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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 1/2002



# News and Views

## Pastoral Perspective

Here comes Holy Week. A triumphal victory parade (Palm Sunday – April 10<sup>th</sup>) followed by the disciple's instruction to be servants (Maundy Thursday – April 14<sup>th</sup>) and apparent defeat by worldly powers (Good Friday – April 15<sup>th</sup>) and then the Glory of God in the Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday – April 17<sup>th</sup>).

Our lives may not be as suddenly transformed as the disciples in one short week. The same issues; personally, as a community, as a culture, as citizens of the world, are still going to be before us on April 18<sup>th</sup> as are present now. Yet, in our worship lives, we are good to remember Jesus' life events in this annual cycle, to be reminded of God's presence with us. Saving power is delivered, we are commissioned to holy purpose, invited to celebrate and live within God's victory over sin and death. Come, come and see.

Our congregation's life is moving forward. The Call Committee is meeting weekly, and during Holy Week will be meeting with Pastor Manda Truchinski, Assistant to our Bishop for Leadership & Strategic Organization, for guidance in the process of interviewing candidates for the Call of Minister of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) here at St. Luke.

Pastor Manda will also lead an Open Forum on Palm Sunday after worship. This is a most excellent

time for you to ask questions and share visions. This time, your presence, your interest, will be part of her impression of St. Luke that she will carry to potential candidates. There will be a meet and greet coffee hour (half hour) after the Worship Service. Come and see.

Without a doubt, an important consideration of a call for any Pastor, is the congregation's ability to support the life, activities, and finances of the church. We are bursting, carefully out of the pandemic time in these first weeks of April, unmasking at worship and as a people we are called to renew our commitment to our work together. What better way to "get back to normal" than to return to worship? Many things, communion, offering, singing, seating will be opened again. Our highest support of this congregation, or God's word and presence will be quite beyond "normal." Truly in this time of transition God we are people "renewed" and "raised up."

Come and See  
Peace



# Presidents Message



I want to say “Thank you” to the members of the Transition Team. Their diligence, hard work and completion of our Ministry Site Profile (MSP) is so very much appreciated. The next phase has begun. Our “Call

Committee”, Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Amber Mansfield, Paul Maki, Chet Madison, Phil Karlstadt and Brenda Sulzmann, has been established and they will begin meeting soon. Please keep these individuals, and our Church family in your prayers. Pray that, with God’s guidance, the assigned task will be completed and our journey to the selection of the next pastor for St, Luke will go as He plans.

Remember to check the Church’s webpage for the April News & Views Newsletter. If you don’t have access to a computer, tablet or smartphone, please call the office and you will be sent a paper copy. A limited number of paper copies will also be available in the sanctuary on the resource table.

Covid restrictions have been lifted, and beginning April 3, 2022 you will begin seeing changes in how we will be conducting worship services. More information to come.

I wish you Peace.

Carolyn Andrews  
Council President



Changes are coming! As Pastor Bill announced at the services on March 20<sup>th</sup>, masks have been mandatory for singing, but as of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, masks

will be optional, unless there is another spike in Covid cases. The tape currently blocking off every other pew will also be removed.

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to clean and polish all of the elements used at the Altar. We will also dust the pews and vacuum where needed. Palms will also be placed to decorate the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are always welcome to help!

The Altar will be stripped during the Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 pm on April 14<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet with the list of duties to be performed is available in the Narthex. Please consider assisting in any way!

Good Friday is April 15<sup>th</sup>. The black veil will be draped on the Cross, and the crown of thorns will be placed on the Cross, as well. For those who are interested, 3x5 cards will be available to write specific prayer requests. You can nail those prayers to a smaller cross, and Pastor will pray over those prayer requests.

Easter Lilies have been ordered to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday! If you would like an Easter Lily in memory of, or honor of someone, please fill out the form that will be in the Sunday bulletins, or on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. The lilies will be available to pick up immediately following the Easter Sunday service. We are asking for a \$15.00 donation for each plant.

please remember:

It is NEVER TOO LATE to join the choir! Please see our Organist/Choir Director, Jane Fanucci, if you are interested. Choir practice is held Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

In Christ’s Love,

Shirley Prouty, Chair



We had a wonderful meeting this month and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We had 17 ladies in attendance and it was a Brown Bag lunch. Faith Thomas had crocheted every lady a three leaf clover except for three who had a four leaf clover and they received a prize. She also had a fun game of St. Patrick's Day bingo. for all of us to play.

Two main items that we discussed was upcoming BUNCO in June. We are asking anybody in the congregation who might have borrowed a St. Luke's card table to please return it so we will have enough to play.

We also discussed the Easter egg hunt. We will not be having a hunt but everybody in the congregation will get an Easter egg goodie bag. We will be filling those bags on April 11, Monday from 12 o'clock until 2 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to join us. We have enough plastic eggs and enough chocolate candy. If anybody would like to donate we would welcome individually wrapped non-chocolate candy or little toys that could fit in the bag. You can bring them to the narthex anytime before April 10. We also discussed several speakers that we would like to invite to either speak to WELCA or maybe even the congregation. We will continue these discussions at a later date.

Your Sister in Christ, Peggy Moser

### **Community Concerns and WELCA April 2022**

All ladies are welcome  
Brown Bag Lunch  
April 9th at 11:30am  
**Support Kiwanis Family House**  
<http://kiwanisfamilyhouse.org/>

Presiding President: Carol Carney

**Gather:** Socks & underwear for all genders/ ages and toiletries and household products such as: (Hotel size toiletries) shampoo, soap, etc., Hand held electric hair dryers, alarm clocks, New Pillows (for twin beds), Bath towels (White 30"x52"). Hand Towels (White 16"x30"), Wash Cloths (White), disinfectant Wipes, liquid Dish Soap (for hand washing dishes), Powdered Laundry Detergent, Unscented liquid Fabric Softener (NO DRYER SHEETS), Non-Latex Nitrile Disposable gloves, sizes M and L, Paper Plates, Cups and Bowls)

*Thank You!*

Greetings, St. Luke's Family and Friends,

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy upon the sudden passing of Ron's Mom, Dorothy Webb. Your thoughtfulness, love and support continue to bring us comfort and peace.

Ron and Pat Webb and Family

I

would like to thank Kelly Boyer and Lois Sherrets for their amazing help this week. With their assistance, we spruced up the Linfor Memorial Fountain; pulled weeds, painted the weathered posts, and planted yellow roses (donated by Lois), in the big pots on either side of the fountain. Also, a big "thank you" to Jack Fenske who worked tirelessly to get the Carillon system restored. Together we, along with our neighbors, can once again enjoy its beautiful music.

Gratefully,

Karen Linfor



General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
<b>Total</b>	\$10,328	\$26,196	
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$3,005	-\$472	
	-22.5%	-1.8%	
<b>Compared to 2021</b>	-\$589	-\$619	
	-5.4%	-2.4%	
No. of Contributors			
<b>2022</b> (Current Year)	50	52	avg.
<b>2021</b> (Last Year)	49	52	avg.

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

A. Memorials - \$445

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
*February 2022*

**Comments:**

- After a great start in January, the offerings slipped this month.
- The total contributions were considerably below, which is subsidized (see below).
- Remember the income ledger of the adopted Budget is being subsidized by \$28,000 (\$2,333/month) from Reserves and the Fireworks proceeds.
- The number of unique, monthly contributions remained steady—encouraging news.
- If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary



Anthony Neidich	April 01
Michele Clemens	April 03
Larry Dockter	April 06
Clarence Korhonen	April 12
Matthew Spear	April 16
Charles Yakabe	April 16
Megan Gadreault	April 17
Heidi Harrison	April 17
Leah Torres	April 18
Kamryn Olsen	April 19
Cheryl Menezes	April 20
Benjamin Quintero	April 24
Connie Reule	April 24
Rylee Shower	April 25
Lisa Englund	April 27
Lisa Olsen	April 28
Rachel Kiser	April 30

**Work Day at the Church**

April 9th

8am - 12pm

Please join us to beautify our church on Saturday, April 9th for the Spring season.

**NEW Christ in Our Home Devotionals are here!**

**You can pick one up at In Person Worship or**

**It can also be mailed to you. Please contact the office at [office@slelca.org](mailto:office@slelca.org)**

**Thank you.**

**Pledge Cards** for 2022 are available at the church in the back of the sanctuary, let the church office know if you are unable to pick one up at the church. We are happy to mail or email

Registration for **Synod Assembly** has just opened. It will take place in **Sparks Nevada** on **Thursday, June 2, 2022 through Saturday, June 4, 2022**. More information is available at <https://www.spselca.net/synodassembly>.

This is an invitation for **you** to consider being a delegate to the assembly.

# Holy Week



Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 10, 2022

10:30am

Maundy Thursday Service

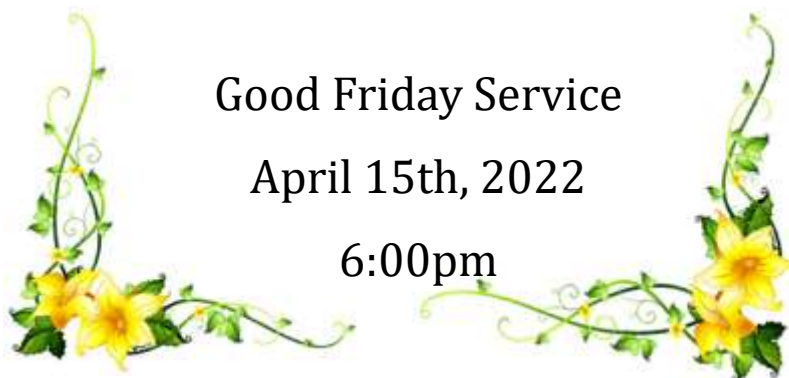
April 14th, 2022

6:00pm

Good Friday Service

April 15th, 2022

6:00pm





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# Celebrate Easter with us!

Easter Sunday, April 17th

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Goodie bags will be available



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Worship Service

10:30 a.m.