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From Pastor Bill
Interim

When we say our prayers, there is much to include: many in need of healing, all in grief, those fighting fires, and let us include the people invited to serve on our Transition Team. We can pray for people without knowing their names. During this time they are making a personal decision to share their love for God, the Church, and this Church: St Luke's with their energy, time, wisdom, and faith.

Many of us are receiving a weekly email from St Luke's inviting us to take up this action of prayer. As you have been able to participate online or at the church during Sunday service you have been engaged with this prayer. An now with this monthly newsletter all are invited to this action of lifting up our calling for the action of the Holy Spirit.

Pray hard. Pray often.

Peace
Pastor Bill
916-562-3564
cell and text.





O, SING PRAISES TO THE HONOR OF HIS NAME

If you like to sing, join the Chancel choir this fall. 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 Wednesday evening practices and Sunday morning 10:30 worship.

Choir practice begins Wednesday, September 8th. Regular practices are Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Sunday mornings the choir gathers at 10:00 a.m. for rehearsal of the piece for the day.

Please let the Greeter know or contact Jane: 916-224-4917.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Are you looking for ways to serve on Sundays during worship? There are always opportunities to do so, and those who are currently helping in many capacities are so appreciated. As you probably know, St. Luke's Lutheran Church has only four paid employees – Interim Pastor Bill Wessner; Rochelle Jaeger, Church Secretary; Jane Fanucci, Organist & Choir Director; and Maria, Custodian. And, they are all part-time employees. Volunteers are vital to the operation of St. Luke's.

At this time, Acolytes are needed on Sunday mornings. Prior to Covid, this job had been



performed by St. Luke's youth. However, during our transition phase, that is not the case. We would certainly appreciate volunteers who can step up to light the candles during the opening hymn, and extinguish the flames during the closing hymn.

Sign-up sheets are available on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary or call Shirley Prouty, 916-389-0673 to volunteer. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to volunteer in this capacity.



W-ELCA had their annual mid-year Board Meeting in July. Discussed were the upcoming events for this coming Fall and Winter.



The Annual Bunco event has been planned this year for August 14, 2021. Doors will open at 5:30 pm, dinner will be at 6:00 pm, and Bunco will start at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be a Pasta Dinner cooked by Mike & Linda Duffek, our normal great MC will be Larry Dockter and the normal Raffle will take place. Mission Project for the event is again this year donations to the Sacramento SPCA.

In September we will have the first in-person meeting since the Pandemic on September 18th, 2021 at 11:30 am. Please note this is one week later than our normal second Saturday of the month meetings. Lunch will be provided by W-ELCA. Mission Project will be South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership. Gathering items are non-perishable food items.



Our October Fall Festival will be a modified version of the normal Fall Festival. We are planning a Yard Sale to sell by Donation Only. Starting after Bunco on August 14, 2021 items wishing to be donated to the Yard Sale can be brought to the church and placed in the back room behind Schultz Hall. At the Yard Sale, we are looking at also having our Country Sale to sell pre-packaged baked items.



In November W-ELCA will lead the Thanks Offering Sunday, November 21, 2021. More information will be coming at the September W-ELCA Meeting.

In December, W-ELCA will have their Annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2021. The planning of this event will start at the September meeting also.



W-ELCA is looking forward to getting back together and being able to meet again in-person.

Yours in Christ Love,
Marlene Kiser, WELCA President



The school supplies you have so generously donated to Charles Mack and Parkway schools will be put into 120 backpacks on Sunday, August 8 after the worship service.

We Need Your Help

If you are able to stay after worship on August 8, we would appreciate the help to put all the school supplies into the backpacks. We have 120 backpacks to fill for Charles Mack and Parkway Schools.

If you are able to deliver some of the backpacks to the schools on Monday, August 9, please contact Linda Duffek or Cathy Davis.

We want to send the student back to school with our prayers and our blessings. Join us for worship on August 8 as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Invite your friends. Students and teachers of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, laptop bags, and/or briefcases for a special blessing on August 8 during our regular service.





22ND ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE

*... and on the 8th day, they rested ...
... then they whooped and hollered - again!*

Another great sales year. And like last year, we were blest with an abundance of goodwill, fellowship and Great Weather! On the sales side, we had our best year (even beat last year). Almost every day set a new high sales total. Instead of our normal average of around \$28,000, we had sales of over \$46,580 – even bested last year by \$520! Customers were definitely ready for some family fun with fireworks!

After paying for expenses (fireworks, taxes, assorted sundries, and permits), we'll put over... insert drum roll here...\$17,700 in the bank to help the Property Board with the work they do here in keeping the church facilities in tip-top shape! Of that total, 10% will go to the Community Concerns Board to be shared for benevolence.

After doing some additional number crunching, I thought I'd share a couple of numbers – 1) we've sold over \$525,000 in fireworks over our 22 years and 2) put roughly \$180,600 into the bank. Wow! There was the usual cadre of volunteers who helped out by providing food, water, snacks, drinks, other tangible or monetary donations, selling or buying fireworks, setting up or taking down the booth, or who spread the word to family and friends to stop on by and visit us. We had great food – pizza, salads, fruit, cookies, brownies, cakes, donuts, popcorn, chips, and other snacks. We always have a great time working at the booth because it's always nice to meet the new faces,

welcome our returning customers, and to watch the excitement in the kids' faces. Even with face masks on. That's the best part, the fellowship and fun we share with our neighbors and friends. And finally, an extra shout-out to the faithful team of volunteers and visitors – Dorothy, Carolyn, Lajuan, Bob, Kelly, Elizabeth, Alanna, Stephanie, Carol, Daniel, Mariah, Kinsley, Phillip, Jennifer, Selena, Kathy, Deanna, Anthony, Victoria, Isaac, Deanna, Lisa, Gaylen, Jack, Micki, Kim, Ron, Matt, Pastor Carl, Triss, Katie, Jesse, Rochelle, Addison, Nolan, Bruce, Karen, Duane, Marlene, Jared, Rachel, Adalyn, Jacob, Jeff, Clarence, Steven, Karen, John, Sandy, Amber, Joseph, Al, Peggy, Greg, Shirley, Connie, Lois, Mark, Jim, Brenda, Faith, Justin, Laura, Aiyana, Ron, Pat, Gail, JC, Andrew, Pastor Bill, Susan, Mike, Jacob, Mark, Suzanne, Margot, and many, many, others. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Thank you to all and see you next year!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter
Fireworks Committee Chairman



St. Luke's Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA
7595 Center Parkway, Sacramento

Invite you to attend our 16th annual
MEGA BUNCO FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Dinner will be served at 6PM

BUNCO begins at 7PM

Limited Seating

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

it's easy and fun!

Cost \$15.00 per person

PRIZES - RAFFLE - DINNER

For information and/or tickets contact 916-606-7880

or send an email to welca@stelca.org

We will be collecting items for our local SPCA
(towels, blankets and pet food)



Safety is very important to us. We are following the states' COVID guidelines. Masks are required for those are not vaccinated.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

June 2021

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

Comments:

- a. June's YTD data provide a mid-year contribution report. The figures include all contributions (on-site, online, mail, through bank, etc.).
- b. The Finance Board will use this report to (1) review the current Budget for any necessary adjustments and (2) begin the process of developing a budget for next year.
- c. Currently, the figures indicate a "total", **annual** budget reduction of about 12 percent (\$23,500).
- d. In early July, a mid-year statement was sent to each member who contributed prior to July 1.
- e. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net
 St. Luke's Financial Secretary



Lois Sherrets	1-Aug
Lydia Toloy	3-Aug
Ralph Zbrog	3-Aug
Ina Reich	4-Aug
Theodore Orcutt	6-Aug
Alexander Iniguez	7-Aug
Irene Boschee	8-Aug
Linda Duffek	10-Aug
Stephanie Espinoza	11-Aug
JaiLia Vang	13-Aug
Amber Mansfield	16-Aug
Kay Yakabe	16-Aug
Kristen Encinas	18-Aug
George Zipay	18-Aug
Craig Richey	20-Aug
Angie Martinez	21-Aug
Angelo Osako	21-Aug
Aiyana Tice	22-Aug
Zoe Franklin	23-Aug
Mack Vance	23-Aug
Shirley Zipay	23-Aug
Carolyn Andrews	27-Aug
Jack Orcutt	29-Aug
Faith Thomas	31-Aug

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$10,661	\$78,229	
Compared to Budget	-\$3,294	-\$11,736	
	-23.6%	-13.0%	
Compared to 2020	-\$719	-\$15,751	
	-6.3%	-16.8%	
No. of Contributors			
2021 (Current Year)	51	55	avg.
2020 (Last Year)	51	64	avg.
Other Contributions:			
Easter Lilies—		\$135	

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



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**Join Us on August 8th
after Worship to fill
backpacks with
school supplies!**



**Our 16th Annual Bunco is
on August 14th!
See flyer inside for
details.**

