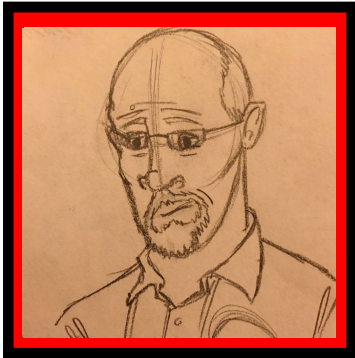


# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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**Dan Tisdell**  
Pastor

## Pastor's Musings

Isaiah 43: 18-21

<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Along with Danae and Sue, I recently attended our Annual Synod assembly. It was an excellent time of conversation centered around how the church is changing, and it is the Holy Spirit working in the church that is making the change happen.

While there are many external factors affecting our traditional understanding of church, this doesn't mean it isn't also an example of the spirit working. Church attendance has been declining for a variety of reasons for a few decades now. More recently, we have seen in our own denomination as well as all other denominations, far fewer seminary

students and a high number of pastors retiring or leaving the ministry for other reasons. We have churches closing and others just trying to figure out how to "be the church" in an era where the idea of church is being redefined, seemingly by the minute. There is no doubt that the church of 50 years from now will look very little like the church of 50 years ago. While that might be a hard thing to take, remember that the church has been changing, or (perhaps a better word is) "evolving" for centuries, and it will continue to do so long after we are gone.

At the same time, we all prefer the comfortable and, whether we say it out loud or not, we all have had those "that's not the way we've always done it" moments. When we feel that way, it helps to understand that the way church was "done" 50 years ago was very different from a century before, too. For instance, Circuit Pastors was a very normal thing 100-150 years ago, where one pastor served three-six churches, and sometimes many more. When they weren't there, the church was led by the lay people of the congregation. This is one thing that is happening now in the church...congregations who cannot afford a full-time pastor are sharing and considering new ways to "be the church" in a changing landscape.

The conversations we had at Synod Assembly were mostly around these ideas of redefining who we are and what we do as the church of Jesus Christ. We had a period of one hundred years or so of being more "insular", where each church had its own pastor and did its own thing for the people who came through the church

doors. Outside of Sunday morning, most churches were very quiet.

Today, we recognize that this model doesn't work, regardless of our attendance or giving numbers or whether we have a full-time pastor or not. Congregations have realized that we are called as followers of Christ to turn outwards from our sanctuaries and serve our neighbors in ways that we might not even know about right now. We need to throw out our own pre-conceived ideas of what constitutes a "member in good standing" and realize that there are as many ways to be an active part of a church community as there are people and some of them don't involve regular church attendance or generous giving, and yet...all must still be loved and welcomed.

I am convinced that we must serve and love our neighbor first and foremost, and instead of thinking of worship as a members only club meeting, instead, to borrow a word from the Baptists...church should feel like a "revival". It should be a time to refresh our souls for the real work of the church, where we go out from that place and preach the Gospel, the good news, to our neighbors, friends, and even total strangers. We need to be "outside focused" rather than "internally focused". We need to see church as a way to learn to serve others rather than a place where we are served.

I know I'm rambling a bit, but I think we...and when I say we, I mean the worldwide universal church of Christ, has lost its way over the last century or so. It's time we remind ourselves of what

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



Hi Yall,

May is at its end and as the days are growing longer there is a lot to be excited about in the youth program!

Last month we were able to go out to a paint-balling event in Sunol which was a lot of fun for everyone involved. Pastor Dan learned that when the cover is only 6 feet tall you have to duck a bit! We also started wrapping up youth group and confirmation for the year. In the month of June we will celebrate our graduates on the 8th during church and officially start summer program that day! We are looking for volunteers for VBS and Sports camp! If you have any time or interest and want to help please let me know! Sports camp is June 30-July 3 and VBS is July 7-11!



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## Pastor's Musings

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this church thing is really all about, loving and serving others. And when we realize that we know that the Holy Spirit is going to be present in all that we do in community and change will happen, whether we like it or not, because that's just how the Spirit works.

God is doing a new thing. Are we ready for it?

**Julianna "Juli" Buccellato**  
ACP Director



Hello from ACP!

We are gearing up for a great Summer, full of amazing activities and experiences! We have a total of 17 students for the Summer months and Fall enrollment is at 17 students as well. The children, with the help of Mr. Walt, have started the garden and are looking forward to tomatoes, beans and pumpkins!

We are just finishing up learning about Butterflies and Ladybugs. We watched caterpillars become butterflies and larvae become ladybugs. The children got to "hold" the butterflies and ladybugs before they flew off to find homes. It is such a joy to share the wonder of God's creation and design with the children.

As we move into the summer season, we are once again asking for help with supplies. The amazon wish list has been updated with things to help make our Summer a great experience for the children we will serve. There is also a poster and collection bin for recycled materials that we are collecting for art in the Church entry way. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Juli Buccellato

**Kirk Autsen**  
Council President



## Council President's Corner

Well summer is finally here and that may mean some summer travels. If you will be traveling we will sure miss you at St. Luke. Maybe in your travels you will visit other Churches. This can be fun to visit other churches to see how they run their service or how friendly or welcoming they are or how good their donuts taste. But remember, we may have visitors of our own at St. Luke this summer, so we need to be welcoming. As a Christian congregation we need to consider this possibility: "We may be the only Christ our guests or neighbors will ever see." Such a stunning, awesome thought plunges us directly into the heart of John's gospel and Paul's theology of the church as the body of Christ. In everything we do and say, the Spirit who gives us the gift of community calls forth an ongoing process of transformation in Christ. We put on Christ, we grow up into Christ, we offer ourselves as living sacrifices like Christ, and all this we do not do to win salvation, but to be the hope of salvation for the sake of the world.

