

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Announcements

November 12, 2017

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 today by St. Luke Members, for God's faithful love.

Prayer Requests for the week:

For all who are in need of God's healing, & guidance, especially: Lorrie Peterson, Don Smith, Frances Graham, Anita Blazina, Mary Lou Robson, Sally Hedman, Cindy Ryan, Clare Kelly, Kristi Bauerly, Tiny & Donna Garland, 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 (Youth Sunday)	9:30 AM
	Fellowship	10:45 AM
	Children's Sunday school (Ed. Bldg.)	11:00 AM
	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)	11:00 AM
	PB&J High School Group (Youth Outpost)	11:00 AM
	Adult Sunday School	11:00 AM
	Cadette Girl Scout Mtg. – Troop #60788 (Kurtz Hall) ..	4:15 PM – 6:45 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 (P.B.'s Office)	9:30 AM
	Youth Board Meeting (P.B.'s Office)	10:30 AM
	Private Voice Lessons	12:30 PM – 3:30 PM
	AA (Youth Room)	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	St. Luke Bells Practice (Sanctuary)	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Witness Team Meeting	7:00 PM
	Bible Study (Kurtz Hall)	10:00 AM
	Financial Peace University	7:00 PM
	Worship Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:30 PM
Thursday	ACP Chapel (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
	SCLC Bible Study (Youth Outpost)	5:30 PM
	AA (Youth Room)	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Men's Group (Kurtz Hall)	6:30 PM
	Worship Team Practice	6:30 PM
	Women's Bible Study (Kurtz Hall)	7:00 PM
Friday	ACP Chapel (Sanctuary)	9:00 AM
	Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel.....	3:00 PM
	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

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.

2018 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 29th) 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 2018 Commitment Cards in the Narthex for a couple of weeks. As always, 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 2018 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,

Mike Colligan, Rebecca Bonham, Sue Hutchins, and Oliver Smith

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY – THE CASE FOR CHRIST

The Case for Christ is both a movie and a book by Lee Strobel, an award-winning legal journalist for the Chicago Tribune. His wife's becoming a Christian set this atheist on a journey to prove Christianity wrong, so that he could set his wife straight. For two years he researched and interviewed a number of highly respected Christian scholars. In the end he says he finally came to realize it would take more faith to disbelieve the tenets of Christianity than to believe and at that point, he did come to faith in Christ. The book and movie tell the story of his journey to faith.

The St Luke adult Bible study program centered around this book continues today with the showing of the second half of the 2017 movie *The Case for Christ* in the sanctuary, followed by a four-week study that explores elements of Lee Strobel's faith journey and contains these topics:

1. Investigating the Case for Christ
2. Exploring the Evidence for Christ
3. Embracing the Truth of Christ
4. Explaining the Good News of Christ

Each week the study starts with a clip from the movie and then uses a written guide to lead the class through various discussion questions related to the weekly topic to help us to better understand and be able to defend our faith.

That study will meet in the Narthex and will be led by Gloria Fairchild. Hope to see you there for a fun and spirit-filled dialogue!

BATHROOM REMODELING TEAM

We are assembling a team to begin the process of remodeling the Kurtz Hall bathrooms. So far, the team is made up of Amy McKee, Chu Baldwin, Alex Rubio and Mike Colligan. Call the church office if you would like to be part of this effort (408)736-9216.

PJ AND TOY DRIVE

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 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. Please help us provide gifts for these older children in what we are calling our **PJ and Toy Drive for Teens**. We are mainly asking for pajamas (PJ's) for boys and girls ages 12-18 (sizes from adult S to XXL or youth L and XL for smaller teens).

The teens could also use spinners, earbuds, headphones, curling irons, straighteners, and fun socks. We are hoping to collect the donations by **November 20** 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! Sunnyvale Community Services is also looking for teens and adult volunteers who can help decorate their holiday center. They are trying to make it look festive for the families. If you are interested, it will take place Nov 25-26. Please email Song Nguyen (nguyen_song@hotmail.com) if you are interested in helping! God Bless You, Matthew Pang & Nathan Su

SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES – HOLIDAY AUCTION

On Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM Sunnyvale Community Services will hold their Holiday Auction at The Elks Lodge, 375 N. Pastoria Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA. Come and enjoy food and beverages while bidding on unique auction items. All proceeds benefit our holiday programs. Admission is free! Please bring a new toy or bag of canned food to help fill the shelves of the Community Holiday Center. Can't attend: You can: Donate online at www.svcommunityservices.org or drop off a new toy or canned food to Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

THANKSGIVING EVE

Please join us for pie and coffee in Kurtz Hall after our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd.

HOMELESS PACKETS

The weather is starting to cool down and this change in season is felt by the homeless population in particular. To help out, we would like to prepare packets of daily necessities in order to help those who are currently without a home. This year, the Middle School and High

School Youth will be assembling homeless packets at a youth group event on December 1st. We are hoping to make 150 homeless packets at this event consisting of:

- Socks
- Chapstick
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- First aid supplies
- Hotel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Individual bags of beef jerky/ trail mix
- Tissue packets

The following Sunday, December 3rd, we will distribute homeless packets to the congregation and we will donate any extra supplies to a donation center in the area.

Any donations are welcome and the packets will not be identical, so an array of items is fine!

There will be a bin for donations in the back of the sanctuary. We will be collecting donations up until the youth event on **December 1st**. Find or contact Faith Peters if you have any questions regarding donations! Thank you for your generosity!

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 3rd and 10th.

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

FIRE AND HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPORT

We have all been praying for the victims of the California Fires and Hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria. St. Luke has already sent \$2,760 to **Lutheran Disaster Response** to help support the victims of Hurricanes. If you would like to add your gift, you may write a check to **St. Luke** with "**Hurricane Relief**" or "**Fire Relief**" in the memo line. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters here in California, Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and beyond.

MEN'S GROUP @ 6:30 PM

The men of St. Luke will meet on Thursday night in Kurtz Hall. Come check it out!

THURSDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Night Women's Bible Study meets at 7:00 PM. If interested in joining us, the study book "Same Life, New Story" by Jan Silvious can be ordered from Amazon.

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.

2017 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGNUPS

The **2017 Flower Calendar** is now located in the Narthex. 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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