March 07 |
| Kevin Kiser | March 09 |
| Jesse Jaeger | March 12 |
| Ron Petsch | March 13 |
| Sarah Thomas | March 13 |
| Sarah Madison | March 16 |
| Mackenzie Harrison | March 17 |
| Addison Jaeger | March 19 |
| 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 |
| Katie Light | March 25 |
| Bob Harrison | March 26 |
| Al Moser | March 26 |
| Lilia Karlstad | March 27 |
| Karen Kiser | March 28 |
| Patricia Lehman | March 29 |
| Bob Behr | March 30 |
| Kelly Sobkowsky | March 30 |

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

January 2020

Comments:

- a. The good news this month is that the Budget was essentially met.
- b. Annual contribution statements for 2019 were distributed in January 2020. If you did not receive a statement, or need a replacement, contact me.
- c. The number of unique contributors dropped significantly from 2019 – a prayerful concern.
- d. To assist the Sunday Counters and the Financial Secretary, please –
 - For each special contribution, clearly mark 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.
- e. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$16,756	\$16,756
Compared to Budget	-\$153	-\$153
	-0.9%	-0.9%
Compared to 2019	-\$2,307	-\$2,307
	-12.1%	-12.1%
No. of Contributors		
2020 (Current Year)	68	68 avg.
2019 (Last Year)	80	80 avg.
Other Special Gifts		
Sunday School	\$46	
Flowers	\$180	
Memorials	\$200	

Note: Plus values are above Budget/Last Year; minus values are below.

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 St. Luke's Financial Secretary



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care

(8:15 a.m.) Cheryl Franklin
(10:30 a.m.)
March 1 Carole Johnson, Brenda Sulzmann
March 8 Shirley Prouty
March 15 Carol Carney, Faith Harper
March 22 Steven Lee
March 29 Faith Thomas, Ben Briel

Communion Servers

March 1 Bob Behr, Kelly Boyer, Linda Duffek
March 15 Betty Englund, Kirsten Ireton,
Marlene Kiser
March 29 Karen Linfor, Shirley Prouty,
Connie Reule

Counters

March 1 Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule
March 8 John Orcutt, Triss Hoppman
March 15 Kelly Boyer, Barbara Manlapig
March 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
March 29 Debi Lentsch, Connie Reule

Greeters

March 1 Brenda Sulzmann & Carole Johnson
March 8 Laura Sondrini
March 15 Pat Hamilton & Carole Edwards
March 22 Amber Mansfield & Elizabeth Wilson
March 29 *Needed*

Prayer Leaders

March 1 Gail Weber
March 8 Ralph Zbrog
March 15 Cathy Davis
March 22 Bob Behr
March 29 Kelly Boyer

Psalm Leaders

March 1 Kimiya Ricciardi
March 8 Aiyana Tice
March 15 Lucy Orcutt
March 22 Lauren Richey
March 29 Amber Mansfield

Head Ushers

8:15 a.m. Ron Franklin
10:30 a.m. Larry Dockter
Readers (8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.)
March 1 Phil Petersen; Triss Hoppman
March 8 Ron Webb; Marlene Kiser
March 15 Christiana Wilson; Karen Linfor
March 22 Sarah Madison; Kirsten Ireton
March 29 Phil Petersen; Al Moser

Refreshments

March 1 Ed & Kirsten Ireton
March 8 Marc & Alison Thomas
March 15 Paul Maki & Chona Sison
March 22 Kelly Boyer & Lois Sherrets
March 29 Jacob & Christiana Wilson

Visitors' Gifts

March 1 Pat Hamilton
March 8 Kelly Boyer
March 15 Pauline Arndt
March 22 Carole Vance
March 29 Gail Weber

Acolytes

March 1 Lauren Richey
March 8 Noella Sondrini, Anthony Basquez
March 15 Claire Kerian, Elizabeth Wilson
March 22 Lucy Orcutt, Kimiya Ricciardi
March 29 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez

Welcome Leaders

March 1 Pat Webb
March 8 Al Moser
March 15 Chet Madison
March 22 Lois Sherrets
March 29 Karen Linfor

Sunday School Teachers

March 1 Lauren Orcutt, Christina Hisamoto, Peggy Moser
March 8 Laura Tice, Samantha Basquez, Peggy Moser
March 15 Alison Thomas, Lajuan Andrews, Peggy Moser
March 22 Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser
March 29 Alison Thomas, Laura Tice, Peggy Moser



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We will have Soup Suppers every Wednesday at 6pm until April 1st.

You're Invited !