We at St. Luke need to strive at being Christ in our neighborhood. We are to be a place where Christ is visible to those around us. We have been very active in many areas (e.g. Sunnyvale Community Services, Our Daily Bread, the Personal Care Cafe,, Second Harvest as well as the Boy Scouts and other groups that use our facilities). We have a tremendous responsibility when we call ourselves Christians. People are looking at us, watching us on how we treat others and how we help others. We will continue to reach out to our neighbors and show the Love of God at our little corner of the world at Wright Ave. and The Dalles.



**Fred & Karen Greguras: 50 yrs. -**  
June 21, 1975

**Doug & Doriann Shreve: 42 yrs. -**  
June 25 1983

**Wil & Deb Mandac: 27 yrs. -**  
June 27, 1998

**Roy & Theresa Tuason: 23 yrs. -**  
June 21, 2002

# The Church Calendar - June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 7th Sunday of Easter</b> 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)	<b>2</b>     5:00 PM CCNS family Picnic (Church Grounds)  <b>NO SCOUTS TODAY!</b>	<b>3</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>4</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)  6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice	<b>5</b>     5:00 PM - 8:30 PM ACP Family Picnic (M.E.B. Play Yard)	<b>6</b>     3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	<b>7</b>     2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Scout Troop - Court of Honor (Kurtz Hall)
<b>8 Day of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream (Graduation Recognition during service) 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Elder's Meeting (K.H.) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)  6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>9</b>     7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>     3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b>     12:00 PM Herbert Wolf Memorial Service & Reception (Sanctuary & Kurtz Hall)
<b>15 2nd 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>16</b>     7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>17</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>18</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>19</b>     6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	<b>20</b>     3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	<b>21</b>     9:00 AM St. Luke Work Day
<b>22 3rd Sunday of Pentecost</b> 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	<b>23</b>     7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom)  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>     3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)	<b>28</b>     9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Andy Wadsworth's Private Event (Kurtz Hall)
<b>29 4th 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>30</b> 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Summer Sports Camp   7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)					



# June 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>June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Acts 16:16-34	TBD	Chris Frye	Tim Tsang	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo
Psalms 97	TBD	Setting III	Denise Tsang		Denise Tsang
Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21					Tim Tsang
John 17:20-26					
<b>June 8, 2025 - Day of Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</b>					
Acts 2:1-21	TBD	Kirk Autsen	Laura Rubio	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo
Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	TBD	Setting IV	Danae Moreno		Denise Tsang
Rom. 8:14-17					Tim Tsang
John 14:8-27					
<b>June 15, 2025 - The Holy Trinity Sunday</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</b>					
Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31	TBD	Wil Mandac	Sue Hutchins	Tim Tsang	Shirley Loo
Psalms 8	TBD	Setting IV	Kirk Autsen		Denise Tsang
Rom. 5:1-5					Tim Tsang
John 16:12-15					
<b>June 22, 2025 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth</b>					
Isa. 65:1-9	TBD	Sue Hutchins	Tim Tsang	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo
Psalms 22:19-28	TBD	Setting X	Denise Tsang		Denise Tsang
Gal. 3:23-29					Tim Tsang
Luke 8:26-39					
<b>June 29, 2025 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Deb Mandac</b>					
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21		TBD	Linda Baginski	Jordan Mandac	Shirley Loo
Psalms 16	TBD	Setting X	Kirk Autsen		Denise Tsang
Gal. 5:1, 13-25					Tim Tsang
Luke 9:51-62					
<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	Setting X	Sue Hutchins		Denise Tsang
Gal. 6:1-16					Tim Tsang
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20					

## JUNE GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

June 01 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
 June 08 - Sandi Wilkening  
 June 15 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
 June 22 - Sandi Wilkening  
 June 29 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

## JUNE GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

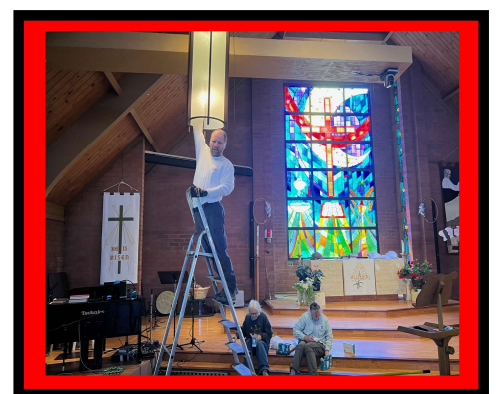
June 01 - TBD  
 June 08 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 June 15 - TBD  
 June 22 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 June 29 - TBD



**MAY THE 4TH BE  
WITH YOU!  
5/4/2025**



**5/17/2025 ST.  
LUKE WORK DAY:  
CHANGING THE  
SANCTUARY  
LIGHTS**



**4/27/2025 - YOUTH FUNDRAISER: ITALIAN DINNER**



## 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



**Jun. 06** - Al Neubieser  
**Jun. 07** - Frank Custer  
**Jun. 08** - Wil Mandac  
**Jun. 09** - Nola Leon-Guerrero  
**Jun. 14** - Scott Carlton  
**Jun. 15** - Roy Tuason  
**Jun. 16** - Laura Rubio-Galan  
**Jun. 16** - Colby Jacob  
**Jun. 16** - Malina Villa  
**Jun. 18** - Carol Wilser  
**Jun. 21** - Song Su  
**Jun. 23** - Harrison Webster  
**Jun. 24** - Naomi Smith  
**Jun. 25** - Brandon Pang  
**Jun. 26** - Kirk Autsen  
**Jun. 28** - Wenchan Ma

## 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:**

