

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdell

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Ephesians 4:22-24

²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 12:2-3

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

I'm far from perfect. Almost daily I think bad things about the drivers getting on the interstate at under 35 miles per hour. I try not to, but it happens every time. Not to make this all about driving, but I also speed a bit too often. I also tend to react too quickly rather than thinking through my responses to things. I can be too quick to speak and not humble enough to listen. I could go on, but a newsletter article is not the same as

private or corporate confession of sins.

When I was a high school teacher and coach, one day a captain of a team I coached asked me to give an inspirational speech to the team. My first reaction was that I'm not a "Rah-Rah" kind of coach. That's not the way I'm built. But I went ahead and said something anyway, that went something like this.

Nobody is perfect. Even the best ever at their thing, their passion, their craft, had things they could learn and grow into. One of the common threads among the best athletes ever isn't their natural ability but instead their work ethic. In sports, Tom Brady was selected in the 6th round, Jerry Rice was a nobody from a small school, Wayne Gretsky was too small, the list goes on. But the constant among these athletes, the thing that was always said about them, was that they were the first to enter the practice facility and the last to leave. They recognized that they had room to improve and kept working at it. And this was from the best at their positions, maybe ever. The great Olympic swimmers Michael Phelps and Katie Ledecky were known for doing brutal workouts with their teammates, and then, when everybody else left, doing more work on their own.

After the speech, the captain said..." Well, that was pretty good for not being someone who makes speeches!"

It's not just athletes. Albert Einstein was seen as a below average student. Other inventors and artists like Thomas Edison, Nikolai Tesla, Samuel Morse, George Washington Carver, and Hedy Lamarr were ridiculed or died penniless, before their inventions took off. They worked hard to improve their designs; they adapted and created the world we live in today. They made mistakes all the time and

were still the tops of their perspective fields. They kept working to be the best at whatever they did.

This gives me so much hope. That I, this sinful person who can't seem to stop sinning and hurting other people, can keep working at being more who God wants me to be. Even though I am far from perfect, I have the extra motivation that I am also deeply loved exactly as I am right now, sins and all.

Nancy Watz

*Council
President*



Council President's Corner

Dear St. Luke Family,
January has been a busy month as we prepare for sharing our campus with another Christian church. God has blest us with a beautiful campus and now we will be sharing that campus as hosts to an immigrant Chinese church, CCIC. There were/are many meetings going on to figure out the privileges and responsibilities of both congregations that go along with sharing. Will there be risks and problems that arise? Of course. Problems are inevitable when two families share the same house. But as Christians, with grace and love for each other, these problems can be

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Grant Hannon
Youth Director
Youth News



Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
ACP Director



Council President's Corner

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worked out. As the sharing of campus starts, I encourage you to let leadership know of your experience; both the issues, so a solution can be found, and the positive interactions so we can celebrate together.

We also have possibilities to investigate, for shared ministry to our neighbors, for shared fellowship and learning, for shared workdays (to name a few). Who knows where the Holy Spirit will lead us? February will be an exciting time as we face change and growth. Please keep your hearts open to what God has in store for us, both as a congregation and as individuals. I close this epistle with a verse from 2 Corinthians which speaks of grace, love, and fellowship from our triune God. Amen.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Cor. 13:14.)

Hello Everyone!

I hope that you have had a wonderful start to the new year and have avoided the rain and cold. The youth group has been meeting all of the month and we had a wonderful cookie bake off! Thanks to all of our judges and participants as we crowned a new champion this year. It was truly crazy and awesome to see all the youth, and Pastor Dan, "duke it out for the vacant crowd this year."

In this coming month we have the ski trip and so many fun activities planned for a great month. Looking forward to it all!

Greetings for ACP! January has been a very busy month. We have enrolled several more toddlers bringing our Toddler classroom to 10 students, and we have 16 enrolled in Preschool. God is GOOD! We are getting ready for our Open House on Sat. Feb. 28th from 10am to noon. If you know anyone looking for Preschool, please invite them to attend. I will put some flyers on the table in the back of the sanctuary you can take to give to people or to post places like your work breakroom, local park or coffee shop etc. Thank you for your continued prayers and support . ACP is growing and I am so excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming months as we hire new teachers and enroll more students.

Juli Buccellato



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FEBRUARY GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

- Feb. 01** - TBD
- Feb. 08** - Doug & Doriann Shreve
- Feb. 15** - TBD
- Feb. 22** - Doug & Doriann Shreve

FEBRUARY GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

- Feb. 01** - Don & Loretta Merry
- Feb. 08** - TBD
- Feb. 15** - Don & Loretta Merry
- Feb. 22** - TBD



- Feb. 06 - Jordan Mandac
- Feb. 07 - Trinity Johnson
- Feb. 11 - Trish Wadsworth
- Feb. 12 - Ryan Peters
- Feb. 14 - Rebecca Nissin
- Feb. 19 - Nathaniel Su
- Feb. 22 - Lucas Morales
- Feb. 23 - Walt Wilser
- Feb. 25 - Henry Hayes
- Feb. 28 - Natalie Smith

The Church Calendar - February 2026

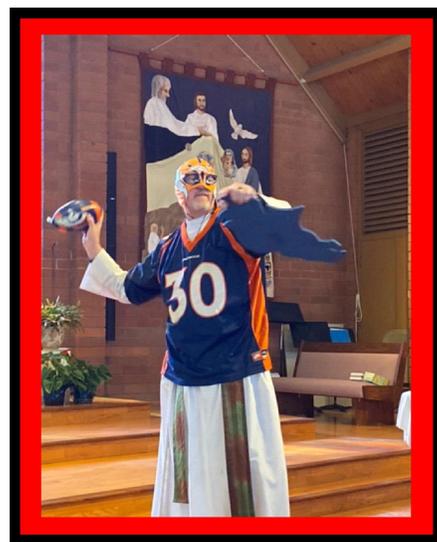
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 10:45 AM Congregational Voting Meeting 11:00 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (Y.O) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Andy's Dance Group (Kurtz Hall)</p>
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<p>15 Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 10:45 AM Campus Share Voting Meeting 11:00 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (Y.O) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">President's Day</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed!</p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Kurtz Hall)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 PM - 9:45 PM CCIC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day</p>
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February 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 & Crucifier</u>	<u>Assisting Min/Cantor</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
<u>February 1, 2026 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel					
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Cor.1:18-31 Matt. 5:1-12	TBD TBD	Wil Mandac Setting IV	Denise Tsang Grant Hannon	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
<u>February 8, 2026 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Isa. 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-10 1 Cor.2:1-16 Matt 5:13-20	TBD TBD	Chris Frye Setting III	Danae Moreno Sue Hutchins	Oliver Smith	Altar Guild Team
<u>February 15, 2026 - Transfiguration of Our Lord</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Exod. 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matt.17:1-9	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting III	Kirk Autsen Grant Hannon	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
<u>February 22, 2026 - 1st Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Beth Stauter					
Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Rom. 5:12-19 Matt. 4:1-11	TBD TBD	William Polzin Setting IV	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
<u>March 1, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel					
Gen. 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Rom. 4:1-5,13-17 John 3:1-17	TBD TBD	Walt Wilser Setting IV	Denise Tsang Grant Hannon	Danae Moreno	Altar Guild Team

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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:



