

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdel
Pastor

I am not a “cat person”. At all. As most of you know, I love my dogs but I’ve never had cats as a pet and I frankly have never seen the interest in them. I grew up without many pets at all but as I got older, I had several dogs, mostly rescues. We are currently fostering another dog, named Lucky, who may end up being part of our family too. But cats? I mean, I have done some cat sitting here and there, and I notoriously had a girlfriend’s cat draw blood attacking me on multiple occasions.

I am not a “cat person”. And yet, Cristina’s two cats seem to like me. One of them, Cali, actually regularly seeks out my lap and my attention. I pet her, but only because she will keep annoying me if I try to ignore her. She’s more like a dog in that respect, I guess. The other cat, Zona, and I get along fine.

I am not a “cat person”. And yet, as I write this, I am putting together a “catio”, a large enclosure that I bought and am assembling myself so the two cats can have a nice place to hang out outside. It has taken many hours and a lot of work to build this monstrosity but I think they’ll like it and use it.

I am not a “cat person”. But my wife is and, in our marriage, we bring

our own stuff, our own physical and emotional stuff with us into the relationship. In my case, that includes my dog Leia, and with Cristina that includes Cali and Zona. I still may not be a cat person but I have adopted them, in a way, and I love my wife, so, by extension, I love these two...cats...(its so weird for me to even write that...)

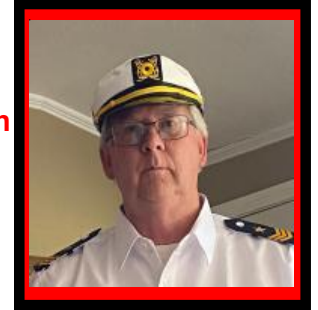
I think that’s a bit like what it means to be followers of Jesus. We are all adopted into this amazing family where we are loved so much, regardless of what we’ve done or who we are. Once we are in the family, we love each other despite our differences, or perhaps because of them, to some degree. As I love these cats because they are now part of my family, God loves us so much simply because we are part of the family.

There may be people who sit in the pews near you who you have little to nothing in common with. We may even disagree on important things. But we are family, and we love each other because God first loved us. I don’t always agree with my biological brother, sometimes I don’t even like him, but I ALWAYS love him.

So it is with the family of God. We may not be the proverbial “cat people” but through being baptized members of the body of Christ, we love each other regardless of our differences, and I think that might be the most amazing thing about our faith.

Peace and Love,

Pastor Dan



Kirk Autsen
Council
President

Council President’s Corner

Lent, the time of the Church year that many Christians try to be more Christian like for 40 days until Easter. Their goal is to pray more, fast and be more caring for others. I’m not sure why these things aren’t considered the rest of the year. As Christians we need do these things everyday. Lent should be a time to reflect on what Jesus endured for us. We should also look at his ministry and all his teachings to remind us of who he really was, the Son of God. We also need to remember why he had to sacrifice himself to save us. As Christians we need to be more Christlike throughout the year and touch lives with God’s Love. This world needs God’s Love and we were commanded by Jesus in Matthew 22:37-40 to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. ‘All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’ So during this Lenten season let us thank God for all he has done for us and let us continue to reach out to others and share the Good News. May St. Luke be a beacon to our neighborhood, shining God’s love to all around us.

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Council President's Corner

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Heavenly Father, Thank you for sacrificing your Son for us, and let us celebrate Easter everyday. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Julianna
"Juli"
Bucellato**
ACP Director



Hello from ACP!

It has been a very busy month. ACP has been represented at two different child care fairs. We are doing several tours each week. We are currently enrolling for the fall for our preschool program (ages 18 months to entering kindergarten) and for our summer camp program (for students ages 4 to 6). If you know any children in these age groups, please help spread the word about ACP. As the weather gets nicer, we are looking for some patio umbrellas and stands. If you have a patio umbrella and or stand that you are no longer using ACP would love to have these for our playground to provide shade for the children.

Juli



- Apr. 04** - Oluf Nissen
- Apr. 09** - Deborah Autsen
- Apr. 10** - Jada Lee
- Apr. 10** - Jodi Lee
- Apr. 05** - Ruth Eggen
- Apr. 16** - Lukas Radenbaugh
- Mar. 14** - Lorrie Peterson
- Apr. 17** - Karen Greguras
- Apr. 17** - Dee Lillie
- Apr. 18** - Erin Peters
- Apr. 18** - Zak West
- Apr. 20** - Suzanne Strohmaier-Rubio
- Apr. 27** - David Johnson
- Apr. 28** - Donna Garland
- Apr. 28** - Joslyn Holliday
- Apr. 29** - Janet Coggins
- Apr. 30** - Patricia Walz

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

- James & Iris Morales:** 31 yrs. -
April 9, 1994
- Logan & Julie Leon-Guerrera:** 9 yrs. -
April 29, 2016
- Oliver & Beth Smith:** 23 yrs. -
April 6, 2002

5th SUNDAY – MARCH 30, 2025 – ACP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As we are about to start April, we find ourselves with our first 5th Sunday Special Offering of 2025 on March 30th! The Amazing Creations Preschool (ACP) Scholarship Fund has been designated to receive this special offering. As a reminder, your generosity in 2024 made it possible for St. Luke to relaunch ACP. Those gifts were raised to provide the operational funds to get ACP up and running and to give time to get the enrollment up to where the preschool will be able to cover its monthly expenses without a deficit. The ACP Board had requested that the 5th Sunday Special Offering in March be designated for the **ACP Scholarship Fund**. Your gifts will be used for short term help for families experiencing emergency situations, such as a parent losing a job or some other situation that would make it difficult to keep their child attending ACP. All requests for scholarships would be reviewed and approved by the ACP Board on a case by case basis.

We request that you prayerfully consider a generous gift, **in addition to your normal offering**, for the 5th Sunday Special Offering for the ACP Scholarship Fund. Checks may be

**Grant
Hannon**
Youth Director



Youth News

Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful March and now as we move into April there is so much going on with Easter and other events to tell you all about.

This month we are having an Easter vigil the Saturday before Easter that will be 6pm-8pm. There will be some fun things as well as some snacks to celebrate so plan on coming out to that!

Our Easter egg hunt will be in 3 different areas this year. We will have 1 out by the outpost and gardens, another will be in the ACP yard, and the third will be in the ACP toddler space. That will take place after our Easter service on Sunday.

Finally the Sunday after Easter April 27th, we will be hosting our Italian dinner fundraiser for the second year in a row! Tickets are on sale the whole month of April and all profits from that will go to our youth trip fund for the summer!

Hope to see you all at all of our Holy Week activities!



Grant Hannon
Youth Director
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The Church Calendar - April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	2 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 Pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	3 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	4 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	5 6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)
6 5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream (Sunday School during Worship Service) 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	7 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	8 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	9 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 Pm Lenten Soup Supper 6:45 PM Lenten Service 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	10 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	11 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	12 6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)
13 Passion/Palm Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream (Sunday School during Worship Service) 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Elder's Meeting (K.H.) 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	14 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	15 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	16 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	17 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (Kurtz Hall)	18 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)	19 9:00 AM St. Luke Work Day 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
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April 2025 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>
April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Isa. 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Phil. 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	TBD TBD	Chris Frye Setting III	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Roy Tuason	Shirley Loo Wendy Callahan Debbie Ryan
April 13, 2025 - Passion/Palm Sunday					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Isa. 50:4-9A Psalm 31:9-16 Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 22:14--23:56	TBD TBD	Kirk Autsen Setting IV	Sue Hutchins Roy Tuason	Mark Shroyer	Shirley Loo Wendy Callahan Debbie Ryan
April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Isa. 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12	TBD TBD	Wil Mandac Setting IV	Laura Rubio Danae Moreno	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
April 27, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Easter					
Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth					
Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 150 Rev.1:4-8 John 20:19-31	TBD TBD	Roy Tuason Setting IV	Tim Tsang Denise Tsang	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
May 4, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Rev. 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting III	Roy Tuason Theresa Tuason	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang

APRIL GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

April 06 - Joyce Masterson
 April 13 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
 April 20 - Joyce Masterson
 April 27 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

APRIL GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

April 06 - Roy & Theresa Tuason
 April 13 - Don & Loretta Merry
 April 20 - Roy & Theresa Tuason
 April 27 - Don & Loretta Merry

ASHES-TO-GO & ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - MARCH 5, 2025



MARY LOU ROBSON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE - MARCH 6, 2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH 12, 2025



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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made payable to St. Luke with "ACP Scholarship or 5th Sunday" on the memo line. **The St. John's Future Benevolence Fund will match every dollar that is given.** Gifts will be accepted into April. Any gift you give will help! God bless you all!
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)

10:00 AM

***Sunday School ***

(during Worship Service)

Fellowship after worship

11:15 AM

Confirmation Class

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Youth Group

6:00 PM

To:



