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News and Views

Pastoral Perspective

WHERE WE ARE IN THE CALL PROCESS: TRANSITION TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

Our Church Council has decided to assemble a Transition Team to begin the process of preparing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) for St Luke's Lutheran Church. This document is used as a "resume" describing our needs and vision to our Call Committee, our Synod and the candidates for next pastor. This document will display a thorough and comprehensive reflection of who we are, our community, our mission and our vision. The better our description the more affinity we will have with the candidates our Synod provides. This is an important, special project function of the church. Our siblings in Christ on the Transition Team will be listening to the whole congregation, conducting needs surveys of our local community both individuals, churches and organizations, as well as gathering statistics from our area.

What is your role in the process? Listen to the prophet:

...I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
 your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 your old men shall dream dreams,
 and your young men shall see visions.
 Even on the male and female servants,
 in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

- Joel 2:28-29

We request your recommendations as follows:
 In pondering and praying and listening to the Spirit,
 I offer the following person(s) to be considered by our
 Church Council
 to serve on our Transition Team:

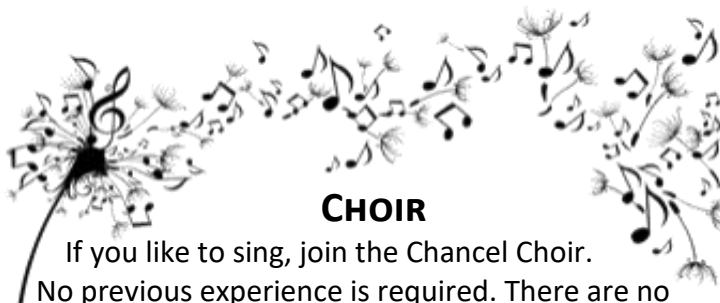
_____ (yes, you may recommend yourself) (yes, you may name more than one)

I believe this because they have the following qualities:

This form will be available in the bulletin, the newsletter, at the church office. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office or email (we won't keep track of your name).
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 These offerings will be compiled and presented to Church Council who will recruit the Team.

Peace
 Interim Pastor Bill





CHOIR

If you like to sing, join the Chancel Choir. No previous experience is required. There are no auditions and it is not necessary to know how to read music. The only requirements are a desire to learn to praise the Lord with song and a willingness to attend one weekday evening practice and Sunday morning 10:30 worship.

If you are interested please contact our Jane Fanucci. Email: jef100bicen@yahoo.com or call (916) 224-4917



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2021 REVIEW

I had the amazing opportunity to have been part of the SPS Assembly 2021. This was my second time attending and I was excited to elect a new Bishop. 2 out of the top 3 candidates, were members of the LGBTQIA+ community. As an ally, this made me so proud to witness history being made. We elected the first transgender Bishop, from any denomination. Bishop-elect Megan Rohrer is proud to serve in this role and ready to accept the challenges ahead. This is an exciting time to be part of such progressive change and moving towards a new future together.



Bishop-elect
Megan Rohrer

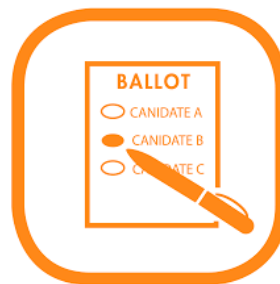
-Christina Hisamoto

REVIEW OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY MAY 6-8

The Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA, of which St. Luke's is a member, held its annual assembly virtually on May 6-8. The Synod covers ELCA churches in northern California (Fresno north) and northern Nevada. Due to health restrictions the assembly was held via Zoom and LUMI, a program that allowed for controlled voting on candidates for Synod Bishop, various resolutions, budget, and representatives for various committees. Our voting representatives to the assembly were Pastor Bill, Christina Hisamoto (Vice President), and Bob Behr (Treasurer). Current Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud presided over the events except for the voting for a new Synod Bishop which was overseen by ELCA Vice President Bill Horne, a lay leader of the ELCA and the City Manager of Clearwater, FL.



The assembly opened on the evening of Thursday, May 6th with a service of prayer followed by numerous administrative actions. It was also the time for the first ballot to elect the new Synod Bishop. The first ballot was titled an ecclesiastical ballot which meant any rostered minister could be nominated. There were 42 nominations with many receiving one vote and none receiving 75% of the votes, the requirement for the first ballot. Those nominated had the opportunity to withdraw their names from consideration prior to the second ballot on Day 2.



On Friday, May 7th the session opened with an introduction of nominees for Synod Council by conference (we are in Conference 3, Capital Valley Conference) and subsequent voting (our conference representative elected was Pastor Casey Dunsworth, UC Davis ministry). Additional voting was held to select voting members for the next churchwide assembly (our elected conference representative was



Reverend Linda Boston, Church of the Master). This was followed by the ELCA Churchwide Report given by VP Bill Horne. Included in his presentation was a video from Presiding ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and a review of the many

outreach dollars to various programs both in the U.S. and abroad. This was followed in the afternoon by the second ballot for Synod Bishop with the slate of 13 nominations for consideration. Again, no nominee acquired the necessary percentage of number of votes cast (75%) for election. The field of nominees was reduced to the top seven candidates who were provided up to five minutes to address the assembly prior to the third ballot. The third ballot required a two-thirds majority to be elected and again none of the seven nominees obtained the necessary votes. The field was then reduced to the top three candidates for the next ballot.

On Saturday, May 8th the Synod budget was reviewed and passed. In addition, two resolutions were brought forward: (1) Synod Compensation Guidelines (annually presented to the assembly for affirming guidelines for pastor compensation), and (2) Paid Leave for parental and care of family due to illness (new initiative for church staff presented for consideration). The two resolutions were discussed and approved with only a few minor amendments to the proposed Paid Leave resolution. Presiding Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud, who has served 13 years in his position, was honored as Bishop Emeritus for his dedication and contributions over his time serving the Synod. Prior to the fourth ballot for Bishop, the top three candidates participated in a question-and-answer session on various topics of leadership, management, and experience. Following that session, the fourth ballot was held with 60% of the vote required for election. Again, no one



received the required number of votes so the field of candidates was reduced to the two top vote getters. After the final two remaining candidates had five minutes each to again address the assembly, the fifth and final ballot was conducted with a simple majority required for election. The results were the election of Synod Bishop-elect Reverend Doctor Megan Rohrer who will assume her new position formally on July 1. Bishop-elect Rohrer is currently presiding as pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in San Francisco. After final announcements, the assembly closed with a Service of the Word and various installations. The next Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 2-4, 2022 in Sparks, NV.

-Bob Behr



“God’s Work, Our Hands.”

The Worship & Music Board is so very thankful to the following who have volunteered to assist with various duties during church services: Phil Petersen, Faith Harper, Mary Frances Harris, Carol Carney, Susan Wessner, Faith Thomas, Karen Linfor, Carole Vance, Kirsten Ireton, Kelly Boyer, Connie Reule, Steven Lee, Peggy & Al Moser, and Lois Sherrets. Volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated!

For Mother’s Day, long-stemmed roses were presented to the ladies, along with a gift from St. Luke’s W-ELCA. Congratulations to Claire Kerian, who was confirmed on May 16th. Pastor Bill presented her with a beautiful Lutheran Study Bible. Our patriotic banners were displayed on May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day, and Red Poppy pins were distributed to all who attended.



In the past, Choir was not active during the summer months. This year, the Choir and Jane Fanucci, Choir Director and Organist, have decided to continue to perform on Friday mornings to be videoed for the Sunday services.

We are eagerly awaiting Governor Newsom's announcement on June 15th in regards to lifting restrictions associated with Covid-19. The Task Force to Re-Open has scheduled a meeting on June 9th to discuss the potential effects on St. Luke's.

In God's Love,
Shirley Prouty



W-ELCA meeting on Saturday, May 8th was a Zoom meeting only due to the windy weather that day which prevented us from meeting in person in the green park area. There were 8 women who attended the Zoom meeting.

Marlene Kiser opened the meeting with a prayer; Faith Thomas lead the Devotional for the meeting; Minutes were read by Gabby Cox; the Treasurer report was provided by Connie Reule; and the Mission report was done by Peggy Moser & Faith Thomas. Purses are still being collected for: Jessie Purse Project; donations for Mary House (part of Loaves & Fishes) were taken down to them by Faith and Gail; Kiwanis Family House donations were taken down by Linda.

The combined W-ELCA and Community Concerns Mission Projects for June is to support the Sacramento SPCA. Needed are new or gently used towels & blankets, pet toys, leashes, collars & pet food. The June & August mission support will be the collection of school supplies for both Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary Schools.



Upcoming Events:

- Please note there is no W-ELCA Meeting planned for June, the next meeting will be in September.
- June's Bunco

event: A decision was made to move the event to either the end of July or August. With the updated guidelines for California State/Sacramento County coming in June we are hoping that we can use the Schultz Hall for the event. More information will be coming hopefully by the end of June on the exact date of the event and when tickets can go on sale. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THEM.

- September's Meeting on September 11, 2021 will be at 11:30 am in person in the Schultz Hall. As the event comes closer a determination of luncheon will be made.
- Fall Festival is still being considered but maybe in a limited form. More to come as more information becomes available for what we can do.
- November's Thanks Offering Sunday will be November 21, 2021.
- The Annual W-ELCA Christmas Party is planning to take place on December 11, 2021.

Yours in Christ Love,
Marlene Kiser, WELCA President

SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

The July and August Mission Project for Community Concerns and W-ELCA is the collection of basic school supplies for Charles Mack Elementary School and Parkway Elementary School.

Please drop off any supply donations either in the Church Narthex as you come to church or you can drop them off before you go through the Drive thru Prayers on Sunday morning. All supplies will be needed by the first of August so supplies can be counted and donated to the schools before school starts either in mid-August or September.



Needs for Charles Mack Elementary School:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- White boards
- Scissors
- Paper

Needs for Parkway Elementary School:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- White boards
- Student Scissors
- Lined Paper
- Markers
- Backpacks



**22ND ANNUAL
FIREWORKS SALE
JUNE 28TH – JULY 4TH
2021**

After last year's Fireworks Sale (we sold EVERYTHING in the booth by 5pm on July 4th), we'll see how this year goes! No matter what happens, we're 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



thank you

My Daughter, Terri L. Harris died on May 4th. I would like to thank the members who offered their condolences and words of solace to me. I appreciate each and every one. The cards and words were so uplifting God has blessed me to be among Pastor Bill and all of the members. I accept all prayers because I believe in God and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Mary Frances Harris

Congratulations

GRADUATES



Megan Thomas promoting from Harry Dewey Fundamental and will be attending Barrett Middle School in the fall.

Jake Kiser will be promoting from 5th grade to Middle School. He will be continuing his education at Bradshaw Christian School.



After 3.5 years, Selena Connell, daughter of Jennifer & Phillip Connell, procured a degree in Communications and Psychology from Texas Christian University.



During her undergraduate career, Selena pursued her passion of mentorship and leadership in various roles in the office of the TCU's Student Development Services (SDS).



Conner Ricciardi is promoting from 8th grade from Sutter Middle School to McClatchy High School.

On a personal note, she discovered and continued to pursue her own physical and mental health throughout college-- and encouraged everyone she loved to do the same through her invites for long walks on campus and the trails.

Angie Martinez is graduating from Valley High School. She is planning to attend Paul Mitchell Beauty School.



Due to the changing climate of the world, Selena graduated virtually in November 2020. She walked the stage in early May of 2021, with family awaiting her on the other side.

Selena currently works in Advertising for PMG Digital Agency, with a focus of media planning and buying on the Athleta account. She is grateful every day to grow in her early career by utilizing the skills she gained during her undergraduate experience. Though, she is more grateful for the people who have encouraged her to be able to go this far so soon in her young adulthood.



Eli Korhonen is graduating from San Francisco State University with a degree in broadcast journalism and electronic media.

At the moment, Selena calls Fort Worth, Texas home. However, she is seeking her next adventure in the coming months and is excited for what is to be in the future.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

April 2021

*(On-site worship services did not return until
March 7, 2021).*

Comments:

- a. Encouraging. The number of unique contributors for April is the most for any month this year to date.
- b. The monthly offerings fell **just** short (\$800) of the Budget.
- c. The YTD offerings are about \$6,700 below Budget.
- d. Compared to 2020, the offerings this year are about 20 percent less for this month and YTD.
- e. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary



Karen Cagle	June 01
Phillip Connell	June 03
Phillip Petersen	June 03
Laura Sondrini	June 07
Elizabeth Wilson	June 08
Peggy Moser	June 15
Caliana Osako	June 20
Shirley Prouty	June 21
John Orcutt	June 22
Cannon Thomas	June 23
Gabriel (Gabby) Cox	June 26
Stan Niemi	June 26
Morgan Furry	June 28
Paul Edwards	June 29

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
Total Contributions	\$14,033	\$52,622
Compared to Budget	-\$797	-\$6,693
	-5.4%	-11.3%
Compared to 2020	-\$3,623	-\$12,047
	-20.5%	-18.6%
No. of Contributors		
2021 (Current Year)	58	54 avg.
2020 (Last Year)	61	67 avg.
Other Contributions:		
a. Easter Lily—		\$15.00
b. Offset Processing Fees—		\$3.00

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



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