



## Deacon and Community Outreach Update May 2022



St. Luke joined with Presbyterians worldwide in “sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.” Over \$600.00 was donated for this effort, and we’re still counting the change!



*On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world.*

This year, St. Luke will participate in the Presbyterian USA Pentecost offering. This offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Forty percent of the offering will stay with St. Luke to use locally, and we have determined that these funds will go to our mission partner Sanzuma for their work with educating children and feeding the community.



St. Luke adopted a room! On March 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Luke outfitted one of the rooms at Novato's **Gilead House**. SLP Members donated bedding, towels, pillows, baskets, comforters, throws, toiletries, and other items to decorate the room for the next Mom and her kids. Several deacons and others from SLP met to put it all together.



SLP continues its partnership with **Welcoming Home**, furnishing 3-4 Marin homes every other month. On Saturday, June 11, 2022, WH will be furnishing four more homes, including two Gilead House apartments in Novato! If you are interested in volunteering for that June or any other date, please reach out. It's fun work and amazingly gratifying from start to finish. Teams meet up for pizza and drinks after every event. Upcoming WH 2022 dates: August 13, October 8, December 10. WH now has a Sonoma County branch too, so they are furnishing homes every month! Items particularly in need are nightstands, side tables, dressers, and dining sets.



**Sanzuma** continues their expansion of the on-site organic farms at San Pedro and Santa Venetia schools in San Rafael. They held a science camp in April and asked for volunteers to help with crafts, activities, and fun stuff in general. Sanzuma is making a difference in the lives of the students and families by educating them about where their food comes from and in feeding these families and the community at large. SLP may schedule a workday on the farm at San Pedro school this summer. Remember, you can always purchase a box of organic vegies by just reaching out to Lori Davis.



SLP is part of a larger Faith community in Marin providing meals, Safeway gift cards and kindnesses to house guests recovering from surgery at the seminary home in San Anselmo. Our next dates for food delivery are Sunday, June 19, and August 14. We collect donations of food or gift cards (brought to St. Luke) and deliver to the seminary home. More detailed information will be provided later.

### *The Street Chaplaincy*

Burritos are out! Regular meals are back, but still grab-and-go style. Three course hot meals in TV dinner trays plus homemade cookies (provided by numerous organizations) go out every Tuesday to Marin's unsheltered and food insecure. St. Luke's turn to provide cookies is Tuesday, July 12.



So far in 2022 SLP has donated over 300 lbs. in canned food items to the SF-Marin Food Bank.