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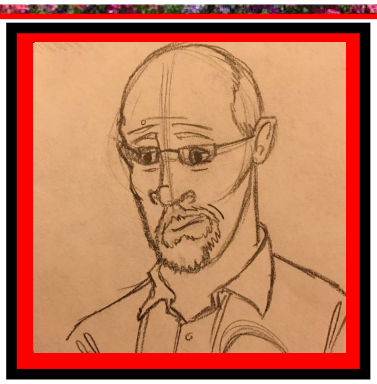

Dan Tisdel, *Pastor*

Pastor's Musings

The Word of Life

John 6: 67-69
[67]So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" [68]Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. [69]We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

I have been thinking a lot lately about the power of words in all their forms. Here in this passage from John, many of Jesus' followers have left him because they found his teaching too difficult. And then we have this exchange. Notice John doesn't say something like "We enjoy hanging out with you." Or "The miracles you do are so amazing, we want to see more.". Instead, he says "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Words matter. Words carry weight. A single word or phrase can stick with a person all their lives, and these can be in both positive and negative ways. The playground phrase "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." comes to mind. Most of the time when I have had scrapes with sticks and stones I have healed well and quickly, but I could list several negative things people said about me that have stuck for decades and many positive things too. Words have power.

When we started in our relationship with Chinese Church in Christ, we needed to streamline our service a bit, without removing anything important, keeping the service mostly the same. As we worked on that, I reminded the worship team that most of what we do in worship is optional, and that the only thing a service needs to be defined as worship is the Word. This could be a single verse of scripture. Word then, is the seed, the starting point, for everything else we do.

Word also has another definition. Among many other titles for Jesus such as Messiah, the Christ, Prince of Peace, The Son of God, and so on, we also have the title "The Word". Yes, Jesus is referred to as, "The Word", so Peter could have said "You ARE the word of eternal life…"

This is especially important when we look at the beginning of the Gospel of John. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Words, then, are not just powerful, but Holy. We should be careful in how we speak and who we speak to. As someone who struggles to say the right thing myself or to limit what I say, my personal prayer for myself has often been to be granted the ability to say less but have my fewer words have more value.

There is another line of scripture that is very important to mention here, and it is often used as a sort of prayer by many preachers right before they preach. I pray it to myself at the start of every service. It is from Psalm 19, verse 14.

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer."

My prayer for all of us is that our words would be pleasing to God and used to lift others up, in all that we do.

Emily Bradshaw
Council President

Hi St. Luke,

Recently, we have had a couple facilities upgrades. First, we got a new dumpster to help with the recent influx of trash due to the increased use of St. Luke's beautiful campus. Next, scouts finished one of their projects to replace our old banner posts with new ones.

Our first adult forum is coming up in the next month or two with a guest from Reconciling in Christ (RIC) who will be presenting information on what RIC is and what it means to be RIC.
That's all for this month!

- Emily Bradshaw

Grant Hannon
Youth Director

Youth News

Hi Everyone!

What a fun fall we are starting to have in the youth group! Rally day was alot of fun and I am so thankful to everyone that volunteered while I was sick. I hope that everyone that participated in that day had fun and got to enjoy some silly games with each other.

A lot of things are going to start happening with our youth program this fall as we get ready for the youth gathering next summer. Keep an eye out on the announcements for events with the other South Bay Lutheran Churches, fundraisers, and other events. I can't wait to share all our plans with you all soon!

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OCTOBER GREETERS - FRONT & SIDE DOOR

Oct. 04 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Oct. 11 - Don & Loretta Merry
Oct. 18 - Doug & Doriann Shreve
Oct. 25 - Don & Loretta Merry

Juliana "Juli" Buccellato
ACP Director

Happy Fall!

ACP is continuing to grow. The children are enjoying the beautiful Fall weather. All of our new students have settled in, and we are beginning our curriculum instruction in the Preschool class. We are still in need of full-time teachers. If you know anyone looking for work in Preschool, please have them contact me.

ACP will once again host a Halloween Carnival. This will be our third year of doing this! The carnival has grown each year, so I anticipate this year that we could have between 400- 500 people. This would be a great way for the church to introduce themselves to those that come. Putting on an event this large takes a lot of volunteer help. I will be sending out a link to sign up to help. There is something for everyone! I will need donations of candy and baked goods as well as help with running games. Running games can be a simple as sitting in a chair passing out candy so anyone can help with that!

ACP will also be having our first Community Potluck on Friday, Oct. 30th at 9am. The children will be in costume and will sing some songs for everyone and then we will have breakfast. If you would like to attend, please let me know. We would love to have you!

Juli Buccellato

Happy Birthday to...

Oct. 02 - Bob McKee
Oct. 04 - Vic Masterson
Oct. 04 - Doriann Shreve
Oct. 05 - David Webster
Oct. 05 - Jackson Luna
Oct. 06 - Roxanne Handler
Oct. 07 - Mia Celli-Becker
Oct. 07 - Stefanie Luna
Oct. 08 - Amy McKee
Oct. 12 - Mark Peters
Oct. 15 - Kevin Rubio
Oct. 16 - Theresa Tuason
Oct. 17 - Clark Williams
Oct. 18 - Phuong Jensen
Oct. 20 - Brad Sime
Oct. 26 - Deb Mandac
Oct. 28 - Xiang Zhou

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

W.L. & Shirley Loo: *61 yrs. - October 2, 1965*
Oluf Nissen & Beth Stauter: *34 yrs. October 3, 1992*
Tim & Denise Tsang: *33 yrs. October 2, 1993*
Andy & Trish Wadsworth: *33 yrs. October 16, 1993*
Debbie Ryan & Bruce McCartney: *27 yrs. October 2, 1999*
Tyson & Felicia Manullang: *15 yrs. October 14, 2011*

The Church Calendar - October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Andy's Square Group (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**2** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**3**
4 **19th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30 AM Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:00 AM Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**5** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM CCNS Parent's Meeting (ACP Classroom #1 & #2 - M.E.B.)	**6** 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	**7** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**8** 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**9** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**10**
11 **20th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30 AM Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:00 AM Sunday School (M.E.B.) 11:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Outpost) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**12** **Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday OFFICE CLOSED!** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**13** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 12:00 PM Witness Meeting (Kurtz Hall) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 6:45 PM ACP Board Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	**14** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**15** 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**16** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**17** 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Luke Work Day
18 **21st Sunday after Pentecost** 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (Outpost) 11:00 AM Sunday School (MEB) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**19** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**20** 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM 2nd Harvest Food Distribution (Kurtz Hall) 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Council Meeting (Kurtz Hall)	**21** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**22** 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**23** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**24**
25 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** 9:30 AM In-Person Worship & Live Stream 9:30 AM - 1:20 PM CCIC (Various Locations) 10:45 AM Fellowship (Kurtz Hall) 11:00 AM Confirmation Class (Youth Outpost) 11:00 AM Sunday School (MEB) 2:00 PM Round Dancing (Kurtz Hall) 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Halloween Carnival 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Food Truck Night 6:00 PM Youth Group (Youth Outpost)	**26** 9:30 AM ACP Music Class (Kurtz Hall) 7:00 PM Scout Troop #493 (K.H.)& Scout Troop #442 (Sanctuary)	**27** 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ACP Chapel (Preschool) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Church Office) 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	**28** 10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM CCIC (Kurtz Hall)	**29** 7:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)	**30** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCIC (Various Locations)	**31**

October 2026 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!

Readings	Acolytes & Crucifier	Assisting Min/Cantor	Eucharist	Lectors	Altar Guild
		October 4, 2026 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost			
		Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel			
Isa. 5:1-7	TBD	Tim Ambrose	Kirk Autsen	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 80:7-15	TBD	Setting VII	Sue Hutchins		
Phil. 3:4b-14					
Matt. 21:33-46					
		October 11, 2026 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost			
		Children's Message: Kirk Autsen			
Isa. 25:1-9	TBD	Linda Baginski	Tim Tsang	Sally Hedman	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 23	TBD	Setting VIII	Denise Tsang		
Phil 4:1-9					
Matt. 22:1-14					
		October 18, 2026 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost			
		Children's Message: Grant Hannon			
Isa. 45:1-7	TBD	Tim Tsang	Danae Moreno	Mark Kent	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 96:1-9[10-13]	TBD	Setting III	Penny Bauerly		
1 Thess. 1:1-10					
Matt. 22:15-22					
		October 25, 2026 - Reformation Sunday			
		Children's Message: Beth Stauter			
Jer. 31:31-34	TBD	Chris Frye	Grant Hannon	Tim Tsang	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 46	TBD	Setting III	Hal Shieh		
Rom. 3:19-28					
John 8:31-36					
		November 1, 2026 - All Saints Sunday			
		Children's Message: Pastor Dan Tisdel			
Rev. 7:9-17	TBD	Wil Mandac	Kirk Autsen	Adeline Skov	Altar Guild Team
Psalm 34:1-10, 22	TBD	Setting IV	Denise Tsang		
1 John 3:1-3					
Matt. 5:1-12					

Rally Day - September 13, 2026

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.

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**

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship Service * (In-person and streaming)
9:30 AM
Fellowship after worship
10:45 AM
Sunday School @ 11:00 AM
Confirmation Class @ 11:00 AM
Youth Group - 6:00 PM

To: