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News and Views



Pastoral Perspective



"...You have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ..." - Philippians 1:5

These words of Paul to the Philippian church express how I feel about you as I give thanks for the privilege of serving as your pastor for the last twenty-seven years. From the time we came to St. Luke's, Triss, Holly, and I have felt as though we have been a part of a congregation of folks wanting to "spread the Good News about Christ, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus." We have never felt we were doing those things simply on behalf of the congregation but together as a group who, "by the power of the Holy Spirit, accept the call" to be about God's work in the world. The Lord has used us mightily for His work. He will continue to do that through you as Triss, Holly, and I end our affiliation with St. Luke's on December 31st of this year.

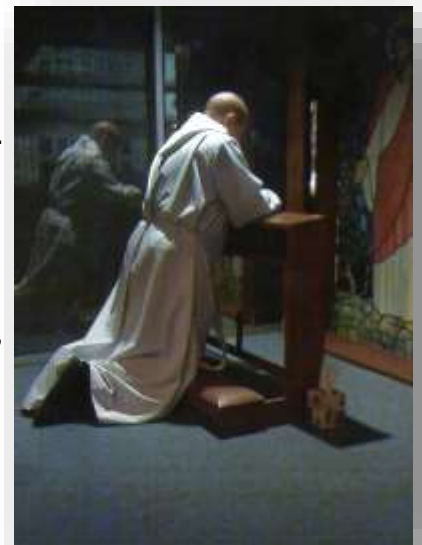
At the age of seventy, after forty-three years as an ordained minister, I have decided it is time to retire. As you may know, when a pastor retires, he or she no longer is affiliated with the congregation he or she has served. That means, beginning

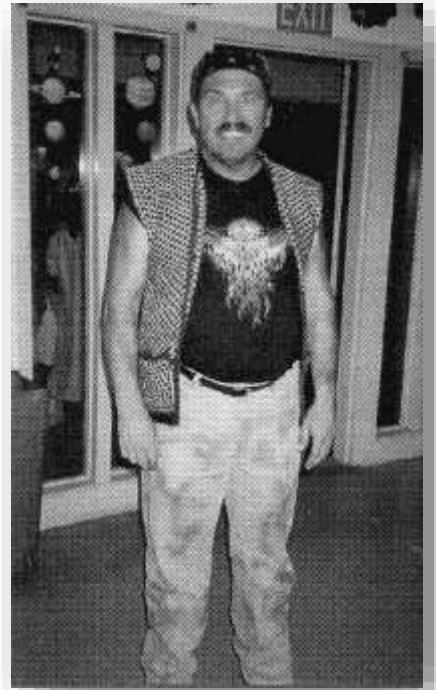


January 1, 2021 I will not be available for pastoral acts such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, or funerals. I will also not be available to provide pastoral care in situations of need. An interim pastor will serve the congregation in these ways from the time of my retirement until a new pastor is called. It is vital that a good transition from one pastor to another is made. That is why the retired pastor is expected to refrain from a pastoral presence in his or her former congregation. This will be particularly challenging for us as we have been together for so long in such a loving relationship. It is, however, for the best so that St. Luke's continues to grow and flourish in God's work in the world, and that Triss, Holly, and I are able to go forth into the next chapter of our lives. We would still love to share with you in the future, but that needs to be simply as friends.

Triss, Holly, and I will be affiliating with another congregation in the new year. We will be excited to hear how St. Luke's makes a great transition to a new pastor. Let's really enjoy these next three months together and keep one another in prayer as we go forward in the Lord's love.

