

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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**Dan Tisdell**

*Pastor*

## **Pastor's Musings In God's Time...**

### ***Ecclesiastes 3: 11-13***

<sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

### ***Isaiah 55: 8-9***

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

We are currently having a conversation as a congregation about sharing our space with another church. Much like our relationship with CCNS (Cupertino Cooperative Nursery School), this is a case of a community needing a space to use for their particular ministry. In both cases, we benefit primarily by collecting rental income, which we really need right now. However, as the last two years of council members will tell you, I always focus on what the relationship is. I

remind them that we are not landlords but relationship builders. It is currently hard to know how the relationship will develop.

I've never been very good at making new friends. The older I get, the harder it seems to be. When I was younger and made new friends, it was impossible to know what the relationship would look like in the future or how long the friendship would last. I just had to put some energy into the friendship and trust that it would develop the way it was supposed to develop. And in some cases, friendships have a life expectancy. Sometimes we drift away from friendships for one reason or another. We just have to remember to be thankful for the time we have as friends because it may not last.

This is how I feel about the many groups that use our campus or may use it in the future, like this potential renting church. We know that we will benefit in many ways from the relationship, but we have no way of knowing what that will look like, so we need to trust the Holy Spirit to know that it will all come together in God's time and to be thankful for the chance to be in relationship while we still can.

We humans have such a hard time trying to control outcomes of things we have little to no control over. We want assurances that everything will work out fine and everyone on all sides will be happy. The problem is, the work of relationship building is messy work. The work of the church, which is often mostly about relationship building, is also messy work. But it is also an amazing blessing to be in that mess together, and we should be thankful for it. We also need to learn to let go and let God control the outcome. When we allow things to happen in God's time and in God's way, the outcome is

always better than we could have imagined.

## **CAMPUS SHARING INFORMATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 4TH!**

As you may have read or heard, St. Luke has been given an opportunity to campus share with a local Chinese Church, Chinese Church in Christ in Sunnyvale (CCIC). We are actively working to make this happen in early 2026. They are interested in renting space on Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

Join us after service **tomorrow!** Also, please plan to attend our Special Congregational Meeting after service in two Sundays, Jan 18th.

## **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

We will hold a Special Congregational Meeting after service on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss and vote on the Campus Sharing with/Leasing to Chinese Church in Christ (CCIC). The most up to date information regarding the lease/campus share will be presented and voting will follow. Please plan to attend.



**New Worship  
Time  
Starts**

January 11, 2026  
9:30 – 10:45 AM



**Grant Hannon**  
*Youth Director*  
**Youth News**



**Juliana "Juli" Buccellato**  
*ACP Director*



**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!**

A great BIG thank you to my St. Luke family for always extending love, kindness, generosity and appreciation these last 21 years! I am truly blessed to work with a wonderful community of Christ-followers! In His precious and life-giving name, Letty

Hi Everyone!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a great new year! The Christmas season was full of fun things for our youth program with our annual Christmas party, the great big game show, and escape rooms all happening in December. It's great to have so many of our college students home for a few weeks and it was such a joy to see everyone.

As we look forward to 2026, planning has begun for a flurry of trips to San Francisco for all our different youth ages and our summer camp schedule which will be published in a few weeks. Keep your eyes out for all the cool and exciting things the youth will have going on in 2026!

Happy New Year! Amazing Creations Preschool starts the year with 21 students! We have several more that will start in the next couple of months. If you are not following us on Facebook, please do that. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on at Preschool and it also helps get us more exposure when you like and share our posts. We will be having an Open House on Feb. 28th. Please let your friends and neighbors know about it. I will put some flyers out for you to give to families that might be looking for a Preschool.

I hope that you had a chance to see the Christmas Tree in Kurtz Hall that the children made out of some of the recycled materials that you have been saving for us. We have enough materials for now, but I will let you know when we need more. Thank you so much for saving them for us. If anyone is interested in helping at our community events, please let me know. I often just need people who are willing to SIT and talk with those that attend. Happy New Year, Juli Buccellato



**Nancy Watz**  
*Council President*

**Council President's Corner**

Dear St. Luke family,  
 It is a new year with all the promise it holds, with all the renewed energy it holds, and with all the new opportunities it holds. God has a plan for St. Luke and for each of us individually. This plan might include big changes or smaller ones, but may we listen closely for what it is that God wants us to do. His will be done.

We will be having our annual Congregational meeting on February 1st with reports of what has been accomplished in 2025 and with the presentation of a budget for 2026. I want to personally thank all who contributed to the special Bridging the Gap campaign. Those special gifts kept our ministry here at St. Luke from struggling during 2025. Praise God!

May God grant us love, wisdom, and courage as we move forward in faith together.  
 Nancy



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**JANUARY GREETERS - FRONT DOOR**

- Jan. 04** - Sandi Wilkening
- Jan. 11** - Doug & Doriann Shreve
- Jan. 18** - Sandi Wilkening
- Jan. 25** - Doug & Doriann Shreve

**JANUARY GREETERS - SIDE DOOR**

- Jan. 04** - Don & Loretta Merry
- Jan. 11** - TBD
- Jan. 18** - Don & Loretta Merry
- Jan. 25** - TBD

# The Church Calendar - January 2026

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>Holiday<br>Office Closed     | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b> <b>Epiphany</b><br>10:00 AM In-Person<br>Worship & Live Stream<br>11:15 AM Fellowship<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>11:15 AM Campus<br>Share Informational<br>Meeting<br>11:30 AM Children's<br>Sunday School (M.E.B.)<br>11:30 AM Confirmation<br>Class (Y.O)<br>2:00 PM Round Dancing<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>6:00 PM Youth Group<br>(Youth Outpost)            | <b>5</b><br><br>7:00 PM Scout<br>Troop #493<br>(K.H.)& Scout<br>Troop #442<br>(Sanctuary)  | <b>6</b><br>7:30 AM - 10:30 AM<br>2nd Harvest Food<br>Bank Distribution (Kurtz<br>Hall)<br>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM<br>ACP Chapel<br>(Preschool)<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>(Church Office)   | <b>7</b><br><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>(Zoom)<br><br>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM<br>Pastor's Text Study<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br><br>7:30 PM Choir Practice<br>(Sanctuary)  | <b>8</b><br><br><br><br><br>7:00 PM Bible Study<br>(Zoom)  | <b>9</b><br><br><br><br><br>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM<br>Andy's Dance Group<br>(Kurtz Hall) | <b>10</b><br><br><br><br><br>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM<br>Elder's Meeting<br>(Kurtz Hall) |
| <b>11</b> <b>Baptism of our Lord</b><br>9:30 AM In-Person<br>Worship & Live Stream<br>10:45 AM Fellowship<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>10:45 AM Adult Forum -<br>Grant Hannon<br>11:00 AM Children's<br>Sunday School (M.E.B.)<br>11:00 AM Confirmation<br>Class (Y.O)<br>2:00 PM Round Dancing<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>6:00 PM Youth Group<br>(Youth Outpost)            | <b>12</b><br><br>7:00 PM Scout<br>Troop #493<br>(K.H.)& Scout<br>Troop #442<br>(Sanctuary) | <b>13</b><br>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM<br>ACP Chapel<br>(Preschool)<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>(Church Office)<br>11:30 AM Witness<br>Meeting (Kurtz Hall)   | <b>14</b><br><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>(Zoom)<br><br>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM<br>Pastor's Text Study<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br><br>7:30 PM Choir Practice<br>(Sanctuary) | <b>15</b><br><br><br><br><br>7:00 PM Bible Study<br>(Zoom) | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St.<br>Luke Work Day                                 |
| <b>18</b> <b>2nd Sunday after<br/>Epiphany</b><br>9:30 AM In-Person<br>Worship & Live Stream<br>10:45 AM Fellowship<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>10:45 AM Campus<br>Share Voting Meeting<br>11:00 AM Children's<br>Sunday School (M.E.B.)<br>11:00 AM Confirmation<br>Class (Y.O)<br>2:00 PM Round Dancing<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>6:00 PM Youth Group<br>(Youth Outpost) | <b>19</b><br><br>7:00 PM Scout<br>Troop #493<br>(K.H.)& Scout<br>Troop #442<br>(Sanctuary) | <b>20</b><br>7:30 AM - 10:30 AM<br>2nd Harvest Food<br>Bank Distribution (Kurtz<br>Hall)<br>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM<br>ACP Chapel<br>(Preschool)<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>(Church Office)<br><br>7:00 PM Council<br>Meeting (Kurtz Hall) | <b>21</b><br><br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>(Zoom)<br><br>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM<br>Pastor's Text Study<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br><br>7:30 PM Choir Practice<br>(Sanctuary) | <b>22</b><br><br><br><br><br>7:00 PM Bible Study<br>(Zoom) | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>25</b> <b>3rd Sunday after<br/>Epiphany</b><br>9:30 AM In-Person<br>Worship & Live Stream<br>10:45 AM Fellowship<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>11:00 AM Children's<br>Sunday School (M.E.B.)<br>11:00 AM Confirmation<br>Class (Y.O)<br>2:00 PM Round Dancing<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br>6:00 PM Youth Group<br>(Youth Outpost)  | <b>26</b><br><br>7:00 PM Scout<br>Troop #493<br>(K.H.)& Scout<br>Troop #442<br>(Sanctuary) | <b>27</b><br>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM<br>ACP Chapel<br>(Preschool)<br>10:30 AM Staff Meeting<br>(Church Office)   | <b>28</b><br><br>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM<br>Pastor's Text Study<br>(Kurtz Hall)<br><br>7:30 PM Choir Practice<br>(Sanctuary)                                       | <b>29</b><br><br><br><br><br>7:00 PM Bible Study<br>(Zoom) | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |

# January 2026 Calendar of Worship Volunteers

If you are unable to serve any of the positions below, please get a substitute and notify Letty by 12 PM on the Wednesday prior to your date of service at (408) 736-9216 of the change. Thank you!

| <u>Readings</u>   | <u>Acolytes &amp; Crucifier</u> | <u>Assisting Min/Cantor</u> | <u>Eucharist</u>             | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Altar Guild</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>January 4, 2026 - Epiphany Sunday</u></b>                 |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| <b>Children's Message: Beth Stauter</b>                         |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| Jer. 31:7-14<br>Psalm 147:12-20<br>Eph. 1:13-14<br>John 1:1-18  | TBD<br>TBD                      | Walt Wilser<br>Setting IV   | Denise Tsang<br>Tim Tsang    | Adeline Skov   | Altar Guild Team   |
| <b><u>January 11, 2026 - Baptism of our Lord</u></b>            |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| <b>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</b>                          |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| Isa. 42:1-9<br>Psalm 29<br>Acts 10:23-43<br>Matt 3:13-17        | TBD<br>TBD                      | Mark Kent<br>Setting IV     | Danae Moreno<br>Sue Hutchins | Oliver Smith   | Altar Guild Team   |
| <b><u>January 18, 2026 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</u></b>      |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| <b>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</b>                         |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| Isa. 49:1-7<br>Psalm 40:1-11<br>1 Cor. 1:1-9<br>John 1:29-42    | TBD<br>TBD                      | Sue Hutchins<br>Setting III | Kirk Autsen<br>Grant Hannon  | Sally Hedman   | Altar Guild Team   |
| <b><u>January 25, 2026 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</u></b>      |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| <b>Children's Message: Danae Moreno</b>                         |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| Isa. 9:1-4<br>Psalm 27, 1, 4-9<br>1 Cor. 10:18<br>Matt. 4:12-23 | TBD<br>TBD                      | Kirk Autsen<br>Setting III  | Tim Tsang<br>Denise Tsang    | Jordan Mandac  | Altar Guild Team   |
| <b><u>February 1, 2026 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany</u></b>      |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| <b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>                   |                                 |                             |                              |                |                    |
| Micah 6:1-8<br>Psalm 15<br>1 Cor.1:18-31<br>Matt. 5:1-12        | TBD<br>TBD                      | Wil Mandac<br>Setting IV    | Denise Tsang<br>Grant Hannon | Adeline Skov   | Altar Guild Team   |

## PAJAMA SUNDAY - 12/28/2025



Happy Birthday to...

- Jan. 01 - Richard Duesbury
- Jan. 01 - Sally Colligan
- Jan. 05 - Carolyn Christian
- Jan. 05 - Margaret Steen
- Jan. 07 - Jon Jensen
- Jan. 11 - Amy Bloom
- Jan. 13 - Steve Schmidt
- Jan. 13 - Emma Mitchell
- Jan. 16 - Louise Gore
- Jan. 17 - Marlene Custer
- Jan. 17 - Alexander Skov
- Jan. 17 - Tristan Skov
- Jan. 19 - Oliver Smith
- Jan. 20 - Kelsey Christian
- Jan. 21 - Janet Riddell
- Jan. 21 - Aimee Skov
- Jan. 24 - James Morales
- Jan. 28 - Sandi Wilkening



**ST. LUKE WORK DAY -  
NOVEMBER 15, 2025**



**1ST ADVENT SOUP  
SUPPER/SERVICE**



**BLUE CHRISTMAS:  
12/21/2025**



**ANNIVERSARIES  
THIS MONTH**

*Dave & Lourdes Johnson: 23 yrs. -  
January 18, 2003*

**THANKSGIVING EVE  
SERVICE & PIE**



**BLUE CHRISTMAS: 12/21/2025 - Cont'd**



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 12/24/2025**



## Donate Hygiene Items



### For sleeping and cleanliness:

Backpacks, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, washcloths, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors and shaving cream, band-aids, lotion, laundry pods.

**For ladies:** Feminine products, makeup, lipstick, hairclips.

**Clothing:** For men, women and children - clothing, hats scarves, gloves, underwear. The greatest need is for men's clothing.

**Shoes & Socks:** For all sizes but especially larger men's shoes.

**Water Bottles:** Reusable and 8 oz disposable

— **The Witness Team**



## PERSONAL CARE CAFE SERVES THE HOMELESS - HOW YOU CAN HELP IN THIS SEASON

St Luke families have been very generous, donating many useful and essential items to the Personal Care Cafe sponsored by Hope Lutheran, Santa Clara and supported by other Lutheran congregations. The need continues...

Items needed include anything you might need on a camping trip without a store nearby.

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## ***Worship Times***

**Sunday Worship Service** \* (In-person and streaming)

9:30 AM

**Fellowship after worship**

10:45 AM

**Sunday School @ 11:00 AM**

**Confirmation Class @ 11:00 AM**

**Youth Group - 6:00 PM**

# To:



