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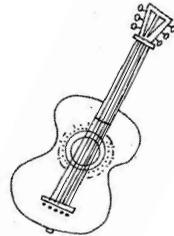
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*Building enduring relationships
in Jesus' Name:
- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

SPECIAL MUSIC!

On Sunday, August 12th we'll welcome back guitarist, Jose Luis Puerta. Jose is a member of the Tucson Guitar Society and an active member of the local musical scene. He holds many concerts throughout the year, and you'll remember that he was with us on Christmas Eve just this past December.

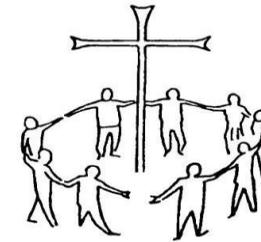
Jose and Mark will sing a play several folk songs written by a former ELCA Lutheran Pastor, Bertil E. Anderson.



WITH GRATITUDE... (Dana Scholer shared with us a card she received from her neighbor...)

Susan writes: "Thank you so very much for the [prayer] shawl. I just love it! It meant so much to me to know so many were praying for me. I will never forget it. It has been a long recovery and I truly found comfort in the shawl. Thank you again! Love, Susan

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN! You are cordially invited to a baby shower for Saphyre Hohmann on Saturday, August 18th, 2:00 PM here at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church! - Vicky Hohmann



OPPORTUNITIES
TO HELP OTHERS...

...POZ CAFÉ - on Thursday, August 16th, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM SCLC volunteers will join two other churches to offer our help at this special lunch prepared and served to folks in Tucson living with HIV/AIDS. **Continuing until August 12th we invite you to donate dish detergent, and deodorant (70 of each are needed).** These items will be combined with other donations to make up a bag of much-needed goodies for the CarePartners. Your donations may be placed in the box on the east wall.

Please let Diane know if you'd like to be one of our volunteers. The lunch, raffle, bingo games, and festivities take place at St. Francis in the Foothills (Swan & Sunrise). We can car pool from church at 8:00 AM and arrive back around 2:30 PM.

...SEPTEMBER 9TH - "GOD'S WORK...OUR HANDS" SUNDAY... and KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF! Adults and kids of all ages are invited to join together to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

– from the "God's Work. Our Hands" website

Be sure to bring your friends!

Pastor's Page

Dear People of God at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

By now, you have probably heard the news that I have been offered and have accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor / Head of Staff of historic St John's Lutheran Church in downtown San Antonio, Texas. As one of the oldest churches in that area, St John's has often been referred to as "The Lutheran Cathedral of the Southwest".

Having now completed 14 years here in among you at Santa Cruz, this move is the fulfillment of many prayers as Maria and I seek to lessen the miles between us and the Texas side of our family. This new position will also allow me to finally make greater use of some untapped gifts which I bring to the role of parish pastor.

I will remain your pastor here at Santa Cruz for still a handful of weeks, with my last day being Sunday, September 02.

Please be assured that I have already been in conversation about this change of call with both our current Interim Bishop Lowell Almen, our Bishop-Elect Deborah Hutterer, as well as with our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission, Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta. They will guide you all throughout your upcoming journey through this time of transition. You will be connected with an Interim Pastor to serve among you, most likely on a part-time basis. And, this transition will also provide you with the opportunity to make an honest and necessary re-assessment of a variety of issues here at Santa Cruz.

Maria and I ask your blessing and prayers as we take this next step in our life. We promise our prayers for you, as well.

During this entire time, I invite you to join us in this particular prayer...

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Evening Prayer, Page 317)

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jim

SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 9:15 WORSHIP TIME ONLY

ACOLYTES

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| 5 | Yaniva Murrieta | 19 | Yasmine Murrieta |
| 12 | Leo Gracia | 26 | Jasmine Gracia |

ASSISTING MINISTER

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| 5 & 12 | Noel Palmer | 19 & 26 | Sandy Skinner |
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COFFEE HOSTS

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| 5 & 12 | Gene & Rose Copper | 19 & 26 | Mark & Pam Kern |
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LECTORS

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| 5 | Valerie Cook | 19 | Brenda Depew |
| 12 | Louise Conrad | 26 | Ray Rakow |

USHERS

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| 5 & 12 | Gene & Rose Copper, Arlen Holmes |
| 19 & 26 | Mark & Pam Kern, LeAnne Mitts |

KUDOS TO...

...to those who honor their assignments as Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, and Coffee Hosts

...to those who step in when needed to acolyte, usher, or help with communion

...to those who juggle their assignments – and find their own replacement – when needed

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness!



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT... what it would be like if all the volunteers in our church went on strike or quit? Picture a typical Sunday morning – there are no Altar Guild members to prepare and clean the altar; there are no ushers to greet and direct the people, hand out bulletins, or take up the offering; there are no counters to count that offering; no coffee hosts to prepare coffee and refreshments; thus no excuse to settle in the fellowship hall to visit; the children arrive for Sunday School, but there is no teacher.

There would be no Church Council to guide our congregation, no committees to plan events, no Youth leaders to plan activities and community service projects, no one to help with our much-needed food ministry, no crafters to raise funds for community outreach, and the list goes on.

Who are these volunteers – the people without whom we could not function? They are you and me...God's people responding with a strong commitment to live out our faith in this world.

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

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| Avery Johnson | Roxan Baldwin | Holly Peterson | Richard Corral |
| Chris Lillie | Marilyn Fabian | Lucile Shaw | Wanda Valdez |
| Barb Van Osten | Carrie Turpin | Johnny Palermo | Lynn Alms |
| Margaret Nichols | Avery Johnson | Paul Bean | Esther Wood |
| Ray Necochea | Royce Tollman | Paulette Archuleta | Lois Bradshaw |
| B. B. Noe | Sam & Carolyn Dodson | Ron Geuder | Larry Havenga |
| Arlie Boatwright | Betty Layton | Gary V. | Pat Millyard |
| Don Hunt | Fred Nichols | Maxine Schaller | Guadalupe Perez |
| Dan Moore | David, Dorothy, Mark Kern | | |

We grieve with:

Sandra Kornelle & family at the death of her daughter, Anna Marie McGrath, on July 23rd

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THANKS...

...to **MARK HERR** for again arranging to have the Tucson Barbershop Experience share their vocal talents with us in July. Oh, how those men can harmonize! Several of us had the special privilege of hearing their quartet practice for another event following worship AND they even sang for us in the fellowship hall when invited for refreshments. What a talented and generous group they are.

...to **ALL** who have donated reams of 8-1/2 x 11 white copy paper for our bulletins. We appreciate your generosity.

...to **ALL** our Food Ministry volunteers who have been stepping up to the plate throughout these summer months. With some of our volunteers gone for the summer, we are grateful for your willingness to sometimes pull double shifts!

WHAT A GREAT DAY! VBS was a great success due to the dedicated volunteers that manned the "Polar Blast" Cool Crew Stations: Dianna Chavez, Joanie Contreras, Rose & Gene Copper, Lynn Davis, Brenda Depew, Melody Hensley, Pam Kern, Kenny Morgan, Noel Palmer, Esther Wood, and Lisa Wood-Hromidko. We had a great time learning about Jesus' unfailing love for each of us, lunch and snacks were delicious, games were active and fun, craft projects were completed, and our "Shoes That Grow" Mission Project was kicked off. Thank you to all who helped with or brought food items for our snacks, lunch, and treats.

OUR VBS MISSION PROJECT, "Shoes that Grow," will continue to receive monetary donations through Labor Day. Your loose change (or more) may be placed in containers on the worship book cabinets. Our goal is \$250, which will purchase 16 pairs, and we'll keep you posted as we proceed. Carol Radler has examples of the shoes if you wish to see them first hand. The VBS Polar Crew decorated the bags in which the shoes will be sent.

THANK YOU for all your phone calls and well wishes as I recover from my bout with a sinus infection and Scabies. I'm slowly getting better, but sure don't want to get the latter again. Ugly, itchy, stuff...

- Carol Radler

YOUTH NEWS...

1ST BIBLE CLASS – a one-time class will be held in the fellowship hall on Sunday, August 19th, at 10:30 AM, immediately following worship. If you have never received a Bible or are going into the 2nd grade and do not have your Bible, please let Carol Radler know to include you in her class. Parents and/or guardians are welcomed to pick up a Bible early to allow time for relatives and friends to write a blessing or underline a favorite verse for the student.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Calling all Youth – Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9th, so be sure to give your parents and grandparents a heads up! Students will meet Ms. Renee at 9:15 AM in the Sunday School room located behind the organ. All are welcomed, so feel free to bring your siblings and friends. Adults, please be sure to let Renee know when you'd like to lead a class – your talents are welcomed anytime between September and May!

HEADS UP! Young Lutherans (3rd – 8th grade), and God's Gang (8th – 12th grade)...we'll be having a fall organizational meeting on Sunday, September 23rd, at 11:30 AM (following our 10:30 worship time) in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served, and parents and/or guardians must attend, as all activities will need their support and approval.

I'VE HAD THIS ITCH for the past six years! Ever since Kenny retired six years ago, I have toyed with the idea of following his lead. The time has come, and August 31st (actually, the same day Kenny retired six years ago!) will be my last day as Secretary of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church.

I can truthfully say that these past 23+ years have been filled with joy, love, support, and growing friendships. I don't know anyone who, for their entire career, has been able to look forward to going to work each and every day. That has been the case for me. As a very young adult, I had the unfortunate opportunity to work for a rather grumpy, spiteful woman. After leaving that job, I promised myself I would never again work for someone who was disrespectful or uncaring. I've been blessed to have had the pleasure of working for all these years with two very respectful and genuinely caring Pastors – Pastor Al Rode and Pastor Jim Dew.

Yes, there have been some challenges over the years, but I have always felt comforted, supported, and uplifted by those around me. With Mom requiring more care (thus my need to be with her more), and with Pastor Jim fulfilling a promise to Maria to bring her closer to her family, it's time for me to begin the next part of my journey. It's time for Santa Cruz to have the "office manager" back in the office again.

I'm excited for the new changes to take place at Santa Cruz, and for whatever the future holds for my family and Pastor Jim's. I may be leaving my secretarial position, but you'll continue to have both Kenny & me in your midst.

– Diane White

PARISH LIFE MEETING (please note change of date & time) – on Sunday, September 16th, immediately following our 10:30 worship, members of our Parish Life Team will gather in the church office (for our semi-annual meeting) to discuss activities for the remainder of the year. If you like serving others and have a creative idea or two, please be sure to join us. All are welcomed!