

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## *Announcements*

*January 7, 2018*

**Please take home!**

**Ministers:** *(All members of the congregation!)*

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee

**Visitation Pastor:** The Rev. Gary Berkland

**Director of Music:** Claudia Zichterman

**Contemporary Music Leader:** Joe Howard

**Children's Ministry Director:** Erin Cassidy

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**Altar flowers given by the Tsang Family, in celebration of Amy Tsang's Birthday.**

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### **Prayer Requests for the week:**

**For all who are in need of God's healing, & guidance, especially:** Tiny Garland, Lorrie Peterson, Don Smith, Frances Graham, Anita Blazina, Mary Lou Robson, Sally Hedman, Cindy Ryan, Joyce Healy, Al Neubieser, Cindy Hopkins.

For Julia and Vincent Leiyooole, missionaries in Kenya

For Jeff, Kathie, Jeremy, Kristine, & David Dahl, our missionaries with the World Mission Prayer League.

For Dorcas Wang, our missionary in Beijing, China.

For the Special ones you know Lord, seeking your answers in their lives.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Worship Service .....	9:30 AM
	Fellowship .....	10:45 AM
	Children's Sunday school (Ed. Bldg.) .....	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Confirmation Class (Youth Room) .....	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	PB&J High School Group (Youth Outpost) .....	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	Adult Bible Study (Kurtz Hall) .....	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Monday	AA (Youth Room) .....	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Boy Scout Pack #426 Meeting (Kurtz Hall) .....	7:00 PM
Tuesday	Staff Meeting .....	9:30 AM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) .....	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study (Kurtz Hall) .....	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
	Worship Choir Practice .....	7:30 PM
Thursday	ACP Chapel (Sanctuary) .....	9:30 AM
	SCLC Bible Study .....	5:30 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Men's Bible Study Group .....	6:30 PM
	Worship Team Practice .....	6:30 PM
	Women's Bible Study .....	7:00 PM
Friday	ACP Chapel (Sanctuary) .....	9:30 AM
	SCLC Chapel (Sanctuary) ACP Chapel (Sanctuary) .....	3:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	St. Luke Work Day ACP Chapel (Sanctuary) .....	9:00 AM
	Bay Bells Concert "Mistletoe and Holly" .....	3:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM PASTOR GARY & FAMILY**

Dear St Luke Family,

The past year was amazing at St. Luke due to the people who share in its ministry. Thank you for your many kindnesses this past year. Also, for your many expressions of love during the Christmas season. They were truly heartwarming and appreciated. I look forward to being with you in 2018.

With Love,  
Pastor Gary

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!**

Dear St. Luke Family,

Thank you for making me part of this special family the last 13 years and for your kind Christmas and 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gifts!

Looking forward to what 2018 will bring to this loving community!

Letty

## **THANK YOU FROM CLAUDIA ZICHTERMAN**

Dear St. Luke Family,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous gift. It is so rewarding to play for a church that is open to different forms of worship. I thoroughly enjoy my job as Organist and Director of music. I look forward to 2018 and making more music to our Lord!

## **THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BOB & AMY**

We so appreciate the congregation here at St. Luke and the ministry we share. We don't deserve such kindness and generosity of spirit but we thank God nonetheless.

Peace and blessings to you today and throughout the year.

## **ADULT LEARNING CLASS STUDY – FOR SABBATH'S SAKE**

God's commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" seems like a relic from a simpler time. Yet we long for more time to spend on what matters most—unrushed time to rest, reconnect with friends and loved ones, and deepen our relationship with God. Author Dana Trent explores the practice of keeping Sabbath in her book, *For Sabbath's Sake*. This book traces the rich history of Sabbath, helps you find ways to overcome barriers to this spiritual practice, and suggests achievable ways to build Sabbath into your life.

Join Oliver Smith and Amy McKee in the Narthex at 11AM today as part of this ten-week adult Bible study series. Even if you cannot read along in the book, you can easily be part of our lively discussions, so drop in when you can!

## **MEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

We will start the 2018 Men's Thursday BS (as we call it) on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. We convene at 6:30pm for a meal and fellowship and then move to our discussion. We end with prayer and are out by 8:30pm. It's a fun and engaging time for lively discussion of not just the weekly subject but also of our Christian walk as men in this world. Don't miss out on this time to gather and rejuvenate and laugh with and care for each other.

The study for the first several weeks will be based on the wonderful book titled:

[The Gospel According to Sam](#), It's a great read and is both humorous and thought provoking.

If you have any questions please talk to Ron Zichterman or Pastor Bob. Please join us! For me this group has become one of the best hours spent each week.

## **WOMEN'S THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Thursday Bible Study is scheduled to resume on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Kurtz Hall.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS – ST. LUKE 101 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH AT 10:00 A.M.**

For those who are interested in joining the church, learning more about the Christian faith and/or about St. Luke, this is for you! During the class we cover the basics of the Christian faith, some of the history of the Lutheran Church, what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and a member of St. Luke. We have various members of the church Boards come and present information about their areas of responsibility. There is plenty of time for questions and some good conversation as we get to know one another in this small group setting. Our next class will be Saturday, January 27th, at 10:00 a.m. in Kurtz Hall. Email Pastor Bob ([pastormckee@gmail.com](mailto:pastormckee@gmail.com)) to sign up. We will conclude the class with a lunch. All who would like are welcome to join the church on Sunday, January 28th, during the 9:30 a.m. service, just in time to vote at the congregational meeting at 11:00 a.m. that morning!

## **POVERTY SIMULATION ON SAT., 2/3/2018 FROM 10:00 AM -12:30 PM AT HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SANTA CLARA**

Encompass is a ministry outreach to the homeless community led by Pastor Jim Clark-Moore of Hope Lutheran. The Poverty Simulation event is held by Encompass so that those of us who are safely housed might come to understand how people become homeless. Participants are guided through a simulated month of low income conditions, e.g. facing financial challenges and working to access needed public assistance while trying not to lose housing.

If you are interested in attending this event please speak with Amy McKee or email her at [amymckee33@gmail.com](mailto:amymckee33@gmail.com) by January 21. If we have at least four participants we will make a reservation to participate.

## **EXTRA “THE CASE FOR CHRIST” STUDY GUIDES & BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE**

We have extra “*The Case for Christ*” study guides and booklets available in the Narthex. Please see Gloria Fairchild with any questions.

## **BIBLES IN KURTZ HALL HAVE BEEN UPDATED**

Thank you to the congregation of St. John's who donated their Bibles to us. The cart located in Kurtz Hall is now full and the Bibles are like new and of a variety of translations. St. John's also donated books to our library, including many volumes of Luther's Works.

## **OPENINGS IN THE PRAYER CHAIN**

We have a few openings (4 – 5) on the prayer chain. If any of you would like more information or to join the Prayer Chain, please contact Marlene Custer either after Sunday service or at (650)967-8234.

## **UPDATE ON SALVATION ARMY ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM**

We were asked by the coordinator at the Salvation Army in Santa Rosa to consider “adopting” another family rather than the one originally assigned to us. They found out that members of the original family were not fire victims and we had specifically requested a family affected by the fires. Before Christmas I traveled to Santa Rosa to personally present the Target gift cards to Jose and Gloria to help with the needs of their family of six. While there, I was asked if we could help another family whose mom Nelly is supporting a family with seven children. Therefore, each family received \$500 in Target gift cards.

Thank you St. Luke family, for all the love and support that you have shown for these families. You have really helped make this a joyous Christmas for them.

Joyce Masterson  
Representing your Witness Team

## **HOMELESS PACKETS**

You are welcome to take a homeless packet or two that are in a bin in the Narthex that you can distribute out to homeless persons you might encounter in your day to day life.

## **NURSERY SIGN-UP:**

If you are planning on sending your child to the nursery during church service, we would like for your child to be signed up before service starts to help minimize distractions as the children leave the church. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church by the old nursery that you can sign up on. This will greatly help us usher the children quickly and quietly down to the preschool for their lesson time.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY**

Thank you to those of you who have been vigilant in keeping our windows and doors locked here on the St. Luke campus! We are doing much better, but we still have instances of doors being wide open and lights still on after everyone has left. Many times, Kurtz Hall doors and restrooms seem to be locked, but are actually ajar and once you pull on the door handle, the door opens. PLEASE triple check the doors that you're locking to ensure that they are closed tightly and locked.

This is a reminder that for all who use Kurtz Hall throughout the week/weekend part of their responsibility in using Kurtz Hall is to secure the building prior to leaving, even if there is another group scheduled to use it after. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

The ELCA National Youth Gathering for high school youth – June 27 to July 1, 2018. Mark your calendars for this once-every-three-years event which will take place in Houston. Go to [www.elca.org/youthgathering](http://www.elca.org/youthgathering) for more information.

## **VISION COMMITTEE**

Our Vision Committee is staffed. We have begun planning to create our 5-Year Congregation Plan this year. On our Vision Committee this year are Pastor Bob, Joyce Masterson, Ulrik Skov, Roy Tuason, Sharon Bricker and Walt Wilser. Please pray for us as we too will be praying for our efforts in assessing who we are today and where we want to be in the future. With Christ in charge, we can do all things! Thank you to this team for serving our congregation this way. If you have any questions or comments, please ask any of us.

## **OUR ELDERS ARE HERE FOR US!**

If you have a life change or any needs that you need to communicate with our church family, our Elders are here for you.

Families with Last Name A – B: Angela Kendall

Families with Last Name C – F: Anna Buskirk

Families with Last Name G – K: Kirk Autsen

Families with Last Name L – O: Denise Tsang

Families with Last Name P – R: Roy Tuason

Families with Last Name S – Theresa Tuason

Families with Last Name T – Z: Marlene Custer

## **PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW.....**

Books for young children are available for children to look at during the service. The books are located on the shelf in the carousel that holds the coloring bags.

## **2018 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUPS**

The **2018 Flower Calendar** will be out and in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks. Sign up if you would like to dedicate the Sunday service Altar Flowers to a friend or loved one or to yourselves in honor of a special occasion. Remember to indicate on the calendar the dedication or reason for your donation when you sign up; write a \$40 check made payable to "St. Luke Lutheran Church" noting "Altar Flowers" on the memo line; and place the check in the offering plate on Sunday or give to Letty in the office.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who have brightened our Sanctuary in the past with beautiful flowers!

## **WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS & MONTHLY EPISTLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

We'd like to take this time to thank all of our St. Luke family members who contribute to the bulletin announcement pages and the monthly newsletter. In keeping with trying to produce

the bulletins & newsletters accurately and in a timely manner we are reminding everyone of the deadlines. The **deadline** to submit an announcement for the weekly bulletin is the **Wednesday by Noon** prior to the Sunday you want it included. The article deadline for the monthly newsletter "The Epistle" is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you could please cc Janet Riddell, Communications Coordinator, on all of your submissions it would help us to make sure we don't miss anything. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (408)736-9216 and speak with Letty.

**ST. LUKE SUNDAY BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE ON THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE**

The St. Luke Lutheran Church Sunday bulletin & announcement pages are available each week on the St. Luke Lutheran Church website. For those of you that want to access the weekly bulletin via your home computer (prior to the Sunday service), iPhone or iPad (during the service) simply go to the website [www.st-luke-church.org](http://www.st-luke-church.org), click on the Worship tab at the top of the page, then click on Sunday Bulletin in the Menu at the left hand side of the page. Letty will make sure to have the current weekly bulletin uploaded by each Friday afternoon.

Our monthly newsletter "St. Luke Epistle" will also be available on the St. Luke website on or before the 1st day of each month. (To access WIFI: The password is now John3:16 campus wide for all network access points. The password is case sensitive with no spaces. Connect to STLUKE in the sanctuary and office. STLUKE1 or STLUKE2 in Kurtz Hall. And STLUKE3 or STLUKE4 the Education Building.)

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