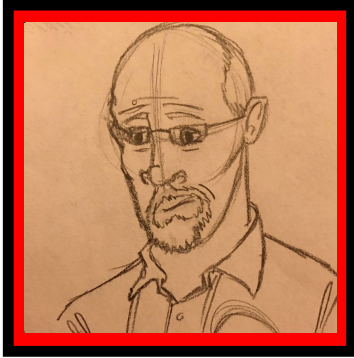


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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Dan Tisdell

Pastor

Pastor's Musings

Lamentations 3: 22-24

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Luke 1: 78-79

⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Once I wasn't a teacher or a student, I always thought that I would cease basing my life and work around the academic calendar. The thing is, the church calendar and the academic calendar work pretty well hand in hand. At church we relax a bit during the summer, then in the early fall, we kick off our Sunday School, Confirmation class, Bible Studies and other church activities that had been off during the summer. Much like the first day of school, we

celebrate the start of the year at church in September. At least, in one way.

I believe that our faith reminds us that every day is a new start. The verses above remind me of that. Whatever we might have failed at yesterday is gone and we have a new start to get things right today. So, unlike the school year, the church year is full of "first days" that are official in the calendar.

Rally Day (early to mid September) - The first day of our education programs at church and often some other programs which took time off in the summer.

Reformation Sunday (last Sunday in October) - The celebration of the start of the protestant church and all that it stands for, even to this day.

First Sunday in Advent (Late November or Early December) - The start of the liturgical year. Think of it this way...we start the church year talking about John the Baptist and the promise of Jesus coming, then, four weeks later, we celebrate his birth. Soon after his Baptism and the beginning of his teaching and ministry. Advent to Easter is the story of Jesus' life, while Pentecost up to Advent is the story of his teaching.

The Baptism of Jesus and the calling of the disciples (Usually the second Sunday in January) - Another very important start to the ministry of Jesus.

Holy Week, but especially Easter Sunday - An end, but also a beginning, a beginning of the ministry of the disciples.

Pentecost - The official recognition of the start of the modern church. Also, ironically, around the time that we start slowing down for the summer.

Our church year is full of new beginnings that are official holidays in the church year. This should remind us that every day we can be made new in Christ. Whatever we might not be proud of can be tossed away and we can daily be made new. That promise gives me a lot of hope and makes me feel better about my decisions. I hope it does for you too. Pastor Dan

Nancy Watz

*Council
President*



Council President's Corner

Greetings to my St. Luke family,

Summer is over, the relaxing slower paced days of vacations, swimming/beach, BBQs, camping, travel, etc. are finished. School and the structure and opportunities it brings has begun. Here at St. Luke the choir and the bell choir has or will soon start up. If you like to sing or are curious about playing bells,

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



**Julianna
"Juli"
Buccellato**
ACP Director



Hi Everyone,

I cannot believe that it is September already. Where has the summer gone! It's crazy to think that this year is flying by as fast as it has been.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the summer program here for our youth. We had such a great summer with VBS, Disneyland, Sports Camp, & food trucks. It has been such a fun and eventful summer and it's crazy to look back and see all that we did.

This month we have Rally Day which I hope you all have marked your calendars for. We also have the return of Sunday school after service. This decision will give the kids more time for in depth crafts and learning, more volunteer support of our teachers, and will allow them to have their own space & participate in service.

I'm sure this fall will be as packed as ever with events for the youth, so keep an eye on the announcements each week to see what's going on.

- Grant



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Happy New School Year form ACP! We have begun our new school year with several new students and new teachers. We have 6 children enrolled in our Toddler class and 13 enrolled in our Preschool class. We still have space in our classrooms so please continue to tell people about our school.

We are excited to welcome Ms. Beth as a part time aide in our Toddler class and Ms. Kate as a part time teacher in our Preschool class. We are still looking for a part-time aide on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you know anyone who would love to spend some time with our students, please have them call the school. They do not need to have any experience or special training to work as an aide in our classrooms. We are also looking for Substitute Teachers and aides. Teachers need to have 12 ECE units, but aides do not require them. If you know anyone who would be willing to join our sub pool, please have them call the school as well.

Thank you to all of you who have been collecting recycled materials for our students. Please continue to save them for us. As we grow, so does the need for these types of materials. If you would like to keep up to date with what our kids are up to, please follow us on Facebook. I try to post things there every week.

Thank you for your support and prayers!
Juli Buccellato

Council President's Corner

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please reach out to Chris and Wil, respectively. If you play an instrument and would like to participate in worship, reach out to Beth. There are many other opportunities to serve here at St. Luke. We have a beautiful campus/ facility which requires upkeep with various projects. Volunteers from St. Luke meet on the third Saturday of each month from 9am to noon or so – to work on these projects. Please consider joining us – many hands make the work light. Every first and third Tuesday morning Second Harvest sets up a food distribution in Kurtz Hall and they are always looking for volunteers. The various Boards of St. Luke: Worship, Learning, Witness, Youth, Service, Stewardship, Facilities; will welcome new members. If you are interested let me or Pastor Dan know. May the Holy Spirit guide you.

One last thing: the Bridging the Gap campaign for pledges is officially over. Gifts can/will be received through the rest of the year. I have no final total pledge amount to share with you as this letter is written before the end of August. I will let you know as soon as I know. Thank you for your generous response to this campaign and for helping solve some of our financial challenges.

May the Lord be with you,
Nancy



Alex & Nadine Carlton: 33 yrs. -
September 19, 1992
Zal & Liz West: 13 yrs. -
September 1, 2012

The Church Calendar - September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 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)	3 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	4 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	5	6
7 13th 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)	8 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM CCNS Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	9 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 11:30 AM Witness Team	10 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	11	12	13 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Blocked Off - Mark & Maggie Decoration & Prepping for Rally Day
14 Holy Cross Sunday 10:00 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 11:15 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:15 RALLY DAY FESTIVITIES 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	15 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	16 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)	17 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	18 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM Andy Wadsworth's Square Dance Event (Kurtz Hall)	19	20 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day
21 15th Sunday of Pentecost 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.) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	22 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	23 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	24 10:00 AM Coffee Chat (Zoom) 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Text Study (Kurtz Hall)	25	26	27 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Troop #493 - Court of Honor (Kurtz Hall & Grounds)
28 12th Sunday of Pentecost 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)	29 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 & Scout Troop #442 (K.H.)	30 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office)				

September 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>September 7, 2025 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Deut. 30:15-20	TBD	Walt Wilser	Tim Tsang	Oliver Smith	Shirley Loo
Psalms 1	TBD	No Setting	Denise Tsang		Denise Tsang
Philemon 1-21					Wendy Callahan
Luke 14:25-33					
<u>September 14, 2025 - Holly Cross Sunday - RALLY DAY</u>					
Children's Message: Kirk Autsen					
Num. 21:4b-9	TBD	Sue Hutchins	Kirk Autsen	Mark Kent	Shirley Loo
Psalms 98:1-4	TBD	No Setting	Denise Tsang		Denise Tsang
1 Cor. 1:18-24					Tim Tsang
John 3:13-17					
<u>September 21, 2025 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Grant Hannon					
Amos 8:4-7	TBD	Chris Frye	Sue Hutchins	Kathleen Peters	Shirley Loo
Psalms 82	TBD	Setting III	Tim Tsang		Denise Tsang
Heb. 11:29--12:2					Tim Tsang
Luke 12:49-56					
<u>September 28, 2025 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Andy Wadsworth					
Isa. 58:9b-14	TBD	Kirk Autsen	Laura Rubio	Jordan Mandac	Shirley Loo
Psalms 113	TBD	Setting IV	Danae Moreno		Denise Tsang
1 Tim. 6:6-19					Tim Tsang
Luke 16:1-13					
<u>October 5, 2025 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost</u>					
Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdell					
Hab. 1:1-4;2:1-4	TBD	Wil Mandac	Kirk Autsen	Grant Hannon	Shirley Loo
Psalms 37:1-9	TBD	Setting IV	Sue Hutchins		Denise Tsang
2 Tim. 1:1-14					Wendy Callahan
Luke 17:5-10					

SEPTEMBER GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

Sept. 07 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
 Sept. 14 - Sandi Wilkening
 Sept. 21 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
 Sept.28 - Sandi Wilkening

SEPTEMBER GREETERS - SIDE DOOR

Sept. 07 - TBD
 Sept. 14 - Don & Loretta Merry
 Sept. 21 - TBD
 Sept. 28 - Don & Loretta Merry

5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING - EXTENDED - SUPPORTING MT. CROSS!

August brought us another 5th Sunday! The Witness Team designated Mt. Cross Ministries, our nearby Lutheran camp, to receive August's special offering. Mt. Cross is OUR camp! Pastor Dan has often said that most people who participate in camp ministry have said that the most formative faith experiences of their lives happened at camp. He also has regularly helped in improving the

maintenance at Mt. Cross. The St. John's Future Benevolence Fund will again match every dollar donated for the 5th Sunday offering. **It is important to remember that your special offerings should be given in addition to your normal offerings that support St. Luke's ministry.** Please write "5th Sunday or Mt. Cross" on the memo line of your check made out to St. Luke. Please prayerfully

consider giving to Mt. Cross for this special 5th Sunday offering gift. We have extended this opportunity into early September to allow you time to give to this special offering. Thank you in advance for your support of this amazing ministry in the redwoods not far from us in the Santa Cruz Mountains!

The Witness Team

ST. LUKE SUMMER HAPPENINGS JULY & AUGUST 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



Sept. 01 - Denise Tsang
Sept. 02 - Matthew Pang
Sept. 07 - Sue Hutchins
Sept. 10 - Brandie Williams
Sept. 11 - Nancy Walz
Sept. 12 - Bradley Wadsworth
Sept. 13 - Letty Lucero
Sept. 15 - Wendy Callahan
Sept. 15 - Kaia Berkland
Sept. 16 - Tim Su
Sept. 16 - Olivia Mitchell
Sept. 18 - Alex Carlton
Sept. 20 - Denise Feick
Sept. 21 - Danae Moreno
Sept. 24 - Brian Rubio
Sept. 26 - Chris Frye
Sept. 28 - Bee Robles

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 - Resumes

Sept. 21st @ 11:30 AM

Confirmation Class -

Resumes Sept. 21st @ 11:30 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

To:



