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OUR WINTER GUESTS ARE SPECIAL!

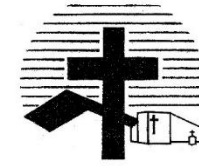
On Sunday, March 4, at 11:30 AM, we will honor our Winter Guests with a "Hometown Cookin'" themed pot luck. Here's an opportunity for ALL of us to share our tastiest

hometown food – whether it be a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert – the choice is yours! This annual congregational celebration is our way of saying how much we appreciate your presence among us!

Following our meal, Melody will test your knowledge of the 50 states with various questions about state birds, state flowers, historical facts, etc. We may even have a prize for the person with the most correct answers! Esther Wood will be calling each of our Winter Guests with a personal invitation. So, if you don't hear from her, we must not have your number. You might want to "beat Esther to it" by giving her a call at 578-0026 to let her know that you plan to attend.

According to my notes, the following guests have worshipped with us this past winter: Helmut & Lois Boehl, Kathleen Dahlstrand, Norm & Alice Davis, Pastor Paul & Marilyn Dumke, Dave & Pat Fisher, Al & Marilyn Freedy, David & Karrie Frenz, Gary & Meradean Gifford, Carol Hayes, Roger & Mary Heineck, Lowell & Carol Holum, Glenna Knepper, Lillian Kusy, Jeff & Mary Miels, Norma Rhoades, Gene & Carol Schinzer, Chuck & MaryAnn Schumann, Lester & Freida Stehr, David & Dorothy Taylor, Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit, and Gene & Sharon Wall. Please let me know if I have missed anyone!

Our Winter Guests are invited to let Diane know your anniversary and birthdates and anniversary so that you may be included in our newsletter calendar each month. Simply write them on the back of your communion card, and we'll take them from there.



*Building enduring relationships
in Jesus' Name:
- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

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Our Lenten Journey continues:

Supper at 6:00 PM -- Worship at 7:00 PM

March 07 March 14 March 21

(if you would like to help with preparing one of the Lenten suppers, please sign up on the Kiosk for the day that works best for you)

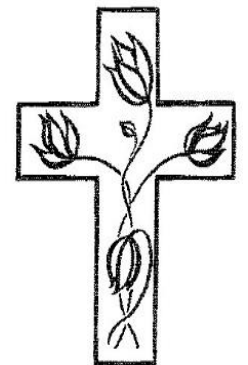
Palm Sunday worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM - March 25

Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 PM - March 29

Good Friday worship 7:00 PM - March 30

Easter worship 7:00 & 10:30 AM - April 1

8:00-10:00 AM pastries, breakfast breads, fruit, coffee, and juice will be available. Please feel free to bring your favorite breakfast goodie to share throughout that timeframe.



(Please note that coffee and refreshments will not be served following our 10:30 worship to allow our folks to join the rest of their family and friends to celebrate Easter Sunday.)

Pastor's Page

Dear People of God,

In his Lenten message to other church leaders, newly-elected Bishop Pedro Suarez of the Florida-Bahamas Synod recently offered these words...

As we once again enter into the season of Lent, we do what we've done before. We reflect. We repent. And we re-affirm God's passionate love for the world through our words and actions. Just like doing something special for a loved one even though we've done it before, Lent offers us a season to repeat and reflect on truths we've heard before. But, though the messages may be familiar, the lessons and transformations are new each year. What this story does to us each time we hear it is different. Where Christ shows up in the world each time we share it is different.

We use repetition to teach our children... and to learn ourselves. We use repetition to tend to, restore, and strengthen relationships. And when we model again a season of prayer, contemplation, and service, our children learn (and we learn, too) that there is something important about repenting... again and again. There is something important about serving... again and again. There is something important about praying... again and again.

This year, instead of giving up something, what might we repeat and reflect on that will make a difference? Could we repeat a trip to the grocery store and buy an extra bag of groceries for our local food pantry? Could we repeat a phone call and check in on a friend or loved one? Could we repeat a visit to a local nursing home and visit another resident who doesn't have family close by? Could we take another 10 minutes each day for prayer? And what might we learn from these repetitions that we haven't noticed before? Where do these encounters reveal the passionate love of Christ for us and for the world?

May God guide and bless you throughout this season of reflecting, repenting, and repeating.

Pastor Jim

By the way... beginning Sunday, March 4th, we will embark upon a new direction in the Sunday morning Pastor's Class as we "Journey Through the Psalms", beginning with, of course, Psalm 1. (Don't worry, though... we won't try to cover all of them! Maybe just a couple dozen, actually.) Please bring your Bible or borrow one from the back. We gather in the sanctuary at 9:30am. Come find your place among us!

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We are also still looking for a few courageous folks who are willing spend just 5 minutes to help in "Giving Words to Our Faith" on Wednesday evenings during Lent. I would be happy to talk with any of you more about it.

SERVING OUR LORD DURING WORSHIP IN MARCH

ACOLYTES

<u>MAR.</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
4	Yaniva Murrieta	5	Ella Daniels
11		12	Lita Lopez
18	Yasmine Murrieta	19	Jasmine Gracia
25		26	Che Lopez
29	7 PM – Yasmine Murrieta	30	7 PM – Leo Gracia

ASSISTING MINISTER

<u>MAR.</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
4 & 11	Kenny White	4 & 11	Gay Kline
18 & 25	Alice Davis	18 & 25	Sandy Skinner
29	7 PM – Melody Hensley		

COFFEE HOSTS

<u>MAR.</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
4 & 11	Dick & Jean Meyer	11 & 25	Ches Gandy
18 & 25	Bob & Vicky Hohmann	18	Jim & Kathy Blake
			<i>(March 4th is the congregational pot luck – no 10:30 coffee host needed)</i>

LECTORS

<u>MAR.</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
4	Dick Meyer	4	Cheryl Bahrychuk
11	Renee Riegert	11	Sheila Cecena
18	Kenny White	18	Gay Kline
25	Louise Conrad	25	Dianna Chavez

USHERS

<u>MAR.</u>	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
4 & 11	Fred Nichols, Dick & Jean	4 & 11	Don, Sandy M-A, LeAnne
18 & 25	Norm, Bob & Vicky	18 & 25	Paul, Arlen, Lisa

(Confirmation students are asked to arrive at 6:40 PM to usher on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, Maundy Thursday, March 29, and Good Friday, March 30)

WINTER GUESTS – we are always blessed to have each of you with us throughout the winter months. Please let us know when you'll be heading back to your summer homes. Please be sure that we have your email address as well as your winter and summer addresses so that we may be able to keep in touch while you're gone.

We thank you for offering to assist during our worship by reading the lessons, preparing the coffee or refreshments, ushering, and volunteering with our food ministry. Your presence is truly appreciated.

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

Sandy Skinner	Deborah Kats	Maria Dew	Family & Friends
Susie Hager	Myrna Wunder	Rhoades Family	Tokar Family
Glenna Knepper	Lillian Kusy	Kenny White	Anita Hull
Pam Shuperio	Patty Colmbs	Neldon Swancutt	Leah
Lynn Alms	Shannon & Carrie	Dana Chapman	Tom Oliver
Charlotte	Suzy Weidenschilling	Lois Bradshaw	Kim Agamaite
Betty Layton	Maxine Schaller	Don Hunt	Arlie Boatwright
Linda Robinson	Samuel Clemmons	Ray Necoechea	Larry Havenga
Paul Bean	Mark Kern	Jo Conover	Carol Radler
Ruth Senkbeil	Shawna Murphy	Gene Copper	Esther Wood
Holly Peterson	Dorothy Kern	Bill Hohmann	Avery Johnson
Austin Hill	Pat Millyard	Karen Meyer	Sam & Carolyn Dodson

We grieve with...

Patty Zdeb and family at the passing of her husband, Ralph, on January 25th

Susie Hager and family, mourning the passing of her niece, Tammy on January 29th

Ellen Swancutt and family mourning the passing of her brother and uncle, just two weeks apart

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THANKS...

...to **Gay Kline** for leading the music for our Ash Wednesday Worship at noon, and to our **Classics Chorus** lead by **Mark Herr**, for their lovely music Ash Wednesday evening.

...to **Larry & Judi Ruder** (and other folks?) who provided fresh oranges and grapefruit for our food ministry clients.

...to **Don Genung & Gay Kline** for assembling our 2018 Directories, to **Gay**, our new bulletin assembler, and to **Don** for taking seven boxes of old paperwork to the Pima County Shred-a-Thon (our big shed is ready for your yard sale items!).

...to **Chuck & Louise** for their donation of a carton of paper, and **Carol Radler** for her gift of a coil of stamps for the office.

A message to the SCLC Prayer Shawl Ministry –

This is one of the most thoughtful gifts I have ever been given – your time and work and prayers are so sweet, and I believe prayer to be the greatest healer. I will keep it (prayer shawl) with me at chemo and home in bed and anytime I need good news from the doctors. Thank you, Lisa (Wood-Hromidko) for thinking of me to receive such a wonderful gift. - Patti

SOFTBALL BEGINS! Thursday, March 15th marks the beginning of our spring season with the Tucson Parks & Rec league. Games will be played at the Golf Links fields (northwest corner of Golf Links and Craycroft) at 6:30, 7:35, or 8:40. We've got a full team, but would love to have folks come out and cheer us on! Check the weekly bulletin for our game times.

YOUTH NEWS! (adults are needed, too!)

MARCH 18th at 11:30 AM – ELCA Youth Gathering Team Meeting in the fellowship hall. We'll meet with Nate Burks who will lead us through the Snap!Raise start-up for April's fund raiser. Munch on pizza and stay for a short team-building session immediately following our chat with Nate. Only 118 days till we leave for Houston! We'll need to step it up as we're only ½ way to our financial goal!

SALCA Summer Camp – Summer Elementary/Middle School Camp is May 28-June 1 at Triangle Y Camp for youth who have completed grades 3–8; High School Night is July 22, 5:00 PM until Midnight, for those entering 9th – 12th grade. **Go to the website at www.mysalca.com to register, and please let Carol know if you are planning to attend.** (Donations to SALCA can be made through Santa Cruz Lutheran by listing the camp on your check memo line.)

THANK YOU! The Valentine's Floral fund raiser was a huge success. Our Youth created and sold over 40 beautiful arrangements and we thank Dianna Chavez and Freida Stehr for helping to gather the flowers and teaching us how to cut/arrange, etc. Their expertise was invaluable. Thanks also to Lisa Wood-Hromidko who bargained for and picked up the greens from Sav-on Flowers, and to all who donated vases for our cause. Thanks to Safeway and Sav-on Flowers for their donations of \$25 and the Lemon Leaf/green filler. – Carol Radler

(Diane's note – believe it or not, I am STILL enjoying the beautiful arrangement that Kenny surprised me with on February 11th. The flowers look as fresh as when I received them!)

MR. CAR WASH TICKETS are again available for your purchase. The cost this year is \$12 for the regular vacuum/wash/windows/dry; and \$6 for the exterior wash only. Passes do not expire and are good at 7 locations locally and 250 locations nationwide. You can now send them to your friends and relatives, and our Winter Guests can use them back home or wherever they can find a Mister Car Wash. Please contact any of our Youth or Carol Radler for tickets. Proceeds will go toward the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.



IT'S ALMOST HERE! Our Youth's biggest fund raiser for the Gathering this summer is happening on March 10th. Melody's shed is full of new and gently used items that folks have already brought in; now we're working on filling up our big shed. Please call the church office if you need help getting our items to church. OR, let us know if you can be a picker-upper!

There's a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk for needed helpers. let us know the hours you can help:

March 8 – 2:00 PM – Volunteers to set up tables

March 9 – 8:00 AM until ??? to price and place items on tables

March 10 – 6:30 AM-2:00 PM (sale is 7:00 AM-1:00 PM) – Need volunteers during any of those hours to help with the sale

Again, please be sure to sign up on the Kiosk so we know what help we have!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE (and Church Council news)

At our Annual Meeting of January 28th, the following members were elected to serve: Sheila Cecena, LeAnne Mitts, and Todd Scholer on Church Council; Sandy Skinner with the Financial Review Committee; Carol Radler – Endowment Fund Committee; Don Genung – Nominating Committee; Gay Kline and LeAnne Mitts to attend the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in June.

Even with the pay off of the mortgage AND our expenses coming in at over \$8,000 below budget, we ended 2017 over \$3,000 in the red. Let us please be diligent in keeping up with our offering pledges whether or not you are at worship each Sunday.

Thank you to those continuing to serve in 2018: Dianna Chavez, Valerie Cook, Melody Hensley, Vicky Hohmann, Dick Meyer, Stu Weidenschilling (Church Council); Ron Buch, Norm Davis (Endowment); Sandra Kornelle, Carol Radler (Financial Review); Jeri Lind, Sandy Mathis-Armente (Nominating). We are grateful for those so willing to serve.

At our Council Meeting of February 15th, Arlen Holmes was again appointed as Financial Secretary (a position he has held for over 50 years! – Thank you, Arlen!); we're grateful that Ruth Senkbeil is feeling up to continuing as Treasurer; Dick Meyer will serve as Council President, Todd Scholer as Council Vice President, and Diane White as Council Secretary.

Also at that meeting, we discussed the need for each and every one of us to be mindful of those among us needing a bit of tender, loving care. It seems as though canes and walkers are becoming more prevalent in our congregation! Let us always be on the lookout to open doors, move chairs, accompany folks to the restroom, carry coffee, etc. And, if there's someone you haven't seen in a while, feel free to give them a check-up call!



FUN TIME OUT! THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR...

Our Winter Guests, Marilyn Dumke and Mary Heineck will again participate in the Western Way Corral Spring Concert. *Bringing Back the 50's!* is the theme, and you can show your support at either of their two concerts: Mon., March 19, 7:00 PM

at the Western Way RV clubhouse OR Wed., March 21, 3:00 PM at Tucson Estates clubhouse.

Diane is suggesting that we again make an event of it and gather as a group to attend the Monday, March 19th concert at the Western Way RV clubhouse. Let's meet together at 4:30 PM at Tiny's (on Ajo Way, just east of McDonald's) for a bite to eat, then head over to the RV Clubhouse for the concert. This is always a fun, relaxing time out, so please be sure to sign up on the Kiosk to let us know if you'd like to join us for the concert, or dinner, or both!

COMING TO TUCSON MARCH 8TH AT 7:00 PM... the Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony will perform at Fountain of Life Church (710 South Kolb Road) in the Family Life Center. This is a group of 60 talented college-age musicians who are doing a tour in the southwest. There is no charge for admission and a free will donation will be accepted.