



The Lamplighter

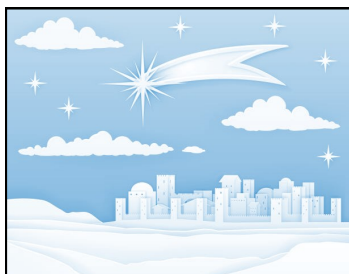


Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA

PASTOR'S LETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Pie/Baked Goods Auction Nov. 19th**
- **New Women's Bible Study**
- **Advent/Christmas schedule**



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Dear Church Family,

It's the time of year when leaves of many colors fall from the trees. The trees let go of the leaves in order to survive the winter. Nature gives us an important lesson in this cycle—of what should we let go in order to get ready for the upcoming winter season of the church year and our lives? Can we let go of burdens we are carrying unnecessarily? Can we give more back to God in the form of time, talent, and treasure? Are our possessions or our concern for money keeping us from focusing on more important priorities? We are entering a time of Thanksgiving and also preparing for the coming of Jesus anew. How do we prioritize and focus on these events?

First, we have Thanksgiving, and while there are mixed feelings about what this has traditionally meant for Native Americans, it is good to take time to think about all for which we can be grateful. We are reminded that giving thanks is not reserved for one day a year, but it is best to think about being thankful every single day. Many folks think of Thanksgiving Day as a time to get together with family, but there are so many people who don't have family nearby. Thus, I would like to host, once again, a Thanksgiving potluck the afternoon of November 23rd at OSLC. Please consider inviting friends who do not have anywhere else to go for the day. After all, we are a church family where everyone is truly welcome.

Next, is the season of Advent and then Christmas. This is always a busy time of year both secularly and within the church. Our American culture has made this a time focused on shopping and gift giving, and that is not what the season is supposed to be about for Christians. Again, while family is often another focus, that can exclude folks. How can we invite people to be part of our church family? Invites to worship are a good start but what else can we do? During the season of Advent, especially, I encourage each one of us to focus on what Christ means for our lives personally. How does knowing Christ make your life better? Who do you know who could benefit from a relationship with Jesus in their life?

Perhaps "shedding some leaves of our own" can help us let go of the anxiety of talking to others about the comfort and hope of God's love for us as shown in Jesus. After all, Jesus is the reason for the season! -Pr. Kendrah

CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 2023

Wed. 11/1 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
Sun. 11/5 Day Light Savings Ends—turn clocks back one hour!
Sun. 11/5 All Saints’ Sunday—Remembering those who have died
 Sun. 11/5 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
 Mon. 11/6 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
 Wed. 11/8 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
Wed. 11/8 Community Supper 6 pm
Thur. 11/9 Women’s Bible Study 10 am
 Thur. 11/9 Women’s Cancer Support Group 6:30 pm
Sat. 11/11 Veterans’ Day
Sat. 11/11 Labor of Love 9 am at Pioneer Park, Lunch at Noon
 Sun. 11/12 Church Council after worship
 Sun. 11/12 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
 Mon. 11/13 Dress-a-Girl 10 am to Noon
 Mon. 11/13 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
 Wed. 11/15 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
Sun. 11/19 Pie/Baked Goods Auction after worship—for World Central Kitchen
 Sun. 11/19 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
 Mon. 11/20 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 4 pm
 Mon. 11/20 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
 Wed. 11/22 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
Wed. 11/22 Community Supper 6 pm
Thur. 11/23 Thanksgiving Day—potluck at church
Fri. 11/24 Native American Day
 Sun. 11/26 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
 Mon. 11/27 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
 Wed. 11/29 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
Wed. 11/29 Midweek Advent Service



Men’s Coffee meets at
 Midtown Coffee,
 Mondays at 8 am.

November Birthdays

Monica Potter 2
Cindy Edwards 7
Jim Oster 24

November Anniversaries

Karla & Jim Burnworth 24
Monica & Ernest Potter 24

Women’s Bible Study

We start a new Bible Study from the Women of the ELCA’s *Gather* magazine on Thursday, **November 9th at 10 am**. The three-session study is called, “**Salvation Now**” by theologian, Anna Madsen, with subtitles as follows:

- Promised Salvation Now: Jesus Brings Wellness
- Tangible Salvation Now: Christians as Bringers of Wellness
- A World Wanting Wellness

We will skip Bible Study on Thanksgiving, and pick-up again on December 7th and 21st.

CALENDER: DECEMBER 2023

- Fri. 12/1 Sparkle Event—downtown Quincy 5 pm
- Sat.12/2 Holiday Crafts @ Plumas Sierra Fairgrounds 9 am—3 pm
- Sun. 12/3 Advent week 1**
- Sun. 12/3 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
- Mon. 12/4 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 12/6 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
- Wed. 12/6 Midweek Advent Service**
- Thur. 12/7 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Thur. 12/7 Women’s Cancer Support Group 6:30 pm
- Sun. 12/10 Advent week 2**
- Sun. 12/10 Church Council after worship
- Sun. 12/10 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
- Mon. 12/11 Dress-a-Girl 10 am to Noon
- Mon. 12/11 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 12/13 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
- Wed. 12/13 Community Supper**
- Wed. 12/13 Midweek Advent Service**
- Sun. 12/17 Advent week 3—Decorate church for Christmas**
- Sun. 12/17 Quincy Town Musicians 3:30 pm
- Mon. 12/18 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm
- Wed. 12/20 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
- Wed. 12/20 Midweek Advent Service**
- Thur. 12/21 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Sun. 12/24 Advent week 4**
- Sun. 12/24 Christmas Eve service**
- Mon. 12/25 Christmas Day service**
- Wed. 12/27 Chair Yoga 11 am to Noon
- Wed. 12/27 Community Supper**
- Sun. 12/31 New Years’ Eve**



December Birthdays

Elsie Palgue	8
Karen Oster	17
Jesus (traditional date)	25
Hailey Crump	27

December Anniversaries

None

Pie/Baked Goods Auction to Benefit World Central Kitchen

According to their website, wck.org: “WCK responds to natural disasters, man-made crises, and humanitarian emergencies around the world. We’re a team of food first responders, mobilizing with the urgency of now to get meals to the people who need them most. Deploying our model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, we know that a nourishing meal in a time of crisis is so much more than a plate of food—it’s hope, it’s dignity, and it’s a sign that someone cares.” WCK was in Plumas County during the Dixie Fire.

Treasurer's Report through September 2023 by Kathy Osher

GENERAL EXPENSES		Budgeted	YTD Spent	Balance	YTD %
	Bank Check Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	100.00%
	Household Expenses	\$50.00	\$66.45	-\$16.45	-32.90%
Switching to State Farm	Insurance	\$3,727.00	\$3,754.00	-\$27.00	-0.72%
	Office Expenses (e.g web	\$1,300.00	\$1,422.89	-\$122.89	-9.45%
	Sierra Conference	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%
2.5% of regular offerings	Sierra Pacific Synod (Tithe)	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	100.00%
Registration for 2, hotel	Synod Assembly	\$1,000.00	\$1,142.36	-\$142.36	-14.24%
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$128.34	-\$28.34	-28.34%
Increase to \$65 per service	Worship Musician	\$4,225.00	\$2,860.00	\$1,365.00	32.31%
	Worship Supplies	\$725.00	\$877.22	-\$152.22	-21.00%
	Education Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	100.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$13,577.00	\$10,351.26	\$3,225.74	23.76%
PASTOR COMPENSATION			YTD Spent		
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$12,238.24	\$2,761.76	18.41%
	Salary (+ Pastor's pre-tax)	\$32,353.00	\$24,288.24	\$8,064.76	24.93%
TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION		\$52,668.00	\$36,526.48	\$16,141.52	30.65%
PASTOR EXPENSES			YTD Spent		
	Continuing Education	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100.00%
	Mileage	\$1,300.00	\$608.11	\$691.89	53.22%
(Health, Dental, Retirement)	ELCA Portico	\$22,000.00	\$17,265.93	\$4,734.07	21.52%
	Supply Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES		\$23,550.00	\$17,874.04	\$5,675.96	24.10%
UTILITIES			YTD Spent		
	Electricity	\$900.00	\$732.97	\$167.03	18.56%
	Garbage	\$250.00	\$192.06	\$57.94	23.18%
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$2,361.92	\$638.08	21.27%
	Telephone & Internet	\$3,100.00	\$3,939.12	-\$839.12	-27.07%
	Water & Sewer	\$750.00	\$592.46	\$157.54	21.01%
TOTAL UTILITIES		\$8,000.00	\$7,818.53	\$181.47	2.27%
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$97,795.00	\$72,570.31	\$25,224.69	25.79%



Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Recycling & Refund	Building Fund	ELCA World Hunger	2022 Pie Auction	Pastor's ER Fund	Office Computer	Memorial - Fred Surber	Disaster Q Fire Victims	Ice Cream Social ELCA Gifts	Total
Jan.	\$ 3,926.00	\$ 88.00										\$ 4,014.00
Feb.	\$ 6,623.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 47.55				\$250.00					\$ 6,984.55
Mar.	\$ 23,608.00	\$208.00				\$13.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00	\$600.00		\$ 24,629.00
Apr.	\$ 6,812.00	\$ 76.00		\$ 200.00					\$ 400.00			\$ 7,488.00
May	\$ 4,640.00	\$ 46.00			\$ 28.00				\$ 800.00			\$ 5,514.00
June	\$ 4,667.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 89.00									\$ 4,837.00
July	\$ 4,878.00	\$ 56.00										\$ 4,934.00
Aug.	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 94.00										\$ 4,387.59
Sep.	\$ 7,492.00	\$151.00	\$ 45.00									\$ 7,688.00
Oct.	\$ 6,198.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 250.00	\$100.73							\$ 6,699.73
Nov.												
Dec.												
Totals	\$ 72,044.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 260.55	\$ 450.00	\$ 128.73	\$ 13.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,093.59	\$ 77,175.87

God’s Work, Our Hands

LABOR OF LOVE Service Project—Next work day is **Sat., Nov. 11th**. Meet at Pioneer Park at 9 am; lunch at Noon.

C.A.N. FOOD BANK—Please consider donating monthly to our grocery cart food pantry collection. When the cart is full, the items are taken to C.A.N. to be distributed to those in need. **The next time you go to the store, why not grab an extra item to add to the cart?** Let’s continue to help feed our neighbors! **Thank you!**

CHANGE FOR CHURCH—We collect **change for ELCA World Hunger**. There are collection boxes on the back shelf in the sanctuary and on the table outside the church office. You may also give bills or checks (for checks, indicate “ELCA World Hunger” in the memo line). Every little bit helps. If you have a lot of change to donate, please consider pre-rolling the coins to make it easier for our Financial Secretary to count.





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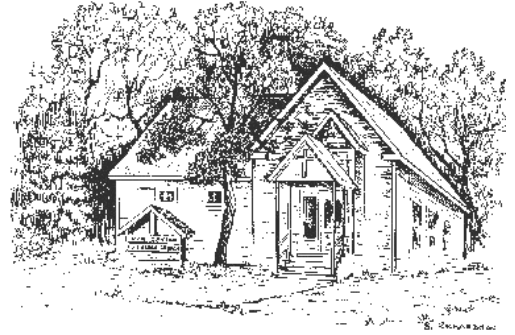
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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Theme Verse: **Isaiah 54:10:** *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”*



“He Ain’t Heavy” by Lyn Walters

I saw a black and white picture on the internet yesterday of a young WWII era Japanese boy carrying his dead sibling on his back waiting in line to have him cremated. The story goes that when it was his turn the official asked him for the bundle on his back saying, “That’s looks to be quite a burden.” And the child replied, “He isn’t heavy; he’s my brother.” This photo is said to be still used in Japan as a symbol of courage and unity.

We hear a lot in church about bearing one another’s burdens. We learn in Sunday School that we need to help others and we gladly give to special missions around the holidays.

But not so much is said about bearing the burden of one another. Truth be told we can often find others to be burdensome. I often find myself thinking thoughts like, “Thanksgiving would be so much better if only so and so wouldn’t show up.” When I ask myself why I’m so irritated by one person or another I usually find that I think they think they are better than me in some way. I am bugged by their presumption of superiority and the inner suspicion that it is true.

As one of eight children, I know a lot about siblings. There can be a lot of rivalry and teasing. But as brother and sisters we basically find ourselves to be of equal worth coming as we do from the same parents and the same home. And I am deeply fortunate to be able to say that when I have become a burden to my siblings, they have borne my weight.

When Paul tells us we have been adopted into God’s family as brothers and sisters of Christ, he was talking about the kind of siblings Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were. They didn’t agree on everything but were acutely wounded by the impending death of one of them. Martha and Mary disagree about who should do what housework, but both are deeply grieved by the prospect of losing their beloved brother.



If we see others as our brothers and sisters, not just some people but everyone, then putting up with them, bearing the weight of their presence, should become easier. After all Jesus calls us to love and says, “My yoke is easy and my burden light.”