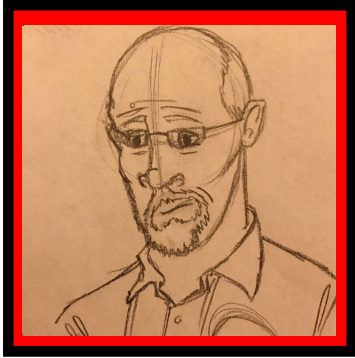


# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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**Dan Tisdal**  
Pastor

## Pastor's Musings

Psalm 92: 12-14

<sup>12</sup>The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup>In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, <sup>15</sup>showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

These last few months, I have really felt my age. Most of my life I have been very healthy and have had a "youthful spirit", enjoying games and play of many types long after many people my age have gotten quite stodgy and frankly, boring. But sometimes, our age catches up with us. Since Easter, I have had four separate health issues, none of them too serious, and each time, I am reminded that, at a certain age, these things happen. I just tell myself that I will get through these things and then I'll be back to normal. While that might happen, I need to concede, as someone in my mid-fifties, that I am not the same person I was in my youth and never will be, no matter how much healthier I become than I am now.

I love the thought process behind who "Peter Pan" is and especially as it was portrayed by Robin Williams in the movie "Hook". In that movie, Peter Pan has become Peter Banning and lives in the real world and has lost his sense of wonder and his sense of joy. He doesn't play with his own kids because he is too busy with his "adult" stuff. And then he finds himself back in Neverland, this time as an out of shape adult. Neverland is mostly the same, the Lost Boys haven't grown up, Captain Hook and his pirates are still there. After a series of adventures and misadventures, Peter and his children return to the real world. He then is reminded that having a youthful spirit and playing with your kids is not just a good practice for the kids but for the adults. Adults need to be reminded that being an adult does not mean fun and joy and wonder have to be lost to them.

And so, despite my recent and ongoing worries, I still play when I can. I've joined in a game with Grant and some of the youth on a semi-regular basis, just for the summer. Late in August, I continue a tradition of a guys weekend in Colorado talking about fantasy football and playing games. And in just a few weeks, I will be making a REAL lightsaber at Star Wars at Disneyland, while we are there with the youth.

This passage from Psalm 92 reminds me that we don't stop growing once we hit a certain age. We shouldn't stop producing fruit just because we think we are dried up. We can still play and have joy and wonder all our lives.

If anyone is a reminder of this, it is our beloved Bert Smith, who just celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday here at church with us. I love that she is still playful and joyous into her second century.

Don't be afraid to have the joy, wonder and playfulness of a child. If you do, you might find out that you see God in new places you never noticed before



**Nancy Watz**  
Council  
President

## Council President's Corner

Greetings to my St. Luke family,

Psalm 118, verse 24: "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Sometimes as I am waking up from a night's rest and slowly coming to consciousness, this verse comes to my mind. It helps me start the day knowing God is in control. He made this day as a gift to me. There might be and probably will be moments of frustration or anxiety or sadness through the day but if I meet the day with joy and patience and faith those moments don't have as much power over me. Then instead of turning inward, I can turn outward to others and be a better servant. As we face trials and tribulations, may we remember every day is a gift and find gladness and strength in the Lord. The next verse in Psalm 118 asks the Lord to help us, save us, and give us

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



What an amazing month! July has been absolutely awesome for our youth and kids this year. We had our 4th annual sports camp which had 18 campers learning the basics of soccer and tee ball. After that we welcomed 51 junior knights to this year's VBS Knights of the north castle. They go to do science, crafts, and bible stories. All the things you would expect, but some of the biggest highlights came from our partnerships with the Open Space Authority of Santa Clara Valley. The knights got to choose their knight's house, learn about their chosen animal's habitats, and learn about the beautiful space and ecosystems we have around us. It was an awesome year and so much fun.

Looking forward to August we have the youth trip to Disney August 5th-9th and after that we will be doing as much as possible before school starts back up in the fall!



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**Julianna  
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Bucellato**  
*ACP Director*



We had an amazing summer at ACP! We had 9 students for our Summer Camp program over the course of the summer, who joined our regular Preschool students. The children enjoyed visits from Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center, Jump for Joy Music, Waterworks Aquatics and Sunnyvale Fire Department. We did a lot of messy art, cooking, science and water play. Thank you for all of the donations of recycled materials. We have been able to use many of them already.

