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NEWS AND VIEWS

Pastoral Perspective



Waiting is hard work. If we are waiting, it says we don't have something we want or need. Currently, we are waiting to be able to get out of the house and gather with others without fear of giving or receiving a horrible virus. There are two primary qualities that we are encouraged by God to

nurture in our lives as we wait.

The first quality is patience. There is simply no peace without patience because no matter how powerful our urges might be for fruition, things won't be rushed. God tells the prophet Habakkuk and us, "If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay." Patience is a fruit of the Spirit that allows the Christian to adapt to the inevitable waiting. It is also a means of bringing the Christian into tune with the gradual unfolding of God's plan and purpose. God is working even through this time to bring blessings. When we have the patience to watch and listen and aren't trying to hasten things ahead of their time, we begin to learn how God is working and are enabled to be a part of that working.

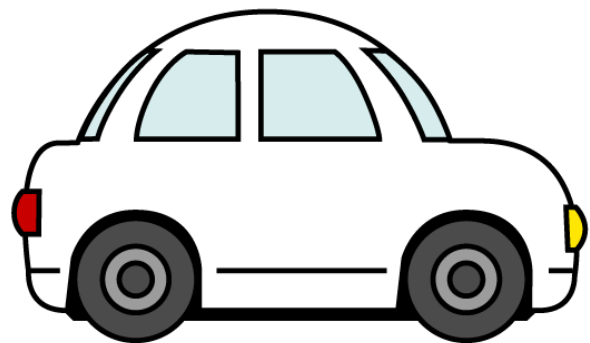
The second quality is vigilance. As we patiently wait, we have to remain alert. Otherwise patience turns into stupor. We must wait, but we must also stay awake to what is developing and how we are

called to be and act in the situations and circumstances we are in. We are encouraged to watch and listen for God's working and be ready to respond to the Spirit's call immediately. In this way we are participating in the Lord's plan and purpose for us and get to take part in His work in the world.

We don't know what all God is doing during this time of waiting. My prayer is that we are patient and vigilant in our waiting on the Lord.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



**Join us for Drive through Prayer!
 We are in the church parking lot
 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. every
 Sunday.**



1. Web Worship continues weekly. We receive much encouragement and support in producing these videos. That is deeply appreciated as this is new for all of us. More people are taking part in the services as the weeks progress. Holly Hoppman is doing a great job directing and producing the videos. I don't understand the reporting of YouTube viewing numbers well enough to report on them other than to say each view often includes more than one person viewing. When we resume in-person worship, the current plan is to videotape one of the services for posting on our website.
2. I have been working with the task force for reopening in-person worship. The group is doing a great job in working on the many things that need to be considered and planned as we look forward to having in-person worship. Shirley Prouty is doing a wonderful job leading the group.
3. Reopening the office and the facility for other activities has not been discussed much as in-person worship is seen as the priority.
4. I have started two zoom groups, studying Matthew in depth. One group of 14 group members meets on Tuesday mornings. Another group of 12 group members meets on Wednesday evenings. We got a great start and look forward to delving into the riches of Matthew's gospel. Let me know if you would like to join in the study.

5. Drive-Through prayer continues every Sunday with a regular group of about 35 taking part with more folks on special days. Drive-Through prayer is available in the church parking lot from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
6. Carol Carney, Carolyn Andrews, Ron Zoesch, and Pat Webb are assisting me in calling through the roster to see how folks are and to ask if they have any needs or prayer concerns. I believe these individual contacts are very important for our keeping together as a congregation.



It's been slow going, but I have officially started up Sunday School Zoom. So far, there has not been a lot of interest among the kids. Only Amelia Tice and Sarah Thomas so far, but I am hoping to get more kiddos involved! If your kid(s) are interested in joining us, I am happy to email materials or drop off at your home, and get you the Zoom invite. Please call or text Laura (916)271- 7566 if you would like more information about this virtual kids ministry.





First and foremost, SLY leaders would like to welcome our 2 newest members, Anthony Basquez and Megan Thomas! So glad to have them join the group as incoming 6th graders!

We will be having a SLY meeting via Zoom on Sunday July 12th at 2pm.

Also, we will be having a SLY social distancing meet up at St. Luke's on Saturday July 18th at 10am. Bring your own lunch/snacks as there will be no sharing!

If you need more information about either event, please call or text Laura at (916)271-7566

Hoping to see everyone soon!

Laura

this time is extremely important for planning, even if it ends up changing when we actually do re-open for in person worship. Thank you so much.

For the remainder of 2020, once we have in person worship, I plan to usually:

1. attend in person worship
2. worship at home (using the worship service posted on the website)
3. neither
4. It depends on:

Please respond no later than July 5. Again, thank you. Your response is critical as we consider when and where to hold in person worship at St. Luke's.



Community Concerns again this year will be leading a Summer Mission Project – School Supplies 4 Kids!

This year due to the pandemic the project will only include collecting school supplies (graciously provided by the congregation). The collections will take place through July, with being able to deliver the supplies in August to Charles Mack Elementary and Parkway Elementary Schools. A bin will be placed out on Sunday during the Drive through Prayers (9:30 am to 11:00 am) for collection of the school supplies. Thanks for your help with this mission.

Following are School Supplies Requested by the Schools:

- Copy Paper
- Dry eraser markers
- Small white boards for the students
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Pencils



RE-OPENING IN PERSON WORSHIP AT ST. LUKE'S

The church council is working very hard on planning a safe re-opening of in-person worship at St.

Luke's. We need your input in order to make the best decisions. Please email the church office at office@slca.org or call at 916-421-5039 with an answer to the following question. Your response at

women OF faith



There will be a W-ELCA Board Meeting in July to discuss the upcoming events for the rest of the year. Once the calendar can be discussed, more information will be coming to all for possible events in the Fall.

Yours in Christ,
Marlene Kiser,
WELCA President



REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

During its 94-year history, our church has functioned under a constitution and bylaws that reflected the theology and policies of the church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). These documents support our mission to “spread the Good News, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world.” The current constitution and bylaws were last revised in December 2010. In subsequent years, the ELCA has made a few changes with more significant changes made and approved at the churchwide assembly in August of 2019.

Our Church Council has recognized a need to update the constitution for some time, but waited until the major revisions in 2019 were approved. Thus, in late 2019 a small group, consisting of Bob Behr, Betty Englund, Jack Fenske, and Christina Hisamoto, was formed to review St. Luke’s constitution and bylaws and to draft new documents that are consistent with the new Model Constitution developed by the ELCA and synods.

The small group completed its work and presented the draft documents to our Executive Committee and Council for further review and approval. Approval was received on February 18, 2020. Subsequently, the draft documents were forwarded to the Sierra Pacific Synod for assessment by their constitution review committee. The Synod committee concurred with the draft documents and the documents were approved by the Synod Council on May 2, 2020.

The final step is to present the revised constitution and bylaws for approval to the Congregation at a congregational meeting followed by a second meeting to ratify the amendments in accordance with constitution procedures. Unlike the 2010 documents where the constitution and bylaws were two separate documents, the proposed 2020 constitution and bylaws are consolidated in one document.

In accordance with the constitution, the Council has made the combined document available to church members so that members can review the document prior to the congregational meetings held to approve/ratify the updated document. There are three ways in which you can access the documents:

1. Go to the Home Page of the website (slclca.org) and “click” on the respective link below the “Give Online” button. There is one link for the proposed constitution and bylaws document and a separate link for the summary of changes from the 2010 version.

2. For those not able to access the website, go to the Church Office where copies are available for review. Before coming to the office, please call (916-421-5039) during regular office hours (9:00 – 12:00, Monday-Thursday) to ensure it is open.

3. Email Bob Behr (bkbehr@comcast.net) and request an electronic copy be emailed to your email address.

The date of the meeting has not been set as we continue to be restricted on gatherings. Once the situation becomes better known, the appropriate arrangements and notifications will be made.

The Church Council requests that all members review the proposed, revised constitution/bylaws through one of the options above and be prepared to vote at the designated time. If you have any questions, contact Bob Behr.

Happy Birthday

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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 |
| Lily Neidich | July 20 |
| Pat Webb | July 27 |
| Linda Olsen | July 28 |
| Ron Zoesch | July 29 |
| Nolan Jaeger | July 30 |



21ST ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE JUNE 28TH – JULY 4TH

We're legal – we hit the big 21! Wow, seems like yesterday. We will have to do things differently this year – incorporate social-distancing and put other safety practices into use – but we're still here to do one thing – put smiles on faces of all who love fireworks to celebrate our nation's birth!

Our booth is located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the "old" Food Source parking lot. Funds raised are used for the many property board projects in and around the church. We need lots of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out. Here's some ideas: 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, buying fireworks, and encouraging your friends and family to do the same! The booth opens at noon on June 28th, and then closes between 9 and 10p.m. through July 4th.

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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

May 2020

- The entire month of May was affected by the coronavirus “stay-at-home” orders.
- A bright spot this month. The May offerings were only a few percentage points below the May 2019 offerings and the monthly Budget.
- However, the “shutdown” continues to take a toll on St. Luke’s offerings. In “rounded” terms, the offerings are 7 to 9 percent behind the YTD Budget, and YTD for last year.
- You can now make contributions electronically (online), in addition to the conventional means. For details, go to St. Luke’s website www.slelca.org and click on the “Giving” heading for details.
- 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 | |
| Total Contributions | \$17,931 | \$82,599 | |
| Compared to Budget | \$359 | -\$6,129 | |
| | 2.0% | -6.9% | |
| Compared to 2019 | -\$626 | -\$8,325 | |
| | -3.4% | -9.2% | |
| No. of Contributors | | | |
| 2020 (Current Year) | 67 | 67 | avg. |
| 2019 (Last Year) | 83 | 80 | avg. |
| Other Special Gifts | | | |
| Lenten Offering (coin folders) <i>Designated for Pastoral Assistance</i> | | \$10 | |
| Memorials | | \$240 | |
| Pastoral Assistance | | \$50 | |
| Offset Processing Fees | | \$35 | |

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



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