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# News and Views

## Pastoral Perspective

### From Pastor Bill

Thank you to our Delegates to the Assembly, Carolyn Andrews, and Marleen Kiser. This is a deep thank you to them for their faithfulness and perspective and participation in this vital connection between Jesus' church at St Luke's and Jesus' churches working together as the Sierra Pacific Synod. Carolyn and Marleen's reports follow.

Even before I spoke at the announcements on Pentecost morning about our turbulent Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, - see the YouTube video of our service:

<https://youtu.be/XS9Km9rbXds>

our Bishop Megan Rohrer had already submitted their resignation.

As reported by the San Francisco Chronicle:

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/sf/article/S-F-transgender-Lutheran-bishop-resigns-amid-17223465.php>

And by Sunday Evening our Presiding Bishop (ELCA National Bishop) Elizabeth Eaton, had, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, suspended Bishop Rohrer, and issued a statement about the next steps. Please see our Synod website for this full statement.

<https://www.spselca.net/post/announcement-from-presiding-bishop-elizabeth-eaton>

Or visit the ELCA website:

<https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8151>

A word of comfort for our faith and church in the midst of this storm, - St Luke's, the Sierra Pacific Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church all belong to Jesus. We are Jesus' Church and just as you and I receive and experience salvation through Jesus Christ, Jesus' Church does as well. Together, in all times and circumstances as a person or a Church we are redeemed sinners seeking to be faithful witnesses. Jesus never forsakes us.

You can look through the SPS or the ELCA Websites, and see the greater works, we together, are doing. Indeed while you are there sign up for the newsletters and dive into how we are Church together.

You can know the ELCA has protocols and procedures in place for the appointment of an Interim Bishop.

And you can believe that Sunday at St Luke's, the Gospel will be Preached and the Sacraments Administered.

Pray

and Pray Hard.

Peace

*Pastor Bill*





I was honored to participate in this years Synod Assembly, via ZOOM. The Assembly was held 6/1 – 6/4/2022 in Sparks, Nevada at the Nugget Hotel and Casino. This was the third time that I’ve attended an assembly. This assembly was a bit different due to the fact that attendees had the option of attending in person or via ZOOM. I chose ZOOM. This years Synod Assembly presented surprises for myself and I’m sure many others. Pastor Bill spoke on this during this Sunday’s service, the Day of Pentecost. Day 1 was set aside as a service day, those of us participating on ZOOM weren’t able to take part in this . On day 2, we were presented with a Resolution, requesting that Bishop Rohrer resign or action would be taken to remove them from the position. The charges against Bishop Rohrer seem to stem from an incident that took place on December 12, 2021, The Feast of the Virgin Guadalupe. This incident somehow, I believe, was misconstrued as “racially motivated.” Much of the evidence presented was laid out in social media, a format that can’t always be trusted. In other words, Bishop Rohrer was being charged and convicted on hearsay. Hurtful things were said on

both sides of the aisle, and the division was evident. We voted on this Resolution, which required a 2/3 vote to pass, it did not pass. Yes, the youth chastised the entire assembly, and we deserved to be chastised for our behavior. We weren’t being very good examples for these young people and they presented their take on the situation in a respectful and to the point manner.

The Assembly ended with a beautiful worship service. We were urged, encouraged, to come together to be kind to one another and above all to love all our brothers and sisters regardless. We were reminded that there’s no place in our mission for division we must work together “every kingdom divided against itself is laid in waste, and no city or house divided against itself shall stand.” Matthew 12:25. I ask that each one of us be in fervent prayer that this house comes together. Repentance and forgiveness is needed by all involved.

Your Sibling in Christ,  
Carolyn Andrews



I had the honor of attending by Zoom the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly this year. The Assembly was both in person and Zoom (remotely) which was a new process for the synod. The Zoom participants were able to attend the Opening Worship Service, the Business Session each day, and the Closing Worship Service.

Opening Day was on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, with a Day of Service in Reno, NV. The second day was my first day of participation being on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next two days of the conference evolved into dealing with a Resolution presented at the beginning of Thursday that included the request for Bishop Megan Rohrer to resign as Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod. This time was not always pleasant, and a division was very present at the assembly this year. When the vote was finally taken on the resolution in question on Friday late afternoon, it did not pass with the required 2/3 of the voting members voting "Yes" on the Resolution. Though the resolution did not pass you could tell that there is much hurt in our synod currently and we should all now be praying that we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our synod in the healing that is needed.

(Please see Pastor Bill Wessner's report on the synod assembly for fuller details.)

There were very special times during the assembly that included the Keynote Speaker, Christian Chavarria Ayala, who is the Assistant to the Bishop of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church and Theologian in Residence. He shared with the group all about the Salvadoran Lutheran Church's and his country Salvador. Pastor Chavarria Ayala gifted the Sierra Pacific Synod with some Salvadoran Coffee, a beautiful hand-crafted church stole, and a beautiful painted cross painted by Pastor Chavarria Ayala who is a world known painter of beautiful crosses. The synod assembly ended with a Closing Worship Service which included encouraging words to all of us during the sermon by Pastor Christian Chavarria Ayala, that as "God's chosen people (who we are), holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves (ourselves) with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them (us) all together in perfect unity". (Colossians 3: 12; 14)

In Christ Love,  
Marlene Kiser





We thank all of WELCA active members and others for all the support in so many ways making the Mother's Day Brunch such a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. We especially thank Peggy Moser for being the Master of Ceremonies and her and Karen Linfor for beautifully singing Faith of our "Mothers".

We are all especially thankful that we are bringing Mega Bunco back— Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - ask your friends and buy your tickets – a badly needed fund raiser for our Benevolence giving! We will also be collecting items for the SPCA, allowing WELCA to once again join the Community Concerns board in supporting our efforts of benevolence giving. The generosity of other members of our Congregation is greatly appreciated.

Looking forward- the Fall Festival will be the second Saturday in October (October 8). Definite plans will be finalized sometime later however; everyone please start saving your White Elephants! An announcement will be made soon as to what date you may start bringing them to the back of Schultz Hall.

## Mothers Day Luncheon May 14th 2022





## **23RD ANNUAL FIREWORKS SALE JUNE 28TH – JULY 4TH 2022**

After last year's Fireworks Sale (we sold EVERYTHING in the booth by 5pm on July 4th), we'll see how this year goes! No matter what happens, we're here to do one thing – put smiles on faces of all who love fireworks to celebrate our nation's birth!

Our booth is located at the corner of Mack Road and Valley Hi Drive in the "old" Food Source parking lot. Funds raised are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We need lots of volunteers so please consider all the ways you can help out. Here's some ideas: selling fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), coming by and visiting, bringing snacks and drinks to share, helping to unload/load the truck each day, waving flags and banners to attract passersby, buying fireworks, and encouraging your friends and family to do the same! **The booth opens at noon on June 28th, and then closes between 9 and 10p.m. through July 4th.**

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can **help as a volunteer**, just e-mail or see me. We have a lot of fun every year (including Fireworks Booth Bingo), so don't miss out.

In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Booth Committee Chair  
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## **MEGA BUNCO**

**FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, June 11th**

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner will be served at 6pm

Bunco Begins at 7pm

\$15 per person For tickets, call 916-606-7880



## **Fathers Day Pie and Ice Cream Sunday June 19th**

To Celebrate all the special men in our congregation, and let them know how much they are appreciated, we will be serving Pie and Ice Cream following the service on June 19th. A sign up sheet for the pies will be available on the Opportunity Table beginning Sunday 1st.

Thank you. In Christ, Carole Vance

Questions? call Carole at 916/421-9172

**Class of 2022**   
*Congratulations*  
**GRADUATES**

**Lorraine Dias Herbon**, daughter of Punky & Rick Dias  
 Received her PhD in History from the University of  
 Tennessee at Knoxville. She has been accepted as a  
 History professor there in the fall.

**Edgar Olmeda** - BS degree in Accounting from CSU  
 Sacramento.

**Alanna Olmeda**—Graduating preschool - great-  
 granddaughter of Faith Thomas.

**Jasmine Hale** - Kelly Boyer granddaughter  
 Graduating 8th grade

From Robert C. Cooley Middle School

And attending Roseville High School in the fall

GO TIGERS!!!



**Amber Mansfield** is graduating from Sacramento City  
 College with an Associates in Child and Adolescent  
 Development for Transfer. She will be transferring to  
 San Francisco State University in the Fall.

Grandchildren of Chet and Sarah Madison:

**Drew L. Cobb**

Graduating from: California State University Long  
 Beach

With a BS in Health Services

**Elise E. Madison**

Graduating from: California State University  
 Northridge

With a BS in Criminal Justice, Forensics

**Chet Madison III**

Graduating from: Pleasant Grove High School

Will be attending California State Sacramento



**Makayla Kilpatrick** -  
 (granddaughter of Gail  
 Weber) Graduating High  
 School -and will attend  
 trade school for welding  
 next year.

**Thomas Hromada** is graduating from Kindergarten.  
 His school is Lake Forest Park Elementary in WA. First  
 day of school pic and his Life Skills of Responsibility  
 Award pic. Grammy & Grampy are so proud!! -  
 Brenda Sulzmann



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

*April 2022*

### Comments:

- a. As the figured below show, April contributions were excellent. Caution: Several members contribute on a quarterly basis and April included such contributions.
- b. Remember St. Luke's income is being subsidized by \$2,333/month from Reserves and Firework proceeds. Such subsidizes cannot (or should not) continue .
- c. The number of unique contributors increased in April, which is encouraging. However, some of this increase can be contributed to the Easter services.

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 St. Luke's Financial Secretary

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$16,594	\$53,286	
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	\$3,256	-\$65	
	24.4%	-0.1%	
<b>Compared to 2021</b>	\$2,561	\$664	
	18.2%	1.3%	
No. of Contributors			
<b>2022</b> (Current Year)	64	54	avg.
<b>2021</b> (Last Year)	58	54	avg.
<b>Other Contributions:</b>			
<b>a. Memorials (Walter Arndt)</b>		\$200.00	
<b>b Special Gifts (computer)</b>		\$200.00	
<b>c. Pastoral Assistance</b>		\$36.00	
<b>d Easter Lilies</b>		\$235.00	

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



Karen Cagle	June 01
Phillip Connell	June 03
Phillip Petersen	June 03
Laura Sondrini	June 07
Elizabeth Wilson	June 08
Peggy Moser	June 15
Caliana Osako	June 20
Shirley Prouty	June 21
John Orcutt	June 22
Cannon Thomas	June 23
Gabriel (Gabby) Cox	June 26
Stan Niemi	June 26
Morgan Furry	June 28
Paul Edwards	June 29



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