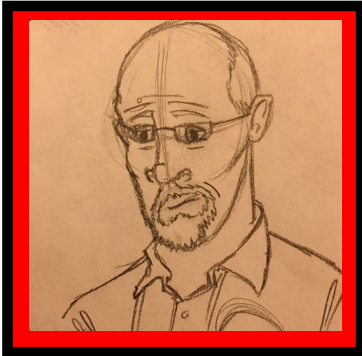


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdel

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

John 14: 25-27

25" I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

I've been thinking a lot about the Holy Spirit lately. Well, more specifically, I have been thinking about the tangible ways God works in the world. I mentioned at a Wednesday night worship in Lent a few weeks back that I think I see God in the seemingly random, often chaotic moments in life. In the times when so many pieces of my life seem to be tossed up in the air and I don't know, at the time, where they will all land. I have ceased to think of lucky circumstances as just luck. A chance encounter with an old friend, a sudden urge to call someone I haven't talked with in a while, or being the recipient of a call like that, or a conversation with a total stranger that provokes

thought long after the conversation has ended...these things, I truly believe, are evidence of the Spirit working, and we might not know their purpose until much later, if at all.

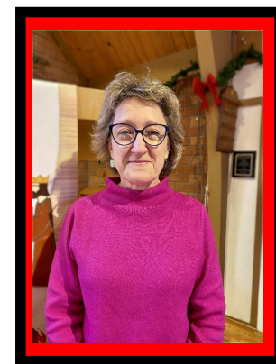
The Spirit works in all sorts of amazing ways and most of the time, we don't see it as God-directed while it is happening. When I have time to reflect, it was the times I felt most lost, lonely, or abandoned that I realize that what was really happening was guidance from the Spirit into a new and better direction for my life. Every time I've moved or made a major career change, I've struggled with understanding it. At the time, the unknown felt like more of a punishment than an opportunity. And then, inevitably, looking back, the next thing, the next phase, was where I most needed to be for my own growth and my own future.

It can be so hard to let go of control in our lives. When things happen, we want to control the outcome into something familiar or easy. Whether it's something as small as a phone call or a conversation or something as big as a move or career change, we usually go into it with some level of an agenda. It can be hard to adapt when the outcome does not come the way we hoped or planned. THAT is the point where we need to let go and let God, through the Holy Spirit work.

When I moved here, I had planned ahead to have a call in place by the time I moved. That didn't happen. I stressed about not knowing. I stressed about not having income. I stressed about new life circumstances. I spent

the majority of my first month living in California, relaxing on a couch all day. It took me a while to let go and trust that God would put me where I was most needed and where my own needs would be met. I have been your pastor here at St. Luke for two and a half years now, and for many reasons, I know I have been the right pastor at the right time for this church. This church has been the right place for me as a pastor and as a child of God who is also on a journey holding hands with God and trying to live an authentic life without regrets.

God always knows far better than any of us. The randomness, the sense of chaos, it often leads to revelation, to an understanding of God's work in our lives. We humans are not fond of change, but change happens anyway, and God works in and through the changes and random encounters in our lives.



Nancy Watz

Council President

Council President's Corner

Dear St. Luke Family,
As I write this epistle, it has been almost a month since we started

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Grant Hannon
 Youth Director
Youth News



Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
 ACP Director



- Apr. 04 - Oluf Nissen
- Apr. 09 - Shirley Krongard
- Apr. 09 - Deborah Autsen
- Apr. 10 - Jada Lee
- Apr. 10 - Jodie Lee
- Apr. 14 - Ruth Eggen
- Apr. 16 - Lukas Radenbaugh
- Apr. 17 - Dee Lillie
- Apr. 17 - Karen Greguras
- Apr. 18 - Erin Peters
- Apr. 18 - Zak West
- Apr. 20 - Suzanne Strohmaier-Rubio
- Apr. 25 - William Polzin
- Apr. 27 - David Johnson
- Apr. 28 - Donna Garland
- Apr. 28 - Joslyn Holliday
- Apr. 29 - Janet Coggins
- Apr. 30 - Patricia Walz

Hello Everyone!

What a great way to kick off April with such a great Sunday like Easter! There is so much going on with our 3 Easter Egg Hunts, Stuffed Animal Giveaway, and all our other Easter activities. It is always such a joy to celebrate Easter with everyone and I cannot wait for the rest of this month.

As we continue forward there is great stuff for the youth happening each week as we cruise towards the end of school. Youth group continues to meet every Sunday and we prepare our summer schedule for another great and exciting summer.

Our one big event to put on everyone's calendar is the Italian Dinner Fundraiser will be April 19th! We will transform Kurtz Hall into a restaurant and raise money for our youth program with a dinner that all are invited too! Tickets are on sale now!



—
 Grant Hannon
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Happy Easter!

God has been so good to ACP. We have seen several major projects completed around the school; enrollment is continuing to increase, and we have been able to hire new teachers! We now have 32 students enrolled and have a total of 7 teachers on staff.

It is such a joy to see the children interacting with the staff and each other. As the weather warms up, we are looking forward to adding more things to the playground for the children to enjoy. I encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook so you can see a little of what I get to enjoy every day.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.
 Juli Buccellato

Council President's Corner

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sharing our campus with the Chinese Church in Christ congregation. It has been a blessing seeing fellow Christians glorifying God on our campus! There have been bumps along the way and leadership from both congregations have respectively tried to resolve any issues. It is still early in our relationship and to grow and maintain a good relationship, a committee has been formed. It is the St. Luke and CCIC Ad-hoc Inter-congregation Relations Committee

Council President's Corner

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composed of members from both congregations. This committee will meet regularly to create a safe space for open dialogue, build trust, address any concerns, discuss special requests, and explore sharing possible ministries. The St. Luke members for this committee are: Pastor Dan, me, Emily Bradshaw, and Dave Johnson. Please talk with one of us if you have suggestions, concerns, or positive experiences to share. Easter is almost here and the joy and promise it brings from our loving God. May we be a blessing to others in this world and may we speak God's Word so others may hear of His steadfast love.

Happy Easter!
 Nancy



Iris & James Morales: 32 yrs. -
 April 9, 1994

Dolin & Anne Riddell Pereira: 29 yrs.
 April 26, 1997

Oliver & Beth Smith: 24 yrs.
 April 6, 2002

Julie & Logan Leon-Guerrero: 10 yrs.
 April 29, 2016

The Church Calendar - April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)	2 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service (Kurtz Hall)	3 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	4 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Andy's Dance Group (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Easter Vigil (Sanctuary)
5 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast 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 Easter Egg Hunt	6 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM ACP School Picture Day (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	7 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)	8 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (M.E.B. - ACP - Rm#2)	9 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	10 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	11 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Elder's Meeting (Kurtz Hall)
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April 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>April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel					
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
<u>April 12, 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Easter</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting III	Denise Tsang Tim Tsang	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
<u>April 19, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	TBD TBD	Walt Wilser Setting IV	Grant Hannon Sue Hutchins	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
<u>April 26, 2026 - 4th Sunday of Easter</u>					
Children's Message: Beth Stauter					
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	TBD TBD	Tim Tsang Setting III	Kirk Autsen Grant Hannon	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
<u>May 3rd - 5th Sunday of Easter</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel					
Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	TBD TBD	Mark Kent Setting IV	Denise Tsang Danae Moreno	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team

TITLE



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

APRIL GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

Apr. 05 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

Apr. 12 - TBD

Apr. 19 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

Apr. 26 - TBD

APRIL GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

Apr. 05 - TBD

Apr. 12 - Don & Loretta Merry

Apr. 19 - TBD

Apr. 26 - Don & Loretta Merry

To:

