

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## ***Announcements November 11, 2018***

**Please take home!**

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

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Robert McKee  
**Director of Music:** Claudia Zichterman  
**Youth Activities Coordinator:** Faith Peters  
**Office Phone:** 408-736-9216

**Visitation Pastor:** The Rev. Gary Berkland  
**Contemporary Music Leader:** Joe Howard

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**Altar flowers given today by the Wolf Family, in honor of our Veterans.**

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

**For all who are in need of God's healing, & guidance, especially:** Robert Smith, Ralph Holliday, Lorrie Peterson, Frances Graham, Mary Lou Robson, Sally Hedman, Al Neubieser, Cindy Hopkins.

For Julia and Vincent Leiyooole, missionaries in Kenya

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 (Sanctuary) .....	9:30 AM
	Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) .....	10:45 AM
	Children's Sunday School (Ed. Bldg.) .....	11:00 AM
	Confirmation (Youth Room) .....	11:00 AM
	PB&J High School Group (Youth Room & Youth Outpost) .....	11:00 AM
	Adult Bible Class (Library) .....	11:00 AM
	Mt. Cross Confirmand Retreat Ends .....	11:30 AM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Monday	Boy Scout Pack #426 (Kurtz Hall).....	7:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday	Staff Meeting (P.B.'s Office).....	9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
	ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) .....	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
	Witness Meeting .....	7:00 PM
	Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary).....	7:00 PM
Wednesday	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
	Bible Study (Kurtz Hall) .....	10:00 AM
	Adopt-A-Family Meeting (Hope Lutheran Church, Santa Clara) ...	6:00 PM
	Worship Choir Practice (Sanctuary) .....	7:30 PM
Thursday	Amazing Creations Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary).....	9:00 AM
	Sunny Chinese Learning Center Bible Study (Youth Outpost) .....	5:00 PM
	Men's Bible Study (Kurtz Hall) .....	6:30 PM
	Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary) .....	6:30 PM
	Women's Bible Study (Youth Outpost) .....	7:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday	Amazing Creations Preschool Chapel (Sanctuary).....	9:00 AM
	S.C.L.C. Chapel (Sanctuary).....	3:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday	Elder's Meeting .....	9:00 AM
	Chili with the Bishop (Advent Lutheran Church, Morgan Hill) .....	12:00 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### **2019 COMMITMENT CARDS STILL BEING COLLECTED**

God has blessed each of us abundantly. Out of gratitude, we want to return a portion of what we have received. As disciples of Christ, we want to experience a life of generosity and to lead others to living this way.

If you were not here for Commitment Sunday (Oct 28<sup>th</sup>) but would still like to dedicate a portion of your "first fruits", there is time to do so. We will leave the Temple Chest as well as some extra 2019 Commitment Cards in the Narthex for a couple of weeks. Your pledges are kept strictly confidential and are only known by our two Financial Secretaries who collect and record totals.

Keep in mind that we will once again do conservative budgeting for 2019 that will rely heavily on the pledges that we as a congregation made during Commitment Sunday as well as any remaining pledges submitted by households over the remainder of the month of November. As always, the budget will drive staff salaries, mission support, benevolence, and community outreach programs.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Paul Mitchell, Mike Colligan, Sue Hutchins, Caroline Wolf, and Oliver Smith*

**BETHEL LUTHERAN IS HOSTING A SPECIAL DINNER & PRESENTATION  
EVENT WITH REV. DR. MITRI RAHEB (6 PM – Dinner, 7 PM  
PRESENTATION)**

On Thursday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Bethel Lutheran will host a special event featuring Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, **presenting “Jerusalem: What Makes for Peace?”**, a timely exploration of Jerusalem as key to peace in the Middle East.

Mitri Raheb is a Palestinian Christian, the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem (a member church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, or ELCJHL), and the founder and president of the Diyar Consortium, a group of Lutheran-based, ecumenically-oriented institutions serving the Bethlehem area. He is an author, Lutheran theologian, President of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, social entrepreneur, Dar al-Kalima University President, husband and father.

Dinner is Chicken Vegetable Rice soup, Ham and Turkey sandwich, Salad and Dessert catered from Erik’s DeliCafe. A freewill offering of \$15.00 helps us cover costs. You do not need to register for the presentation. But, if you plan to come for dinner, we *really* need to know. Please RSVP by going to the website: [bethelcupertino.org](http://bethelcupertino.org).

**CHILI WITH THE BISHOP ON NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> (NOON – 3 PM)**

In the next few months, there will be ten “Chili with the Bishop” gatherings in our conferences – St. Luke Lutheran Church is in the El Camino Real Conference! I look forward to visiting each of our conferences and hearing from you what God is doing in and through your lives and ministries. There is no doubt in my mind that the most common place someone is likely to encounter the risen Christ is through you and the work you are doing each day -- whether through your congregation or ministry or in your daily life. I’m looking forward to hearing how our synod can support those callings!

I am also looking forward to sharing with you some of what is happening through our synod’s ministry and through the church wide expression of our E.L.C.A. There may even be some “conference business” your Dean will want to attend to, and of course, there will be chili – my world famous, award-winning Chili!! All you are asked to bring is your favorite chili topping (grated cheese, sour cream, chopped onions, cilantro, Sriracha Sauce, saltine crackers) and corn bread or other bread! That’s it!

How can you be a part of these gatherings? Simple! Register for your Conference Gathering by typing the following into your web browser, complete the registration and submit any questions you might have for the Bishop!

**El Camino Real Conference:** Sat., Nov. 17th, 12 PM - 3 PM, Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Ave., Morgan Hill.

Blessings and peace as we journey forward in ministry together.  
God's Peace, Bp. Mark Holmerud

### **PJ AND TOY DRIVE FOR TEENS**

Dear St. Luke Family,

The Holiday Season is right around the corner. Many families are struggling financially and need our help to make Christmas special for their children. Often times, there are many donations of gifts given to the younger aged children. However, older kids and teens are usually overlooked in these toy drive donations. Sunnyvale Community Services is looking for donations for these teens and we are hoping our St. Luke Family can help!

As teens ourselves, we understand the want for the newest and coolest toys and items. However, we are going to need your help to be able to provide gifts for these older children in what we are calling our **PJ and Toy Drive for Teens**. We are mainly asking for pajamas and onesies for boys and girls ages 11-14 (sizes from adult S to youth L and XL).

The teens could also use gift cards (Target or other retailers), earbuds, headphones, curling irons, straighteners, and fun or athletic socks. If you prefer, we are also collecting gifts for younger children. We are hoping to collect the donations by **November 25** in order to get the gifts to the teens in time for Christmas. There will be a collection barrel in the back of the church for the gifts. Thank you for your generous donations!

God Bless,  
Mathew Pang and Nathan Su

### **CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS EVENT ON FRI., NOV. 30TH**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Care Packages for the Homeless event is taking place on Friday, November 30, 2018, hosted by the Youth Board. Our goal is to assemble 150 packages. If you would like to donate items, place them in the collection box located in the Narthex.

All items should be NEW: socks, knit gloves, toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, Band-Aids, individually wrapped alcohol wipes, tissue packets, lip balm, travel size shampoo and conditioner, travel size bar soap or shower gel, individually packaged beef jerky and trail mix.

Most of these items may be found at Target, Walmart and Amazon.com. Try contacting your dentist/orthodontist for toothbrush and toothpaste donations, and local hotels for soap, shampoo and conditioner donations. Costco usually carries socks, Band-Aids, and

individually packaged beef jerky and trail mix.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning – put cash in an envelope labeled “Homeless care packages”, or write a check out to “St. Luke” with “Homeless care packages” on the memo line. Please contact Faith Peters at [faith\\_peters@comcast.net](mailto:faith_peters@comcast.net) and Emma Mitchell at [eemitch95@comcast.net](mailto:eemitch95@comcast.net) with any questions. Thank you and God bless you.

### **ST. LUKE PRAYER CHAIN**

We have a group of praying people at St. Luke called the “Prayer Chain.” The way it works is one person calls a few others and those call a few more with prayer requests. To put someone on the prayer chain, or to become part of the Prayer Chain please call Marlene Custer at (650)967-8234.

### **WE LOVE TO HAVE CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

When you arrive at church, please check in the Narthex for a Children's Worship Bulletin, if your child is between the ages of 3-12 feel free to pick one up. For children under 5, please grab a busy bag with fun quiet activities to engage them during service! The bags are located on the kiosk near the main church entrance. The nursery in the back of the church is staffed and available for children 5 and under..

### **BULLETIN BOARD - KURTZ HALL**

A volunteer is needed to keep the bulletin board in Kurtz Hall up-to-date. It requires only about one hour a month. The material is provided and just needs to be posted. The bulletin board keeps the congregation aware of what is happening at church.

### **GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD**

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. We can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. Please pick up your World Hunger Bank in the Narthex today and see how we can make a difference with just a few coins a day! We will be collecting the banks on December 9th.

Thank you, Joyce Masterson and the St. Luke Witness Team

### **VISION COMMITTEE**

Vision Committee Update: Last call for your feedback! Thank you for your inputs. We are using your valuable feedback to help form our Vision Statement. Stay tuned for updates in December's Epistle, as we had for October's and November's Epistles, and we will bring a proposal for discussion at the January Congregation Meeting. Your Vision Committee is working on St. Luke's staffing and facilities future needs, in addition to our Statement.

### **ADULT LEARNING CLASS – OLD TESTAMENT STUDY**

We cannot know Jesus without knowing his story. Today the debate over who Jesus is rages on. Has the Bible bound Christians to a narrow and mistaken notion of Jesus? Should we listen to other gospels and other sayings of Jesus that enlarge and correct a mistaken story?

To answer these questions, we need to know what story Jesus claimed for himself. In his new book "Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament", Christopher Wright traces the life of Christ as it is illuminated by the Old Testament. And he describes God's design for Israel as it is fulfilled in the story of Jesus.

Join Oliver Smith in the Library (near the main entrance to the sanctuary) at 11AM today. Even if you cannot read along in the book, you can easily be part of our lively discussions, so drop in when you can!

### **TUBFRIM NEEDS YOUR USED STAMPS**

Save your used stamps and phone cards and place them in the glass container in the Narthex. The Norwegian firm of Tubfrim ([www.tubfrim.no](http://www.tubfrim.no)) sells the stamps, the proceeds of which help handicapped children and youth, and also finance tuberculosis research. Cut or tear off the stamp from the envelope leaving a small margin (approx. ½ inch) so as not to damage it. Please see Marvin or Lois Bertelson, at church or at (408) 739-5958, with any questions.

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

The Women's Thursday Night Bible Study is studying "What Happens When Women Walk In Faith, God Takes You To Amazing Places" by Lysa Terkuerst. The book is available on Amazon. Come and join us each Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Youth Outpost.

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING TO OBERAMMERGAU?**

We have a fun group (St. Luke Lutheran Church Group) planning to attend the June Oberammergau Reformation Tour from June 7-18, 2020. Space is limited due to the tour group's size, but there are still a few spots left for our St. Luke group. If you and/or your family and friends are ready to commit, now is the time to drop by the table in the Narthex to pick up a registration form and submit your deposit!

The brochure includes a registration form that can be completed and mailed to the tour company. All the information can also be found online at <https://reformationtours.com/package/june-oberammergau-reformation-tour/>, which includes a link to the online registration form.

Please contact either Pastor Bob, Amy McKee [amymckee33@gmail.com](mailto:amymckee33@gmail.com), Loretta Merry (650)967- 6070; [merrytravelservice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merrytravelservice@sbcglobal.net), Tim Tsang or Denise Tsang [kaylumma@yahoo.com](mailto:kaylumma@yahoo.com) for any questions. If you have completed and sent a registration form, please let one of us know.

### **CAMPUS SECURITY**

PLEASE continue to keep triple checking the doors that you're locking to ensure that they are closed tightly and locked. If in doubt, lock up! Thank you for your diligence!

### **2019 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUPS**

The new **2019 Flower Calendar** will be up 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 for the sanctuary is now **jesus123** and **John3:16** for other parts of the campus. 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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