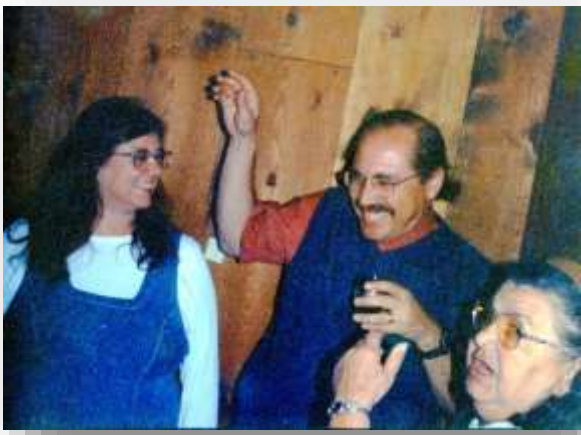
Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl











MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greeting,

First and foremost, I am hoping everyone is doing well during this very trying time. Staying healthy and safe is an important issue for all of us especially now.



I just wanted to give an update on in-person worship. We recently received an email (a copy is below) from Bishop Homelrud, which details concerns on opening the sanctuary for worship services

"Earlier this summer, and based on information and advice from health professionals, I encouraged our congregations to refrain from returning to in-person worship until after the end of September. The latest advice from health professionals is that a return to in-person worship, as well as many other indoor activities, may not happen safely until well into next year. The upcoming "normal" flu season, exacerbated by the continuing presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, will likely mean extra precautions will need to be taken to insure that our worship and other activities do not contribute to the transmission of these viruses to anyone, especially those who have been identified as the most vulnerable.

In California, Gov. Newsom has initiated an interactive website that allows you to check current restrictions for gatherings/businesses in your county. The website is <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Please work with these guidelines, local county health officials, and the leadership of your congregation as you make decisions about returning to in-person worship, whether indoors or outdoors."

**Bishop Mark Homelrud
September 9, 2020**

Please note, a taskforce has been formed and they are currently working hard to get things prepared so when we get the go ahead to open, we will be ready. We do not have a specific opening date, but as soon as that information is received you will be notified.

Pastor Carl and Holly will continue to prepare the online worship service, until the end of the year, which is available for viewing on the Church's webpage and drive-thru prayer service is also available each Sunday morning 9:30 to 11 am.

Please note, Pastor Carl and Holly are willing to train anyone interested in being the Church's new videographer. If you are interested in learning how it is done, please let Pastor Carl or Holly know.

I am so looking forward to seeing each of you on a Sunday morning real soon.

Remember: Wear a mask, wash your hands and social distance,

Your Sister in Christ,
Carolyn Andrews



REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS A VOTE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE

In the July News & Views, an article summarized the efforts to update and revise the constitution and bylaws for St Luke Lutheran Church in accordance with the model constitution developed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The article also outlined the opportunities for congregation members to review the draft documents. Specifically, (a) The draft documents were posted on the Home Page of the church's

website (www.slelca.org), and (b) an alternative process was outlined for obtaining paper copies. The intent was to allow members ample time to review the documents before a vote for approval or disapproval was requested. If the congregation approves the revised constitution/bylaws, a second congregational vote will be necessary to ratify the revised governing documents.

Due to the current restrictions to gather and no definite relief of those restrictions before the end of 2020, the Church Council decided to move forward by sending a letter and ballot to voting members, as defined in the current 2010 constitution, for voting to approve or disapprove the revised constitution/bylaws. The letters and ballots will be mailed about October 1, 2020.

The Church Council encourages all voting members to review the proposed revisions to the constitution/bylaws and to vote and return their ballots by November 1, 2020. If you have any questions, contact Bob Behr at (916) 686-5299 or bkbahr@comcast.net.

women  OF faith



Hello all,
It has been a very unusual year this 2020 with everything that has been going on. It has been hard for all of us to not be together to praise our Lord and Savior through the Annual Bunco fund raiser and now the Fall Festival. With that being said I have been asked if there is a way since we have not been doing our normal Mission Supports monthly

that they can still give to W-ELCA? YES. If you would like to donate to W-ELCA please do. You can send your donation to the Church Office, drop it in the Church Office mail-slot or can give it Pastor Carl on Sunday during the Drive-thru Prayers. Please be sure that the envelope or check indicates that this is for W-ELCA. All money donated will be used for our Benevolence for 2021. Thank you.

W-ELCA will have a board meeting the second Saturday in October. We will discuss Thanksgiving and Christmas at that time. We will know more at that time what we can do at the church. More information to be coming.

Yours in Christ,
Marlene Kiser,
WELCA President



The Community Concerns Board has been blessed in the month of September to provide service to the community.

On Sunday, September 13th, we provided a wonderful sack lunch to 120 homeless in our community. Included in the lunch were a sub sandwich, bag of chips, tangerine, suckers and mask. Many thanks go out to Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Gail Weber, Gaylen Everett, Cathy Davis, Steven Lee, Carol Carney, and Michael and Linda Duffek.



The director of Chicks in Crisis reached out to Linda Duffek for some items they desperately needed. Linda along with items we had available in the clothes closet, donated 45 infant sleepers and 75 pairs of socks to their group.

Thank you for all your donations for school supplies. We will be delivering the supplies to the schools at the beginning of October. So many wonderful children will have been blessed with our donations!



As the weather starts to turn milder, our next project will be for the donation of socks! We will have a sock barrel available on Sundays during drive thru prayers with Pastor Carl starting in October.

In loving service to the Lord,
Linda Duffek and Cathy Davis



I wish to Thank my wonderful Church Family for all the Healing Prayers and Cards following my Knee Surgery. I would especially like to Thank Kelly Boyer , Lois Sherrets and Peggy Moser for the wonderful delicious Dinners.

I am healing great all because of the wonderful Prayers and Thoughts.

Carole Vance



Voting season is upon us and what an important time to have your voice heard!

St. Luke's facility will be open for voting, ballot drop off and conditional voting registration starting October 24th to November 3rd. This year you will get a new, larger and more decorative sticker and free pen! Social distancing and face coverings are highly recommended. There will be sanitation stations and face masks and shields if needed. Below is the schedule:

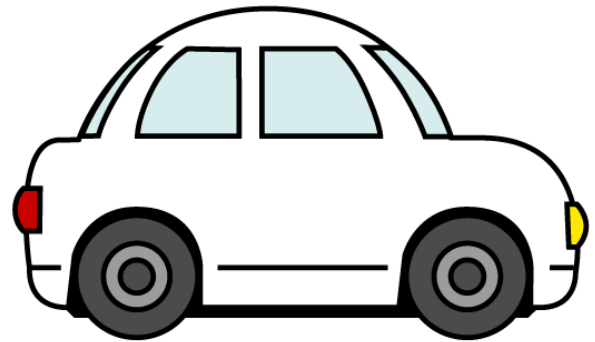
Saturday, October 24— Monday, November 2
8am—4pm

Tuesday November 3 ELECTION DAY
7am—8pm



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Grayson Olmeda	October 02
Micayla Shower	October 02
Ferd Boschee	October 03
Hannelore Marchuk	October 03
Howard Triebwasser	October 04
Gail Weber	October 07
Thelma Williams	October 07
Ron Franklin	October 08
Jeff Kiser	October 08
Ofelia Ojeda	October 08
Isaac Diaz	October 15
Duane Kiser	October 19
Joan Mooney	October 21
Greg Neidich	October 27
Christina Hisamoto	October 28
Dixon Richey	October 28



**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.**



Irene Boschee celebrating her 88th birthday back in August.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

August 2020

(Note: Normal church worship services and other activities were suspended beginning March 18, which significantly affected the data in this report.)

- August was a five-Sunday month.
- Last year, the contributions in August were poor. Remember, we could travel and go on vacations. So, do not let the monthly figure impress you. More importantly are the comparisons to the Budget and Year-To-Date figures.
- 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.
- In July, a mid-year contribution statement was distributed to each contributing member. If you did not receive a statement, contact me.
- 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	\$14,656	\$126,162	
Compared to Budget	-\$1,550	-\$13,817	
	-9.6%	-9.9%	
Compared to 2019	\$4,464	-\$15,643	
	43.8%	-11.0%	
No. of Contributors			
2020 (Current Year)	59	63	avg.
2019 (Last Year)	64	77	avg.
Other Special Gifts			
Special Gift (dumpster fee)		\$200	

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





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