

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Announcements December 15, 2024

Ministers: *All members of the congregation!*

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Prayer requests for the week:

For all who are in need of God's healing and guidance, especially: Roy Tuason, Lisa Pierce, Olivia Weber, Marlene Custer, Lois Bertelson, Theresa Tuason, Michael Masterson, Gwyn Carpenter, Jon Jensen, Karen Farrens, Lorrie Peterson, Mary Lou Robson, and Sally Hedman.

If you or an immediate family member would like to be listed in (or removed from) the above Prayer Request Announcements, please contact **Letty Lucero**. If you would like to add prayers for the prayer chain, please contact **Marlene Custer**.

For Julia and Vincent Leiyooole, serving in Kenya.

For Dorcas Wang, serving in Beijing, China.

For Ruth, Luke, Yahiya, Alasa, Da'ud, Hadasa and Gideon Schroeder serving in the Philippines.

For those God wants us to reach with the Good News this week.

For the Special ones you know Lord, seeking your answers in their lives.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	In-Person Worship Service & Live Stream (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM (Sunday school during worship service) Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:15 AM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost) 6:00 PM
Monday	Scout Troop #493 & Troop #442 (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM
Tuesday	2 nd Harvest Food Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office) 10:30 AM Council Meeting/Christmas Party (Chu's House) 6:00 PM
Wednesday	Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00 AM Advent Soup Supper (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Advent Service (Kurtz Hall) 6:45 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM
Thursday	Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 PM
Saturday	St. Luke Work Day 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM

WORSHIP LIVE STREAMED FROM THE SANCTUARY!

Worship service starts at 10:00 AM in person and via live stream and fellowship follows in Kurtz Hall.

The live stream recording will be available later on Sunday if you miss the 10:00 AM live stream.

WE NEED YOUR PORTRAITS!

Thank you for updating all of your personal information for our new church directory! Now comes the fun part - you decide which favorite photo of you and/or your family will be showcased next to your contact information. Please submit only portraits taken in vertical orientation. **One of the best times to take your family photo for our Directory is during the holidays. Bring on those smiles!** If you don't have a photo to submit, Denise Tsang can help. Please submit all photos to Letty Lucero or Denise Tsang by email by mid-January.

ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICE

Our upcoming Advent Soup Suppers and Services conclude this Wednesday, December 18th. Enjoy yummy homemade soups, delicious salads, and tasty desserts. Dinners start at 6:00 pm, followed by a short service to nourish the soul.

Thank you to:

- The Elder Groups of Roy & Theresa Tuason, Bee Robles for hosting the first Wednesday.
- The Elder Groups of Loretta & Don Merry, Linda Baginski and Marlene Custer for hosting last Wednesday.
- The Elder Groups of Margaret Weber and Anna Buskirk for hosting this week, Wednesday, December 18.

BLUE CHRISTMAS/LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

This beautiful service is usually done on the winter solstice or thereabouts which is the shortest day of the year.

It is a service of contemplation that acknowledges that not everyone is joyous and happy in the holiday season. Some have seasonal affected depression, some lost loved ones and that time of year reminds them of their loss. It is a quiet and hopeful service. Not a sad one... See you Saturday evening, December 21st!

YOUR SEE'S CANDIES ORDER HAS ARRIVED

Your order is here! It is individually bagged and tagged. Please pick up your order from the church office during business hours Monday - Friday between 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Thank you for your order and support! This fundraiser benefits The St. Luke Youth Fund.

ACP WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

Amazing Creations Preschool's new website is now live! You can go directly there using the link below or it can be accessed by going to the St. Luke website, stlukechurch.org, and then clicking on the 'Ministries' tab up top and then clicking on the 'Pre-school' link.

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW LIVE!

Effective immediately you are able to give your tithes and offerings online. You can give through a one-time gift, or you can set up recurring giving either through a credit or debit card or your bank account. If you use a card, you can also opt to cover the processing fees as a part of your gift.

There are three ways to give:

Online at:

onrealm.org/StLukeLutheranC/Give

Via text: Text StLukeFamily to 73256 (realm on your keypad)

Through a QR code:



Give to St. Luke

AMAZING CREATIONS PRESCHOOL AMAZON WISH LIST

Amazing Creations Preschool, located on the St. Luke Lutheran Church property, has reopened as of October 1, but items are still needed to fill the classrooms and playground. Please consider donating from ACP's Amazon Wish List – after you add items to your Amazon Cart and then Proceed to Checkout, select the “Amazing Creations” Gift Registry Address to have your items delivered directly to ACP. Be sure to select Add Gift Option so we'll know who the items came from. For answers to your questions, email AmazingCreationsPreschool@yahoo.com. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NJ1FQ1SI8T6F?ref=wl_share

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHOIR?

Choir has a full season of inspirational music coming up and rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the choir loft! I'm looking forward to reconnecting with the current choir members and welcoming new people into our group! If you are new to choir, please send me (Chris Frye) an email at crf8203@gmail.com. It's going to be a great year, please consider making this year the year you join choir!

See you in the Choir Loft!

THE CROSS WALL

The cross wall is looking great, and it's an ongoing project. Please bring any crosses you'd like to display. I am happy to add them! Thank you, Margaret Weber

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAM

- **Sunday School:** Sunday school for preschool – 5th grade starts after the Youth Message. Please follow Ms. Danae and Ms. Emily to class!
- **6th - 8th Grade:** Confirmation class is held Sunday mornings from, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- **6th - 12th Grade:** Youth Group meets from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Sunday Evenings. Contact Grant for details on how to get involved.

Grant Hannon, *Youth Director*
719-761-1799

Danae Moreno/Emily Bradshaw,
Sunday School

SECURITY OF OUR CAMPUS

Please continue checking that doors and locks are secured for our buildings during the week/weekend. Check doors as you walk past them. Thank you.

HEARING ASSISTANCE IN THE SANCTUARY

Devices are available for those who need hearing assistance. You may bring your own headphones or borrow them from the church. Additional devices will be ordered as needed. Please see Andy Wadsworth in the AV Room before service.

PERSONAL CARE CAFE

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... think in terms of items you might need on a camping trip without a store nearby.

For sleeping and cleanliness: Backpacks, sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, sheets, towels, washcloths, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, 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
Thank you — **The Witness Team**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MONTHLY EPISTLE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

We would like to take this time to thank all of our St. Luke family members who contribute to the bulletin announcement pages and the monthly newsletter. In order to produce the bulletins and newsletters accurately and in a timely manner, we are reminding everyone of the deadlines. The **deadline** to submit an article to Letty for the weekly Announcement is **Wednesday by Noon** prior to the Sunday, you want it included. The deadline to submit an article to Letty for the monthly newsletter, "The Epistle" is the **15th of the month** for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the church office at (408) 736-9216 and speak with Letty.

ST. LUKE SUNDAY BULLETIN, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ON THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE

The St. Luke Lutheran Church Sunday Bulletin and Announcement pages are available each week on the St. Luke website. For those of you who want to access the weekly bulletin via your home computer, tablet, or cell phone, simply go to www.st-luke-church.org, click on the **Worship** tab at the top of the page, then click on **Sunday Bulletin** in the drop-down menu. Letty will make sure to have the current weekly bulletin uploaded by each Saturday morning.

Our monthly newsletter, "St. Luke Epistle," will also be available on the St. Luke website on or before the 1st day of each month. You will find it on the **Home** page in the right-hand margin or click on the **Worship** tab at the top of the page, then click on **Monthly Newsletter** in the drop-down menu. To access WiFi use "St. Luke WiFi Eero" and the password is jesus123.