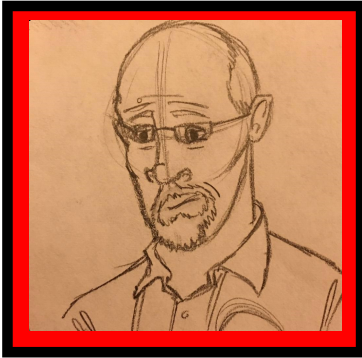


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdell, Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Matthew 13:3

³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow..."

Matthew 13:24

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field..."

Matthew 13:31

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field..."

Always Planting Seeds!

As I write this article, we are in the middle of three weeks of hearing the Gospel message talk about seeds. All three are from the thirteenth chapter of the book of Matthew. First, we had the well-known "Parable of the sower" where God the sower, distributes the seeds (the word of God) onto the ground, which may be rocky, weedy, on the path, or good soil. The next week, we had the parable of the weeds and the wheat, where God lets the weeds grow up alongside the wheat. Finally, we had the parable of the mustard seed, where it is said, that though it is among the smallest of seeds, it grows very large

and provides shade and shelter for many creatures.

Seeds. Every week. I mentioned in my chapel lesson to the preschool children that scientists still aren't sure how seeds work. Sure, they know broadly, but some of the mechanism for how seeds know how and when to sprout are still mysterious. After thousands of years planting seeds, it's still a little bit of a miracle.

At our very best, we are both sower and good soil. This is not to take anything away from God the sower, as, even in the parables I mentioned, God is the sower in one and not in the others. The good soil is pretty easy to understand, even if it can often be hard to replicate. We know that we need God in our lives, but we often get distracted and change priorities, and yet, we know we should be good soil. We should be good recipients of the love, grace, and instruction that comes from God. We don't often think of ourselves as sowers of seeds but I think we are, both at church and also outside the church with our families and our work. I was a teacher and I knew that I instilling a desire to learn and grow more than a full skill set. I was planting the seeds of lifelong learning, but in most cases, I never got to see the results. As a pastor I feel the same way. Rarely is an individual sermon or experience as part of the church family life changing on its own, but hopefully seeds are planted that may take time to take root.

Being a good parent, a good friend, or even a good employee is much the same. We sow seeds of trust, of wisdom, of experience, and we hope that one day they will sprout into something beyond

our wildest imaginations. Sometimes seeds never sprout, and that is okay. They don't always have the best conditions to grow. Good light, plenty of water, good soil. Not every seed is going to succeed.

I think most of my job as a pastor is planting seeds. Asking the "What if?" questions and seeing where that leads. Planting an idea with someone and letting them germinate and care for that seed and see what happens.

We are always planting seeds and being planted with seeds all our lives. May we be good sowers and even better soil.

First Summer Picnic - July 12, 2026



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



**Juliana
"Juli"**
Buccellato
ACP Director



Hi all,
Happy August I hope that you are staying cool and enjoying the last few weeks of summer. It has been a wild ride for us and the youth here. VBS was a huge success and a great week! Snowball mountain challenge brought winter sports, snowstorms, and great fun all around campus. From crafts to scouting, to great science it was good fun. It is always such a joy to have that fun camp here and this year we partnered with I9 sports as our recreation partner. It was wonderful partnering with them and if anyone is looking for a wonderful sports camp please consider reaching out to them. With so much joy I cannot wait to bring to you all our fall schedule in the coming months! Keep your eyes out and stay tuned!

Grant



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**AUGUST GREETERS -
FRONT & SIDE DOOR**

Aug. 02 - Don & Loretta Merry
Aug. 09 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Aug. 16 - Don & Loretta Merry
Aug. 23 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Aug. 30 - Don & Loretta Shreve

It is hard to believe that Summer is almost over! The children have had a wonderful time with all of the special activities this summer. We have had many special visitors, made a lot of wonderful messes, and learned a lot along the way! The last few weeks of summer promise to be just as much fun.

ACP is continuing to grow. We will start the school year off with 39 students! We had to say goodbye to Ms. Kate as she moved to Washington to pursue her teaching credentials. We also had to say goodbye, for a while, to Ms. Louise as she returned home to the UK to deal with a family issue. We are hoping to see her back with us after the first of the year. We welcomed Ms. Chloe, a full-time teacher, and

Ms. Katherine, a full-time aide to the ACP family, and we are looking for one more teacher to join us.

As ACP continues to grow, we are always looking for volunteers to help out with things around the school. Do you like to garden? Are you handy with tools? Do you have a special skill that young kids could learn or would enjoy watching? We can always use help and the kids truly enjoy having visitors. If you would like to come visit and read a story, help with a messy art project, share a skill with the kids or just come to play, we would love to have you.

Please continue to pray for ACP as we add more students and staff. I am excited to see what God has in store for us!

Juli Buccellato



 **ANNIVERSARIES
THIS MONTH**

Steve & Julie Schmidt: 58 yrs. -
August 10, 1968

Lynn & Karen Farrens: 57 yrs.
August 22, 1969

John Krogman & Mary Hendrickson:
37 yrs. - August 26, 1989

Allen & Janelle Pang: 23 yrs.
August 31, 2003

Andrew & Linnea Shieh: 19 yrs.
August 11, 2007

Aug. 03 - Andy Wadsworth
Aug. 04 - Tucker Leon-Guerrero
Aug. 05 - Beth Smith
Aug. 08 - Gwyn Carpenter
Aug. 08 - Lynn Farrens
Aug. 09 - Anne Riddell Pereira
Aug. 13 - Andres Morales
Aug. 14 - Marco Villa
Aug. 16 - Kalley Luna
Aug. 18 - Kathleen Peters
Aug. 18 - Evelyn Sandoval
Aug. 20 - Adeline Skov
Aug. 20 - Nicolas Morales
Aug. 22 - Beth Stauter
Aug. 22 - Michael Villa
Aug. 23 - Clark Webster
Aug. 27 - Lisa Pierce
Aug. 31 - Isabelle Pereira

The Church Calendar - August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	3 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	4 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	5 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	6 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Andy's Square Group (Kurtz Hall)	7 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	8 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Private Choir Meeting (Kurtz Hall)
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16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:00 AM St. Luke Summer Picnic 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	17 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	18 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food 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)	19 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Retired Leaders in Synod Meeting - Anne Carlson (Kurtz Hall) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	20	21 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	22
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August 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>August 2, 2026 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Isa. 55:1-5	TBD	Tim Ambrose	Grant Hannon	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	TBD	Setting VII	Danae Moreno		
Rom. 9:1-5					
Matt. 14:13-21					
<u>August 9, 2026 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
1 Kings 19:9-18	TBD	Wil Mandac	Tim Tsang	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 85:8-13	TBD	Setting VIII	Denise Tsang		
Rom. 10:5-15					
Matt. 14:22-33					
<u>August 16, 2026 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Isa. 56:1,6-8	TBD	Chris Frye	Grant Hannon	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 67	TBD	Setting VII	Hal Shieh		
Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32					
Matt. 15:[10-20] 21-28					
<u>August 23, 2026 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Beth Stauter					
Isa. 51:1-6	TBD	Linda Baginski	Danae Moreno	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 138	TBD	Setting VIII	Penny Bauerly		
Rom. 12:1-8					
Matt. 16:13-20					
<u>August 30, 2026 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth					
Jer. 15:15-21	TBD	Tim Tsang	Kirk Autsen	Jordan Mandac	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 26:1-8	TBD	Setting VII	Sue Hutchins		
Rom. 12:9-21					
Matt. 16:21-28					
<u>September 6, 2026 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Ezek. 33:7-11	TBD	Walt Wilser	Grant Hannon	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 119:33-40	TBD	Setting VIII	Danae Moreno		
Rom. 13:8-14					
Matt. 18:15-20					

Michaela Jayne Graves Baptism (Bee Robles' Great Granddaughter) July 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



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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 on hiatus until Rally Day

Confirmation Class @ 11:00 AM on hiatus until Rally Day

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

To:



