

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdell

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Hebrews 13: 6-7

⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Ecclesiastes 1: 9-11

⁹What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has already been, in the ages before us. ¹¹The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

Anniversaries are important. Yes, I totally understand that any day is largely the same as the last and often people will say, in response to a birthday, for instance, "Well, its just another day..." Milestones like

birthdays and anniversaries may indeed be "just another day," but it is such a nice excuse to celebrate the time passed for that event.

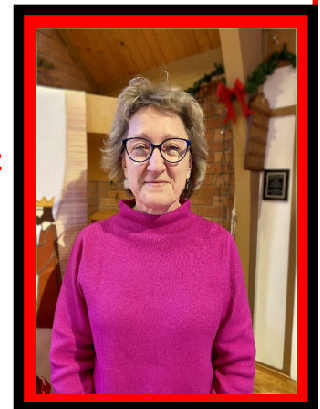
We recently celebrated Bert Smith's 100th birthday, and we regularly celebrate other birthdays and anniversaries. It's so nice to celebrate those kinds of things together because life is all about our relationships, the way we live out our lives in connection. No one lives their lives in a vacuum. We are all connected, and so those celebrations are meant to be broadcast to our villages.

I'm celebrating two different anniversaries right now. On September 24th, two years ago in 2023, you all took a big leap of faith to call me as your pastor. I am and continue to be so blessed that you did. The very next day, I came into the office and began my time with you, building up relationships here. I am excited about starting regular dinners hosted by members to get to know you better and for you to have an opportunity to get to know each other better, too.

My other anniversary is the tenth anniversary of my ordination on October 11th. I avoided the call to ministry for over twenty years because I felt that I wasn't ready. For a long time, I had excuses to avoid the call and seminary. When I finally started seminary in 2011, I simply had run out of excuses. The Holy Spirit opened up every possible door and wouldn't let me say no anymore. The journey has rarely been easy, but I am so glad I took it, and I am so excited to continue on this journey here at St. Luke.

The thing about these special days, is that while they are one day out of many, they aren't one day events. Every day I praise and thank God for my birth, even if I only celebrate it one day a year. Every day I celebrate being married to my wife, even though only one day is our anniversary. In the same way, I only have one anniversary of my ordination, but I celebrate my call that led to that event every single day. Part of the reason I do that is that we ALL get the honor of celebrating these milestones in community. We share the pride that we have been married another year or that we have gotten a little older, and perhaps wiser.

Take time to celebrate your milestones, your anniversaries, your birthdays. It's worth it, not only for you, but for those in your community who care for you.



Nancy Watz

Council
President

Council President's Corner

"If you have love for one another, then all will know that you are my disciples."

John 13:35

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



Hi Everyone!

I hope you all have had a wonderful September and are ready for the fun fall activities we have this month.

September was a whirlwind of exciting things. The youth finally wrapped up their summer program and returned to our regular program, we celebrated rally day with games or cornhole and a fun BBQ, & we returned to confirmation in tandem with Pastor Christina's confirmation group bringing our total confirmands to 9.

As we begin October we will be having youth group laser tag this month. More details for that will be announced soon. Also we will have our annual pumpkin patch trip for the kids and for our confirmation students toward the end of this month.

So much is happening in the life of the youth at the church, stay tuned in to hear about all the adventures.



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



Hello,

It is hard to believe that September is gone! Our new students and staff are settling in. We spent the month of September talking about being good friends and learning about ourselves and others! It is so wonderful to see the classrooms and yard filling up! We do still have spots available so please continue to let people know about us.

We had another family picnic night that we combined with Back- to-School Night. The families that attended had a great time getting to know one another. It is so wonderful to see a community forming. We asked parents about their willingness to help with projects around our school and community events and had several families indicate that they would love to help.

Our next big community event will be the Halloween Carnival on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 3-6pm. We will also be having Food Truck Night from 5-8pm that day. The Halloween Carnival last year brought around 200 people to our campus. Combining it with Food Truck night will mean even more people! That being said, we are going to need help setting up and tearing down the carnival, running game booths and with donations of candy and baked goods. Please mark the date on your calendar and watch for an electronic sign-up sheet as we get closer!

Juli Bucellato

Council President's Corner

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Dear St. Luke family,
As I was walking my dog this morning, the following verse from the song "They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love" came to my mind.
*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

This song was written by a Catholic priest during a time of unrest in our country and was based on John 13:35. It speaks to me now, as there are so many violent conflicts and divisions in our country and around the world. I pray that I can treat with dignity and love every child of God with whom I interact, even if I don't agree with them and especially if that dignity and love is not reciprocated. May God grant us love, discernment, and courage in all we do.

May the Lord be with you,
Nancy

OCTOBER GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

Oct. 05 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Oct. 12 - Sandi Wilkening
Oct. 19 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Oct. 26 - Sandi Wilkening

OCTOBER GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

Oct. 05 - TBD
Oct. 12 - Don & Loretta Merry
Oct. 19 - TBD
Oct. 26 - Don & Loretta Merry

The Church Calendar - October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 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) 6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (Kurtz Hall) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	2 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	3	4
5 Blessing of the Animals 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream (Blessing of the Animals) 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Children's Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:30 AM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 11:30 AM Adult Bible Study - A.I. (Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	6 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	7 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)	8 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)	9 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	10	11 Happy 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to Pastor Dan today!!
12 18th Sunday of Pentecost 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 (Y.O.) 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	13 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	14 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	15 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	16 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	17	18 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM Mark & Maggie Cogdill - Decorating Kurtz Hall for Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day
19 19th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:15 AM Oktoberfest (Kurtz Hall) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	20 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	21 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)	22 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	23 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	24 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	25
26 Reformation Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:30 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 11:30 AM Sunday School (M.E.B.) 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Truck Night 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	27 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	28 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)	29 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	30 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	31 Halloween Day	

October 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>October 5, 2025 - Blessing of the Animals</u> Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Gen. 1:1, 20-28 Psalm 148 Revelation 5:11-14 Matthew 6:25-29	TBD TBD	Kirk Autsen Setting IV	Denise Tsang Sue Hutchins	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan
<u>October 12, 2025 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Tim. 2:18-15 Luke 17:11-19	TBD TBD	Linda Baginski Setting IV	Grant Hannon Kirk Autsen	Tim Tsang	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<u>October 19, 2025 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost</u> Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Gen. 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Tim. 3:14--4:5 Luke 18:1-8	TBD TBD	Tim Tsang Setting III	Sue Hutchins Tim Tsang	Sally Hedman	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<u>October 26, 2025 - Reformation Sunday</u> Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth					
Jer. 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Rom. 3:19-28 John 8:31-36	TBD TBD	Chris Frye Setting III	Laura Rubio Danae Moreno	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Tim Tsang
<u>November 2, 2025 - All Saints Sunday</u> Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Dan. 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Eph. 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	TBD TBD	Sue Hutchins Setting IV	Denise Tsang Tim Tsang	Adeline Skov	Shirley Loo Denise Tsang Wendy Callahan



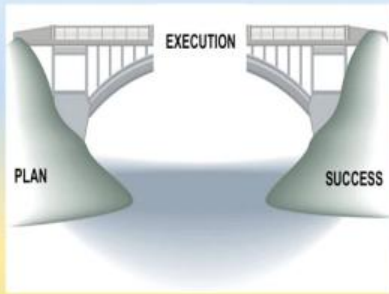
Wah Loo & Shirley Loo: 60 yrs. -
October 02, 1965
Oluf Nissen & Beth Stauter: 33 yrs. -
October 3, 1992
Tim & Denise Tsang: 32 yrs. -
October 02, 1993
Andy & Patricia Wadsworth: 32 yrs. -
October 16, 1993
Debbie Ryan & Bruce McCartney: 26
yrs. -
October 02, 1999
Sam & Amy Bloom: 5 yrs. -
October 02, 2020

Oct. 02 - Bob McKee
Oct. 04 - Victor Masterson
Oct. 04 - Doriann Shreve
Oct. 04 - Mark Shoyer
Oct. 05 - David Webster
Oct. 06 - Jackson Luna
Oct. 07 - Roxanne Handler
Oct. 07 - Sebastian Pereira
Oct. 07 - Stefanie Luna
Oct. 08 - Amy McKee
Oct. 10 - Mark Peters

Oct. 15 - Kevin Rubio
Oct. 16 - Theresa Tuason
Oct. 17 - Clark Williams
Oct. 18 - Phuong Jenson
Oct. 20 - Brad Sime
Oct. 26 - Deb Mandac
Oct 28 - Xiang Zhou

BRIDGING THE GAP

St. Luke Deficit Campaign A Call for Support



- Thank you for campaign pledges!
- Budget deficit = \$155,000
- Total Pledged = \$120,720
- Total remaining = \$34,280
- Please submit pledge fulfillments by the end of the year.
- When sending your gift, please indicate it is for "Bridging the Gap"

**We ask that you continue to pray and support
our home Church.**

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH: "HEART TO HEART"

Each October, we gather as a congregation to renew our commitment to support the mission and general operations of our Church, St. Luke. This is an important year as we take stock of the wonderful progress and significant investments we have made in recent years as a congregation. This past year we saw the re-launch of Amazing Creations Preschool (ACP), the purchase of a parsonage, and maintenance improvements to our property and buildings. We also have a loving, inclusive youth program under Grant Hannon that continues to thrive and grow. All of these are made possible by generous, on-going gifts of time, talent and treasure provided by current congregation members and those who have gone before.

To be faithful stewards of these gifts and investments, it is crucial that as Council leadership we exercise prudent financial planning for our near-term and long-term future. As a family in Christ, we are 'One Body', and we promise to have honest and transparent conversations as we build these plans. As such, our Stewardship theme for this year is **"Heart to Heart"**. Each Sunday in October we will have a brief message delivered during the service to help us consider our journey toward a solid and sustainable future at St. Luke.

Please watch the bulletin and for an email from stlukepledging@gmail.com for the 2026 Pledge Card information. On October 26th, we will gather our pledges as we join together to worship and celebrate.

Your time, talents and treasures shared with St. Luke are so valuable and critical to the growth of God's love, our mission at St. Luke. Please join us in our journey every week this month for our Heart-to-Heart conversations.

Ephesians 4:15: "... Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."

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

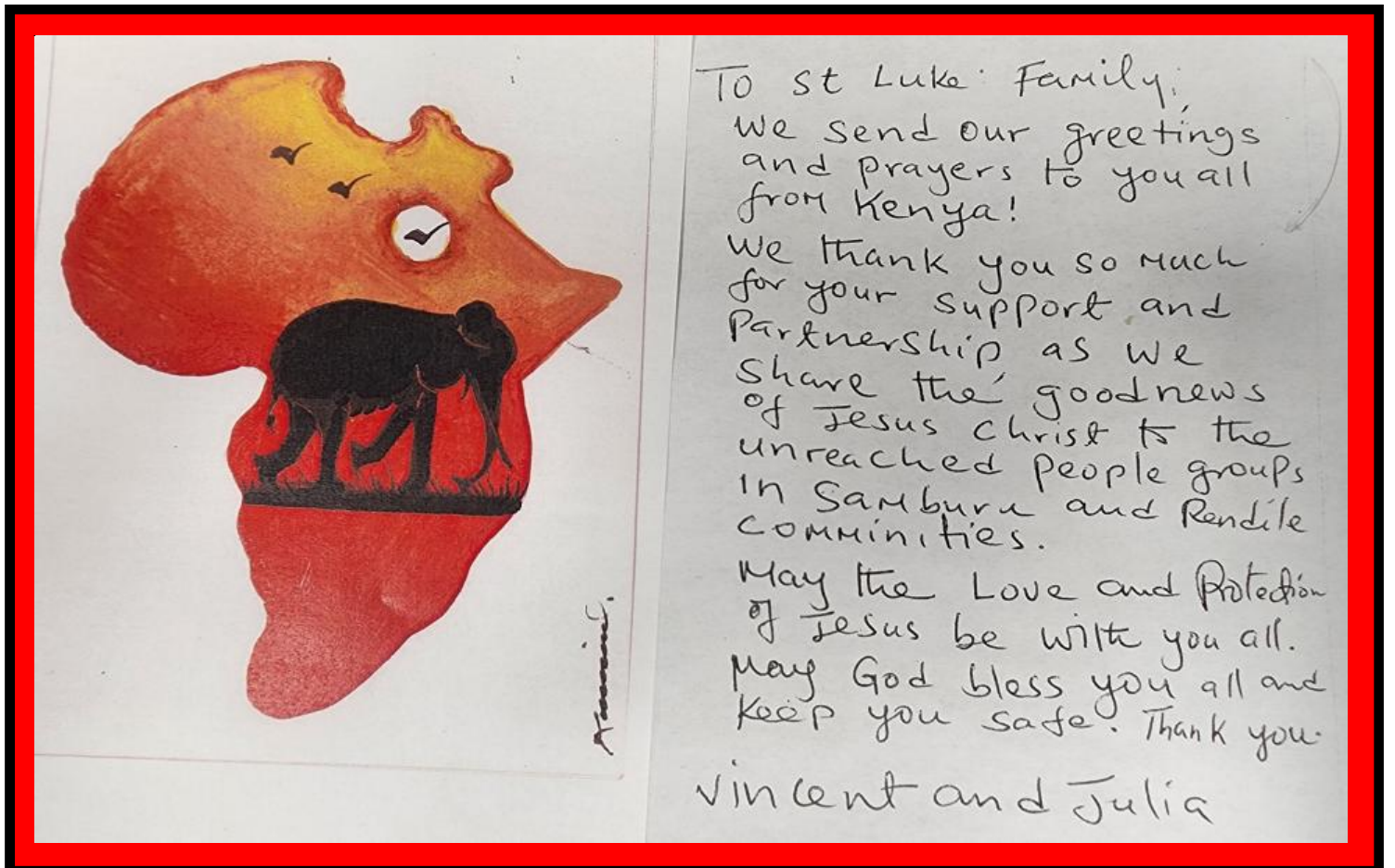
SUMMER PICNICS



SUMMER "FOOD TRUCK" NIGHTS



MISSIONARIES WE HELP SUPPORT SERVING IN KENYA



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



RALLY DAY & TEACHER APPRECIATION



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:



SUMMER "FOOD TRUCK" NIGHTS



