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News & Views



P a s t o r a l P e r s p e c t i v e

Pastor Brian resigned his call as pastor of St. Luke's in June. It was a shock. Please continue in prayer for Pastor Brian and for Tina. The Bishop and Church Council asked me to serve as Term Pastor until a new pastor is called. I agreed. I will be privileged to serve once again as your Pastor for the next several months. I will be in the church office Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Drop by and say hi. Feel free to call or text me anytime at (916) 639-7165 with any pastoral needs. I am also available at carlhoppman@gmail.com. If you need to process things or just would like to talk, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I will be leading worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. starting July 2. Let's all gather that day to celebrate Independence Day! Before or after worship pick up some fireworks at our booth in the north church parking lot. Worship will, of course, be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Starting Wednesday, July 19, and continuing weekly to the end of August we will have summer potlucks and a study in Schultz Hall. Our theme this year will be our Lutheran identity. Using some delightful material entitled the Lutheran Course, we will explore who we are as Lutheran Christians. You will learn a lot and have a great time doing it. The material is really fun! The potluck will start each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and the study will begin about 6:30 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to prepare for Confirmation, Baptism, or Church membership in the fall, this is a great way to do it. If you would like to join the group to review your Lutheran identity, please do. All ages are welcome. Please sign up on the opportunity table or contact me so we are sure to get enough material.

Along with our office secretary, Alison, I will be updating the Congregational Directory and the Birthday list. If you or someone you know has been left off the birthday list or if you have noticed folks on that list who are no longer with us, please contact the church office. Alison will be available in the office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feel free to come by and check the draft copy of the new directory starting July 30th or drop off information in person. My goal is to have a new church directory available for members and friends on Sunday, August 27th.

It will be a great blessing to serve with you these next few months. May God be with us mightily as we prepare to receive a new pastor for St. Luke's.

Spreading, Serving, and Sharing with You,

Pastor Carl



Pastor Carl with Graduation Sunday Balloons

A Word About Worship

During the pandemic, when our worship was only online, we streamlined the order of worship. We left out elements such as The Thanksgiving for Baptism, The Kyrie, The Hymn of Praise, etc. Starting Sunday, July 16, we will restore those elements to our worship service. We will use ELW Holy Communion Setting 10 for our order of worship. Look forward to a full worship service!

Office Hours

Starting July 10, we will have regular office hours. They will be Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Drop on by with questions, things to share, or just to talk. Pastor Carl will be in the office Monday through Wednesday and available anytime at (916) 639-7165 or carlhoppman@gmail.com.

Bulletin Announcements

We love getting bulletin announcements in the office to share with the congregation. We do need the articles by Wednesday of each week to be able to get them printed in the Sunday bulletin. If something comes up later in the week, please contact Pastor Carl and he will verbally announce it at the Sunday service. Thanks.

Member Contact Information

We will be updating our member directory information this summer, along with members and friends e-mail addresses. If you have had a change, please let the office know at office@slca.org

Thank You

Mega Bunco Event –There are no words adequate to thank so many for making it such an incredibly wonderful evening! Shultz Hall was so full of laughter, fellowship and FUN greatly enjoyed by all of us that were fortunate to have attended. Our guests were so appreciative of being there - many said to be sure and let them know when we have another great evening of Bunco.

We must first thank Dorothy Haney for the wonderful job of being our announcer and Peggy Moser for so many things that are way too many to mention. Thank you ladies! Also, we thank our St. Luke’s “Chef”, Michael Duffek for as always, providing such a fantastic delicious dinner so enjoyed by everyone in attendance. We also thank Justin Tice for once again washing dishes for us –so greatly appreciated. Also we thank those who bought tickets, donated tickets, (even though they were not able to attend) donated prizes and other items allowing more profit to support WELCA’s Benevolence giving. Also we thank those who brought items that we were collecting for the SPCA. A truly wonderful evening in so many ways!

May God bless all of you - *Carol Carney*

St. Luke June Birthday Girls

Shirley and Peggy





Explore Your Lutheran Identity

Look forward to a great potluck and study in Schultz Hall each Wednesday for seven weeks starting July 12. We will have a potluck dinner together at 6:00 p.m. and then, starting about 6:30 p.m., explore who we are as Lutheran Christians. All are welcome. Please sign up on the opportunity table or contact Pastor Carl if you are coming so we are sure to have enough material.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday July 2nd

Faith Thomas	Altar Care
Bob Behr	Reader
Punky Dias	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 9th

Kelly Boyer	Altar Care
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Sarah Madison	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 16th

Peggy Moser	Altar Care
Faith Harper	Reader
Phillip Petersen	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 23rd

Connie Reule	Altar Care
Kirsten Ireton	Reader
Shirly Prouty	Prayer Leader

Sunday July 30th

Marlene Kiser	Altar Care
Phil Karlsatd	Reader
Faith Thomas	Prayer Leader



**St. Luke's Annual Fall Festival
Sponsored by W-ELCA**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Do you have any garage sale type items that you have set aside or will set aside for donation sometime over the next couple of months? Our St. Luke's Fall Festival will, as in past years, have a 'Garage Sale Swap' area set up where one can discover some unique, useful and fun items. This area seems to help capture the interest of neighborhood families and those driving through the area to drop in and see what we have and check out all of the other booths. All donation proceeds from the Fall Festival are used by W-ELCA to support many of our local charities. The more we have to offer, the more charities we will be able to support.

A 'Garage Sale Swap' item is anything that is in good condition such as kitchenware, home decoration items, small furniture, pictures, holiday decorations etc. ***Please note that we cannot accept clothing, shoes, pillows and child car seats.*** We are also looking for any tasteful hard back/soft back books, magazines in good condition for children, young adults, adults (fiction, non-fiction). They can cover topics such as religion, gardening, cooking, DIY or travel etc.

To ensure that there is enough space behind Schultz Hall to store items needed for our Fireworks Sale, we can start dropping off Fall Festival items sometime around mid-July. There will be an announcement in the Sunday service bulletin around that time.

Finally, let me know if you have any additional ideas that will help capture the interest of neighborhood families or those passing by to drop in and check us out. I put an idea sheet on the table in the Narthex. Thank you! to those who have offered to help and have provided ideas.

Any questions, please see me before/after church or contact the Church office.

Blessings to all.

Kathy Arndt, Fall Festival Coordinator



Bruce Kiser July 05
 Bekka Roberts July 07
 Rosie Johnson July 08
 Steven Lee July 17
 Pat Webb July 27
 Linda Olsen July 28
 Ron Zoesch July 29

South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership
 (SSIP)
 Online Auction July 1-8 &
Ice Cream Social July 13th, 4pm-6pm
 at Bethany Presbyterian Social Hall
 5625 24th Street, Sacramento, 95822



Our annual fundraiser Full Plates, Full Hearts, provides us with the necessary funds to keep our operations going and the food supply flowing. Our online auction has wonderful items, services and handmade goods. It will be available July 1-8. At the Ice Cream Social on **July 13** we will scoop out Gunther's ice cream into waffle bowls made on site. The event will include music, raffles and door prizes. Tickets are limited. They are \$25 each. Order yours today or bid on the auction at SSIPfoodcloset.org Triss and Pastor Carl plan to get to the ice cream social about 4:30 p.m.
 Hope to see you there.



Financial Secretary's Report
May 2023

General Fund (Only) Contributions		
Data	This Month	Year to
Total Contributions	\$10,835	\$73,086
Compared to Budget	-\$2,504	\$6,398
	-18.8%	9.6%
No. of Contributors	50	56 aver.

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

Other Contributions: None.

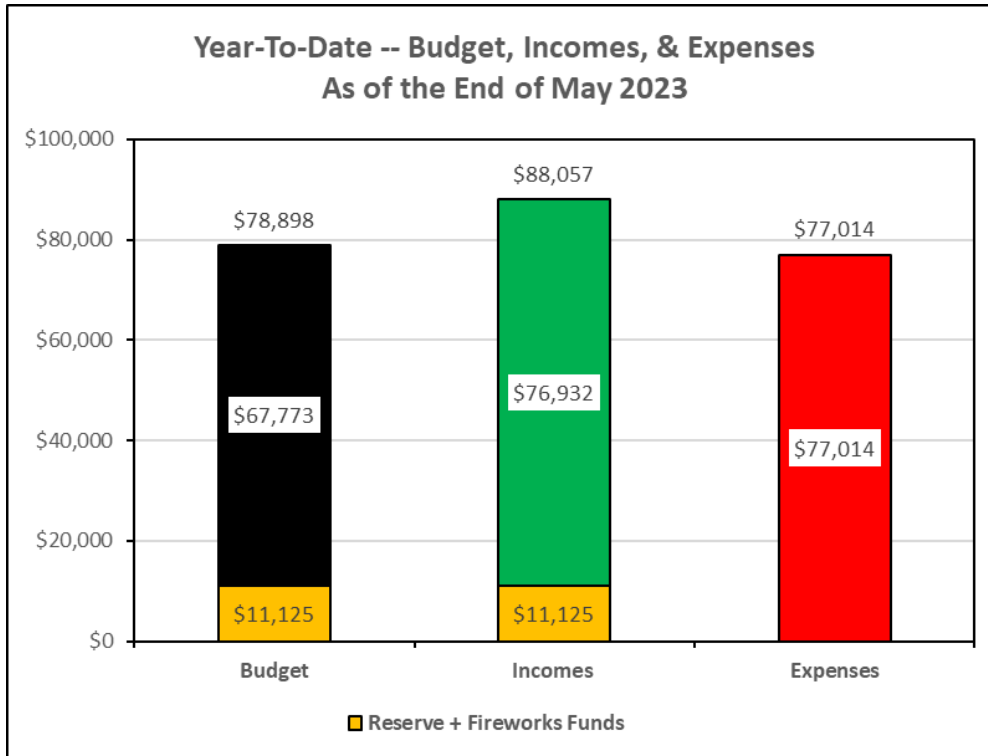
Comments:

- A. Negative: Huge drop off in contributions and contributions in May, the month after Easter.
- B. Positive: Nearly 10 percent ahead of Budget (*if the \$10,000 from Reserves and \$1,125 from Fireworks Booth is included in Budget*).

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.

Jack Fenske 916-714-3626, LRFenske@comcast.net
 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 May 2023. As shown, the incomes without the Reserve and Fireworks supplement (\$76,932) nearly match the expenses (\$77,014) despite the shortfall in actual offerings for May. Expenses for the year remain close to budgeted with the supplemental Reserve and Fireworks funds.

"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

24th Annual Fireworks Sale

Our annual fireworks sale is in full swing. If you haven't had a chance to come and visit or to get your fireworks, you have until Tuesday July 4th at 10pm. And you can order online this year and pick up your fireworks at the booth, and the booth is in the back of the church parking lot – now that is convenience. And a *free hotdog lunch* will be provided by the Community Concerns Committee at the fireworks booth

Saturday July 1st from 12-2pm

Hope to see you there!

Hours of Operation

June 29th - July 2nd - 9am to 9pm

July 3rd & 4th - 9am to 10pm

WORSHIP & MUSIC BOARD

We are so happy to welcome Pastor Carl, Triss, and Holly back to St. Luke. As you may already know, our Synod President has given Pastor Carl a special dispensation to be our Term Pastor while we search for a permanent Pastor. Although we don't know how long Pastor Carl will be with us, the Worship & Music Board is delighted to assist him in any way we can.

Psalm 100 invites us to "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord." Whether you sing or play an instrument – or both – our Choir Director/Organist, Jane Fanucci, would love to hear from you. Since our choir is on summer break, there may be more opportunities for special music during the Sunday service. If you are interested, please talk to Jane following the service or contact her at jef100bicen@yahoo.com.

In Christ's Love,
Shirley Prouty, Chair



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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

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.

Thank you for your generosity with our projects!

Community Concerns Board