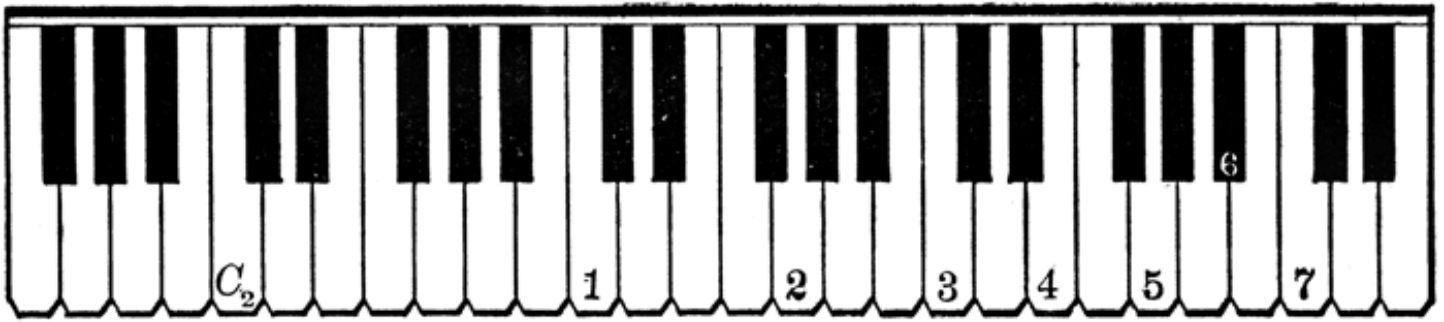


KEYNOTES – JULY 2015



**WE
ARE
THE
ONES.**

“We are the ones.” As I write this the Warriors are tied 2 games each with the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA finals. With at most three games left in the season who will be the champions? “We are the ones” both teams may chant.

When it comes to having the best climate in the world people of the Bay Area may shout “We are the ones.” That can be true even during this worst drought on record! We have been truly blessed by God.

As Lutherans we are blessed with an understanding of God’s Word that seems more complete than any other Christian denomination. We are good at claiming “We are the ones.”

The end to the Triple Crown in horse racing has a new team shouting “We are the ones.” They may struggle with spelling, but they sure can run!

The 2016 presidential race is ramping up to a fever pitch as one candidate after another throws their hat into the ring. They aren’t going to agree on who is going to win at this point, but if you were to ask which party was going to win ... “We are the ones!”

When it comes to wisdom and knowledge we live in an age with more information than any before us. The data is coming in so fast that even super-computers are not enough to take it all in. U-Tube is said to be recording 300 hours of video every minute from around the world.

Does all that data translate into a better life? Does all that data draw us closer to God? Are we on a path that is going to result in more people going to Heaven?

As I marvel at our friends with developmental disabilities I have to wonder “Are we the ones?” Are we the ones to have the better life? Are we the ones who are closer to God? Are we ones who are to be pitied?

Consider that most of our friends with cognitive and developmental difficulties rarely if ever question if they are going to Heaven. “Of course I am, Jesus died for my sins.” Consider the stress level of not being concerned if your cell phone plan changes and the cost goes up. Everything costs a dollar. Where will my next meal come from? The kitchen. The price of gas is going up again. OK. “Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.”

Wouldn't it be nice to place our worries away and simply trust in Jesus?

Is it possible that if you ask who has the disability that we need to answer, “We are the ones!”

May God richly bless you as you grow in your faith!

Pastor Oatman



SAINT PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP/ALTAR GUILD

Women's Group meets on July 14th at 10:00 AM in the conference room.

Note Papers and Envelopes

The Women's Group of our congregation is selling note papers with envelopes with a new picture of our church on the front.

These packets of eight papers and envelopes are selling for \$4.00 per set. They are available after church services on Sundays or you may call the church office if you would like to pick some up during the week.

Proceeds from the sale of these great looking note papers will help the women with the mission projects



St. Peter's Lutheran Church San Leandro, California



Lutheran Hour
Ministries

Television Broadcast

On Main Street KTLN, Channel 68 Wednesdays – 11:30 am.

The Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcast

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
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*“Bringing Christ to the Nations,
And the Nations to the Church”*



*Birthdays &
Anniversaries*

July Birthdays

July 1
July 2

Julene Halsey
Erika Sommer

July Anniversaries

July 1
July 2

Pastor and Jan Sohn
Pastor and Debbie Oatman

Please contact the Church office with your birthdate and/or anniversary dates. Thank you!



Join us on July 25th 11:00 AM for our San Leandro Bulldog's first Hoops exhibition Game. Come see our Wednesday night friends play a game. Join in the fun and enjoy a hot dog and a game with old and new friends. Please RSVP – 510-755-8855.

Daniel and the other coaches have been working hard with these young people – they are amazing kids and would love to show you what they have learned. Please come and join us.

We practice on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come watch us practice, everyone is welcome!



High level of Medical Care

Ken Erhardt - (Doris Crawford's Son in law)
Reinhold – (Erika's Nephew)
Linda Wolff (Erika's daughter)
Elke (Erika's daughter)
Dave Briesmeister
Ryan (Steele's nephew)
Chris Haller
Nicole Haller

Frequent Medical Care

Steven (Pat's Cousin)
Mel Brutlag
Nicole Reinhard continues healing
Walter Hermann
Maddie Langford (Florence Gain's sister)
Rick Perkins
Monroe Teachenor
Michael (Bonnie)
Delmar Steele
Jan Sohn
Florence Gaines



Please visit or call our shut-ins:

Myrtle Humphries - San Leandro
Ernestine Thompson – Berkeley
Walt Hermann – Castro Valley
Please check your phone directory for phone numbers.

Elevated medical care

Deanna - Bonnie's daughter
Barb Austin
Ralph Labrenz
Ernestine Thomspson

Monitored Condition

Eric Gilbert - Steele's nephew

Stabilized Condition (Not in Sunday Prayers)

Larry Hermann - (Walt Hermann's son)
Mary Lou Patterson - Walt Hermann's daughter
Bonnie Kral
Lorna Ortloff
Myrtle Humphries

Armed Forces:

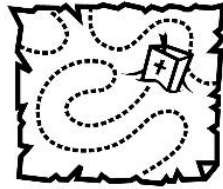
Robert Labrenz
Ross Labrenz
James Pregler
Robbie Crawford
Zack Neujahr

Fellowship Hall Rentals for the month of June \$ 414.00

We are blessed to have the Fellowship hall to rent to our neighbors. They are grateful for a nice, clean pace to have their events. In June we will have Thursdays evenings open for gym use. In July and August we will have Mondays and Thursdays open for use. The Basket ball group, San Leandro Knights will not be using it during these times. We pray they will pick up again in September; they are a GREAT group of kids and parents. Pray for a safe and fun summer for them.



Wednesday Bible Studies are meeting again for all interested. Please join us at 1:00 P.M. for a great Bible study in the Conference Room. Great conversations, great studies.



Looking for a Bible Study?
Check one of these out!

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| Sunday Morning | 10:30 AM in the Conference Room |
| Tuesday Morning | 9:00 AM – Hour of Prayer in the Sanctuary |
| Wednesday | 1:00 PM Bible Study in the Conference Room |

Please choose a Bible study time and join us. See you there!

If you don't see a Bible Study time that suits your schedule, please check with Pastor, we will try to accommodate you at a different time.

Watch for new Bible studies in the Sunday bulletins.



**Bring a
Friend
Join a Bible Study**



Present; Pat E., John G., Paul G., Pastor O. and Marlene V.
Absent; Ralph (& Donna) L.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02

Pastor opened with Roman s 5:1-11

Minutes were read

It was MSC to accept the minutes with corrections.

The corrections were under Old Business to change "Grace Lutheran Church" in the first line to "Grace Chinese Church", the "new rental fee of \$750.00 " to "new rental fee of \$650.00". Under New Business to correct the typo from "reviews" to "reviewed". To include at the end of the second paragraph "With the memorial gifts received in 2014 that we did not need to request Grace Lutheran Church to increase their contribution for 2015."

Old Business

The proposed rental contracts for both Grace Chinese and Victory Christian were reviewed and it was suggested to remind both churches when presented with the new contracts that they be reminded of their responsibility to have a monitor for their children. It was also suggested that if there are deficiencies they are to be documented and if not quickly corrected to follow up with a letter to the respective church and a copy be kept in our records.

An observation was made for the record, "Pat has been doing a great job, due to her efforts, both outside and inside have been vastly improved".

There were disparities in the percent of the raises between the congregations, and due to increases in utilities that both of their contracts reflect a 20% increase (\$600.00 for Grace Chinese and \$1800 and 24 man-hours per month for Victory Christian). Also that the section talking about "forgiving a portion" be removed. Also we should add a section to both "That if there is a dispute between our churches, this should be resolved by arbitration by lay-people chosen by the churches." (There has been no dispute(s) this is just a formality.)

Financial Report for May:

Offerings.	\$7,117.00
Total Income.	13,429.86
Total Expenses.	16,342.80
Expenses More Than Income.	2,912.94

We paid second install. Liability Insurance. \$1,862.84

We paid Toshiba for paper/ink for copier
and office supplies. 738.52

Ralph will call Tax Assessor Office on Friday, regarding status of Property Tax.

Property report

Moving along - doing OK

Pastor's report

Need a leader for "Folloween Jesus"

Ministry development team met and had some ideas but still needs to find a way to grow St. Peter's

Pastor Putman will be here on July 12th and talk about "LINK" a way to expand churches through associated ministries.

We need to find a new path to grow St. Peter's the old ways are not working.

Pastor and Debbie have started some outreach ministries but are burned out and so would need others to take over some of the projects.

New business

There was a discussion on are we being open so that others understand what is going on in our church. There has not been enough to cover our monthly expenses and we have had to borrow out of "restricted" funds, but they are running out of money and so after a while we will not have enough in our accounts to operate and will potentially have to close.

We closed at 9:39 with prayer

After the meeting there was a discussion that Debbie resigned from her position as council secretary.

Respectfully submitted for the Secretary,
Paul Grunow



St. Peter's, Seeking
To Reach Out

Bring a friend!

Our Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 Am
Communion offered 1, 3 and 5th

Sundays

Bible Study 8:30 AM

Bible Study 10:45 AM

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 AM

Women's Group

2nd Tuesday 10:00 AM

Hour of Prayer

Thursday 9:30 AM – Sanctuary open

9:30-10:30 AM

Everyone is Welcome.