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NEWS AND VIEWS

From Pastor Bill

Interim

Are you tired of looking out for COVID? It seems the news does not let up on developments and changing implications. With each report, there is more to keep track of, a new variation of safety. It doesn't look like we can just get back to normal. Instead, we just make our accommodations and shoulder our own burden.

I don't spend much time on this path until I consider how fortunate I am with the very few life burdens I have to shoulder. To be sure I can count them up, but they really aren't that many. So I wonder about others who are encumbered with health issues, or caretaker duties, who are differently abled, or outcast, or lack opportunities.

What if normal just isn't available for everyone? Does my normal comeback to me before others normal? Do I have to still look out for others when I am in fine health?

How do we adjust for others when we don't even know their burdens? How do we take care of ourselves and each other?

There is a moment, here today, right now or in a few minutes when we can step from our desire for normal and become normal for someone else. I am not sure normal is available unless we can give it to someone else.

Be full of care out there, and

See you in church.

Peace

Pastor Bill





A New Zoom Bible Study will start on September 7, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

Duration: 26 Weeks

Topic: The Gospel of Luke

Study Guide: Luke: N.T. Wrights For Everyone Bible Study Guide

Author of Study: N.T Wright

Please let Marlene Kiser know by email: marlenek@att.net or by phone (916-424-8626, please leave a message) if you are interested in attending the Zoom classes that will run for 26 weeks so you can be included in the invite. 10 Study Guide are available to be purchased for \$8.00, for the study. More study guides will be purchased if needed.



JOIN US HELP MAKE JOYFUL NOISE!

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

Contact Jane if you are interested: 916224-4917



The Annual Bunco event which had been planned this year for August 14, 2021, was canceled due to changes in Covid concerns and low tickets sales. We are hoping it will be possible to do this later this year, please watch for information later if we are able to hold this event.

Our first in-person meeting is still planned for 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. ***Please watch for possible changes in the status of this meeting*** if conditions are not safe to hold this meeting in-person. We will then have a Zoom Meeting like we have been having.

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. Donations for 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.

Yours in Christ Love,
Marlene Kiser,
WELCA President



WORSHIP AND MUSIC AND CHURCH COUNCIL

On behalf of the Worship & Music Board, the Task Force to Re-open St. Luke's, Church Council, and Pastor Bill, it's difficult to say, "Bye, bye, so long, farewell" to a dear friend, but that's what we are faced with. Effective September 3, 2021, our dear friend and beloved church secretary, Rochelle who has done an exceptional job of juggling myriad tasks, as well as being a strong support to many - in addition to being the Pastor's "right hand," will be leaving us and beginning a new career venture.

We have been so fortunate to have such an extraordinary secretary whose knowledge and expertise, coupled with your cheerful, "can do" attitude, will be sorely missed.

Rochelle, Thank You!! You have truly been a blessing to us. We will certainly miss you and we wish you the very best in your new job, knowing that God has many blessings in store for you!

In Christ's Love,

Shirley Prouty Chair of Worship and Music &
Re-opening Task Force
Carolyn Andrews, Council President



On behalf of Community Concerns and WELCA, we would like to thank the congregation for your generosity of school supplies. You make such a difference for so many children.

Also, a big thank you to all the members that stayed after church to stuff the backpacks.

The backpacks were delivered to Parkway and Charles Mac elementary schools on Monday. Both schools were extremely pleased and honored to accept the backpacks filled with goodies.

Linda Duffek, Cathy Davis, and Marlene Kiser





**WE PACKED
126
BACKPACKS**





I want to thank all of my church family for making my 90th birthday so special! A special thanks to Kelly for putting it all together. Also, thanks to Deb and Cindy for the beautiful decorations and my sister, Marilyn for the BIG birthday cake!! Thank you all for the beautiful cards!

With warmest regards

Lois Sherrets

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

July 2021

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

Comments:

- a. July is the first month in 2021, for which, the monthly offerings exceeded the Budget for the month. Well done and thank you!
- b. The YTD data provides a better review of the offerings to date for 2021 – nearly a \$10,000 shortfall (9.4 percent less). This current shortfall must be considered as the Finance Board develops the Budget for 2022.
- c. In early July, a mid-year statement was sent to each member who contributed prior to July 1. If you did not receive a statement and believe that you should have, please contact me.
- d. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary*



Marlene Kiser	2-Sep
Cathy Davis	3-Sep
Pauline Arndt	7-Sep
J.D. Cox	7-Sep
Barbara Manlapig	7-Sep
Iva Bates	13-Sep
Noella Sondrini	21-Sep
Anthony Diaz	24-Sep
Ken Light	26-Sep
Tom Harper	28-Sep
Jack Fenske	29-Sep
Lynn Gavia	30-Sep

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$14,313	\$92,542	
Compared to Budget	\$2,168	-\$9,568	
	17.9%	-9.4%	
Compared to 2020	-\$3,216	-\$18,967	
	-18.3%	-17.0%	
No. of Contributors			
2021 (Current Year)	53	54	avg.
2020 (Last Year)	58	63	avg.
Other Contributions:			
Memorials—		\$300.00	
Fireworks—		\$100.00	

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

Our friends in Christ who are now in the heavenly kingdom.



Walt Arndt,
August 2

Cliff Landaker,
August 2



Christine Herndon,
August 4

Please uphold their family in prayer, that they are held tightly in the loving embrace of the Lord as they grieve.

Dear St. Luke's Family,

I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving the Office Secretary position on September 3rd.

I have been offered a fulltime position at a local business closer to my children's school and our home.

I have so enjoyed working here these past four years. I am grateful for having a chance to work here and getting to know you all. I will never forget your kindness.

Thank you for the terrific four years. I wish you all the best and hope to stay in touch.



Rochelle



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Sunday
at 10:30 am
for In Person
Worship*