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NEWS AND VIEW

Pastoral Perspective

From Pastor Bill

In the following pages we will see the Annual Reports of our many formal committees and council, this is the look over our shoulder at the year past.

As we read these reports gathered here, let us keep in mind, they represent the hard work of many faithful servants. Let us reconsider our role in this congregation here in this place: Sacramento and Elk Grove California, in this year this time.

We are the people who have been jostled about by a pandemic, we find ways to worship online and in-person, we are the people who find ways to make this community together.

Each of us has our own needs gather to take care of each other and know that we belong. We are coming together as voices for transition in redemption and faithfulness. Our coming together is about how our expression of faith in the God that loves us and how we express his love in this community.

There is a moment of faith that Jesus has with his disciples as he gathers them around 5 loaves in two fishes. Their eyes are set on him as he sees the same crowd that they do. But he gives thanks for the loaves and fishes. He gives thanks and center's their focus on what God has given. Let us focus on the thanks and then follow Jesus simple instruction to feed, the multitude. Who can know how far the gift will go.

This past year we hosted several funerals in the church for the first time since the pandemic began. Without any certainty we prepared people not only from our congregation, but also from the far reach of each of these individuals lives. St Luke's has a far reach. So many needed to come to mourn loss and celebrate life, life that touches one another and ripples through

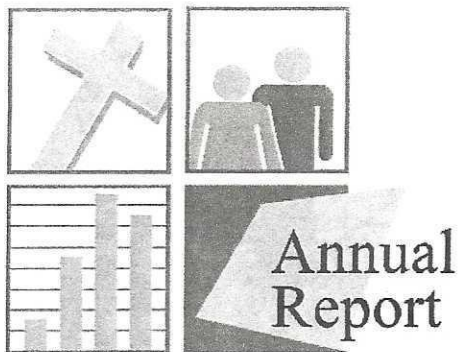
the multitudes. Our faithfulness was again charged with ambition and curiosity, in this simple act. We may be nourished personally by what happens inside the sanctuary on a given Sunday or in a classroom or in a Bible study or gathering of friends and we may think that this is not much, but that nourishment ripples out. We should never be surprised at how far-reaching faithfulness is.

Our Transition Team is accumulating the data to create our "resume." We will be meeting with the Assistant to the Bishop early this month as this document is finalized. Our Council is hard at work in prayer about the seven people who will become a Call Committee who will be doing the interviewing of the Pastors who themselves are now preparing their "resume" so at the ripe moment God will bring us together. The Transition Team is being supported by a large number of surveys returned from the congregation and the many who are aiding in writing descriptions for the resume. There is one still open, please pray, complete and return. See inside last page.

Let us prepare for the new Pastor we call and their excitement for new ministry, within the congregation and new ministry into the community for the next group of people will discover what Saint Luke's has to offer.

When confronted with a huge task Jesus simply asked his disciples what do you have? We have ourselves, always coming together, much faithful practice, and our gratitude for God's love.

Come and See
Peace
Pastor Bill



President's Report

"Through the Power of the Holy Spirit we accept God's call to spread the Good News, Serve those in need, and Share the Victory of Jesus Christ throughout the World."

-St. Luke's Mission Statement

Well 2021 began as 2020 ended with uncertainty as COVID-19 continued to ravage our country, but God had plans for us. Plans that included contracting an Interim Pastor, remember Pastor Carl retired from service as our pastor on December 31, 2020. On February 17, 2021 Pastor William Wessner, Pastor Bill as we all know him, signed on to lead us through our transition. We give thanks to Pastor Ron for his leadership prior to our contracting with Pastor Bill.

Things started settling down a bit with COVID and we were given the go ahead to begin in-person worship services with restrictions (masks, no singing and social distancing, etc). On March 7, 2021 the doors of the sanctuary reopened, and we welcomed Pastor Bill and his lovely wife, Susan. What a joyous occasion for all. The online service for those that could not attend in-person worship for whatever reason, continues.

Then our long-time office secretary, Rochelle, resigned in August and we were without a secretary for a couple of months. We hired a new secretary and she started working on November 1, 2021. If you haven't met our new office secretary, Alison Korhonen, stop by the church office any day the office is open Monday through Friday 9 – 12 and introduce yourself.

The months of May, August and September were very sad months for our Church. Several of our beloved and devoted members transitioned and left us mourning their passing. My prayer is that each of them rest in eternal peace, in the present of our Lord

and Savior. We were blessed to be able to celebrate them and other Saints on November 7, 2021.

It is my hope things turn around and we will be able to do more of our usual functions. We won't be having a Crab feed this year, but I'm hoping we'll be able to do our Fireworks booth again this year. Even with Covid, the booth was a success last year.

I am truly honored to serve as your Council President and I'm looking forward to working with and for you this year. May God continue to bless us as a church family.

Peace,

Your Servant in Christ,

Carolyn Andrews

Council President



PLEASE JOIN ME IN SAYING "WELCOME" TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND "THANK YOU" TO THOSE CONTINUING TO SERVE.

Many thanks to all of you who have served our congregation in crucial ways.

NEW

Kirsten Ireton
Carole Vance
Marlene Kiser

Treasurer
Evangelism Board
Council Secretary

CONTINUING SERVICE

Carolyn Andrews
Christina Hisamoto
Cathy Davis & Linda Duffek
Shirley Prouty
Laura Tice
Clarence Korhonen
Paul Maki
Vacant
Vacant

President
Vice President
Community Concerns
Worship & Music
Education
Property
Finance
WELCA
Youth

Thank you, to each and everyone of you who chose to serve our congregation in crucial ways and times.

We offer our gratitude to Faith Harper for serving as Council Secretary this past year and Bob Behr for serving as Treasurer for the past four years. Yes there are term limits and Bob has found one. Thanks again.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC BOARD

Worship & Music Board

2021 Annual Report

After being closed for almost a year (51 weeks, I believe) due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Worship & Music Board worked diligently with The Task Force to Re-Open the Church to prepare for resuming in-person worship in March of 2021. Both State and Local Health agency guidelines have been followed since. Those include mandatory masks; individual communion kits; every other pew blocked off to allow for distance; attendance taken at the door; and offering plates set on the tables in the back of the Sanctuary, rather than passed person to person.

Many activities and tasks are performed by the Worship & Music Board each week. Some of those include providing bottled water and hand sanitizer; Altar care, ushers, changing of paraments according to the Church calendar; providing plants for the Altar; and scheduling readers and prayer readers for each service. Some highlights during the year include:

Jacob Wilson brings his keyboard weekly to play prelude music.

Quarterly devotions are ordered and available to all who wish to have one.

Marlene Kiser operates the sound board each week, and works with Pastor Bill to live-stream services for those who choose to watch services from home.

Karen Linfor leads the congregation in singing each week.

Lenten Devotionals were ordered and made available for the congregation. Easter Lilies were

ordered for Easter services and sold to those wishing to purchase them following the service.

In May, a beautiful Lutheran Study Bible was purchased and presented to Claire Korhonen by Pastor Wessner. In conjunction with W-ELCA, roses were presented to all Mothers who attended on Mother's Day. In honor of Memorial Day, the banners proudly listing all veterans associated with St. Luke's were displayed, and Red Poppy pins were distributed to all who attended.

In June, balloons congratulating the graduates were presented to each of them.

Choir met on Friday mornings to sing and be videoed for Sunday services until they were finally able to sing during services. Although small in number, under Jane Fanucci's leadership, they make a "Joyful noise unto the Lord" and to us each Sunday.

When Church Secretary, Rochelle Jaeger submitted her resignation, a dozen roses were presented to her in appreciation for all the help she had given to Worship & Music during her tenure with St. Luke's.

All Saints Day, November 7, 2021, honored those who had passed away in the last two years. Their pictures were displayed, and a family member or friend was invited to light a candle and place it by their picture. It was truly a touching ceremony.

For Veterans Day, observed at church on November 14th, our Veterans' banners were also displayed, and Paul Maki played "Taps" during the service.

Advent devotionals were ordered and made available to all who wanted one.

The Sanctuary was decorated for Christmas, including a beautiful Christmas tree donated by Michael and Linda Duffek. Thank you to the many who volunteered to help with the tasks associated with this project. Poinsettias were also ordered and pre-sold in memory or in honor of loved ones. The Christmas Card Box was also set up in the Narthex for the traditional card exchange. The Choir performed a resounding Cantata on December 19th. And on December 24th, we were blessed to be able to resume the traditional candle light service.

A big THANK YOU goes to:

Dorothy Haney for taking attendance each Sunday.

Barbara Manapig who schedules Readers and Prayer Leaders each week;

Marlene Kiser who schedules Altar care workers each week;

Peggy Moser who changes Paraments according to the Church Calendar;

Larry Docktor and Kelly Boyer for ushering;

Choir members: Faith Thomas, Gail Weber, Karen Linfor, Faith Harper, Bob Behr,

*Peggy Moser, Kelly Boyer, and Suzanne Zemke
Carole Vance, Evangelism Chair, who schedules greeters each week.*

Everyone who has contributed in any way to help during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Prouty, Chair

Worship & Music Board



2021 Annual Report – Evangelism Board

2021 Started with the continued Covid 19 County Guidelines. We are unable to gather and continue with many of our Ways to Serve.

We provide Greeters for each Sunday and Visitor's Gifts (Welcome Bean Jars).

To Honor all the Special Men in our Congregation, we provided Gift Bags with Pen's, Book Marker, Candy and Individually Small Pies. It was a special day for all the Men at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

The Sunday after the Fall Parking Lot Sale, we provided Coffee and Tea to go along with the left over Pastries from the Fall Sale.

One warm Sunday in November we were able to provide Coffee, Tea and Cookies in the Courtyard. Thank you Peggy Moser for the wonderful cookies. When the weather gets warmer we will continue the Coffee, Tea and Cookies after Service. The refreshments will need to be served in the Courtyard.

We continue to send Cards to all those in need, Get Well Cards and Prayer Cards and Thinking of You Cards.

Evangelism Board Members: Carole Vance, Chair; Carol Carney and Carolyn Andrews

2021 Year End Report

This was another amazing and different type of



year. W-ELCA were able to meet 5 times using Zoom only, two times as in-person only, and one meeting dual Zoom and in-person meetings.

Benevolence for 2021 was held over to 2022 due to our unavailability to hold our traditional Annual Events.

Mission Projects for the 2021 years was done in collaboration with our Community Concerns Board. Please see the year end report by the Community Concern for the report of these projects.

Our Annual Bunco Party event ended up being called off this year after a couple times trying to find a time when the event could be held safely. It was finally decided to postponed the event till 2022 when hopefully we can hold the event again in June safely.

October came and even though we were not able to have our full Fall Festival again this year some of the ladies still were able to safely get together and provide a White Elephant give away of the donations that had come in. We also were able to have our Country Store providing homemade baked goods in individual wrapped packaging. What fun this event was for all who helped or just came to support us. I am happy to report that we raised \$1147.55 from the event for W-ELCA Benevolence for 2022.

In November it was a blessing that again we were able to have the Thanks Offering service in-

person in the church.

We were able to end the year in December with the Annual Christmas Party with an in-person event. W-ELCA hosted the event with homemade soup, salads, bread, cupcakes and cookies.

We had fun with some Christmas games, carol singing, and gift (steal) exchange. A short meeting also was held with the election of the following positions:

- Vice-President = Faith Thomas
- Treasure = Connie Reule
- Secretary = Marlene Kiser

W-ELCA 2022

The first meeting of 2022 was held January 8, 2022, with both a in-person and Zoom meeting. 13 women were present in-person and 3 were on the Zoom portion of the meeting.

First order of business was to fill the position of President. After some discussion it was decided that multiple members would fill the position through the 2022 year as President and perform the duties of: Attending the monthly Council Meeting; writing the article for the News & Views for the month; and leading the W-ELCA Meeting for that month.

Volunteer to cover the position were as followed:

Marlene Kiser - January

Peggy Moser – February & March

Carol Carney – April & May

Faith Thomas – September & November

WELCA Board – December's Christmas Party

Carol Vance is to represent W-ELCA at the Council Meeting for the non-meeting months of June, July, August & October.

The following updates were made to the W-ELCA Mission Members and Comfort Committee:

Mission Members:

- Peggy Moser
- Kelly Boyer
- Linda Duffek

- Carol Carney

Comfort Committee:

- Peggy Moser
- Marlene Kiser
- Dorothy Haney

Sunshine Lady = Ofelia Ojeda agreed to continue in this position.

Again for 2022 W-ELCA and Community Concern is going to collaborate in their Mission Projects. The following was agreed upon at the meeting:

- February – Valley Hi Family Resource Center
- March – my-sisters-house.com
- April – Kiwanis Family House
- May – St. John's Program for Real Change
- June – Sacramento SPCA
- July & August – School Backpack Drive
- September – Chicks in Crisis
- October – South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership
- November – Union Gospel Mission
- December – Family/Homeless Gift Certificate Project

The W-ELCA Benevolence for 2022 was discussed and distribution to the following organizations was agreed upon:

Adopt a Chaplin; Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento; Chicks in Crisis; Samaritan's Purse; St. John's Program for Real Change; Mustard Seed School; ELCA Good Gifts; Warm Line Family Resource Center; Courageous Connections; Elk Grove Food Bank Services; South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership; Wind Youth Services; and Backpacks.

Total benevolence for 2022 was \$3760.00.

Thank you all for the support of all W-ELCA projects that allowed us to support these fine organizations.

As I complete my service of President for W-ELCA I want to thank every person at St. Luke's Church for the continue support of W-ELCA throughout these years. The last two years have been a challenge with Zoom meetings, safe gatherings in-

person, and trying to continue to serve our local community in our service events. But it was amazing and a blessing to see what the women of St. Luke's were able to do and provide to our community. These women are really doing Kingdom work.

Yours in Christ,

Marlene Kiser

Outgoing W-ELCA President

Community Concerns

Yearly Report for WELCA and Community Concerns 2021

On behalf of Community Concerns and WELCA, I would like to thank everyone that contributed to our missions this year. You are truly appreciated.

Food Donations Elk Grove Food Bank:

Took 125 lbs of food donated by church members.

Backpacks for Schools:

School supplies collected and sorted for backpacks. Pastor Bill blessed the backpacks before filling. The congregation helped stuff the backpacks.

126 backpacks delivered to Parkway and Charles Mac schools.

Mother's Day collection for St. John's Shelter:

5 Bras and 2 packages of new panties.

Thanksgiving food drive "Just the fixings" for Elk Grove Food Bank

Donated 455 pounds of food and \$455.00

SPCA:

2 boxes of milk bones, 24 balls, 1 bag Friskies Cat food and 25 towels.

Christmas Project:

Received 43 \$5.00 cards from Dollar Tree and 16 McDonald's cards. These went to Union Gospel and Loaves and fishes.

Ongoing projects:

Delivered over 100 personal care items to Union Gospel.

Delivered over 15 bags of clothes to Union Gospel, Loaves and Fishes and St. John's Shelter.

Gathered over 100 purses for Julie's Purses project.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Davis, Marlene Kiser and Linda Duffek

Property Board

PROPERTY ANNUAL REPORT - 2021

The St. Luke's Bylaws states that the Property Board (PB) is responsible for the "general custodial management of this congregation's property and facilities". These responsibilities include the care, maintenance, and improvement of St. Luke's equipment, furnishings, buildings, and grounds.

It is a big job! Key components of St. Luke's facilities are (a) 4.6 acres of land, (b) 22,120 square feet of structures, (c) one large kitchen and four kitchenettes, (d) eight restrooms having a total of 14 toilets, five urinals, and 12 lavatories, (e) seven HVAC systems, (f) seven hot water heaters, (g) an asphalt concrete parking lot, and (h) four irrigation systems with a total of 22 watering zones.

Expenses: Throughout 2021, the PB limited expenses to "must-do" efforts, as funding remains uncertain during the on-going epidemic period.

Improvement projects were not scheduled. This work is funded by the PB Special Funds and \$7,200 of such funds were needed to balance the budget.

In general, the PB expenses were less than budgeted, primarily because the church facilities were "locked down" until March 7, and use was limited thereafter. In total, expenses were \$37,751, \$3,199 less than budgeted. The key costs that were less than anticipated were the utilities and Janitorial Supplies. Exceptions were Refuse Services and Water, which slightly exceeded the Budget.

Custodian: In early April, the Property Board received an email from Vanguard Cleaning Services that they could not continue the janitorial contract at the current rate. Vanguard had serviced St. Luke's since 2015. The PB determined, and the Council approved, that the most economical solution was to employ a custodian. Thus, on May 3, Maria Ruiz was hired to be St. Luke's Custodian. A custodian employee provides more flexibility and reduces this expense by about \$500, annually.

Homeless: Issues with the homeless camping overnight, on site, varied throughout the year from a continuing nuisance to extremely serious. The serious issues involve one person, who camps, overnight, under the walkway by the Sanctuary

and leaves a varying degree of messes, including camp fire debris – the evidence of fire is a grave concern. Board members, Pastor Bill, and others have spoken to the person, but without success. In August, the PB presented Council with five detailed options to mitigate the overnight camping issues. Subsequently, the issue disappeared, and no specific action was taken. However, with the rainy weather, the issue has returned, and it remains to be a problem for the PB and Council to resolve in 2022.

Work Days: The PB conducted two “All Members Work Day” events. The spring Work Day was successful with many chores accomplished, primarily to prepare the facilities for Easter services. The fall Work Day, in which, the primary goal was to clean the gutters and downspouts, was less of a success because only four persons participated (three of which were PB members). Despite the small crew, the bulk of the work was accomplished.

Tasks Completed: The significant tasks completed in 2021 are listed below.

Routinely, checked the facilities throughout 2021 – a period of limited usage of the facilities.

Purchased and installed materials to facilitate the reopening of the church facilities. Cost - \$553.

Hired a contractor to replace the access door at the north end of the Schultz Hall Addition. Cost - \$880.

Completed sufficient risk management credits with St. Luke’s insurance company to obtain savings of approximately \$300, annually.

Removed the ice maker, which was too costly to repair, and sold “as is” for \$300. The PB continues to work with WELCA on a suitable replacement.

Kept the roses and other shrubbery pruned. Thank you PB member Bruce Kiser and his faithful crew.

Employed a landscape firm to remove the debris along the building foundations and in several large piles. The cost was covered by a PB member.

Hired a plumber to repair a major leak in the main line for the irrigation system. Cost – \$375.

Employed a landscaper to replace an irrigation control valve. Cost – \$300.

Hired a plumber to repair two, leaking urinals. Cost – \$266.

Assisted Marlene Kiser and others to complete the installation of an Ethernet cable through the facilities to enable online worship services.

Reserved \$2,000 for a future project to seal coat and restripe the Parking Lot. This work, which will

cost approximately \$10,000 to complete, is required every five to seven years. To date, \$8,000 has been reserved.

Replaced several sprinkler heads (a common occurrence). Costs vary but typically are \$15/each. Hired a plumber to “snake” (clean) a long sewer line. Cost – \$312.

Employed an HVAC technician to repair the Office AC (low Freon). Cost – \$598.

In response to a Refuse Services rate increase in September, negotiated a lower rate for the subsequent months, which resulted in significant savings.

Hired a landscaper to repair a leaking fitting for a main irrigation line. Cost – \$250.

Replaced the garbage disposal for the Kitchen window sink. Cost – \$143.

Assisted the WELCA members with their “donation” Fall Festival by arranging and moving sale items.

As a result of a roof leak, between the Narthex and Sanctuary, employed a roofer to check the roof and adjacent valley for leaks, condition, and basic design. The conclusion is that this valley is critical to any debris and must be kept clean. The leak was caused by water flowing over the debris and under the shingles.

Employed a firm to check St. Luke’s fire extinguishers, an annual event required by the City. Cost – about \$200.

Replaced the complex thermostats in Schultz Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room. A joint effort of an HVAC technician and PB members. Total cost – \$438.

As noted, considerable upkeep and maintenance work is required to maintain St. Luke’s facilities. In the past, much of this work was accomplished by members, but with the number of members decreasing and aging, it is now necessary to employ outside help, which is expensive. This is another motivation for St. Luke’s to increase its membership.

Closing: The PB members for 2021 were Clarence Korhonen (chairperson), Ben Briel, Kelly Boyer, Jack Fenske, Ed Ireton, Jon Linfor, Paul Linfor, and Bruce Kiser. On St. Luke’s behalf, I thank the Board members for their dedication and hours of devoted work.

Clarence Korhonen, Property Board Chairperson



St. Luke's Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report for 2021



The following pages provide the 2021 year-end reports for the "Special Funds" and "General Fund and Budget". For reference the Special Funds are those donations/receipts designated for special purposes such as memorials, Sunday School offerings, youth, fireworks, etc. The General Fund includes all receipts by means of offerings, facility use donations, etc. and the budgeted expenses approved at the Congregational Meeting in December 2020. The Finance Board provides oversight for both accounts. The data presented in the reports are "unaudited" pending completion of an audit in 2022.

Special Funds

As mentioned above, the Special Funds Account was established in year 2000 to accommodate funds received for special or designated purposes outside of the general budgetary fund. Its purpose and management are addressed in St Luke's Policy & Procedure 2000-1. This account is managed by a Council-approved Special Funds Recorder who is currently Connie Reule. Within the Special Funds Account is the Reserve Fund, with oversight provided by the Church Council and /or Congregation. It is used primarily for emergency and/or unexpected needs, or in our current situation, as needed to meet normal expenses. The Special Funds account also continues to support the designation of 10% of the receipts from the Fireworks booth to a number of community agencies upon the recommendations provided by the Community Concerns Board. The Special Funds report shows the various designated subaccounts and existing balances on December 31, 2021.

General Fund and Budget

The General Fund report shows the budgeted and expensed items by budget account for December 2021 and for the entire year 2021. The General Fund is managed by the Congregation-elected Treasurer. With the continuing COVID-19 shut down and restrictions and eventual reopening for worship services, the anticipated income from offerings continued to fall short of the budgeted expectations. Fortunately, expenses for many line items continued to fall below budgeted levels as well; however, keeping our commitment to our employees and other normal fixed costs (utilities, taxes, insurance, etc.) put a strain on the budget. When a second round of the Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was announced in early 2021, the Finance Board investigated the various eligibility requirements and found that we would not qualify for this round based on quarterly income comparisons. As budgeted for 2021 and to meet our expenses, we supplemented the normal income with funds from the Property Board's share of the 2020 Fireworks Booth receipts (\$7,200) along with funds from the Reserve account (\$3,627). This supplemental income was beneficial but not enough to cover all the expenses. This shortfall resulted in the reduction in the checkbook balance on December 31, 2021 to \$17,320.94 which is approximately \$13,000 less than it was on December 31, 2020.

Looking Forward to 2022

With the Congregation support, we will continue to maintain/manage our financial assets and expenses in accordance with the adopted budget for 2022 and the various policies and procedures in place. It is important to note that the reductions in the checking account balance over the past two years cannot continue if St Luke is to remain viable in 2022 and beyond. As a congregation it is important that we work together to support our mission with the various donations and maintain our financial focus.

Bob Behr

2021 Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

December 2021

| Sub-Fund | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Memorials: | Number | Balance |
| Under \$99.99 | 5 | \$270.00 |
| \$100.00 to \$249.99 | 4 | \$595.00 |
| \$250.00 to \$499.99 | 4 | \$1,506.89 |
| \$499.99 to \$999.99 | 3 | \$2,160.00 |
| Over \$1,000.00 | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Subtotal | | \$4,531.89 |
| Special Funds Accounts | | |
| Community Concerns | | \$2,597.19 |
| Crab Feed Fund | | \$837.92 |
| Evangelism Board Fund | | \$1,115.41 |
| Fireworks Booth | | \$10,500.00 |
| Luau Music | | \$3,443.64 |
| Parking Lot Fund | | \$8,000.00 |
| Pastoral Assistance Fund | | \$1,594.69 |
| Property Board | | \$10,933.89 |
| Reserve Fund | | \$42,444.39 |
| Reule Handbell Fund | | \$1,633.17 |
| Sunday School Fund | | \$1,767.43 |
| Youth Activity Fund | | \$4,799.14 |
| Subtotal | | \$89,666.87 |

TOTAL

\$94,198.76

Bank Statement
Balance

12/31/2021

\$94,198.76

Connie Reule
Special Funds
Recorder

General Fund Budget Report

December 2021

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Income

| | December | | Entire Year 2021 | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| Major 40, Church Income // Minor 10, Designated Giving | | | | |
| 01 - Envelope Offerings | 19,320.00 | 13,492.00 | 184,000.00 | 150,488.00 |
| 02 - Loose Cash Offerings | 200.00 | 50.00 | 1,000.00 | 964.10 |
| 03 - Flower Income | 640.00 | 267.00 | 3,200.00 | 468.00 |
| 04 - Facility Usage | 300.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,420.00 |
| 05 - Reimbursements/Rebates | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13.00 |
| 06 - Other Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 300.10 |
| 07 - Reserve/Part 2020 FW Inc | 827.00 | 827.00 | 10,827.00 | 10,827.00 |
| 08 - VANCO E-Giving | 80.00 | 450.00 | 1,000.00 | 4,900.00 |
| 09 - VANCO E-Giving Offset Fee | 12.00 | 6.00 | 100.00 | 48.10 |
| Total Income | 21,379.00 | 15,092.00 | 201,327.00 | 169,428.40 |

Expense**Major 51, General Budget // Minor 10, Synod/ELCA**

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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 01 - Synod Benevolence | 980.00 | 700.00 | 9,300.00 | 7,820.00 |
| 02 - Other ELCA Benevolence | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 980.00 | 700.00 | 9,300.00 | 7,820.00 |

Major 52, General Budget Expense // Minor 10, Executive Committee

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 01 - Int Pastor Wages | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 02 - Int Pastor Soc Sec | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 03 - Int Pastor Housing Allow | 4,584.00 | 4,583.40 | 45,834.00 | 45,834.00 |
| 04 - Int Pastor Benefits | 2,396.00 | 2,396.16 | 23,962.00 | 23,961.60 |
| 05 - Int Pastor Cont Educ | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 06 - Int Pastor Commute Exp | 133.00 | 563.45 | 1,327.00 | 2,013.70 |
| 07 - Int Pastor Overnight Exp | 130.00 | 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 0.00 |
| 08 - Int Pastor Sal Continue | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 09 - Int Pastor External Mtgs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 | 0.00 |
| 10 - Int Pastor Prof Exp | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 11 - Int Pastor Phone/ZOOM Exp | 40.00 | 29.98 | 360.00 | 149.90 |
| 12 - Office Secretary Wages | 1,264.00 | 1,008.00 | 13,143.00 | 11,639.50 |
| 13 - Sub Pastors & Others | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 | 3,950.00 |
| 14 - Stewardship Program Exp | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| 15 - Staff Training/Checks | 0.00 | 0.00 | 296.00 | 200.00 |
| 16 - Other Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| | 9,547.00 | 9,580.99 | 101,972.00 | 97,748.80 |

Major 53, General Budget // Minor 10, Community Concerns Bd

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|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 01 - CC Program Exp | 100.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| | 100.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |

Major 54, General Budget // Minor 10, Education Board

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 01 - Sunday School | 0.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 | 446.70 |
| 02 - Adult Education Curriculum | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 03 - Other Education Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 | 446.70 |

Major 55, General Budget // Minor 10, Evangelism Board

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|------|
| 01 - Evangelism Program Exp | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|------|