We are starting to think about the start of the new school year. We have 20 students enrolled! We are in the process of hiring a new Preschool Teacher and an aide. Please keep this process in your prayers. I am amazed at what God has done over the last year and can't wait to see what he does over the next year! Thank you again for all of your support and prayers.

Juli Bucellato

## Council President's Corner

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success. I ask that for each of you and for the ministry at St. Luke Lutheran Church. May the Lord be with you.  
Nancy



**Steve & Julie Schmidt:** 57 yrs. -  
August 10, 1968

**Lynn & Karen Farrens:** 56 yrs. -  
August 22, 1969

**John Krogman & Mary Henrickson:**  
36 years - August 26, 1989

**Allen & Janelle Pang:** 22 years  
August 31, 2003

**Linnea & Andrew Shieh:** 18 years  
August 11, 2007

# The Church Calendar - August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Workshop (K.H.)
<b>3</b> <b>8th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)  2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)  6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>4</b>      7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>5</b> 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	<b>6</b>  10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>7</b>     6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Elder's Meeting (Altar half of Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>11</b>     7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	<b>13</b>  10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM St. Luke Work Day  2:00 PM Troop #442 Court of Honor (Sanctuary & Kurtz Hall)
<b>17</b> <b>10th Sunday of Pentecost</b>  10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)  2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)  6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>18</b>     7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>19</b> 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank 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)	<b>20</b>  10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>21</b>     6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM San Jose Synphonic Choir Metting (Kurtz Hall)
<b>24</b> <b>11th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Truck Night 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>25</b>    7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	<b>27</b>  10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>12th Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)  2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)  6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)						



# August 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 &amp; Crucifier</u>	<u>Assisting Min/Cantor</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
<b><u>August 3, 2025 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Eccles. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	TBD	Kirk Autsen No Setting	Kirk Autsen Laura Rubio	Danae Moreno	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan
<b><u>August 10, 2025 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</b>					
Gen. 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	TBD TBD	Wil Mandac No Setting	Tim Tsang Denise Tsang	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b><u>August 17, 2025 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</b>					
Jer. 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Heb. 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56	TBD TBD	Chris Frye No Setting	Sue Hutchins Kirk Autsen	Tim Tsang	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b><u>August 24, 2025 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth</b>					
Isa. 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Heb. 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski No Setting	Laura Rubio Danae Moreno	Jordan Mandac	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b><u>August 31, 2025 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Deb Mandac</b>					
Pro. 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	TBD TBD	Tim Tsang No Setting	Sue Hutchins Kirk Autsen	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b><u>September 7, 2025 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	TBD TBD	Walt Wilser No Setting	Tim Tsang Denise Tsang	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan

## **AUGUST GREETERS - FRONT DOOR**

August 03- Sandi Wilkening  
August 10 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
August 17 - Sandi Wilkening  
August 24 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
August 31 - Sandi Wilkening

## **AUGUST GREETERS - SIDE DOOR**

August 03 - Don & Loretta Merry  
August 10 - TBD  
August 17 - Don & Loretta Merry  
August 24 - TBD  
August 31 - Don & Loretta Merry



## VBS 2025 - KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE



## SUMMER FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS - JULY 27, 2025



## HAPPY BERT-DAY!! - BERT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION





## 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



**Aug. 03** - Andy Wadsworth

**Aug. 04** - Tucker Leon-Guerrero

**Aug. 05** - Ashleigh Thomas

**Aug. 05** - Beth Smith

**Aug. 08** - Lynn Farrens

**Aug. 08** - Gwyn Carpenter

**Aug. 13** - Andres Morales

**Aug. 16** - Sally Hedman

**Aug. 16** - Jonathan Holliday

**Aug. 18** - Kathleen Peters

**Aug. 18** - Evelyn Sandoval

**Aug. 20** - Adeline Skov

**Aug. 20** - Nicolas Morales

**Aug. 22** - Beth Stauter

**Aug. 23** - Clark Webster

**Aug. 27** - Lisa Pierce

## 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** - On Summer Break\*

**(during Worship Service)**

**Fellowship after worship**

11:15 AM

**Confirmation Class**

On Summer Break

**Youth Group**

6:00 PM

# To:

