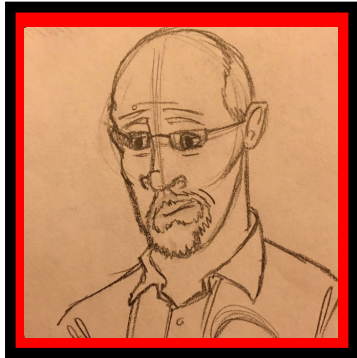


# St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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**Dan Tisdel**

Pastor

Always being made new!

As you read this, we are getting close to the start of the church season of Lent. I have said before, here, and in other places, that I like the church liturgical calendar for many reasons. It gives us extra reason to slow down sometimes and celebrate other times for instance. I also realize that the calendar is deeply tied to important aspects of our faith too.

Think about it in a practical way. Why do we celebrate the birth of Jesus every year? Surely we know the story by now. Do we let it get boring and repetitive or do we use it as a springboard for something bigger? The same with other days and seasons of the church year. We may have heard them since our childhood. Is this just repeating the stories or is there another way to look at it?

*Ephesians 4: 21-25*

*<sup>21</sup>For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth*

*to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.*

Every new day that we are given by God is a new chance to be more what Jesus wants us to be. We can never truly escape our sinful nature. We still hurt others and fail to love others as we should. The sacrifice of Jesus changed all that and because of that, every day we wake up we can be reminded that our slate is washed clean again, and we can strive toward the kingdom of God where all are loved and all have all they need.

That's where the calendar fits in for me. It is especially present in the seasons of Lent and Advent where we are more intentionally introspective, but even at other points in the church calendar we are given "reset buttons" to feel a new start to whatever we feel we failed at. It's like the movie "Groundhog Day", where the main character keeps repeating the same day until he gets it right. Each season of the church year can feel repetitive, or it can feel like yet another opportunity from God to rejoice in always being made new, made clean from the guilt of sin.

We humans tend to dwell in our mistakes, especially in the mistakes of relationship between us and others. We punish ourselves, usually much more than the other person ever would. We need to be able to let go of those hurts and move forward and maybe the church calendar is one way to do that.

Of all days in the entire church calendar, Ash Wednesday might be the most significant in that regard. We get ashes on our forehead to remind us of our mortality and to remind us of our imperfection and sin. And then we get to wash it off and start again. Every day, then, can be like Ash Wednesday. Yes, we messed up, again, we fell short

of being exactly who God intended us to be. And then we get to wash the ashes off our head and start the day new, working toward a new version of us, following in the footsteps of Jesus as best we can.



**Kirk Autsen**

Council  
President

## Council President's Corner

March is the time we look forward to Spring. You may be planting new seeds in the garden or doing some spring cleaning. We do the same at St. Luke, we are planting new seeds in our members lives and our community around us. Our seeds are to give people new hope through God's love by spreading the word of Jesus and what he has done for us. Our mission as Christians is to show that love to others in many ways. St. Luke has been a beacon on the corner of The Dalles and Wright Ave. for 68 years reaching out to our community for all those years and with your commitment we will continue to be a beacon for many more years. So, as we look to Spring and new growth let us look at ourselves and see where we can grow our church into our community further and the world. Our neighborhood is different than it was 68 years ago, what worked then may not work now, but the love of Jesus

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## Council President's Corner

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is still needed. Being in the heart of Silicon Valley where the greatest minds are assembled, and the leading edge of technology is advancing human life there is still something missing. God's knowledge surpasses any human understanding, and the more humans learn the more questions they have. The more we learn about life and the universe the more it points to our Creator. God's creation is vast and very complicated, but he created it all for us because he loves us. Sometimes we need to stop looking for answers and just give thanks to God for what he has given us. So maybe take some time and look around at God's creation and appreciate all he has done and share that love with others.

Heavenly Father, touch our lives with your love and let us spread that love to all we meet. Let your goals be our goals and help us spread the Gospel story. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**Grant Hannon**  
*Youth Director*



### Youth News

Hi Everyone!

I am giddy for spring this year. I cannot wait to see the beautiful spring days at campus and cannot wait to see all the kids running around from all of the schools & programs that we have going on.

As we look back at February there was a big trip that we got to take the youth on for ski week. We went up to Arnold, CA and went to Bear Valley Ski Resort for 3 days of skiing, snowboarding, and snowman building. It was a lot of fun to take some of the high schoolers and a lot of fun to spend that time together.

As we look into March there is certainly a lot to look forward to. As Easter approaches we have Lenten worship services, Easter vigil, and we are planning to take the youth paintballing in Santa Cruz when it warms up. Keep an eye out for that announcement in the bulletin and through your emails for that information as seats for that trip will go fast!

Thank you all for your continued support of the youth and helping make this church a home for them all.

—  
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**Julianna "Juli" Buccellato**  
*ACP Director*



Hello from ACP!!

