



# NEWS AND VIEWS



## 2022



### Thankoffering Service Sunday November 20, 2022

Every year **W-ELCA** shares a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or even earlier. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all this is to come, we collect a thankoffering that expresses our thankfulness.

Again, this year **W-ELCA** will be hosting this Thanksgiving Service on Sunday **November 20th at 10:30am**. Please watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex so any women (or men) wishing to participate at this service can have a part.

Thank You!! - *Marlene Kiser*



Following worship service on **November 13th** , St. Luke's is providing a meet & greet pot luck for our perspective new pastor. A sign-up sheet is on the opportunity table in the narthex. We would like to know how many are planning on attending and what dish you would like to provide.

Thank you, *Carole Vance* 916/421-9176

On behalf of the Call Committee, Please join us on November 13th to meet with our perspective new pastor and enjoy fellowship and a pot luck together .

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

- *Chet Madison, Call Committee Chair*

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## **Your VOTE matters**

**Special Congregation Meeting November 20, 2022, following the worship service**  
**Please mark your calendar, and join us in the voting process and celebration.**

Please join me in a resounding....“Thank You”.... to the dedicated members of our Call Committee. With God’s guidance and much prayer, a call candidate has been chosen.

By the Grace of God, and the dedication of our Call Committee, we have come to this important part of the Call Process; the vote on our prospective candidate, Pastor Brian Hiortdahl. This will be a two part voting process. The first of which will be to accept the call, which will be done by written ballot. The second vote, also by a written ballot, will be to vote on the compensation package, which has been approved by the Church Council and accepted by the candidate. Documents for your review that you will be voting on will be provided in Fridays e-mail.

Gods Grace and Peace,

*Carolyn Andrews, President and St Luke Church Council*



# WORSHIP & MUSIC BOARD

## November 2022

November brings important observances and events to St. Luke's Lutheran Church! As we anxiously await a new minister, we also look forward to the next two months! I realize that most of this information has been shared before, but it is important to repeat for those who may have missed it.

**All Saints Day:** While officially November 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be observed on **November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Church members will have the opportunity to bring a framed photo of a loved one who has passed and place it on a table that will be in front of the Altar. During the service, everyone will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. If you wish to bring a special candle of your own, please do so.

**Veterans Day:** Always observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year, this year's service on **November 13<sup>th</sup> will honor our Veterans**. Our Veterans' Banners will be proudly displayed. The names on the banners are members of St. Luke's and their family members who have served honorably in the armed forces. If you or someone in your family has served in the military and do not already have a Star on the banners, please let me know. The information needed is the name, branch of the military, and dates of service.

**Christmas Season:** Advent begins Sunday, **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Christmas Card exchange box will be set up in the Narthex by that date. **Please use this box to send Christmas cards to fellow church members, rather than mailing them. It really helps keep postage costs down for all of us.** Advent Devotionals have been ordered and will be available in the Narthex. **Each Sunday during Advent, the Advent candle will be lit during the service by a church member, family, or group. If you would like to participate, please let me or our church secretary, Alison, know.** The date for decorating the Sanctuary and Christmas tree is Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, either before or after the W-ELCA luncheon. Poinsettias have been ordered and will be available for church members to purchase in honor of or in memory of someone. Marlene Kiser and Peggy Moser have graciously offered to donate a Christmas tree for the Sanctuary. The Choir will perform the Cantata on Sunday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:00 pm, Saturday, **December 24<sup>th</sup>**. Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year, and service will be at the regular 10:30 a.m. time.

**Volunteers:** As 2023 quickly approaches, please consider volunteering for the many duties that are available, including Altar Care; Readers and Prayer Leaders; Communion Assistants; Acolytes; and Ushers to name a few! Signup sheets are on the tables in the back of the church.

"God's Work, Our Hands!"

Shirley Prouty, (916) 389-0673



# Worship Leaders for November

## Sunday November 6th (All Saints Sunday)

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Phil Petersen	Reader
Kelly Boyer	Prayer Leader

## Sunday November 13th (Veterans Sunday)

Carol Carney	Altar Care
Shirley Prouty	Reader
Faith Harper	Prayer Leader

## Sunday November 20th (Thankoffering Service)

Marlene Kiser	Altar Care
Faith Thomas	Reader
Kirsten Ireton	Prayer Leader

## Sunday November 27th (1st Sunday in Advent)

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
Laura Tice	Reader
Phil Karlstad	Prayer Leader



# READINGS IN NOVEMBER

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



**WELCA'S Fall Festival** held on Saturday, October 8 was a huge success in so many ways. The money that was raised for our Benevolence giving was (of course) the main reason for having it, but much more importantly was the reaching out to our neighbors and friends! Regarding the "White Elephants" some came of who were so in need of items they found due to the generous donations of White Elephants for which were so greatly appreciated. The smiles and appreciation by so many to understand it was a donation, please take anything you would like, and donate only if you are able. Like the Community Concerns Board stated "Outreach at its best!" All left over items were picked up and they too were going to the less fortunate. **Thank you** *Linda Duffek* for your effort to arrange this!

We also **thank** the active members of *WELCA* and everyone else that helped in anyway with the many other areas such as Food, Country Store, Rental of Spaces Advertising and helping where ever needed!

We want to extend a **very special thank you** to *Karen and Bruce* for the continual tremendous amount of support and constant hard work with the White Elephant donations and signs. Also *Gaylen Everett*, as well for all the help with the White Elephants! Due to the effort of so many, we are pleased to announce the total amount for our Benevolence fund is **\$2,184.00!**

**Elk Grove Food Bank Thanksgiving  
Food Drive**

**We are asking for only the Fixings**

We need:

Chicken Broth

Cornbread Mix

Stuffing Mix

Canned Vegetables or Fruit

Boxed Mac and Cheese

We will need these items by:

**Sunday November 6th**

There is a barrel in the Narthex for the donations to be placed in. Thank you!!

*Linda Duffek - St. Luke's  
Community Concerns Board*

**Positions Available**

Are you interested in joining the TEAM?  
The following Church Council positions  
will be available in 2023:

President

Vice President

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 or have  
any questions, Please contact:

*Clarence Korhonen*

*ckorhonen@hotmail.com*

- or-

*Shirly Prouty mybammy@att.net*



**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
*September 2022*

**Comments:**

- a. The end of September marks three quarters of the year is completed. After three quarters, the YTD offerings are \$4,535 below Budget and slightly behind the 2021 offerings.
- b. Remember, the adopted Budget includes \$18,000 from Reserves and \$10,000 from the Fireworks proceeds. Obviously, St. Luke's cannot continue to use Reserves to balance the Budget.
- c. Need offering envelopes? If you need offering envelopes, please contact me either by email or telephone, or simply put a note in the offering plate.

Other Contributions: Youth Fund - \$20.00 - *Thanks Bruce Kiser, for the recycling effort!*

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me:  
*Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, [LRFenske@comcast.net](mailto:LRFenske@comcast.net)*  
*St. Luke's Financial Secretary*

General Fund (Only) Contributions			
Data	This Month	Year to Date	
<b>Total Contributions</b>	\$11,428	\$115,503	
<b>Compared to Budget</b>	-\$1,908	-\$4,535	
	-14.3%	-3.8%	
<b>Compared to 2021</b>	\$739	-\$1,093	
	6.9%	-0.9%	
No. of Contributors			
<b>2022</b> (Current Year)	46	52	avg.
<b>2021</b> (Last Year)	52	54	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*





A big thank you to all those who showed up to support Team Friends in Faith at the Relay For Life of Sacramento County at the October 1st - 2nd 24-hour event and to those who donated so generously. Our team raised \$5,599.29 for the American Cancer Society's programs, research and support services. If you wish to still support our team with a tax deductible donation, you may still do so; just contact Kirsten or Peggy for details.  
Thank you!



I, Carol Carney want to sincerely thank all my dear friends at St. Luke's for the amazing love, caring, and support you have given me due to my hip replacement surgery. The calls, prayers, beautiful cards, flowers and gifts are all so deeply appreciated more than you will ever understand.

I am so blessed and thankful to have all of you in my life and I know that your prayers are what helped with the results of a very successful surgery as well as the road to recovery.

May God Bless all of you!



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Sunday  
at 10:30 am  
for In Person  
Worship*