



# NEWS AND VIEWS

November 2021

From Pastor Bill

Interim

Many years ago, I gashed my head on an open cupboard door. No stiches, no band-aids, only super glue. The Physicians Assistant who patched me up had a wonderful time trying to slide her fingers off the wound without reopening it because the super glue stuck to her gloves. This accident was a sad interruption of my "normal" Friday night I would have enjoyed yet I spent it in a trauma unit of a big hospital with the local tragedies all around.

Here we are with November in front of us and as much as we would like the encroachment of COVID to relent its grip on our "normal" life the sticky fingers keep holding on to us. We are practicing our survival and reshaping during this global trauma and reforming of our health, economies, politics, and faith lives. Schools are still adjusting; Christmas shopping is disrupted by supply chain issues, and we are being told to brace for another surge. What is "normal" or what is the "new normal?" Our Bishop tells us we have more than a third of congregation in our Synod undergoing a transition of one sort or another. (And they haven't visited all 180 yet!)

We rise from our difficulties, and we confess resurrection out of death. Look in this newsletter and see the works that are rising again, see also the opportunities for our rising. We are winding down the church year a little ahead of our calendar year and we have much

serious work to do. But we also see return to traditions and new traditions coming our way. Read through this newsletter and find the thing that

reminds all of us of the "normal" and find the places we at St Luke's can stand into, there are many. Find also the opportunities of what we are becoming, faithful, hopeful, raised.

As a community rooted in Christ, we know that life goes on, and in our sustaining together we become the gift of God acting into this world. How our lives go on, what we choose to live for, what we will put our energies into, will be our faithfulness, an expression of who God has made us. As one season, cycle, or rhythm transitions to the next I ask us all to earnestly consider how we will be standing together as God's people in this place.

Pray Hard!

Peace

*Pastor Bill*

note: And I am always ready to show the scar on my forehead. Peace



**Positions Available**

**Are you be interested in joining the TEAM? The following Council positions will be available in 2022:**

**Council Secretary**

**Council Treasurer**

**Evangelism Board Chair**

**Youth Board (SLY) Chair**

**Please be in prayer and consider where you might be able to assist in continuing St. Luke's mission.**

**If you're interested in volunteering for either of these positions, let's talk.**

**Your Fellow Servant in Christ,**

*Carolyn Andrews*

**Council President**

Mark your calendar!! Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held, this year in-person, on **December 12, 2021** immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Sorry there won't be a potluck following the meeting, due to the Covid restrictions. We will be presenting the proposed budget for 2022, and the above listed leadership positions. For those of you who aren't able to attend in-person that's okay, because you'll be able to participate via ZOOM. More information will be provided in mid-November.

Thank you for your continued support. All that's being done, couldn't be done without each of you. St. Luke's church family is strong as always.



**WOMEN OF FAITH**

W-ELCA again this year had a modified version of the Fall Festival with the White Elephant Sale/ Donation event. This year we added the Country Store and sold pre-packaged



baked goods and jams. Everyone had a great time just being together again doing something for our community that day.



I want to send out

special thanks to all the women and men who helped both Thursday to sort the merchandise for



giveaway and on Saturday morning helping with the event. I personally want to send a very special thank you to Carol Carney and Judy Saxby for Co-chairing



the White Elephant event; Kelly Boyer, Lois Sherrets, and Carol Vance for taking charge of the Country Store

selling the pre-packaged baked goods, and Faith Thomas putting



together a special flyer about our church - St. Luke's Lutheran Church - and what we have to offer as a church to our community.

**December Events:**

Our Annual W-ELCA Christmas Party is being planned for December 11, 2021 so please mark your calendars so you can plan on attending. Current Co-chairing the event is Peggy Moser and Carol Carney, with help from Karen Linfor, Faith Thomas and Marlene Kiser. More information to come as the event comes closer.

Please watch for information coming from Community Concerns on the Annual Christmas Mission Project.

Most importantly W-ELCA has board member vacancies that will need to be

filled by January. Please let me or one of the W-ELCA Board members know if, you or someone else is interested in serving on the board.

Yours in Christ,  
Marlene Kiser,  
WELCA President



Our Community Concerns Team has placed a barrel in the narthex for the Elk Grove food bank.

Community Concerns & WELCA have partnered with the Elk Grove food bank to collect items for their Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway.. "Just the fixins:" Canned Gravy / Gravy Packets, Canned Vegetables, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Canned Cranberry Jelly, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Packages of Pasta, Canned Chicken Broth, Muffins & Cornbread Mixes, Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese. You can also donate a gift card from a local grocery store. You can make a donation, checks payable to the "Elk Grove Food Bank"

Thank you in advance,  
Linda



The Zoom Bible Study continues Tuesdays at 10:00.

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. (the guide is also available for Kindle)

- Note: our cycle of readings on Sundays will have Luke at it's center beginning November 28th.

## READINGS IN NOVEMBER

November 7 All Saints Sunday  
Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24,  
Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

November 14  
1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146,  
Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

November 21 The Reign of Christ  
& Thank Offering  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93,  
Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

November 28 (Advent Begins)  
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-26

## SL-YOUTH

SLY will be baking **Pumpkin Bread** on **November 20th**. The bread will be ready for **pick up Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will not be taking orders this year, it will be first come first serve. As in previous years it will be a free will donation.

Thank you for your support.

SLY

*Donations of flour, sugar, eggs and canned pumpkin would be greatly appreciated (as usual).*

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*November 7, 2021*

We will be remembering the Saints Triumphant, that is the Saints in Glory. Because we are now gathering in Worship please make the office aware of St Luke's Family and your family members you would like to remember on this special day.

Please be in touch with the church office office@slelca.org or Peggy Moser pegmo1212@yahoo.com regarding the name, and birth and death dates as well as a narrative.



## What an unbelievable **Community Outreach Event that WELCA**

sponsored on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Judy Saxby and Carol Carney, once again agreed to be Co-Chairs of our October Festival Yard Sale, which once again due to Covid became a mini October Festival that included only the Yard Sale and Country Store.

First I want to thank Judy, who we all know has moved physically to Auburn but part of her remains with us at St. Luke's – as I sat with her at the donation table and she passed out the flyers that we thank Pauline Arnt for suggesting, explaining what we do at St. Luke's – Judy always said –WE would

love to have you join us anytime for worship and other events here at St. Luke's.

We both want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who donated "White Elephants" or helped us in any way to make our sale what we so wanted it to be. Only asked for donations and the support was beyond belief.

Our regular members of WELCA were of course, there for us, Dorothy, Marlene, Carole, Karen, Peggy, Faith, Gail, Lois and Kelly. The support from other Boards was amazing as well, Cathy Davis, Gayle Everett, Linda and Mike Duffek from the Community Concerns Board and no words adequate to thank Property Board member, Bruce Kiser and Karen Kiser for opening up the facility every morning, on Thursday the day of sorting and again on Saturday, the day of the sale, and helping the whole time, both days, -helping us close each day. Oh yes, we noticed Jacob Wilson helping us, as well.

Highlight of the day among many other comments and love shown by the neighborhood I must tell you that a dear sweet, loving neighbor Latifa, adjacent to the back of our church came with her family wanting to know if we need any help and came back bringing lemon grass tea and homemade wonderful cookies and cake to share with us.

See you next year – maybe bigger and better if that is possible. - *Carol Carney*

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT**

*September 2021*

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

**Comments:**

- a. The Budget for each month is determined based on its percentage of the annual Budget as calculated by previous year’s data. Historically, September through December is a period of elevated offerings. This factor combined with less-than-average offerings this month creates a September’s offering that is 33 percent (\$5,000+) below Budget.
- b. Note: The remaining three months all have monthly budget values that surpassed the September’s value.
- c. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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St. Luke’s Financial Secretary

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$10,689	\$116,596
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$5,156	-\$15,344
	-32.5%	-11.6%
<b>Compared to 2020</b>	-\$4,794	-\$25,052
	-31.0%	-17.7%
No. of Contributors		
<b>2021</b> (Current Year)	52	54 avg.
<b>2020</b> (Last Year)	55	62 avg.
<b>Other Contributions:</b>		
Memorials –	\$485.00	

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

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*Hannah Encinas .....November 06*  
*Andrew Harrison .....November 07*  
*Judy Saxby .....November 10*  
*Julie Ireton .....November 14*  
*Marc Thomas .....November 15*  
*Alison Korhonen-Kerian ...November 16*  
*Micki Fenske .....November 27*  
*Carl Hoppman .....November 27*  
*Mark Encinas .....November 29*  
*Dax Moser .....November 30*

**APPRECIATION**

*A Note from Peggy Moser & Family*

My family and I want to thank everyone for the many prayers during Allen’s illness and especially the pouring out of prayers, cards and phone calls when he passed. I can’t tell you how much the love from our St. Luke’s family and Pastor Bill got us through these difficult times. It means so much to us to know you care.

*Peggy Moser and Family*

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*A note from Susan and Pastor Bill-*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the kind gesture of a lovely card and the generous love offering for Pastor appreciation month.

We feel blessed to get to know each of you as best we can. We know that when you’re ready God will provide a permanent pastor for St. Luke’s. In the meantime, we will enjoy every opportunity we are blessed to have with you.

*Blessings & Peace,  
Pastor Bill & Susan*



November Is a Busy Month .....

We celebrate All Saints Day, November 7th, honoring those who have passed away in the last two years. If you have family members you would like to remember on this special day, please contact the church office at [office@slelca.org](mailto:office@slelca.org), or Peggy Moser, [pegmo1212@yahoo.com](mailto:pegmo1212@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

Veterans Day is November 11th, and will be observed at church on November 14th. Our military banners will be proudly displayed to honor those members and family members who have honorably served in the United States military. If there is someone in your family who has honorably served in the military, who is not included on the banners, please let me know, so his/her name can be added.

W-ELCA's Thank Offering will be celebrated on November 21st.

November services end with the beginning of ADVENT on November 28th. Traditionally, a family group volunteers for the Advent readings and lighting of the Advent candles. Please let me or Pastor Bill know if your family is interested in participating in this tradition.

Our Choir Director/Organist, Jane Fanucci, continues to hope for more choir members. Previous experience is not necessary. Although small in number, our choir works diligently to provide beautiful music every Sunday. Please let Jane know if you are interested in joining the choir. Practice is every Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

And, just another note regarding masks. The Sacramento County Health Department has not made any changes to the mandate to wear masks while inside. Several college studies have proven that even small droplets of moisture from mouths and noses can be spread much further than six feet. So it is with much caution and consideration of the protection everyone, that masks must be worn while in church. Masks for adults and children, lovingly made by several members, are available at the table in the Narthex.

In Christ's Love,  
*Shirley Prouty*, Chair,  
Worship & Music Board



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