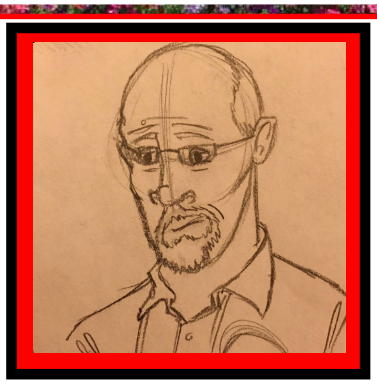
St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdel, *Pastor*

Pastor's Musings

Isaiah 49:6b

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Matthew 28: 19-20

[19]Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mark 16: 15

[15]And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

That does it mean, in a practical way, to be "a light to the nations" and to "make disciples of all nations' and to "proclaim the good news to the whole creation"? How do we do that in our context as part of this community called St. Luke Lutheran?

There are some indirect ways we do it. For instance, we support three different sets of Lutheran missionaries in different countries and we support their work in those places ireaching the Gospel.

Also, we preach the Gospel (and if necessary, use words) when we support ministries such as Second Harvest, Sunnyvale Community Services, Our Daily Bread, and ELCA World Hunger. These are all ways we preach the Gospel of the love of Christ, and I'm sure you can think of other similar ways that God's love is shared to community groups.

I think the question that really strikes me, is how we, as individuals can share the Gospel more directly and more in a one-on-one way with people yearning to hear it. I'm not necessarily talking about quoting scripture on street corners but I am very interested in how we can reach people who might never walk through our doors or be connected through one of our ministries. Maybe it is through a simple invitation to someone. Maybe it is in simply being kind to someone who did not expect kindness.

I think we are not as creative as we could be in exploring ways to preach the Gospel. Recently I thought to myself that, since this community has many people who speak languages other than English at home, with the advances in AI, maybe we can find a service that meets people where they are and translates our service into a language that they better understand. We found such a service and are in the process of testing it out.

Its such a Pentecost moment. What if language was not a barrier to hearing the Gospel. One of the most important things Martin Luther did doesn't get talked about enough. He translated the entire Bible into the language of the people…the language that they spoke and read every day. This made the Gospel accessible to so many more people than before.

Today, technology has advanced enough that perhaps it can help us reach more people in a meaningful way. I know that a big part of the ministry of the Schoeder family is to translate the Bible and provide it on devices for people to access in multiple languages.

This is not about specific programs or ideas, though. We should always be thinking in broad and creative ways on how we can live out our calling to preach the Gospel. Every generation connects in different ways. The way we communicate changes often. Some people in the congregation prefer to communicate by text, others by email. Some people prefer their social media on Facebook, others on Instagram or TikTok. We need to be creative and open to different ways of reaching people because when we are called to preach the Gospel by Jesus Christ, it isn't just the message that is important, but the method in how that message is given.



Emily Bradshaw
Council President

Hi St. Luke,

Progress has been made on several scout projects, including new

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Grant Hannon
Youth Director

Youth News



Hi Everyone,

I hope that the starting of fall weather is treating you well! Our youth program is entering the flow of fall and our upcoming events will hopefully be full of old favorites and new surprises for all the youth.

Our big Sunday upcoming is the 15th, that Sunday our Sunday school age kids will be going to the children's discovery museum on one of their quarterly outings. We will also be celebrating our annual Friendsgiving on November 29th as we kick off our Christmas season that Sunday as well!

So much is happening and I hope all of you can catch some of the fun stuff the youth are doing right now!

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Grant Hannon
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NOVEMBER GREETERS - FRONT & SIDE DOOR

Nov. 01 - Doriann Shreve
Nov. 08 - Don & Loretta Merry
Nov. 15 - Doriann Shreve
Nov. 22 - Don & Loretta Merry
Nov. 29 - Doriann Shreve

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Vic & Joyce Masterson: *68 yrs. - November 30 1958*

Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
ACP Director



Happy Thanksgiving! We at ACP have so much to be thankful for this year. ACP just celebrated our 2-year anniversary. What began in October of 2024 with just one student, has grow by leaps and bounds. We now have 46 children enrolled and have nine teachers.

We are so grateful for all of the volunteers that have come out to help do projects around our campus and have volunteered their time to help run our community events we have hosted. Thank you for all of your donations and prayers. Please continue to hold our students, their families, and our teachers in your prayers.

Juli

Emily Bradshaw
Council President

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lights in the parking lot. We should also be getting a new banner soon.

Our first adult forum has been scheduled for November 8th with a guest from Reconciling in Christ (RIC) who will be presenting information on what RIC is and what it means to be RIC.

That's all for this month!
- Emily Bradshaw

Happy Birthday to...

Nov. 01 - Ulrik Skov
Nov. 01 - Jack West
Nov. 02 - Anna Buskirk
Nov. 04 - Allen Pang
Nov. 08 - Gary Walz
Nov. 08 - Monica Nissen
Nov. 10 - Liz West
Nov. 15 - Jacob Su
Nov. 15 - Jacob Luna
Nov. 23 - Suzanne O'Connor
Nov. 25 - Gemma Chang

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026







The Church Calendar - November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:30 AM Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 9:00 AM Blood Drive (Sm. Parkikng Lot) 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 Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**2** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM CCNS Parent's Meeting (ACP Classroom #1 & #2 - M.E.B.)	**3** 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) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	**4** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**5** 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Andy's Square Group (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**6** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**7**
8 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 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 Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**9** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**10** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 12:00 PM Witness Meeting (Kurtz Hall) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 PM ACP Board Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	**11** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**12** 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**13** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**14** 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Private Event (Kurtz Hall)
15 25th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 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 Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**16** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**17** 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) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	**18** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**19** 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Andy's Square Group (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**20** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**21** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day
22 Christ the King Sunday 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 Confirmation Class (Outpost) 11:00 AM Sunday School (MEB) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Truck Night 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**23** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**24** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	**25** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**26** Thanksgiving Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED!	**27** Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED! 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**28**
29 1st Sunday of Advent 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 Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 11:00 AM Sunday School (MEB) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group	**30** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)					

November 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!

Readings	Acolytes & Crucifier	Assisting Min/Cantor	Eucharist	Lectors	Altar Guild
		November 1, 2026 - All Saints Sunday			
		Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel			
Rev. 7:9-17	TBD	Wil Mandac	Kirk Autsen	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 34:1-10, 22	TBD	Setting IV	Denise Tsang		
1 John 3:1-3					
Matt. 5:1-12					
		November 8, 2026 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost			
		Children's Message: Kirk Autsen			
Amos 5:18-24	TBD	Tim Ambrose	Tim Tsang	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 70	TBD	Setting VII	Denise Tsang		
1 Thess. 4:13-18					
Matt. 25:1-13					
		November 15, 2026 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost			
		Children's Message: Grant Hannon			
Zeph. 1:12-18	TBD	Mark Kent	Danae Moreno	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12	TBD	Setting III	Penny Bauerly		
1 Thess. 5:1-11					
Matt. 25:14-30					
		November 22, 2026 - Christ the King Sunday			
		Children's Message: Beth Stauter			
Ezek. 34:11-16,20-24	TBD	Chris Frye	Kirk Autsen	Grant Hannon	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 95:1-7a	TBD	Setting III		Sue Hutchins	
Eph. 1:15-23					
Matt. 25:31-46					
		November 29, 2026 - 1st Sunday in Advent			
		Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth			
Isa. 64:1-9	TBD	Walt Wilser	Grant Hannon	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	TBD	Setting VIII	Hal Shieh		
1 Cor. 1:3-9					
Mark 13:24-37					
		December 6, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Advent			
		Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel			
Isa. 40:1-11	TBD	Wil Mandac	Tim Tsang	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	TBD	Setting IV	Denise Tsang		
2 Peter 3:8-15a					
Mark 1:1-8					

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:

