

Pastoral Perspective

"Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus."

This popular song (which echoes the words of the festival visitors in John 12:21) gives us our theme for Lent 2023, which begins Ash Wednesday, February 22. A traditional soup supper at 5:30pm will be followed by worship with Holy Communion at 6:00pm. It will be the first of six Wednesdays with soup and a search for Jesus.

Our guest preacher on Ash Wednesday was carefully chosen to point us in the right direction. The Rev. Dr. Donald Heinz is the author of the book <u>Matthew 25 Christianity</u>, which traces the present movements and possibilities of a timely faith centered in Jesus' parable about the king who separates the nations into sheep and goats. Neither group recognized his presence when he was hidden in plain view in the neediest and most vulnerable faces among them. For those who want to see Jesus, this powerful parable shows where to look.

After Pastor Don points us in the right direction, we will gather each Wednesday evening in March for soup supper at 6:00pm and profiles of Jesus from 6:30-7:00pm in Schultz Hall. Representatives from local ministries will help us see Jesus all around us and the partners who respond to him with mercy and love:

March 1: I was hungry...

March 8: I was a stranger...

March 15: I was naked...

March 22: I was sick...

March 29: I was in prison...

Freewill offerings will be collected for related ministries each week.

Please join us as often as you can on our journey closer to Jesus, and bring others with you!

Installation Celebration Sunday, February 5, 2023

Pastor Brian will be officially installed as pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church on **Sunday, February 5, 2023 at a special 4:00pm worship service.**

Installation Potluck in Schultz Hall immediately following the service.



Ash Wednesday 2023

12:00-1:00pm Parking Lot Ashes

The sanctuary will also be open for silent prayer.

5:30pm Soup Supper

Hosted by WELCA

6:00pm Holy Communion

Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Donald Heinz

Message from Council President Chet Madison

St. Luke's Lutheran Congregation,

Let me thank you for having trust in me to become your Council President for this year 2023. I look forward to working with our new Pastor Brian, church council and our many church committees.

As we come out of the starting blocks of this New Year, we experienced severe weather resulting in storms affecting our community with power outages and flooding. It was an experience for many of us to have Sunday worship service without heat or lights. This really puts things in perspective as to what takes place in many parts of the world. Even with all the adversities and disruptions, St. Luke's members continued to reach out to others in need.

After two (2) years without a permanent Pastor, we are now blessed to have Pastor Brian, Tina and their family as a part of our St. Luke's church family. We have much to accomplish this year to fulfill our mission at St. Luke's.

Many of you attended our Congregational Meeting and Potluck on December 11, 2022 to approve our 2023 operating budget. Many thanks to the Finance and Treasurer's Committee for their hard work in developing a good solid financial plan. Our goal is to continue to grow our revenue base by gaining new members, generous tithes and ongoing activities throughout the year.

Lastly, I want to thank Carolyn Andrews for her dedicated service as Church Council President over the past two years. I also want to thank our congregation for their faithful support during our two year period of seeking a new pastor.

Peace Be With You,

Chet Madison Council President



SOUPER BOWL 2023 HAS RETURNED!!!

The Community Concerns Board will be bringing back the ever popular "Souper Bowl of Caring" this year! Decorated containers will be provided in the Narthex starting **Feb 5**th. You will be able to place the soup cans in your favorite Super Bowl team's bin! GOOD LUCK TO THE WINNER!! All donations will be taken to the Interfaith Partnership Food Bank.

February is Black History Month



This February, Black History Month, St. Luke's Lutheran Church will celebrate the courage and faith of a great cloud of Black witnesses and saints during Sunday worship. We will hear from a handful of selected voices representing a great cloud of witnesses from many places and generations:

February 5 – Perpetua and Felicity (3rd century)

February 12 – Two Prayers (early 19th century)

February 19 – Howard Thurman (20th century)

February 26 – Amanda Gorman (21st century)

Readers are still needed; sign up in the Narthex or contact the church office to contribute a reading, which will be provided by the Worship and Music Board.



BIBLE STUDY - ACTS

Please join us on Zoom for a Bible Study on the book of Acts Tuesday mornings starting on February 21st, 2023, at 10 am. We are going to be using "N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide" on "ACTS", which is 24 weeks long. Please let Marlene Kiser know (marlenek8626@outlook.com) if you are interested in purchasing a study guide (\$9.99 + tax) or you can order the guide yourself through Amazon. If you order it yourself, please be sure you are choosing N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides – ACTS.

Please note there are additionally two commentary books (Part1 Chapters 1-12, and Part 2 Chapters 13 – 28) for the study on ACTS, by N.T. Wright. These are different than the Study Guide. They are very helpful when doing your study on ACTS but are not required for the class.

"What Does This Mean?" - Being a Lutheran Christian

Thursdays, 7-8pm, ages 12+

Are you new to the weird, wonderful world of church?

Do you think you might like to be baptized or confirmed?

Were you baptized or confirmed so long ago that you've forgotten what you learned?

Do you wonder why Lutherans do/think/sing/believe what they do?

Beginning February 23, Pastor Brian will lead a ten month class on the basics of Lutheran Christianity based on the Bible and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. (There's a Large Catechism too, but save that for seminary.) We'll explore the story of God's rocky relationship with humanity and delve into the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, what is a Sacramento?, and more.

All are welcome; questions are encouraged!

To sign up, email Pastor Brian at <u>pastorbrian@slelca.org</u> or use the sign-up sheet in the narthex by February 19.

New Member Sunday - February 26

St. Luke's will receive new members at 10:30am worship on Sunday, February 26. If you would like to join that day, or are considering but would like to know more, please contact Pastor Brian by February 19.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC BOARD

We have been preparing for several major events scheduled for February!

Pastor Brian's installation is scheduled for Sunday, February 5th, at 4:00 pm. Although the contracts were signed months ago, and Pastor Brian started his ministry with St. Luke's on December 1, 2022, his installation puts an official "seal" on our selection of a new Pastor! Please join us to celebrate this exciting event, and stay for a pot luck dinner following the service.

February is Black History Month, and will be observed each Sunday in February with a short presentation reflecting on the myriad contributions of Black Americans. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested in participating.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Service will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm. Pastor Brian will distribute ashes to each wishing to receive them! This is reason to rejoice since Covid restricted us for a couple of years from receiving ashes directly from the Pastor. Remember, last year we had our own individual container of ashes to apply on ourselves.

Lenten Services will be held every Wednesday at 6:00pm during Lent, and will begin with one of our favorite traditions of Soup Suppers in Schultz Hall. We will remain in Schultz Hall for Pastor Brian's Lenten Message so that Choir Practice can start on time in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

"God's Work, Our Hands"

Shirley Prouty, Chair



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT December & Year-End Report – 2022

General Fund Contributions (only)				
Data	December	2022 To- tal		
Total Contributions	\$13,253	\$156,180		
Compared to Budget	-\$84	-\$3,870		
	-0.6%	-2.4%		
Compared to 2021	-\$740	-\$172		
Compared to 2021	-5.3%	-0.1%		
No. of Contributors				
2022 (This Year)	57	52 avg.		
2021 (Last Year)	58	55 avg.		

Note: Minus values are below Budget or 2020 values.

Other Contributions				
	December	2022 To- tal		
Sunday School		\$36		
Memorials		\$645		
Special Gifts		\$748		
Easter Lilies		\$330		
Thank Offering*		\$1,030		
Poinsettias	\$428	\$428		
Youth Fund		\$65		
Pastoral Assistance		\$36		

^{*}A W-ELCA benevolence effort.

2022 Year-End Comments:

- A. The ongoing COVID pandemic and lack of a permanent pastor for 11 months significantly affected St. Luke's contributions.
- B. The general fund contributions were just short (about \$4,000, 2.4 percent) of the adopted General Budget. Remember however that the 2022 Budget included \$28,000 from the Reserve and Fireworks, i.e., a subsidized budget.
- C. The total general fund contributions were essentially the same as those received in 2021.
- D. An underlying concern is that the average number of discrete monthly contributors continued to decrease. Prayerfully, the new year, 2023, and Pastor Brian can reverse this trend.
- E. The Finance Board has developed a realistic Budget for 2023; however, it depends on the use of Reserve and Fireworks funds. This cannot continue.

General Comments:

- A. Annual statements of 2022 contributions 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.
- B. Contributions can now be made electronically (online), in addition to conventional means. For details, go to St. Luke's website www.slelca.org and click on the "Giving" heading for details. In addition, several members are successfully using their bank's Pay Bills system.
- C. 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.
- D. When you need numbered envelopes, either contact me or drop a note in the offering plate.
- E. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Financial Secretary's duties or reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.
- f. Your continuing support is appreciated. Thank you.

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

St Luke Lutheran Church





Hello St. Luke's Family! Attached you will find our 2022 year-end reports for the "Special Funds" and "General Fund and Budget". As a reminder, the Special Funds Account holds those donations/receipts which are designated for special purposes such as memorials, Sunday School offerings, youth, fireworks, etc. The General Fund includes all the money which comes into the church by means of offerings, facility use donations, etc. and our budgeted expenses that were approved at the Congregational Meeting in December 2021. Our wonderful Finance Board provides oversight and guidance for both accounts. The data presented here in the reports are "unaudited" pending completion of an audit in 2023.

Special Funds

Annual Report

As you may recall, the Special Funds Account was established over 20 years ago 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 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 supplement 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, 2022.

General Fund and Budget

The General Fund report shows the budgeted and expensed items by budget account for December 2022 and for the entire year 2022. The General Fund is managed by me, the Congregation-elected Treasurer. Even though we had a loosening of COVID restrictions this year and we were able to reopen worship services, our anticipated income fell a bit short of the budgeted expectations. We did have some bright spots though. While we were challenged with a sharp increase to our storm drainage fees, there was a huge credit from the city which helped to offset about \$2,600 in property board expenses. We also came in under budget in a number of other categories as well due to the renegotiating of contracts like our copier machine and the refuse contracts. But heating and cooling our buildings continues to be a challenge; I know you all see this in your own bills at home too. We were able to keep good on our commitments to our employees and other normal fixed costs (utilities, taxes, insurance, etc.). As budgeted for 2022 and to meet our expenses, we supplemented the normal income with funds from the Property Board's share of the 2021 Fireworks Booth receipts (\$10,000) along with funds from the Reserve account (\$18,000). This supplemental income was beneficial and did cover all the expenses. We transferred back to the Reserve account \$24,657.44 at the end of the year. This left us with a checkbook balance on December 31, 2022 of \$22,710.00 which is \$5,398.06 more than it was on December 31, 2021.

Looking Forward to 2023

With a brand-new Pastor and support of our Congregation, we will continue to manage our financial assets and expenses in accordance with the adopted budget for 2023 and the various policies and procedures we have in place. While we ended the year on a somewhat positive note, it is important to point out, that the majority of the cost savings we saw were due to the fact that we had no pastor on staff. We now have our wonderful new pastor to support and the reductions in the checking account balance over the last few years are not sustainable if St Luke's is to remain viable for generations to come. I look forward to seeing how we can all work together for the common goal of strengthening our church and making it a wonderful place for worship and praise.

In His Service,

Kirsten Ireton 2022 Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

December 2022

Summary Report:

Sub-Fund	Number	Balance*	Comments
Memorials:			
Under \$99.99	5	\$ 270.00	
\$100.00 to \$249.99	4	\$ 595.00	
\$250.00 to \$499.99	4	\$ 1,461.89	
\$499.99 to \$999.99	4	\$ 2,850.00	
Over \$1,000.00			
Subtotal	17	\$ 5,176.89	
Special Funds Accounts			
Community Concerns		\$ 3,754.02	
Crab Feed Fund		\$ 837.92	
Evangelism Board Fund		\$ 1,115.41	
Fireworks Booth		\$ 3,200.00	
Luau Music		\$ 3,438.75	
Parking Lot Fund		\$ 10,000.00	
Pastoral Assistance Fund		\$ 1,630.74	
Property Board		\$ 13,656.65	
Reserve Fund		\$ 48,650.36	
Reule Handbell Fund		\$ 1,633.17	
Sunday School Fund		\$ 1,773.18	
Temporary Fund		\$ -	
Youth Activity Fund		\$ 4,864.14	
Subtotal		\$ 94,554.34	
TOTAL		\$ 99,731.23	

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2022 \$ 99,731.23 Check's/Deposits not cleared/postNet \$ -

Adjusted Bank Statement Balance \$ 99,731.23 Special Funds 12/31/2022

Connie Reule Special Fund Recorder

Treasurer's Report

December 2022

		December 2022		Entire Year 2022	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actua
ncome					
Major 40, Church Income // Minor	10, Designated Giv	ing			
01 - Envelope Offerings		12,833.00	12,507.50	154,000.00	148,190.3
02 - Loose Cash Offerings		83.00	229.00	1,000.00	1,634.9
03 - Flower Income		283.00	428.00	3,400.00	758.0
04 - Facility Usage		208.00	1,730.00	2,500.00	5,505.0
05 - Reimbursements/Rebates		0.00	0.00	0.00	220.4
06 - Other Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
07 - Reserve		1,500.00	1,500.00	18,000.00	18,000.0
08 - Fireworks 2021		833.00	833.00	10,000.00	10,000.0
09 - VANCO E-Giving		416.00	511.50	5,000.00	6,308.5
10 - VANCO E-Giving Offset Fee		4.00	4.50	50.00	46.5
	Total Income	16,160.00	17,743.50	193,950.00	190,663.7
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Major 51, General Budget // Minor	10, Synod/ELCA				
01 - Synod Benevolence		133.00	132.53	1,600.00	1,561.7
02 - Other ELCA Benevolence		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
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Treasurer's Report

December 2022

	December	December 2022		Entire Year 2022	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actua	
Major 55, General Budget // Minor 10, Evang	gelism Board				
01 - Evangelism Program Exp	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
Major 56, General Budget // Minor 10, Worsh	nip/Music Board				
01 - Organist/Choir Director	1,234.00	1,234.00	14,808.00	14.808.00	
02 - Worship Supplies	125.00	291.87	1,500.00	1,628.13	
03 - Flower Exp	283.00	391.11	3,400.00	749.66	
04 - W&M Other Exp	125.00	0.00	500.00	42.90	
•	1,767.00	1,916.98	20,208.00	17,228.69	
Major 57, General Budget // Minor 10, Youth	Board				
01 - Youth Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	
Major 58, General Budget // Minor 10, Financ	e Board				
01 - Payroll Taxes	205.00	201.79	2,470.00	2,405.72	
02 - Workers Comp Ins	253.00	301.29	1,013.00	1,005.88	
03 - Property Fees & Taxes	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	3,505.47	
04 - Liability Property Ins	2,220.00	2,300.25	8,880.00	8,641.57	
05 - Interim Pastor Mileage	0.00	0.00	300.00	257.52	
06 - Pastor Mileage	100.00	10.13	600.00	222.23	
07 - Office Supplies	50.00	0.00	600.00	407.76	
08 - Telephone	41.00	40.13	492.00	478.49	
09 - Postage	50.00	0.00	600.00	24.00	
10 - Internet	43.00	53.50	516.00	633.44	
11 - Copier/ Off.Equip. Suppt	266.00	183.08	3,200.00	2,406.34	
12 - Computer/Sftwr Supp	0.00	0.00	600.00	500.00	
13 - Lay Conference/Convention	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	621.95	
14 - Misc. Fees & Taxes	8.00	20.00	48.00	178.25	
15 - VANCO Fees	10.00	9.78	120.00	132.57	
	3,246.00	3,119.95	24,139.00	21,421.19	
Major 59, General Budget // Minor 10, Proper	ty Board				
01 - Facility Maintenance	250.00	1,458.08	3,000.00	3,241.58	
02 - Janitor Wages	416.00	448.00	4,992.00	4,960.00	
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	375.00	239.78	5,025.00	4,210.15	
06 - Electricity	350.00	395.91	4,200.00	4,051.61	
07 - Natural Gas	270.00	441.01	1,800.00	2,105.82	
08 - Sewer Charges	0.00	0.00	1,620.00	1,596.36	
09 - Water Charges	180.00	197.63	3,480.00	2,323.64	
10 - Storm Drainage Fees 11 - Street Sweeping Fees	386.00	540.97	4,640.00	4,024.47	
	5.00 0.00	4.98	60.00	48.63	
12 - Janitorial Supplies 13 - Furniture/Eqpmt	0.00	0.00 0.00	500.00	478.97	
13 - Furniture/Eqpmt 14 - Other Property Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00	
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Major 60, General Budget // Minor 10, Bank Ti		1,01000	00,011.00	01,271.23	
01 - Bank Transfer	0.00	24,657.44	0.00	24,657.44	
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December 2022

	December 2022		Entire Ye	Entire Year 2022		
	Budget Actual		Budget	Actual		
	0.00	24,657.44	0.00	24,657.44		
Total Expense	15,481.00	43,279.63	193,950.00	185,274.71		
Income Less Expense	\$679.00	-\$25,536.13	\$0.00	\$5,389.06		

General Fund Bank Balance December 31, 2022: \$22,710.00

Kirsten Ireton, 2022 Treasurer

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Soul Stitchers (now known as Soul Sisters) have been busy these last few years. The pandemic has not stopped us! The ladies have been knitting, crocheting and looming hats, blankets and scarves.

Baby hats and blankets have been given to Kaiser South and Kaiser Roseville, including forty eight special red and white holiday hats for the nursery at Kaiser Roseville.

Adult hats and scarves were given to individual homeless persons, and Loaves & Fishes. A donation of hats, scarves and blankets was given to City of Refuge after an introduction to the ladies at a WELCA meeting.

A special donation of about forty crocheted blankets was given to us by Carol Carney's son's roommate and these have been given to people in need. The ladies have made over one thousand pillows for mastectomy patients and cesarean birth mothers which were delivered to Kaiser South and Kaiser Roseville.

To date the ladies have made 5 ANGEL BABY SETS, 82 BABY BLANKETS, 392 BABY HATS, 90 BLANKETS, 395 ADULT HATS, 50 KIDS HATS, 7 LAP ROBES, 1039 PILLOWS AND 19 SCARVES.



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Jesse Iniguez

Lacey King

Kim Osako

Ed Ireton

Robin Zoesch

Rochelle Jaeger

Andrew Encinas

Lajuan Andrews

Megan Thomas

Cheryl Franklin

Eric Linblade

Ron Webb

Lindsay King

Brooklyn Moser

Holly Hoppman

LaRayna Osako-Cain



Paul Maki for donating a sign announcing Christmas Eve worship times

Evangelism Committee for a wonderful Epiphany breakfast

Faith Thomas, the Community Concerns Committee, and Everyone who helped organize the clothing closet on January 29

Kelly Boyer, Jack Fenske, and the Property **Committee** for campus clean-up after the January storms

Clarence Korhonen for his ongoing work advocating with the city for a reduction of storm drainage fees

Carole and Mark Vance, Carol Carney, and Pauline and Kathy Arndt, and for providing snacks and coffee after worship

Everyone who helped redecorate Schultz Hall with banners and reorganize Room 4

Marlene Kiser for leading the Bible study on

the gospel of John Who else should be thanked at St. Luke's? This is only a partial list of servants who have contributed to our ministry in the last month. (Please forgive us if we missed you!) Please keep watch and catch people doing great things at St. Luke's, then submit their names to office@elca.org so that we can include them in future News and Views.

Worship Leaders for February

Readings in February



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Sunday February 5th

Marlene Kiser Altar Care Psalm 112:1-9
Kelly Boyer Reader 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
Phillip Petersen Prayer Leader Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday February 12th

Gail Weber Altar Care Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Sarah Madison Reader Psalm 119:1-8
Shirley Prouty Prayer Leader Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday February 19th

(Transfiguration Sunday)

Faith Thomas Altar Care Exodus 24:12-18
Faith Harper Reader Prayer Leader 2 Peter 1:16-21
Laura Tice Prayer Leader Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday February 26th

(First Sunday in Lent)

Kelly Boyer Altar Care Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Kirsten Ireton Reader Romans 5:12-19

Howard Triebwasser Prayer Leader Matthew 4:1-11



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