

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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**Dan Tisdell**  
Pastor

## Pastor's Musings

### **Matthew 19: 13-15**

*<sup>13</sup>Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.*

It makes me so happy that one of the biggest ministries of St. Luke, one could argue the biggest and most important, is ministry to children. After all, we have two preschools and an after school program here, we have an active youth group and we have various special activities at various times during the year where families with children come here. Like when we had about 500 people with children for our annual Easter Egg hunt.

I've always tried to treat children of any age the same way as adults. I speak to them with respect, I engage with them and try to honor their

emotions and ideas. I actually had a friend tell me it was weird that I said hello to the kids when I came to hang out with the adults. "None of the other adults do that, but you go ask the kids how they're doing and that's weird. Why do you do that?" It seemed like a strange question. I treat them the way I treat everyone, connecting with them and genuinely wondering how they are doing.

See, the problem is, we often treat kids as less capable than they really are, less capable of understanding complex ideas, less capable of emotional maturity, less capable of problem solving. We naturally discount their opinions and say they are just kids. I have found, in twenty-five years of doing various aspects of children's ministry, that the more you get to know kids, the more you realize all that they are capable of. I am regularly surprised at the kinds of questions and comments that get brought up in children's sermons. I've even had preschool chapel with ACP change course because a three-year-old asked a surprisingly deep question.

In Jesus' time, child mortality was so high that even if you made it past infancy, you had a slim chance to survive to adulthood. People loved their children, but they devalued them even more until they were old enough to work and contribute to the family and get married. So, the idea of anyone listening to a child of six or seven years old, let alone a three-year-old, would have seemed crazy. Only because it might have felt like a waste of time to invest time and energy

and even education in a child who might not survive. But Jesus breaks that mold, honoring and respecting the children and even laying hands on them, and blessing them. This was extremely counter-cultural at the time.

Jesus not only understood that all children of God are special but also that even young children are capable of wisdom, that the Holy Spirit might even speak with the mouth of a three year old.

You've heard that phrase, "out of the mouth of babes" to say that sometimes children say surprisingly wise or insightful things, often without even realizing the depth of their words. That phrase comes from a longer passage from Psalm 8.

***Psalm 8:2:*** "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger"

In a way, I think that this congregation honors the value of children more than many others through our words and our actions. We know that even young children are capable of big things, and even bigger ideas. I'm so glad that children are so central to our ministry here at St. Luke.

This month, we will be hosting our annual Sports Camp and Vacation Bible School. Please say some extra prayers this month for all of the children who come and spend part of their lives here at St. Luke.

Peace,  
Pastor Dan

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



**Julianna "Juli" Buccellato**  
ACP Director



**Nancy Watz**  
Council President



Hi Everyone!

July is here and with it our summer camps! This week is our 4th annual sports camp and next week is our Knights of the North Castle VBS! Both are so exciting and such fun! Thank you for all the volunteers making it possible and for all the people that have helped along the way. Our youth are also very busy this month going to paintball, playing games, & having painting Sundays!

In August is our Summer Disney Trip from Aug 5-9. There are still spots available if your youth would like to attend, but spots are limited! Please contact Grant if you are interested in attending.

Keep an eye on church announcements for all the fun activities coming up this summer!



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**Kevin & Christina Chang: 14 yrs. - July 09, 2011**

**Don & Loretta Merry: 68 yrs. - July 5, 1957**

Hello,

Summer is off to a very busy start. We have 13 children now, with more summer camp campers coming in the coming weeks! This week is construction week. If you do not already follow us on Facebook, I encourage you to do that so you can see what we are up to. The children have been creating things out of all the recycled materials you have been saving for us. Please continue to save the recycled materials for us. They are a huge help!

We have had a visit from Morgan Hill Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation. The children enjoyed getting to see the animals and learning about them. Over the next several weeks we have a Water Safety Presentation, Jump For Joy Music, Bike Day, Water Days and so much more. The children are also looking forward to Vacation Bible School.

The garden is doing very well. The children love taking care of the plants. They are excited to see if our pumpkins produce anything. They are watching the tomatoes and carrots. Waiting for them to ripen so they can enjoy them.

I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and visit us. I would love the opportunity to show you around the school you helped to build!

Juli Buccellato

## Council President's Corner

Greetings to my St. Luke family,

As your newly elected president, let me introduce myself. My name is Nancy Watz. My faith journey began as an elementary aged child in Ohio when my family (Mother, Rusty; Father, Nels; and older brothers, Hal, and John) joined a Lutheran Church. There I was involved in all the children/youth activities through high school. After college at Miami University of Ohio, I started my career in clinical laboratory science, eventually specializing in clinical microbiology. In early adulthood as I moved from Colorado to Alaska to California, I would join and attend a church but was not really involved. It wasn't until after graduate school and while dealing with a major health scare that I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to recommit serving the Lord and studying His word. My parents, upon leaving Ohio and moving to California, had joined St. Luke.

When I moved to California, to be closer to my widowed father, I found a family feeling and sense of belonging at St. Luke. Since joining this church, I have had the opportunity to serve as Financial Secretary, Chair of the Service Board, an Elder, and several years on the ACP Board, in addition to teaching Sunday School, singing in

# The Church Calendar - July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>June 30</b>  9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Sports Camp  7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>1</b> 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 9:30 AM - 12:30PM St. Luke Sports Camp 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool)	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Sports Camp 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Library)	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Sports Camp	<b>4</b>  4th of July Holiday  Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 4th Sunday of Pentecost 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>7</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Vacation Bible School (VBS)  7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Vacation Bible School (VBS)	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Vacation Bible School (VBS) 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Vacation Bible School (VBS)	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM St. Luke Vacation Bible School (VBS)	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b> 6th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Church Council Retreat (BJ's on DeAnza) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)  6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>21</b>  7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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# July 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>July 6, 2025 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Isa. 66:10-14	TBD	Tim Tsang	Denise Tsang	Danae Moreno	Shirley Loo
Psalms 66:1-9	TBD	No Setting	Sue Hutchins		Denise Tsang
Gal. 6:1-16					Tim Tsang
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20					
<b>July 13, 2025 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</b>					
Deut. 30:9-14	TBD	Walt Wilser	Laura Rubio	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo
Psalms 25:1-10	TBD	No Setting	Danae Moreno		Denise Tsang
Col. 1:1-14					Tim Tsang
Luke 10:25-37					
<b>July 20, 2025 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</b>					
Gen. 18:1-10a	TBD	Mark Kent	Tim Tsang	Tim Tsang	Shirley Loo
Psalms 15	TBD	No Setting	Denise Tsang		Denise Tsang
Col. 1:15-28					Tim Tsang
Luke 10:38-42					
<b>July 27, 2025 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth</b>					
Gen. 18:20-32	TBD	Sue Hutchins	Kirk Autsen	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo
Psalms 138	TBD	No Setting	Danae Moreno		Denise Tsang
Col. 2:6-19					Tim Tsang
Luke 11:1-11					
<b>August 3, 2025 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Eccles. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23		TBD	Kirk Autsen	Danae Moreno	Shirley Loo
Psalms 49:1-12	TBD	No Setting	Luara Rubio		Denise Tsang
Col 3:1-11					Tim Tsang
Luke 12:13-21					

## JULY GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

July 06- Sandi Wilkening  
 July 13 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
 July 20 - Sandi Wilkening  
 July 27 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

## JULY GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

July 06 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 July 13 - TBD  
 July 20 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 July 27 - TBD

## Council President's Corner

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the choir, and learning to play bells. It has been a blessing and at times a challenge and has allowed me to work side by side with some truly wonderful fellow servants. Now as I start in this new role as President, I ask for your prayers and support. I know that God will be with us as we face opportunities and challenges in the coming year and as we grow together in faith. I thank God for you, my St. Luke family.

May the Lord be with you.

**PENTECOST, GRADUATION RECOGNITION & MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY -**  
**JUNE 8, 2025**



**HERBERT "HERB" WOLF CELEBRATION OF LIFE - JUNE 14, 2024**



**RECENT YOUTH**  
**PHOTOS**



## 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**



- Jul. 03** - Alex Rubio
- Jul. 03** - Joanna Villa
- Jul. 04** - Felicia Manullang
- Jul. 05** - John Krogman
- Jul. 08** - Andrea Tsang
- Jul. 09** - Margaret Weber
- Jul. 15** - Loretta Merry
- Jul. 16** - Andrew Shieh
- Jul. 18** - Gary Berkland
- Jul. 21** - Irene Smith
- Jul. 25** - Diane Berkland
- Jul. 26** - Iris Morales
- Jul. 26** - Janelle Villa
- Jul. 27** - Bertha Smith (100 years!)

## 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:



