

Santa Cruz Lutheran Church  
6809 South Cardinal Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona 85746

RETURN SERVICE REQUEST

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. 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 16** - Packaged Pasta, Sauces, Packaged Potatoes

**September 23** - Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Mac & Cheese, Rice

**September 30** - Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap, Personal Care items

**October 7** - Hot & Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Dry Beans

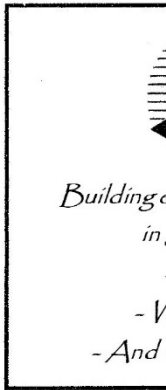
**October 14** - Canned Tuna/Chicken/Beef, Peanut Butter, Jelly

**October 21** - Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Soup

**October 28** - Stuffing, Pie Filling, Cookie/Cake Mixes

**November 4** - Cranberry Sauce, Canned Pumpkin

**November 11** - Catch -up Sunday – feel free to bring any of the above items



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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE...

As you can imagine, with all the changes coming on, there was much discussion at our most recent Church Council Meeting. Let me share with you some of the most important items that were discussed and voted on:

- 1) Interim Bishop Lowell Almen will be among us and lead us in worship on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Bishop Almen suggested a team of two pastors to serve during our Interim period. However, our Council discussed and decided it would be best to, if possible, have "less moving parts" and seek one pastor to be with us on a part-time basis – most likely four days per week – until a permanent pastor is called to Santa Cruz. Our Executive Committee will be meeting with Bishop Almen on Saturday afternoon (August 25<sup>th</sup>) for more conversation.
- 3) After much discussion the Council voted to continue with just one worship time – at **9:30 AM** – beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing at least through our Annual Meeting in January. There were several reasons for this decision, with the two most important being our current financial situation AND a continued sense of community as we all worship together.
- 4) After speaking with our Sunday School Director, Renee Riegert, Council further discussed and approved that the new "Children's Church" (formerly Sunday School) will take place immediately following the Children's Message each Sunday. Renee, or another leader for the day, will take the kids to the Youth Room following the Children's Message. They will remain there for lessons until communion, at which time the leader will bring the kids back to their families for the rest of the worship.
- 5) Ruth Senkbeil has graciously offered to replace Diane as Secretary of Santa Cruz throughout this interim process. Ruth felt that since she has been with our congregation for a long time, knows the members, the finances, and dynamics of the congregation, it would allow for a smoother transition. Council was extremely grateful, discussed the benefits, and approved Ruth's offer. Once our interim process is completed and a new pastor is called, we will again reach out for a permanent part-time secretary.
- 6) Diane has offered to, until further notice, continue to take care of the financial side of the secretarial job on a volunteer basis. Ruth will continue as appointed Treasurer.

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| David Kern          | Tom Land         | Marian Rees      | Weston Koch        |
| Chuck Conrad        | Wanda Valdez     | B. B. Noe        | Paula Skinner      |
| The Tokar Family    | Daughter Tiffany | Sister Angela    | Karen Morrow       |
| Esther Wood         | Dan Moore        | Guadalupe Perez  | Roxan Baldwin      |
| Holly Peterson      | Lynn Alms        | Gary V.          | Paulette Archuleta |
| Carrie Turpin       | Paul Bean        | Royce Tollman    | Arlie Boatwright   |
| Maxine Schaller     | Lois Bradshaw    | Margaret Nichols | Sam & Carolyn D.   |
| Fred Nichols        | Marilyn Fabian   | Ray Necoechea    | Ron Geuder         |
| Pat Millyard        | Larry Havenga    | Betty Layton     | Don Hunt           |
| David and Mark Kern | Avery Johnson    |                  |                    |

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### THANKS...

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

...to **Gene & Rose Copper, Brenda Depew, Zoe Tokar, and Kenny Morgan** for volunteering to help at the Poz Café. Thanks to **ALL** who provided items for the CarePartner bags.

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

...to **Dana Scholer** for popping in on a regular basis to work around our church property – trimming, weeding, picking up trash...you name it!

...to **Andy & Kristin Smith** for a bit of work getting our irrigation timer working again, and for Kristin's ongoing care for our Memorial Garden.

...to **Marilyn McGarry** for her work on scheduling helpers for Sunday worship. Marilyn has had to put this back in the secretary's hand, but we appreciate the time she was able to devote to this task.

...to **Dick Meyer** for his diligence in making sure the new Sprint antennae were positioned in the proper place on our church tower.

*Thank you to all who have supported our "Shoes That Grow" VBS summer mission project. Your spare change, placed in the containers on the worship book cabinets, will serve to help those in need. I know the children who receive these durable shoes will be very grateful. – Carol Radler*

*Ahhhh, my final Newsletter. What a strange feeling! After nearly 24 years, my time "working" at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church is coming to a close. I took a bit of time the other day simply going through our entire Church Directory. I noted the many, many people I've worked closely with, laughed with, cried with, shared stories with, and, most importantly, prayed with. So many of you have touched my life in ways you'll never even know. You were there when I called for help; you came to my aid when I didn't even know I needed help. I am forever grateful for each of you who have been a bright spot in my day.*

*This week and next I'll be working with Ruth as I prepare to pass on the baton. Ruth is enthusiastic about her new role, and I pray that you will support and encourage her as much as you have supported and encouraged me all these years. God's Blessings on each one of you. – Diane White*

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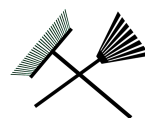
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