General Fund and Budget Report

December 2021

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| | December | | Entire Year 2021 | |
|--|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Major 56, General Budget // Minor 10, Worship/Music Board | | | | |
| 01 - Organist/Choir Director | 1,234.00 | 1,234.00 | 14,808.00 | 14,808.00 |
| 02 - Worship Supplies | 450.00 | 84.00 | 2,260.00 | 950.92 |
| 03 - Flower Exp | 640.00 | 325.92 | 3,200.00 | 532.74 |
| 04 - W&M Other Exp | 0.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 102.35 |
| | 2,324.00 | 1,643.92 | 20,868.00 | 16,394.01 |
| Major 57, General Budget // Minor 10, Youth Board | | | | |
| 01 - Youth Program | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| 02 - Camp - Ldrs + Transport | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 03 - Camp - Youth | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 |
| Major 58, General Budget // Minor 10, Finance Board | | | | |
| 01 - Payroll Taxes | 191.00 | 209.61 | 2,139.00 | 2,284.02 |
| 02 - Workers Comp Ins | 210.00 | 282.06 | 842.00 | 1,179.17 |
| 03 - Property Fees & Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,276.00 | 3,296.54 |
| 04 - Liability Property Ins | 1,995.00 | 2,196.75 | 7,980.00 | 7,876.00 |
| 05 - Pastor Mileage | 130.00 | 54.82 | 1,500.00 | 315.01 |
| 06 - Office Supplies | 70.00 | 63.56 | 700.00 | 369.75 |
| 07 - Telephone | 45.00 | 40.10 | 540.00 | 486.74 |
| 08 - Postage | 110.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 809.75 |
| 09 - Internet | 45.00 | 42.80 | 540.00 | 513.60 |
| 10 - Copier/ Off.Equip. Suppt | 400.00 | 254.48 | 3,800.00 | 3,200.31 |
| 11 - Computer/Sftwr Supp | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,310.00 | 1,309.86 |
| 12 - Lay Conference/Convention | 0.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 | 200.00 |
| 13 - Misc. Fees & Taxes | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 413.61 |
| 14 - VANCO Fees | 20.00 | 11.82 | 160.00 | 123.51 |
| | 3,216.00 | 3,156.00 | 24,987.00 | 22,377.87 |
| Major 59, General Budget // Minor 10, Property Board | | | | |
| 01 - Facility Maintenance | 250.00 | 437.19 | 3,000.00 | 3,750.17 |
| 02 - Janitorial Svc Contract | 560.00 | 498.00 | 6,170.00 | 5,420.46 |
| 03 - Floor Care | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 04 - Landscape Svc Contract | 850.00 | 850.00 | 10,200.00 | 10,200.00 |
| 05 - Refuse Services | 340.00 | 401.60 | 4,380.00 | 4,747.06 |
| 06 - Electricity | 390.00 | 287.33 | 4,300.00 | 3,372.94 |
| 07 - Natural Gas | 350.00 | 181.40 | 2,400.00 | 993.06 |
| 08 - Sewer Charges | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,620.00 | 824.40 |
| 09 - Water Charges | 180.00 | 210.91 | 3,480.00 | 3,691.54 |
| 10 - Storm Drainage Fees | 387.00 | 386.32 | 4,640.00 | 4,635.84 |
| 11 - Street Sweeping Fees | 5.00 | 4.65 | 60.00 | 55.80 |
| 12 - Janitorial Supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 | 700.00 | 59.95 |
| 13 - Furniture/Eqpmt | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 14 - Other Property Expenses | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 3,312.00 | 3,257.40 | 40,950.00 | 37,751.22 |
| Total Expense | 19,479.00 | 18,338.31 | 201,327.00 | 182,538.61 |
| Income Less Expense | \$1,900.00 | -\$3,246.31 | \$0.00 | -\$13,110.17 |

General Fund Bank Balance December 31, 2021: \$17,320.94

Robert D. Behr, 2021 Treasurer

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

December & Year-End Report – 2021

Note: Normal church worship services and other activities were suspended on March 18, 2020. On-site worship services resumed on March 7, 2021.

| General Fund Contributions (only) | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Data | December | 2021 Total |
| Total Contributions | \$13,992 | \$156,352 |
| Compared to Budget | -\$5,608 | -\$29,648 |
| | -28.6% | -15.9% |
| Compared to 2020 | -\$449 | -\$32,120 |
| | -3.1% | -17.0% |
| No. of Contributors | | |
| 2021 (This Year) | 58 | 55 avg. |
| 2020 (Last Year) | 58 | 60 avg. |

Note: Minus values are below Budget or 2020 values.

| Other Contributions | | |
|---------------------|----------|------------|
| | December | 2021 Total |
| Sunday School | \$7 | \$7 |
| Memorials | | \$1,675 |
| Special Gifts | \$626* | \$2,221 |
| Easter Lily | | \$150 |
| Thank Offering** | \$822 | \$960 |
| Poinsettias | \$267 | \$318 |
| Youth Fund | \$70 | \$115 |
| Offset Process Fees | \$6 | \$48 |

*Includes \$355 in contributions for the Elk Grove Food Bank; a Community Concerns/W-ELCA benevolence effort.

**A W-ELCA benevolence effort.

2021 Year-End Comments:

- The ongoing COVID epidemic and lack of a full time, permanent pastor continue to significantly affect St. Luke's contributions.
- General Fund contributions were about \$30,000 (16 percent) below the adopted General Budget.
- An underlying concern is that the average number of discrete monthly contributors is decreasing, although the decrease is less if only the epidemic months are considered.
- The Finance Board has developed a realistic Budget for 2022; however, it depends on the use of Reserve and supplemental funds. This cannot continue.

General Comments:

- Annual statements of contributions for 2021 will be distributed in January, for all contributors. If you do not receive a statement and believe you should have, please contact me as noted below.
- Contributions can now be made 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 addition, some members are successfully using their bank's Pay Bills system.
- When using offering envelopes, use numbered envelopes, when feasible. The use of numbered envelopes speeds up the Sunday counting process, makes record keeping easier, and most importantly, minimizes errors.
- When you need numbered envelopes, either contact me or drop a note in the offering.
- If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary's duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- Your continuing support is appreciated. Thank you.

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



2021 Year End Report for Adult Zoom Bible Class

This year there was an Adult Bible Class held most Tuesday using the Zoom Meeting format. We started the class in January with about 10 participates and finished the year with about 12 weekly participates. Our first study was based on a book written by Max Lucado of "You Are Never Alone" where we were asked to take time to study opportunities of seeing ourselves in new ways and also our walk with God. This was done through 6 Class Sessions where we read about some miracles related in John's Gospel.

In March we started a new study on the book: "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name", another book written by Max Lucado. This study included 6 Class Sessions where we were encouraged to use our imagination so we are not only open to what God wants us to hear but also how to apply it to our life's. By watching for what God was saying to each of us and our group through our study we were encouraged to see the birth, ministry, healing, teachings, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus.

Our third study in 2021 was the Gospel of Mark. The study "Life Lessons from Mark", by Max Lucado was a 12 Session course. The Revised Common Lectionary for the 2021 Church Year includes readings from the Gospel of Mark. As we had studied the Gospel of Matthew in 2020, there was a desire to read the Gospel of Mark this year.

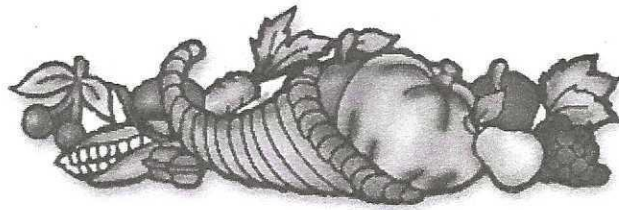
In September a new study was started on the Gospel of Luke. The study guide being used is a 26 weeks study by N.T. Wright called "Luke For Everyone". As N.T. Wright has written: "Luke, like all the Early Christians, believed that the things that had actually happened (what we would call the historical facts) had changed the course of the world, it was vital that they be presented as clearly and unambiguously as possible. Luke thus constructs a grand doorway into this Gospel. He invites us to come in and make ourselves at home. Here we will find security, a solid basis for lasting faith." This study is still on going.

Thank you all for your participation in these Bible Studies as I personally have enjoyed every one of them and I am learning so much. I pray for another great year of studies lead by the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Marlene Kiser

Study Moderator



Thank You, LORD!

Thank You's

For the following members of St. Luke's for their caring and devotion to make what our Sunday Service can possibly be through this continuing difficult time.

First we are so thankful for Pastor Bill, our wonderful Interim Pastor and his wife Susan – for those that don't know they travel back and forth from Petaluma each and every time to be there for us.

Marlene Kiser spending countless hours working with the sound and video system, leading virtual Bible Class each Tuesday morning, and taking care of altar care many Sundays.

Karen Linfor, our amazing Song Leader and of course Jane Fanucci, Choir Director, Jacob Wilson and the devoted Choir Members who have all provided beautiful music for us each day of Worship.

Thank you also to Dorothy Haney for greeting and checking everyone in as well as Jeff Kiser assisting with Altar Care each week.

Very special thank you to Peggy Moser for providing Sunday school, after the Children's sermon, each Sunday – you are encouraged to bring your children on Sunday morning to be a part of this wonderful and important part of their Christian education. -Carol Carney



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|--------------------|-------------|
| Daniel Connell | February 03 |
| LaRayna Osako-Cain | February 03 |
| Jesse Iniguez | February 07 |
| Holly Hoppman | February 10 |
| Lacey King | February 10 |
| Lindsay King | February 10 |
| Brooklyn Moser | February 10 |
| Kim Osako | February 12 |
| Robin Zoesch | February 13 |
| Ed Ireton | February 15 |
| Rochelle Jaeger | February 17 |
| Eric Linblade | February 17 |
| Andrew Encinas | February 18 |
| Ron Webb | February 22 |
| Lajuan Andrews | February 24 |
| Eli Korhonen | February 24 |
| Megan Thomas | February 27 |
| Cheryl Franklin | February 28 |

Goals and Emphasis Survey
St. Luke Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California
(for the Ministry Site Profile document)

Please respond to the following three questions. Email your selections to Marlene Kiser at marlenek@att.net or drop off at the Church before **February 6**. Thank you.

St. Luke's Transition Team

Goals: The Ministry Site Profile asks what are St. Luke's primary goals? Please indicate the goals that you believe are, or should be, St. Luke's primary goals. ***Be specific. Goals should have a specific measurable goal and specific time to achieve. You can list as many as you wish.***

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Emphasis of New Pastor: Please list up to five areas of activity or focus that you wish the new pastor to give special attention to during the **first year**.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

New Pastor Support: Please list up to five ways that you and/or St. Luke's will support and encourage the new pastor during the **first year** to help him/her accomplish the efforts of emphasis listed above.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Optional: Your name or names. Thank you.



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