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News & Views

2023



GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 11

St. Luke's will celebrate and pray for graduates of all ages and education levels on Sunday, June 11. If you would like your beloved graduate included, please contact the church office by June 7. Thank you.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!!

Lily Neidich - Pleasant Grove High School

Francesca Jean Hahn - Pleasant Grove High School

Megan Thomas - Promotion from 8th grade at John Barret Middle School in Carmichael. Megan will attend Del Campo High School in the fall.

Andrew Weber—Promotion from 8th grade at Joseph Kerr Middle School in Elk Grove. Andrew will attend Elk Grove High School in the fall.

Alanna Olmeda—Promotion from Kindergarten at Florin Elementary School.







MOTHER'S
DAY
LUNCHEON

24th Annual Fireworks Sale

June 28th – July 4th 2023

Yep, it's just around the corner. And this year, one big change. We've made the decision to host the booth at the Church! The booth will be located in the north parking lot right next to the gate. We'll have all the comforts the church has such as the kitchen, simplified set-up and take-down every day, and on-site restrooms – very important!

And you can order online and pick-up at the booth for added convenience! But 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! Funds raised are used for the many property board projects in and around the church.

We need lots of volunteers so please consider how you can help. And it's more convenient this year – right here at the church! You can sell fireworks (sorry, you must be 18 or over), come by and visit, bring snacks or drinks to share, wave flags and banners to attract passers-by, buy some fireworks, and encourage friends and family to do the same! We open at noon on June 28th, and then close between 9 and 10p.m. through July 4th.

If you have any questions about the fireworks booth or about how you can help, just call or see me. We have a lot of fun every year, so don't miss out!

In His Name...

Larry Dockter, Fireworks Booth Committee Chair

St. Luke's Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, October 7, 2023
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mark the date on your calendars! Fall will be here before we know it. So, it's time to start planning this year's Fall Festival sponsored by St. Luke's Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA).

Why is the Fall Festival such an important event for our congregation in addition to being loads of fun? It is an awesome outreach opportunity to connect with families from our nearby neighborhoods. Also, the donation proceeds are placed in our W-ELCA Benevolence Fund which is used to support many charities throughout the year. In a nutshell, it is an opportunity to share our inviting and caring faith community with others.

How can you help jump start the planning?

Need Lead Volunteers - Partner with me to plan the below key components of the Fall Festival. Planning meeting to be held around mid-June.

Advertising - Peggy Moser (Thank you!)

Country Store - Connie Reule (Thank you!)

Food - Open

Identify/coordinate additional food for either donation or sale.

Booths/Entertainment - Open

Coordinate placement of booths and any additional entertainment (TBD).

Need your Ideas! - What will capture the interest of neighborhood families to drop in?

Some possible ideas heard in passing: Pumpkin Patch, Live Music, Volunteer teach a 'Learn How to' (example: knitting/crocheting, looming, make an easy craft, easy DIY project etc.), free children's coat give away. What are other ideas? The bigger the event, the more opportunity for outreach and more charities we can in turn support.

Start collecting and drop off in the room behind Schultz Hall:

'Garage sale' type items - Any item that is in good condition such as kitchenware, home decoration items, small furniture, pictures, holiday decorations etc. We cannot accept clothing, shoes, pillows and child car seats.

Books - Any tasteful hardback, soft back book, magazine in good condition for children, young adults, adults (fiction, non-fiction) or topics such as religion, gardening, travel, DIY etc.

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming 'News and Views'. Any questions, ideas or want to volunteer, please see me before/after church or contact the Church office.

Blessings to all.

Kathy Arndt, Fall Festival Coordinator



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
Stan Niemi	June 26
Morgan Furry	June 28
Paul Edwards	June 29



FATHER'S DAY PIE AND ICE CREAM

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 services on June 18th. We have a sign up sheet for those who would like to help with the pies on the Opportunity Table in the Narthex. Thanks!

Carole Vance, Evangelism Board

Financial Secretary's Report April 2023

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to
Total Contributions	\$20,432	\$62,252
Compared to Budget	\$7,094	\$8,902
	53.2%	16.7%
No. of Contributors	59	57 aver,

Note: Plus values are good; minus values are not.

** Designated for Pastoral Assistance, per Council.*

Other Contributions:

Easter Lilies – \$90
 Special Gifts – \$335
 - Materials for Work Day
 - Education Wing, Room 5 lighting

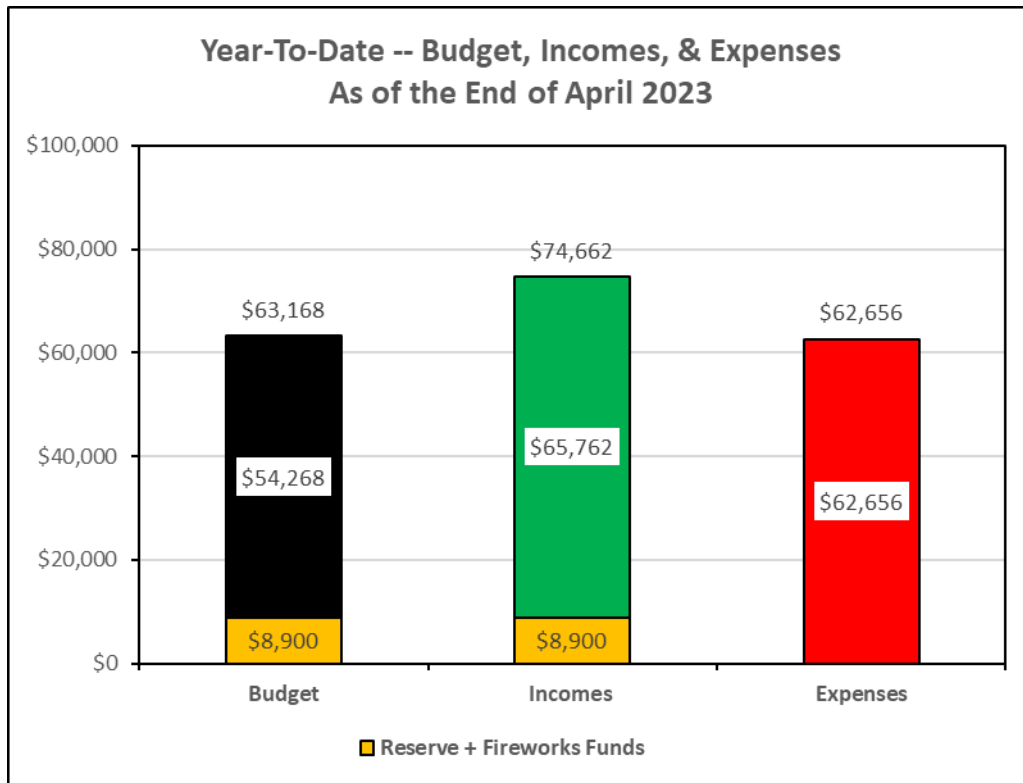
Comments:

April offerings were excellent! Thank you.

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.

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 St. Luke's Financial Secretary*

FINANCES TO DATE



To supplement the Financial Secretary's report on contributions, the Finance Board provides the graph above that compares the year-to-date figures for the Budget, Incomes, and Expenses, as of the end of April 2023. As shown, the incomes are exceeding the budget based on increased offerings over Holy Week and some offerings from those who donate on a quarterly basis. We recognize that this may be a one-time spike in income with the following months' offerings being less robust. Our goal remains to increase our annual incomes (offerings, facility usage, etc.) such that we are no longer dependent on the supplemental incomes to meet expenses.

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

FINANCE BOARD

COMMUNITY CONCERNS NEWS



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Although school is just getting out for the summer, it's time to start collecting school supplies for the next school year. Last year we donated 130 backpacks filled with school supplies to our neighboring schools Charles Mack and Parkway Elementary. Our goal this year is to fill 140 backpacks! Items will be collected in the months of June, July and August. Look for the school supply box located in the narthex.

The following items are requested by the schools:

Pencil Pouches	Kleenex
Pencils	Spiral Notebooks
Glue Sticks	Pencil Erasers
Child Scissors	Watercolor Paint Sets
Crayons – (10 or 8 per box)	Expo Dry Erase Markers
Copy Paper (reams of standard white)	Plastic Folders

Backpacks will be provided by the WELCA.

If you have any questions please reach out to Linda Duffek or Cathy Davis.

BLESSING BAGS

Thank you to everyone who donated and help assemble the blessing bags. We put together over 60 bags to be given out to those in need. Thank you to Pastor Brian for the extra special blessing of the bags.

Thank you for your generosity with our projects!
Community Concerns Board