We had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day. We gave our friends valentines, ate cupcakes and made some fun crafts! We have taken a few walks around the neighborhood in recent days and enjoyed greeting the people we passed. The children especially enjoyed waving to people from the freeway overcrossing! We still currently have 6 children enrolled but the phone is beginning to ring!! Several families have come in for tours in the last week. We are also starting to make plans for our summer program. We will be offering a summer camp for children ages 4-6, in addition to our Preschool program. If you know

any families who might be interested, please have them call the school! As we make plans for the summer program, we are looking for people to come in and provide some enrichment experiences for the children. If you know anyone who has farm or exotic animals, they could bring in for the children to see and touch please let me know. We would also love visits from musicians, or other entertainers.

Juli Buccellato



- Mar. 07 - Lauren West
- Mar. 07 - Hal Shieh
- Mar. 08 - Grant Hannon
- Mar. 10 - Linnea Shieh
- Mar. 10 - Julious Villa
- Mar. 11 - Harrison Manullang
- Mar. 14 - Lorrie Peterson
- Mar. 17 - Janelle Pang
- Mar. 22 - Maggie Cogdill
- Mar. 22 - Cora Shieh
- Mar. 23 - Nadine Carlton
- Mar. 25 - Nicole Colligan
- Mar. 27 - Laura Dhanaraj
- Mar. 28 - Joyce Masterson
- Mar. 28 - Hailey Hayes



- Frank & Marlene Custer: 40 yrs. -**  
March 30, 1985
- Michael & Joanna Villa: 16 yrs. -**  
March 30, 2009

# The Church Calendar - March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>2</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b></p> <p>10:00 AM In-Person Worship &amp; Live Stream (Sunday School during Worship Service)                      11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)                      11:15 AM Adult Forum                      11:30 Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost)                      2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 &amp; Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Bank Distribution (Kurtz Hall)                      10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 AM Ashes to Go (St. Luke &amp; 2nd Location TBD)                      10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)                      6:45 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)                      7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool)                      2:00 PM Mary Lou Robson's Memorial Service &amp; Reception (Sanctuary &amp; Kurtz Hall)                      6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>10:00 AM In-Person Worship &amp; 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)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 &amp; Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)                      11:30 AM Witness Meeting (Kurtz Hall)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)                      12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Tech Study (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper                      6:45 PM Lenten Service                      7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool)                      6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9:00 AM St. Luke Work Day                      6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>10:00 AM In-Person Worship &amp; Live Stream (Sunday School during Worship Service)                      11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)                      11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost)                      2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Youth Group (Kurtz Hall &amp; Youth Outpost)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 &amp; Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>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)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)                      12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Tech Study (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper                      6:45 PM Lenten Service                      7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool)                      6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p><b>23</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>10:00 AM In-Person Worship &amp; Live Stream (Sunday School during Worship Service)                      11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall)                      11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost)                      2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Youth Group (Kurtz Hall &amp; Youth Outpost)</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 &amp; Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)                      12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Tech Study (Kurtz Hall)                      6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper                      6:45 PM Lenten Service                      7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool)                      6:15 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)                      7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Sunny Chinese Learning Center Chapel (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Pastor Dan Tisdell - Jesus in Hollywood Forum (Kurtz Hall)</p>
<p><b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		<b>Page 3</b>			

# March 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>March 2, 2025 - Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
Exod. 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Cor. 3:12--4:2 Luke 9:28-43a	TBD TBD	Chris Frye Setting IV	Kirk Autsen Danae Moreno	Tim Tsang	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b>March 9, 2025 - 1st Sunday in Lent</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Kirk Autsen</b>					
Deut. 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Rom. 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting III	Sue Hutchins Denise Tsang	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b>March 16, 2025 - 2nd Sunday in Lent</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Grant Hannon</b>					
Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Phil. 3:17--4:1 Luke 13:31-35	TBD TBD	Tim Tsang Setting III	Kirk Autsen Denise Tsang	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<b>March 23, 2025 - 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth</b>					
Isa. 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	TBD TBD	Walt Wilser Setting IV	Laura Rubio Danae Moreno	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan Debbie Ryan
<b>March 30, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Lent</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth</b>					
Josh 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Cor. 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	TBD TBD	Sue Hutchins Setting III	Roy Tuason Theresa Tuason	Danae Moreno	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan Debbie Ryan
<b>April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent</b>					
<b>Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell</b>					
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 Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan Debbie Ryan

## MARCH GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

March 02 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
 March 09 - Joyce Masterson  
 March 16 - Doug & Doriann Shreve  
 March 23 - Joyce Masterson  
 March 30 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

## MARCH GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

March 02 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 March 09 - TBD  
 March 16 - Don & Loretta Merry  
 March 23 - TBD  
 March 30 - Don & Loretta Merry

**YOUTH SKI TRIP - FEBRUARY 15 - 18, 2025**



**SUNNY CHINESE LEARNING CENTER: CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - FEBRUARY 9, 2025**



**CHARLES "CHUCK" WILKENING MEMORIAL SERVICE - JANUARY 25, 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**



## 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:



