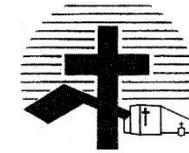


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It's Happening Sunday,  
September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM,  
and ALL ARE WELCOMED!

All ages are invited to gather on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> (at 9:15, between our two worship times) to assemble "Hope Bags" for folks living on the streets in our community as we join with other ELCA churches throughout the nation in celebrating "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.

We'll continue collecting items to place in one-gallon Ziploc bags: toothpaste, combs, socks, hard candy, granola bars, hand sanitizer, small Kleenex packs, deodorant, etc. You may donate any of these items - or other items you think someone on the street would find helpful - up until Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

September 10<sup>th</sup> also marks the Kick-Off for our Sunday School students. We'd love for you to help us with this project, and invite you to bring your friends!

(We'll worship at 8:00 & 10:30 beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>)

### OUR HOLIDAY FOOD BOX COLLECTION BEGINS!

Our Outreach Team will begin collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes toward the end of this month. We've found that starting a couple of weeks early allows for extra "Catch-up Sundays." These items will be gathered to provide a nourishing Thanksgiving and Christmas meal for a few families in our surrounding community who might otherwise have gone without. With our continued emphasis to help those in our neighborhood (and beyond), we truly appreciate your donations.

Would you care to help by bringing the following items to church?

**September 17** - Packaged Pasta, Sauces, Packaged Potatoes

**September 24** - Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese, Rice

**October 1** - Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap, Personal Care items

**October 8** - Hot & Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Dry Beans

**October 15** - Canned Tuna/Chicken/Beef, Peanut Butter, Jelly

**October 22** - Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Soup

**October 29** - Stuffing, Pie Filling, Cookie/Cake Mixes

**November 5 & 12** - Catch -up Sunday - feel free to bring any of the above items

## Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

September (and October) is always an energetic time as we return to our full schedule of worship, learning, and service opportunities here at Santa Cruz. In addition to all our regular gatherings, allow me to lift up a few other important happenings...

Please remember to set aside **Saturday, September 23 (9:00—3:00)** to be part of a **"Congregational Retreat"** here at the church. Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta (our Synod Director for Evangelical Mission) will lead us in some very important reflection, conversation, and looking forward together as we consider where God may be leading us as a congregation in the months and years ahead. Besides congregational start-ups, Pastor Miguel's expertise also includes assisting congregations seeking renewal and (when need be) re-development. Your presence, participation, and input is vital to all we are hoping to accomplish in this event.

Pastor Miguel will be among us that Sunday morning, as well, to offer the sermon at both worship times. I have also asked him to share a few stories during that morning's Pastor's Class about the real-life difference other people and agencies are accomplishing on our behalf beyond our own congregational reach.

Looking a bit further ahead, let me also mention the upcoming **Women of the ELCA Retreat** being held **October 20-21** up at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale. This is a wonderful opportunity for the women of our congregation to connect with other women of deep faith from across our Grand Canyon Synod. Ruth Senkbeil and Linda Robinson have more information on this event and are eager to help you to become involved, as well.

On that same weekend... **Saturday, October 21**, we are all encouraged to join our other sisters and brothers throughout the Sunrise and Santa Cruz Conferences of our Synod in conversation with our Interim Bishop Lowell Almen as we prepare to elect a new Synodical Bishop at our June 2018 Synod Assembly (which will be held here in Tucson). We will be gathering with one another to begin this process at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Speedway and Campbell) from 9:00—11:00.

*(A word of thanks, by the way, to our Craft Group for their graciousness in moving their **Annual Bazaar to October 28** to allow for our participation in these two synod events.)*

And just one more note... **Confirmation Class** will resume on **Saturday, October 7** from 9:00 to 12:00.

God bless us as we take part in all these great opportunities!

*Pastor Jim*

## SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

### 8:00 & 10:30 WORSHIP

8:00

10:30

#### ACOLYTES

3 (9:15 AM) Ella Daniels  
10  
17 Yaniva Murrieta  
24

10 Mariah Ballentine  
17 Ella Daniels  
24 Joshua Lippert

#### ASSISTING MINISTER

3 (9:15 AM) Kenny White  
10 Kenny White  
17 & 24 Dick Meyer

10 Gay Kline  
17 & 24 Sandy Skinner

#### COFFEE HOSTS

3 (9:15 AM) Ruth Senkbeil  
10 Mark & Pam Kern  
17 & 24 Ron & Ginny Buch

10 ??????????  
17 & 24 Ches Gandy

#### LECTORS

3 (9:15 AM) June Keiflin  
10 Renee Riegert  
17 Louise Conrad  
24 Carol Radler

10 Melody Hensley  
17 Ruth Senkbeil  
24 Sheila Ceceña

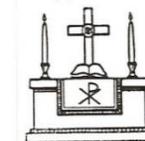
#### USHERS

3 (9:15 AM) Bob & Vicky Hohmann, Diane White  
10 Bob & Vicky Hohmann, Diane White  
17 & 24 Fred Nichols, Jean Meyer,  
Mark & Pam Kern

10 Sandy M., Don G., Arlen H.  
17 & 24 Paul Bean, LeAnne Mitts,  
Jim & Kathy Blake

#### FREE FLU SHOTS AND WELLNESS SCREENING!

Joanie Contreras has arranged to have a "wellness mobile team" here at our church on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> during our food ministry time – 5:00 – 8:00 PM. During that time you may get a free flu shot, have your blood pressure and blood glucose (sugar level) checked, find out how tall you really are, be weighed and get your BMI number (body mass index), receive health education about diabetes and hypertension (high blood pressure), and more! This is open to members and friends of our congregation as well as our food bank clients. Mark your calendar!



**THE ALTAR GUILD BREAKFAST** has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at Sunny Daze Café at Campbell & Irvington. Their first fall meeting will be held on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM here at church. More members are needed for this very important "behind the scenes" ministry to help prepare the altar for Sunday worship, launder the linens when necessary, and be a part of the stripping of the altar during the Maundy Thursday worship.

*When we pray for one another it makes a difference. Include in God's care:*

Sherry Daniels	Roy Hardwick	Kim Agamaite	Barbara
Lynn Alms	Chad Grant	Paul Bean	Florence Billingsley
Laura St. Aubin	Samuel Clemmons	Gene Copper	Maxine Schaller
Mark Kern	Paco Garcia	Lois Bradshaw	Fred Young
Arlie Boatwright	Ellen Swancutt	Karen Meyer	Mark Herr
Pat Millyard	Andy Nichols	Ralph & Patty Zdeb	Susie Hager
Sam & Carolyn Dodson	Betty Layton	Larry Havenga	Esther Wood
Austin Hill	Myrna Wunder	Gladyce Johnson	Don Hunt
Linda Robinson	Avery Johnson	Gene O'Leary	

We rejoice with Ivan Corral who received his First Bible on August 20<sup>th</sup>

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### THANKS...

...to **ALL** who have donated school supplies to be distributed to our food box recipients.

...to **ALL** who have donated items to be placed in the "Hope Bags" for "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.

...to **Rose Copper, Brenda Depew, Ches Gandy, Melody Hensley, and Noel Palmer** for volunteering to help at the Poz Café. Thanks to **ALL** who provided items for the CarePartner bags, and to **Don Genung & Gay Kline** for bringing all of those items to St. Francis in the Foothills where the Poz Café was being held.

...to **June Keiflin** for her gift of handmade finger puppets for our nursery. There are fish and spiders and smiley flowers – so cute!



**CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAY** – once again the monsoon rains have played havoc on our church grounds. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM to help clear the weeds, trim trees, remove trash, etc. BUT, if you're not too keen on working outdoors, we'll also welcome a crew to work on the inside – cleaning window sills, getting in those neglected places, etc. You're welcomed to come earlier than 7:15, but please be sure to bring your own gardening tools (ours will still be locked up). If you need to come a bit later, that's fine – we appreciate whatever time you can spare. We'll be sure to provide some coffee and donuts to help keep your energy up!

### DO YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH TOOLS?

...We're excited to continue our partnership with the **Habitat for Humanity** and are looking forward to volunteering our services again on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Habitat supplies all the tools needed, and simply suggest you wear "work clothes" and bring a water bottle. No experience is necessary as trained Habitat leaders will guide volunteers through the day's activities (must be at least 16 years old). Please let Diane know as soon as possible if you'd like to join our group. The location for our September 30<sup>th</sup> build is 5761 South Copper Plate Drive (east of Park Avenue, south of Drexel Road).

### YOUTH NEWS...



**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF** - September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in the fellowship hall. All kids (and their parents) are welcomed to gather in the fellowship hall with other members of our congregation as we together assemble "Hope Bags" for folks in our community on the streets. Feel free to bring your friends! Classes begin September 17<sup>th</sup> and are offered to kids 3 years old through high school.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** is led by Pastor Jim and designed for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders - and older students who have not yet made their Confirmation. Students will meet with Pastor Jim on the first Saturday of each month, 9:00 AM – noon, beginning on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ORG MEETING SUNDAY, SEPT 24, 11:45 - 1:30** – parents/grandparents/guardians and interested volunteers are invited to this one-time organizational meeting to make our final commitments for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Early Bird registration starts in September, so we'll need a final head count (the \$150 early registration fee is non-refundable). We'll also look at and choose fund raising options for the coming year. It is **imperative** that all who are interested in the 2018 Youth Gathering attend this meeting. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

**MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY** – after a summer recess, we invite you to gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The group will continue with the book entitled *Saints & Scoundrels of the Bible (The Good, the Bad, and the Downright Dastardly)* by Taylor, Fielding, Richards. Please contact Louise Conrad if you have any questions or are interested in obtaining the book.

**WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF STUDIES...** Please remember that we also have Sunday School for all you grown-ups! Now that we'll be back to our two worship times, Pastor Jim will lead his class from 9:30 until 10:00 in the sanctuary. Come be part of our group! Please bring your Bible!

**OUR CRAFTERS** have scheduled their fall kick-off pot luck for Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. New and returning crafters are invited to bring a dish to share. If you have been working on crafts over the summer, this is the day to bring them in to be priced. Actual workshops will begin the following Tuesday at 9:30 AM and continue until the bazaar on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Crafters meet each Tuesday morning, September through October, and then again January till May, with their annual bazaar being held in October. Crafts may be worked on at home as well as during the workshops.

**EACH SEMESTER** we provide a meal for the students and staff at the University of Arizona Lutheran Campus Ministry. We'll be delivering that meal on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Since the "Nacho Platter" was such a hit last time, we'll probably be making that again. I know we've got some time, but please let us know if you would like to provide something for the meal and/or join us in delivering it (we'll car pool from church at 5:00).