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NEWS

and

VIEWS



2022

From Pastor Bill



Thank you. People of St. Luke's. Thank you for being an outpost of the Good News of Jesus Christ in South Sacramento and Elk Grove. Thank you for being part of our larger church and reaching to the whole world. Thank you for being a place where the community of Christ can assemble, study, support, serve and worship the God we love. Thank you for receiving the many in need of just such a place. Thank you for your faithfulness in reaching out and preserving the mission of Christ's healing into the community. Thank you for being a church that nurtures members to have a radiant light shining Jesus' love to many in the community, as we witnessed at several of the funeral services last year. Thank you for receiving Susan and me as partners in this ministry. As your new pastor comes, we know that you will greet them with the same zeal that you greeted us.

Thank you for being a sensible place in the restart of worship during this pandemic. Thank you for trusting me with your spiritual needs. Thank you for your confidence in me for the care of yourselves

and your loved ones when in ill health. Thank you for your continued devotion to worship, both in-person and on-line.

Thank you for leaving me with a great sense of confidence in the prayerful, focused, leadership among you. Thank you that this leadership remains willing to grow in new directions while bearing the standard of Christ among us. Thank you for being a place of abiding stewards and creative fundraising.

Thank you for your great and continued patience. In the church and all organizations, things happen slowly and then suddenly so patience is needed. So I borrow from St Paul: Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen, and the God of peace will be with you. -Philippians 4:8-9

Thank you for you any excellent diverse stories of faith, as a church and as people of faith.

Many will be remembered and recounted as I continue to bring together our stories of faith with God's story of faithfulness. Ooooh and thank you for a very nice goodbye party, your many cards and gifts.

Go and tell.

Peace

Pastor Bill

As is appropriate in all times of pastoral transitions, I will not be available for pastoral acts, or for any other official responsibilities normally associated with pastoral ministry.

Dear Friends at St. Luke's,

Thank you for the warm reception you have given Bill and I for our 16 months of ministry together. You are extraordinary givers of God's love! Please continue to search for God's guidance for this house of worship. God has gifted you with a spirit of openness to the stranger and God will continue to use you if you are willing. On my last Sunday, June 26, one of the hymn's chosen was, "Here, I am Lord" – it's my hope that each of you reads the words of this hymn and says, "yes, it means me"! Thank you for the last Sunday coffee "goodbye" send off. The tears, hugs, warmth and gifts from your heart were deeply felt.

You have been open from our first Sunday and gracious to invite us for coffee, lunch or dinner after church.

Thanks for your kindness to us, I know you will extend the same hospitality as you greet your "called" pastor when they arrive! Jeremiah 29:11, tells us that: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and a hope." I believe that is God's plan for St. Luke's and I look forward to hearing how you continue to bring that plan to fruition.

Your Sister in Faith,
Susan Wessner

Call Committee Communique



Hi from your Call Committee! Please continue in prayer for our Call Committee as we wait to receive names of applicants to interview. We are ready and prepared to start the process as soon as we get the list of applicants from the Synod/Pastor Manda. - Amber Mansfield, Faith Thomas, Paul Maki, Peggy Moser, Phil Karlstad,

Chair: Chet Madison and
Secretary: Brenda Sulzmann -
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SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

The July and August Mission Project for Community Concerns and W-ELCA is the collection of basic school supplies for Charles Mack Elementary School and Parkway Elementary School. We have backpacks to fill this year.



Needs for Charles Mack Elementary School:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- White boards
- Scissors
- Paper

Needs for Parkway Elementary School:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Dry erase markers
- White boards

- Student Scissors
- Lined Paper
- Markers
- Backpacks

Please drop off any supply donations in the Church Narthex as you come to church on Sunday morning. All supplies will be needed by the end of July. On August 1st we will fill the backpacks. Mark your calendar. Many hands make light work! Thank You.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
May 2022

Comments:

- a. May had five Sundays.
- b. The May offerings reflect a drop off after an April Easter.
- c. Although the Year-To-Date are only slightly below the Budget, remember the income is being subsidized by \$2,333/month from the Reserves and Fireworks proceeds. Such subsidizes cannot (or should not) continue.
- d. The number of monthly unique contributors is trending in the wrong direction.

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St. Luke's Financial Secretary



Keith Spear	July 01
Bruce Kiser	July 05
Kris Niemi	July 06
Bekka Roberts	July 07
Steven Lee	July 17
Lily Neidich	July 20
Pat Webb	July 27
Linda Olsen	July 28
Ron Zoesch	July 29
Nolan Jaeger	July 30

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
Total Contributions	\$12,636	\$65,922	
Compared to Budget	-\$702	-\$768	
	-5.3%	-1.2%	
Compared to 2021	-\$2,310	-\$1,646	
	-15.5%	-2.4%	
No. of Contributors			
2022 (Current Year)	51	53	avg.
2020 (Last Year)	60	55	avg.
Other Contributions:			
a. Sunday School -		\$6.00	
b. Special Gifts (computer)		\$309.00	
c. Youth (recycle cash)		\$25	

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



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for In Person Worship
or Live on our website at 10:30am