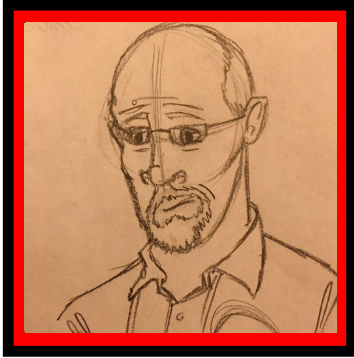


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Dan Tisdell

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Ephesian 2: 4-10 ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John 1:16-18 ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Verse 2 of "Be my Escape" by Reliant K

I've given up on doing this alone now,
'cause I've failed and I'm ready to be shown how
You've told me the way, and now I'm trying to get there

And this life sentence that I'm serving, I admit that I'm every bit deserving
But the beauty of grace is that it makes life not fair.

As I write this article, it is not quite November yet and we are preparing for Reformation Sunday. I've been thinking about the concept of Grace a lot, and what it really means. I think that, if Christians REALLY understood the concept of grace, there would be a lot of changes in how we view the world.

Grace only really works if it is for all creation. God loves all of creation. All of it. Even those who don't profess to be Christian. That may be a hard pill to swallow. But consider this before you write an angry email to your pastor. The very concept of grace is that we don't deserve it. Nothing we can do or have done can earn us our salvation or love of God. There's no checklist. Not attending church, or giving to the church, or volunteering for the church or local charities, not even becoming a Christian "earns" you some special privilege. This isn't some exclusive club where some are in and others are out. Our faith is not that simple.

We are sinful people. We mess up. We sin against God and against our neighbor. A lot. Maybe we try real hard

not to. I hope so. But the fact is that we can never quite completely get it right. We will always fall short of the grace of God. So, it is a wonderful thing that it is a free gift. The problem is, that we accept it's a free gift for us, but we want to be the dispensers and deciders of that gift for God. We want to serve as God's accountant of grace. We think this or that person deserves it but not some other person. Surely the murderer doesn't deserve God's grace! Surely the Atheist doesn't deserve God's grace! As soon as we say or think things like that, we are making ourselves a little better than others. We are saying well, we deserve it more. There is no hierarchy of sin. Sin is sin. All, and I mean all, fall short of the glory of God. All are underserving. And yet, Christ died for all.

The beauty of grace is that it makes life not fair. That line from a contemporary Christian song has stuck with me a long time. The very point of Grace is that it's not fair. We can try our best to be "good" all our lives, go to church, do and say all the right things and God's grace still extends to whoever we think is least "good".

So you might think..."What's the point of it all, then? Why should we even try?" Well, grace is a free gift for all but we all have a choice in how we respond to that gift. And that's the difference. As a response to that gift we can care for others or not. As a response to that gift we can love our

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



Hi everyone!

As you read this I am out of town on sabbatical in Washington DC. The first part of my sabbatical was at the end of October where I went to New Mexico to shadow lawmakers in the state house out there. It was a great experience and I learned so much from it.

These next two weeks I am out of town. I am in Washington DC this week working with the ELCA Discipleship and Advocacy office in our capital. I'm talking to lawmakers, working with ELCA staff, and learning so much that I can bring back for our youth. Next week I'll be in Colorado walking through the Rocky mountains with my father.

I can't wait to rejoin you all later this month and share everything I have learned! While I am gone, PD & so many others are volunteering to run all of the youth programs we have each week. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time to help support our youth. I can't wait to be back with you all.

See you soon!

—
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**Julianna
"Juli"**
Bucellato
ACP Director



Happy Fall!!

October has been a very busy month at ACP. We have learned about spiders, bats and pumpkins. We had our first Halloween show and Potluck. It is so nice to see the families begin to form relationships with one another. The parents loved to see the children singing in their costumes.

We also had our second community Halloween Carnival in conjunction with Food Truck night. It has been so wonderful to see so many families enjoying these community events. We have a beautiful campus and love to share it!! A big Thank you to all of you that donated candy, baked goods and most importantly your time. These community events can't happen without help.

ACP is continuing to enroll. Please follow us on Social Media and tell your friends and neighbors!! If any of you would like to come and see the school in action, I would love to give you a tour.

Juli Bucellato

Pastor's Musings
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neighbor. We can volunteer at church. How others respond is really none of our business.

When we think life isn't fair because God even loves the unloveable, we absolutely miss the point of grace. God loves the whole world FIRST.

Before we even have a chance to do anything about it, even if we could, which we can't. So, we come to church NOT because we are trying to earn something, but instead because we already know we are loved and saved and now we need to be recharged to go out and love the world. And sometimes we need to be reminded that we are loved. And then we can choose how to live the rest of our lives moving forward. Grace isn't fair. And honestly, that's really amazing.
P.D.



Nancy Watz
*Council
President*

**Council President's
Corner**

Dear St. Luke Family,

We have just completed the stewardship month of October with the theme "Heart to Heart". I would like to thank Kathleen and her Stewardship board for the challenging, honest yet loving conversations that were had each week and thank the congregation for their response in committing time, talent, and treasure.

I also want to share with you that St. Luke leadership is exploring campus sharing. We are living in a community where ethnic churches are springing up seeking a home to worship God in their own language. While sharing out campus can mean a change to our routine and be

The Church Calendar - November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM Private Diwali Party (Kurtz Hall)
2 All Saints Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Stanford Bloodmobile 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:30 AM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	3 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	4 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)	5 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	6 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	7	8
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23 Christ the King Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:30 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Truck Night 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	24 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	25 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	26 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service 8:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday Office Closed!	28 Day After Thanksgiving Day Holiday Office Closed!	29
30 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:30 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)						

November 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>
<u>November 2, 2025 - All Saints Sunday</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Dan. 7:1-3, 15-18	TBD	Sue Hutchins	Denise Tsang	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 149	TBD	Setting IV	Tim Tsang		
Eph. 1:11-23					
Luke 6:20-31					
<u>November 9, 2025 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Job 19:23-27a	TBD	Walt Wilser	Kirk Autsen	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 17:1-9	TBD	Setting IV	Denise Tsang		
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17					
Luke 20:27-38					
<u>November 16, 2025 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Mal 4:1-2a	TBD	Mark Kent	Sue Hutchins	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 98	TBD	Setting III	Tim Tsang		
2 Thess. 3:6-13					
Luke 21:5-19					
<u>November 23, 2025 - Christ the King Sunday</u>					
Children's Message: Beth Stauter					
Jer. 31:31-34	TBD	Chris Frye	Laura Rubio	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 46	TBD	Setting III	Danae Moreno		
Rom. 3:19-28					
John 8:31-36					
TBD					
TBD					
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TBD					
<u>November 26, 2025 - Thanksgiving Eve Service</u>					
<u>November 30, 2025 - 1st Sunday of Advent</u>					
Children's Message: Danae Moreno					
Isa. 2:1-5	TBD	Kirk Autsen	Sue Hutchins	Jordan Mandac	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 122	TBD	Setting IV	Danae Moreno		
Rom. 13:13-14					
Matt. 24:36-44					
<u>December 7, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Advent</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Isa. 11:1-10	TBD	Wil Mandac	Denise Tsang	Grant Hannon	Altar Guild Team
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	TBD	Setting IV	Tim Tsang		
Rom. 15:4-13					
Matt. 3:1-12					

Council President's Corner

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challenging, there are many Biblical reasons for sharing our buildings. Let me share just a couple with you: 1. To practice brotherly/sisterly love by "loving the stranger" in our land and helping those who can't afford to own property. (Leviticus 19:34: "The foreigner who lives among you shall be like a native among you. You shall love him as your own, because you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God."). 2. To serve as good stewards. Sharing expenses is good financial stewardship. Recognizing that the church property belongs to the Lord, not to us (Psalm 24:1 "The earth belongs to God! Everything in all the world is his!")

May God grant us love, wisdom, and courage as we move forward in faith.

Nancy

NOVEMBER GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

Nov. 02 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Nov. 09 - Sandi Wilkening
Nov. 16 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Nov 23 - Sandi Wilkening
Nov. 30 - Doug & Doriann Shreve

NOVEMBER GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

Nov. 02 - TBD
Nov. 09 - Don & Loretta Merry
Nov. 16 - TBD
Nov. 23 - Don & Loretta Merry
Nov. 30 - TBD



Nov. 01 - Ulrik Skov
Nov. 01 - Jack West
Nov. 02 - Anna Buskirk
Nov. 04 - Allan Pang
Nov. 08 - Monica Nissen
Nov. 08 - Gary Walz
Nov. 10 - Liz West
Nov. 15 - Jacob Su
Nov. 15 - Jacob Luna
Nov. 23 - Suzanne O'Conner
Nov. 25 - Gemma Chang



Victor & Joyce Masterson: 67 yrs. - November 30, 1958

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2026 COMMITMENT CARDS STILL BEING COLLECTED

We had our Heart-to-Heart messages in October culminating with Commitment Sunday last week when we turned in our pledges for 2026. If you were not here for Commitment Sunday (Oct 26th) but would still like to dedicate a portion of your "first fruits", there is time to do so. We will leave the Temple Chest as well as some extra 2026 Commitment Cards in the Narthex for a couple of weeks. As always, your pledges are kept strictly confidential and are only known by our Financial Secretary who collect and record totals.

Peace and blessings, Kathleen Peters and Oliver Smith, Chair and Vice-Chair, Stewardship

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**



STANFORD BLOODMOBILE WILL BE HERE ON SUNDAY, NOV. 9TH

On Sunday, November 9th, St. Luke will host a Blood Drive here on the street outside of campus from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. To make an appointment for a specific time you can go to www.sbcdonor.org, use the QR code on the flyers hung up on the glass doors to the office & sanctuary or just show up. For more information: Phillip Martin at pmartin1@stanford.edu. This November, donate blood and get our 2025 holiday t-shirt.

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

Fellowship after worship

11:15 AM

Sunday School @ 11:30 AM

Confirmation Class @ 11:30 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

To:



