

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdel

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Mark 10: 13-16

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

As I sit here in my office, thinking of what I want to write for this month's newsletter article, I can hear, through the closed windows of my office, children playing and yelling and having fun. Maybe it's the Sunny Chinese kids out on recess. Or maybe I'm hearing our own Amazing Creations Preschool kids out having fun. It's a little further away, but it could be the children from Cupertino Cooperative Nursery School making all that noise. Lastly, it might even be a regular group of children and parents who stick around after they are done at CCNS for the day to have

a regular play date here. Whatever the case it may be, any time of the day you can hear the sounds of children playing here at St. Luke.

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me." And while that seems like a non-controversial statement, at the time of Jesus, the idea that dirty children would occupy the time of the teacher and prophet was unheard of. But Jesus understood that children were included in the kingdom of God better than anyone.

In my first call, I had a child in the congregation who would come up to me, sometimes during my sermon, to show me a truck or something. I always stopped, acknowledged him, and asked him to head back to his parents. I tried to do it as seamlessly as possible, while still attending to his needs.

On my second call, I had a rambunctious child who liked to sit in front at church. She would make noises and sometimes act strange. People would complain that she was distracting, but I knew something that they didn't know. She was listening to every word of my sermon and would ask me questions after worship about it. I'm convinced that she heard more of my sermon than the complainers did. As she got older and a bit more in control, her little brother was the one making a ruckus in church.

In each of these cases, the child wasn't making noise or acting out to defy their parents or disrupt worship. They made noises because they knew, deep down, that it was a safe space for them to be themselves. And if I couldn't preach around some minor

distractions, I wouldn't be much of a preacher.

Almost every church I've ever attended says they want more children and young families and at the same time, they want the children to sit still and be quiet all the time. And then we wonder why children often stop coming to church once they are old enough to decide for themselves. It's because we made an unspoken rule that only adult behavior is acceptable in church. To me, even the idea of church is a vision of messiness. The church is people, not a building, and people are messy and complicated. Especially when they are young.

Embrace the noise of children. It's not just what Jesus would do. It's literally the sound of the Kingdom of God.



Nancy Watz
Council President

Council President's Corner

Dear St. Luke family,
We have begun the 40-day journey of Lent, the season when we follow Jesus's ministry and road to the cross. It is a time of reflection,

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ASH WEDNESDAY

2/18/2026

Grant Hannon
Youth Director
Youth News



Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful month and were able to stay dry through all the storms and rain this past month. As most of you know we had to cancel our youth ski trip due to the amount of snow in Arnold along with no power, water or heat at the cabin we rented. We need to reschedule the ski trip. Watch for the new dates

As we go into March we have escape rooms on the agenda for all the youth so keep an eye out in church announcements for that.



Grant Hannon
Youth Director
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ASH WEDNESDAY 2/18/2026



Frank & Marlene Custer: 41 yrs. -
March 30, 1985
Michael & Joanna Villa: 17 yrs.
March 30, 2009

Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
ACP Director



Happy Spring from ACP!

ACP is growing! We have hired 3 more teachers, and we now have 30 students. We have completed the turf project in the toddler playground. If you have not seen it, stop by for a look. We are now working on plans to build a new storage shed on the playground. If you know anyone looking for Preschool please have them contact us. If you would like to keep up with all the happenings at ACP, you can follow us on Facebook. Thank you for all of your support and prayers.

Juli Buccellato

MARCH GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

- Mar. 01 - TBD
- Mar. 08 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
- Mar. 15 - TBD
- Mar. 22 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
- Mar. 29 - TBD

MARCH GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

- Mar. 01 - Don & Loretta Merry
- Mar. 08 - TBD
- Mar. 15 - Don & Loretta Merry
- Mar. 22 - TBD
- Mar. 29 - Don & Loretta Merry



- Mar. 07 - Hal Shieh
- Mar. 07 - Lauren West
- Mar. 08 - Grant Hannon
- Mar. 10 - Linnea Shieh
- Mar. 10 - Julius Villa
- Mar. 11 - Harrison Manullang
- Mar. 14 - Lorrie Peterson
- Mar. 14 - Jackson Clarno
- Mar. 17 - Janelle Pang
- Mar. 22 - Cordelia Shieh
- Mar. 22 - Maggie Cogdill
- Mar. 23 - Nadine Carlton
- Mar. 25 - Nicole Colligan
- Mar. 27 - Laura Dhanaraj
- Mar. 28 - Hailey Hayes
- Mar. 28 - Joyce Masterson

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penance, and prayer, an opportunity for spiritual renewal. The challenge for me is tuning out the noise of this world and finding/making that quiet time necessary for contemplation. It requires a deliberate intention not a passive one. I pray that the Holy Spirit

will guide each of us on our Lenten journey and bring us closer to our God and Saviour. Hope to see you at the Lent Soup Suppers and worship. May the Lord be with you,
Nancy

The Church Calendar - March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:45 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 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) 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Andy's Dance Group (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p>8 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:45 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 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>9</p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Meeting (Kurtz Hall)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Elder's Meeting (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p>15 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:45 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 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>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) 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day 12:00 PM Eagle Court of Honor (Sanctuary & Kurtz Hall) 4:00 PM Scout Troop 493 - Court of Honor (Sanctuary & Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p>22 5th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:45 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 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>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper (Kurtz Hall) 6:45 PM Lenten Service (Kurtz Hall) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)</p>	<p>28</p>
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March 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>March 1, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
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	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team
<u>March 8, 2026 - 3rd Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Exod. 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Rom. 5:1-11 John 4:5-42	TBD TBD	Mark Kent Setting III	Danae Moreno Sue Hutchins	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
<u>March 15, 2026 - 4th Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
1 Sam. 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Rom. 5:8-14 John 9:1-41	TBD TBD	Tim Tsang Setting III	Grant Hannon Denise Tsang	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
<u>March 22, 2026 - 5th Sunday in Lent</u>					
Children's Message: Beth Stauter					
Ezek. 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Rom. 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	TBD TBD	Sue Hutchins Setting III	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
<u>March 29, 2026 - Passion/Palm Sunday</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Isa. 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Phil. 2:5-11 Matt 26:14--27:66	TBD TBD	Tim Ambrose Setting IV	Denise Tsang Sue Hutchins	Grant Hannon	Altar Guild Team
<u>April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Jer. 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matt 28:1-10	TBD TBD	Wil Mandac Setting IV	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Jordan Mandac	Altar Guild Team

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 1, 2026



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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER - FEBRUARY 25 2026



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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:



