The Courier

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Starting over, a fresh start

I'd like to start this article with a closing first, our Interim Pastor, Pastor Laurie left some words before she retired and I want to share those, because how can we start a new without closing out or bidding farewell to the old first?

Pastor Laurie writes: *"Thank you to the wonderful people at St. Luke's! I truly appreciate the cards, gifts and best wishes on May 10th. And thank you to all who made my time with you worthwhile as we shared the good news of Jesus' love. I pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as you move forward in your leadership. And I look forward to bumping into you in the grocery stores! In Peace, Pr. Laurie"*

We are so grateful to her for stepping in at a tough time for us, it couldn't have been easy stepping into cover a spot that we thought was filled by someone we not only loved, but who truly felt anointed by the Holy Spirit. But, God is good, yesterday, today and forever, and what is meant for us, is meant for us.

I'd like to open with scripture, because I always take it back to God's word. **2 Corinthians 5:17** ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."*** As believers we aren't new to old things passing away. We've had to let go of old ways we lived, thought, felt, to pick up our cross daily and follow Jesus. My testimony is walking away from so much of the world and worldly desires, wants, ambitions, and thoughts. Now my only desire is to know God and draw near to him. I wish more than anything to hear "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

We're starting again, beginning anew, but we aren't alone. God is with us, Jesus will never forsake us, and the Holy Spirit moves within us and all around us. We just have to trust and say "yes", to pray and get in His word. Maybe even to fast asking to grow closer to Him and for His will to be done always. We serve a good and faithful God who will never mislead us. He is more than able, and more than sufficient! **Romans 6:4** ***"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."*** Amen & Amen! ***~ Jaime Doganes***

CALL COMMITTEE

In the midst of interviewing and negotiating with Pastor Johnelle Barron as a possible interim pastor, the call committee is pausing for a few weeks to concentrate on this important process. We'll resume our discussions with synodical representatives soon. ~ **Bill Bode**

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Please if you haven't already, get your surveys filled out and in to the church office whether by email, bringing them in and placing them in the offering plate, or by good old mail! Need a copy? Email the office and we'll get one

emailed out to you immediately! ~ **Worship & Music Committee**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This month's "Want Ads" please pray and consider if the Holy Spirit is calling you to service through leadership of any of these committees.

WANTED- ST. LUKE'S FINANCE CHAIR

HOURS: AS NEEDED

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT OF THE CONGREGATION'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES. (*page 20 of the constitution)*

REQUIREMENTS:

- **ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS AS YOU ARE ABLE, OR SUBMIT A WRITTEN UPDATE IN YOUR ABSENCE.**
- **RECEIVE ALL REQUESTS FROM COMMITTEES AND CONSTRUCTS THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL.**
- **ADMINISTERS THE CONGREGATION'S FUNDS AS INSTRUCTED BY THER CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.**
- **PROVIDE AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CONGREGATION.**
- **REVIEWS ANY "EXTRA" FINANCIAL REQUESTS SUBMITTED THAT WERE NOT PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET INCLUDING EMERGENCY NEEDS.**
- **SOLICITS, TRAINS AND ASSIGNS MEMBERS AS OFFERING COUNTERS , CHECK SIGNERS AND DEPOSITORS.**
- **REVIEWS BOOK KEEPER REPORTS AND COORDINATES ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE BOOKS.**

TENURE TIME: TWO YEARS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TREASURER, BOOK KEEPER, CONGREGATION AT LARGE AS THEY ARE WILLING.

WANTED – STEWARDSHIP CHAIRPERSON

HOURS: AS NEEDED.

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION RELATED TO A CHRISTIAN'S USE OF TIME, TALENT AND RESOURCES; EDUCATION THAT IS BIBLICAL, PRACTICAL, INSPIRATIONAL AND MOTIVATIONAL. *(page 24 of the constitution)*

REQUIREMENTS:

- **ATTEND MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING AS YOU ARE ABLE, OR SUBMIT A WRITTEN UPDATE IN YOUR ABSENCE.**
- **PLAN AND CONDUCT AN ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN THAT ENCOURAGES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS.**
- **SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CONGREGATION.**
- **EMPHASIZE PERCENTAGE-GIVING OF PERSONAL INCOME FOR THE LORD'S MINISTRIES IN AND THROUGH THE CONGREGATION..**
- **PLAN AND IMPLEMENT WAYS TO ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT OF TIME, ENERGY, AND CREATIVITY BY MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES.**

TENURE: TWO YEARS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP.

If you are interested, reach out to any Council member.

No experience required

Thank you. ~ ***Pam Garcia for the Nominating committee***

MISSIONS

Nothing new yet. Thank you! Stay tuned for more soon…**Missions & Outreach**

Fellowship Committee

What's Going On at St. Luke's!

Walking with a Purpose group. Our Walking with a Purpose group really lived up to its name last month at the MS Fundraiser walk at El Dorado Park East on Saturday April 25. Thank you to all who participated in the event including all those who donated funds to support such a worthy cause. Our St. Luke's group raised $2,826.07! Jaime even had t-shirts made for our walkers to show a united front. What a fun day meeting and walking with so many supporters.

On Saturday May 9, the walking group headed over to Heartwell Park in Long Beach and had a nice walk through the park around the baseball fields.

In a few weeks on Saturday June 13, our walking group will meet at El Dorado park in Long Beach, this time to the nature trail to enjoy a beautiful walk away from the bustling city life.

Bonfire. Get ready for hotdogs and s'mores at the beach! Join us for a spring bonfire at Huntington Beach State Beach on Friday, June 5. Hotdogs plus fixings and s'mores will be provided by the Fellowship committee. Bring your own drinks and beach chairs. Extra firewood is appreciated if you have any to keep the fire going. Bob always gets there early to save us a nice ramada (covered area with tables and benches). Show up about 5 PM. Parking is $15 (or free with State Park Pass from the county library).

New project. During our Lenten soup suppers we shared recipes for the wonderful soups we were having. We talked about how nice it would be to share more recipes with all of St Lukes and perhaps even create a cookbook at some point. To start, we have created an email address (stlukesrecipes@gmail.com) where you can send recipes that you particularly like (any category). The Fellowship Committee will start collecting these and at the same time investigate the best way to share them.

Coming up. Erin will repeat her popular sourdough class on August 8th. Watch for signups! Bill is planning a photo field trip on a Saturday during the summer and a photo workshop in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.

As always everyone at St. Luke's church and preschool are invited to all of our events. Flyers are sent out in weekly emails.

Berit Bode & Erin McCuan Fellowship Committee

Preschool News

JUNE

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

Every year I expect the "goodbyes" to get a little easier than the year before, however, let's get this out of the way right now:
You will never be prepared! Moving on.
The reality is over the course of your time here, we have become family. Students will miss their Teachers, Staff and Friends. These are people who know your child and care about them. They know about your family life and stresses outside of school. You share your behavioral and developmental concerns with them and work together on solutions, if needed. You celebrate your child's developmental milestones and emerging skills together… they have become so much more than just a "Teacher";

WE ARE FAMILY

…and we'll always be here to
WELCOME you home!

As we prepare to wrap it up…

** Please be sure to follow through in clearing up any past due invoices/debts as well as completion of Participation Points prior to June 19, 2026.*

BOOSTER NEWS:

- Don't forget to log in any remaining Participation Points (20).
- Fundraising this year was a GREAT success thanks to ALL who participated in Spirit Nights, Cookie Fundraiser, See's Fundraiser, Bubble Run, Teacher Date Raffle & more! THANK YOU to the Families and our **AMAZING BOOSTER TEAM!!!**

CHIP, CHIP, HOORAY!
IT'S DAD'S DAY!!!

June 19th, 2026
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Please join us for a special afternoon with our dad's

CONGRATS to our Families moving on...

It is with bittersweet feelings that we say GOODBYE to our "graduating" class. We thank you so much for sharing your children with us and entrusting them to us. They have learned and grown so much during this time!

