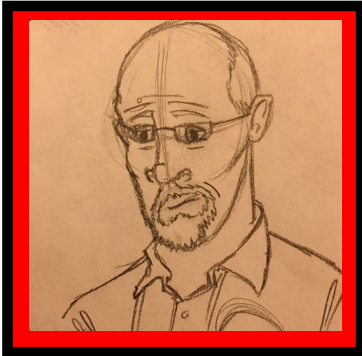


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdel

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Sanctuary

Exodus 25

25The Lord said to Moses: ²Tell the Israelites to take for me an offering; from all whose hearts prompt them to give you shall receive the offering for me. ³This is the offering that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, ⁴blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen, goats' hair, ⁵tanned rams' skins, fine leather, acacia wood, ⁶oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁷onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and for the breastpiece. ⁸And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them.

We have a few words for the building that we worship in. It is often called, simply, the "Church". Different traditions use the words Chapel, Cathedral, Basilica, Meetinghouse, Temple, Abbey, Tabernacle, Kirk, or Bethel. Within the building, there are traditional names for the different rooms and spaces within the building too. The "nave" is the area where the congregation sits. The "chancel" is the

area around the altar. The "narthex" is the entry or lobby area. The "oratory" would be a private chapel or place for prayer. And then there's this special word..."sanctuary"...

The word "sanctuary" can mean different things in different traditions. For some, it is just the area around the altar. For others, it may be a bit larger, the space comprising the "nave" along with the altar area, so, essentially, the entire active worship space. For some others, it is the entire building used for worship, regardless of how and when it is used.

What is the word sanctuary though? Where does the word come from? We know that it is also defined as a "safe space" or a status that is safe, for instance, someone may be seeking sanctuary for themselves. The word derived from the words for saint and "sanctus" meaning "holy". The word gained a secular meaning of a place of general safety and refuge, even to the point that we have wildlife "sanctuaries". This happened because churches became safe spaces for people during times of war and other environmental and political problems over many centuries of conflict and turmoil.

The church, then, has been the model for the secular world of a safe space, in very literal and tangible ways. Even if not all churches and not all times has the church been truly safe. For instance, the Lutheran church in Germany turned and looked the other way in Nazi Germany and was even complicit in many circumstances in being unsafe for many people. At other

times, such as the Catholic church in El Salvador at the time of Oscar Romero, was unwilling to make efforts to keep their spaces safe for the people, leading to violence and loss of life.

I believe that the church, both physical building AND the church, body of Christ, group of people, are following Christ most closely, when we take this idea of sanctuary most seriously. Is St. Luke a safe space for all types of people? Can it be? Do our guiding values focus on sanctuary, for all in need?

I think the members of the congregation also seek sanctuary, but that definition of sanctuary might actually be an additional one. Think of the word in the sense of a place of peace and rest in a world that is not peaceful and restful as a rule.

I think in many ways, St. Luke is sanctuary. It is sanctuary for our children in three separate schools. It is sanctuary for our neighbors to come and spend time on our property. It is sanctuary for groups like the Scouts, Second Harvest clients, and the dance group. And it is sanctuary for those of us who come to worship. Who is this space not sanctuary for? For whom is this space not a safe one? Who needs to know that this safe space exists that might need it and not know about it? Let's spend some time thinking about sanctuary in all its definitions.

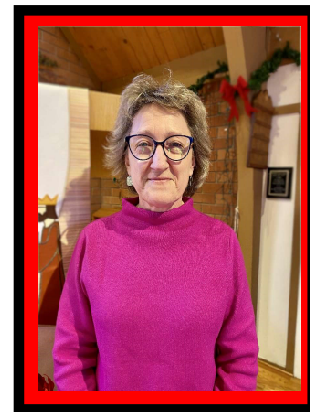
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Youth News



Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
ACP Director



Nancy Watz
Council President



Hi Everyone!

What an amazing Easter we had last month. It feels like that is so long away now, but that was only a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who donated eggs, candy, or stuffed animals to our Easter events. We packed over 8000 eggs with candy and gave out over 400 stuffed animals this year. It was an amazing Easter and over the course of the day we had 3 Easter egg hunts running at full speed.

As we look forward to May the two events I want to highlight for you are Italian Dinner and Confirmation Sunday. Italian Dinner is going to be on May 3rd from 6pm to 8pm. We still have tickets left for anyone who would like to attend! Confirmation Sunday where we celebrate and confirm Penny and Hal will be on the 17th of May. That will be the conclusion of our school year programming and we will transition into our Summer Program on the 31st.

There is a lot happening in the life of the youth at St. Luke!

Hello from ACP!

We have had a busy month! We celebrated Easter with an Egg Hunt and Party. We have learned about plants and how they grow. We have watched caterpillars change into butterflies and Ladybugs go through their life cycle. The kids enjoyed watching our new storage shed being built!

Summer plans are in the works! We have scheduled several special visitors already with more to come. Our Summer Camp is for children ages 3-6 years old so if you know of any families that are looking for either a half day or full day Summer Camp, please have them call the school.

We are also enrolling for the 2026-2027 School Year. We currently have 36 students enrolled for the Fall! If you know of families that are looking for a Preschool, encourage them to call and schedule a tour. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Juli Buccellato

Council President's Corner

Greetings to my St. Luke family, We are in the middle of Spring, a time of renewal and growth. We are also waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and the gifts the Spirit will bring. As Paul tells us in 1st Corinthians, we are given gifts and talents that are specific to each individual but that work together for the whole. Jesus Christ is no longer in this world in human form; and therefore, if he wants a task done for him within this world, he must find a human to do it. I so appreciate everyone at St. Luke who steps up and does these tasks. We are the hands, feet, and voice for Christ. Not working in isolation but working together in unity with love, respect, and empathy for each other. May Christ guide us to where he needs us and may we recognize our own gifts and talents and be open to new possibilities of service.

May the Lord be with you,
Nancy



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MAY GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

May 03 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
May 10 - TBD
May 17 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
May 25 - TBD

MAY GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

May 03 - TBD
May 10 - Don & Loretta Merry
May 17 - TBD
May 25 - Don & Loretta Merry



Mark & Kathleen Peters: 27 yrs. -
May 15, 1999
Tim & Song Su: 25 yrs.
May 19, 2001

The Church Calendar - May 2026

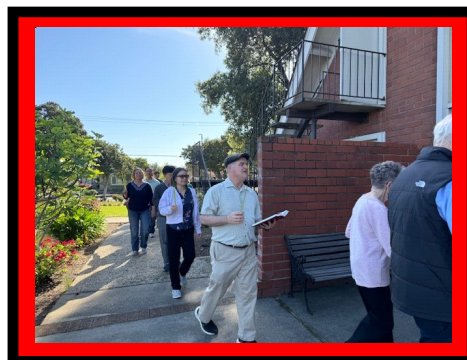
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May 2026 Calendar of Worship Volunteers

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>May 3, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter</u>					
<u>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel</u>					
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
<u>May 10th, 2026 - 6th Sunday of Easter</u>					
<u>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</u>					
Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	TBD TBD	Sue Hutchins Setting III	Denise Tsang Tim Tsang	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
<u>May 17, 2026 - 7th Sunday of Easter</u>					
<u>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</u>					
Acts 1:6-14-41 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11	TBD TBD	Chris Frye Setting III	Hal Shieh Penny Bauerly	Penny Bauerly Hal Shieh	Altar Guild Team
<u>May 24, 2026 - Day of Pentecost Sunday</u>					
<u>Children's Message: Beth Stauter</u>					
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34,35b 1 Cor 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting III	Kirk Autsen Grant Hannon	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
<u>May 31, 2026 - Holy Trinity Sunday</u>					
<u>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel</u>					
Gen 1:--2:4a Psalm 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Matt 28:16-20	TBD TBD	William Polzin Setting IV	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29, 2026



MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026



EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4, 2026



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 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**



May. 05 - Caroline Wolf
May 08 - Charles Peterson
May 12 - Kevin Callahan
May 14 - Pastor Daniel Tisdell
May 14 - Terry Callahan
May 18 - Linda Baginski
May 24 - Elizabeth White
May 26 - W.L. Loo
May 28 - Doug Shreve
May 30 - Ryan Jacob

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:



