

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## *Announcements*

*December 3, 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

**Youth Activities Coordinator:** Faith Peters

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**Altar flowers given by Karen Greguras, in honor of Fred's Birthday today.**

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### **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, 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 .....	9:30 AM
	Fellowship .....	10:45 AM
	Adult Sunday school (Kurtz Hall) .....	11:00 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
	Lunch & Christmas Pageant Practice .....	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	Staff Meeting (P.B.'s Office) .....	9:30 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	Bible Study (Kurtz Hall) .....	10:00 AM
	Advent Soup Supper (Kurtz Hall) .....	6:00 PM
	Advent Service (Kurtz Hall) .....	6:45 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
	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	St. Luke Work Day .....	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
	Christmas Pageant Practice .....	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
	Private Christmas Party (Kurtz Hall) .....	4:00 PM – 9:30 PM
	AA (Youth Room) .....	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

### **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.

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

Dear St. Luke Family,

We would like to thank you all for donating the amazing PJs and other gifts to the **PJ and Toy Drive for Teens**. During the drive, Sunnyvale Community Services has informed us that we raised over \$1,670 worth of PJs and the other gifts. It means so much to us that our St. Luke Family supported this service project. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

It is a great feeling to think that we all have played a small role in making Christmas just that much better for the families and teens that need some support and help. We would like to thank you once again.

We hope you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

God Bless You,  
Matthew Pang and Nathan Su

### **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!

### **SEES CANDY FUNDRAISER**

For all those who purchased Sees Candy, your orders will be handed out today after service. Please see Marlene Custer.

### **ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS & SERVICES**

Our annual Advent soup suppers & services continue this week. Do join us on the following dates at 6:00 pm for soup, salad, bread and dessert; followed by our 6:45 pm Advent service.

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted by our Council (with all vegetarian soups).

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted by our Worship Choir and Bell Choir.

### **HOMELESS PACKETS**

Today we will distribute homeless packets to the congregation and we will donate any extra supplies to a donation center in the area.

## **FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT & AUCTION ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH @ St. LUKE**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Silent auction - Kurtz Hall

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Concert - Sanctuary

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM Reception - Kurtz Hall

Tickets: Adults \$10.00, Students \$7.00

If you have auction-able items and wish to donate them to the choir (i.e. gift certificates, boutique, food etc.) you would be helping to support the FHS choir... bring them to church and we'll set them up. Thanks!

The Fremont choir is extremely grateful to St. Luke for allowing us to use the beautiful facility. Joe Howard

### **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.

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

We will be collecting the God's Global Barnyard banks today and next Sunday, December 10th. Thank you, Joyce Masterson and the St. Luke Witness Team

### **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, Janet Riddell and Mike Colligan. Call the church office if you would like to be part of this effort (408)736-9216.

### **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 resume their meetings on Thursday nights in Kurtz Hall in January 2018. 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](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.

## **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](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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