To my students, I say THANK YOU! for when I teach, I also learn. In our short time, we have grown together. A little bit of each of you will always be with me. Always strive to be the best that you can be and **NEVER FORGET** *whose* you are...

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ~ *1 John 4:4*

To the Parents, I say Thank You for trusting and allowing SLCP to share in the upbringing of a new generation. Much like parents, it is hard to let go but we do it anyway, believing in the process of growth, learning, and taking a giant leap of faith!

Direct your children onto the right path & when they are older, they will not leave it.
~ Proverbs 22:6

Although we will miss you all dearly, we know that the time spent here at SLCP, we have done our very best to instill all the tools needed to succeed in Kindergarten or TK **AND** the importance of building your future as God's disciple. We will continue to pray for you all & can't wait for you to come back and tell us all about your new adventures!

With Love,

Ms. Pearson

SLCP Summer Program begins:
Monday, July 6th, 2026

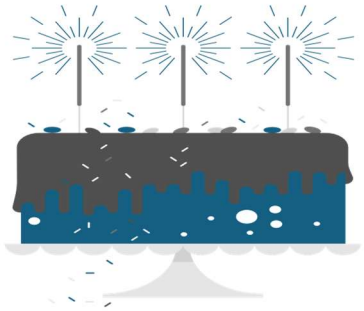
And runs through the week of:
August 24th - 27th, 2026

~*Closed Friday 8/28/26*~

1st Day of "New" School Year:
Monday, August 31st, 2026

SUMMER STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

- Ms. Marin
  July 19th
- Ms. Yax
  August 13th



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

June 4	Pamela Anderson
June 11	Norma Reed
June 13	Daniel McCuan
June 16	Pamela Garcia
June 16	Erin McCuan
June 19	Jayson Fleming
June 21	Jocelyn Carlson
June 26	Nancy Larkin

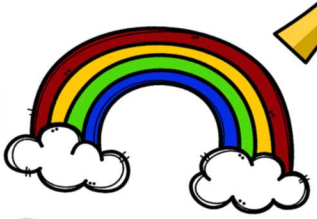
June 20 Tony & Candice Pearson

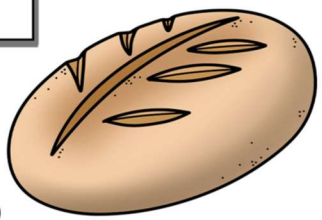
Upcoming Events

June 3	Praise Band Practice. Sanctuary @7PM
June 4	Neighborhood Watch @7PM
June 4	Booster's final meeting for school year @6:30PM
June 5	St. Luke's Bonfire @ Huntington Beach near Brookhurst entrance @5PM, see Bob Erickson for details
June 7	Council Meeting after second service @12PM
June 9	Worship & Music Committee meeting @7PM
June 12-14	Vail Lake Campout!! See Candice for details to go camping!
June 13	Walking with Purpose goes to the El Dorado Nature Trail @8:30AM
June 16	Preschool Board Meeting @6:45PM
June 19	Father's Day Celebration @ school @3:30PM "Chip, Chip, Hooray!!"
June 21	Father's Day. Thank you to all our Dads!
June 26	Preschool Graduation! With tears in our eyes and hopes on our hearts we say "see you" to our Graduates!
6/29 – 7/3	Staff work week. No students.

BIBLE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Across

1. The angel who announced Jesus's birth
6. The disciple who walked on water with Jesus
7. The woman who became queen and saved her people
9. The strongest man in the Bible
10. The promised land flowing with milk and honey
12. The boy who defeated Goliath with a sling
14. Mary's husband and Jesus's earthly father
15. The Hebrew people were enslaved in this country
16. The prophet swallowed by a great fish
17. The last book of the Bible
18. King known for his wisdom

Down

2. The brother Moses worked with
3. The sea that Moses parted
4. The garden where Adam and Eve lived
5. The city whose walls fell after trumpets blew
8. Abraham's son who was nearly sacrificed
10. Moses received the Ten ____ on Mount Sinai
11. Noah built this to save his family
13. The first book of the Bible
14. The disciple who betrayed Jesus

SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

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