

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Announcements

January 14, 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 St. Luke Members, in acknowledgement of God's perfect love.

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 #493 Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	7:00 PM
Tuesday	AA (Youth Room)	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Bell Choir Resumes February 13th	
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
	AA (Youth Room)	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	Elder's Meeting	9:30 AM
	AA (Youth Room)	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

5TH SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Because December 31st is a holiday and the 5th Sunday – 5th Sunday offerings will be taken today. The offering is going to Home First, the homeless shelter we are supporting. Thank you. Witness Team.

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 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 Zichter 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 resumed on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 PM in Kurtz Hall. We will be studying Life Lessons, The Study of Hebrews, by Max Lucado.

YOUTH PIZZA AND BOWLING, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 5 PM

On Saturday, Jan. 20th, Immanuel and St. Luke's youth will get together for a fun night of pizza and bowling. We will meet at St. Luke, enjoy pizza, and then head over to Homestead Lanes for two hours of fun. The cost is \$25 for two hours of bowling, your shoes and the pizza. Please plan to be picked up from the bowling alley at 8pm. Please RSVP to Faith Peters at faith_peters@comcast.net ASAP so we can reserve bowling lanes. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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 at 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!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 28, 2017

Our first Congregational Meeting of 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th right after service. We will discuss the 2017 Annual Reports and the 2018 Ministry Plan.

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 by January 21. If we have at least four participants we will make a reservation to participate.

DIAPER BOWL 2018!

This is St. Luke's 2nd annual Diaper Bowl. What is it? Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) has been serving our neighbors in their time of need for many years. While children represent 22% of the population of Sunnyvale, they represent 39% of their clients. Sunnyvale Community Services is in significant need of diapers (especially sizes 4-6), baby wipes and toilet paper. St. Luke would like to help by holding a CHURCH WIDE DRIVE event to collect these requested items. Folks can start bringing these items during the month of February.

We will then take these items to Sunnyvale Community Services on March 3rd after service to package them. Afterwards we will be given a tour of the facility to learn more about the services SCS provides for families in our community and share a lunch provided by our friends at Thrivent. Please email Song Nguyen nguyen_song@hotmail.com or Erin Cassidy ecassidy7@yahoo.com if you are interested in help packaging the items that Saturday. We had a blast last year and learned so much of what SCS does for our community! Please consider donating even if you cannot make it on March 3rd. God bless you!

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.

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 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, 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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