

Announcements November 17, 2024

Godly Play Sunday School: During the 10 am and 1 pm service, in English and Spanish, for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Volunteer helpers are needed, and sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Youth Group: During the 1 pm service, in English, for students in 6th through 12th grade. Volunteer helpers are needed, and sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Walk in Love: “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for our today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

Melanie Beattie, from *Simple Abundance, A Day Book of Comfort and Joy*

Our financial goal for this year’s Stewardship Campaign is \$275,000 which is a 5% increase from our 2024 goal. Pledge cards have been mailed to you. Please, let us know if you did not receive it. We do have Pledge Cards available in the office for those pledging for the first time.

You may return your Pledging Card at any time or bring it to our “In Gathering Sunday Service” on November 24th.

We hope during this season, you will meditate on all the things for which you are thankful. Please consider these gifts as you determine the gifts you want to share with the St. Luke’s ~ San Lucas Community in 2025.

An Early Thanksgiving Celebration: Reserve the date: **Sunday, November 24th**. This year, we will have a combined Thanksgiving service on said date at 11 am. A festive Thanksgiving Dinner will follow. We will be giving thanks for the ministry of Fr. Jesus at the same time. More details are coming, but for the time being, please, sign up in the Narthex, add the number of people in your party, as well as what you would like to bring to share.

“Turkey Dash” (home dinner delivery): We will once again be offering “Turkey Dash” (home dinner delivery) for those who cannot be in church on the 24th. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the office. Please tell us how many people are in your household and if you would like to pick up the food or have it delivered. If it is to be delivered, we will need your address and phone number.

An update on our process toward hiring a Priest-in-Charge: The vestry met with a candidate on October 17th. The interview went well. It was decided at a special meeting of the vestry on October 20th to offer the position to this candidate. Negotiations have been going on since to create a Letter of Agreement. It is hoped that there will be an announcement within the next two weeks about who this person is and when they will start. Any questions, please contact Kathy Gallaher, Don Lawry or a member of the vestry.

Women's Spirituality: Our next meeting will be November 19th at 1 pm in The library this week. Please plan to share in a time of reflection and discussion on Sr. Joan Chittister's book, *For Everything a Season*, the chapter “A Time to Weep.” If you do not have a book, I will have one available. If you haven't read the chapter, don't worry, you will still find it easy to follow the conversation. It is always wonderful! Lunch will be served as you arrive. The meeting ends promptly at 3 pm. We will also be meeting December 17th. This is always uplifting and joyful and your presence is important to us. Feel free to call me with any questions. My number is 360-624-3360.

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Profile Committee Survey: The profile committee wants to hear from you! Please use this QR code to link to the online survey or find a printed copy in the narthex.

Clothing Closet Needs: As it gets colder and wetter outside, visitors to our clothing closet have been asking for winter coats, waterproof coats, waterproof shoes and boots, socks, gloves and men's belts. Please place donations in the baskets in the Narthex.

Weekly St. Luke's ~ San Lucas E-Blast: If you are not receiving the Wednesday email newsletter and would like to, please contact Kris at sl2.mainoffice@gmail.com.

Events this Week

Tuesday, November 19: Morning Prayer, 9-10 am; Book Club, 10-11 am

Wednesday, November 20: R & R Retirees Breakfast at Paul's Restaurant, 8:30-10:30 am; Book Club, 10-11 am;

Bible Study 11 am-12 pm; Healing Service, 12-1 pm;

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 pm

Thursday, November 21: Thursday Work Crew, 8 am-12 pm; Morning Prayer, 9-10 am

Friday, November 22: Friday Night Live, 6-9:30 pm