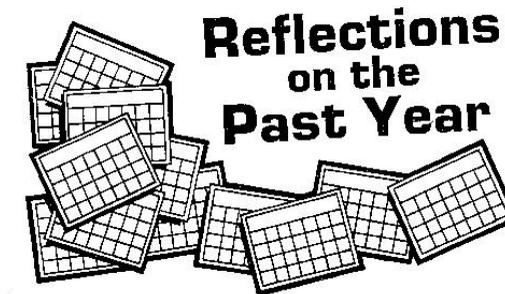


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in Jesus' Name:
- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*



OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, 11:00 AM with a pot luck luncheon to follow (a sign-up for the pot luck will be posted on the Kiosk). We will review the Annual Report, vote on the proposed 2019 Budget and distribution of Sprint Funds, and hold elections for open positions.

We thank the following members for their dedicated service this past year...

Church Council – Dianna Chavez, Valerie Cook, Melody Hensley, Vicky Hohmann, LeAnn Mitts, Dick Meyer, Todd Scholer, Stu Weidenschilling

Nominating Committee – Don Genung, Jeri Lind, Sandy Mathis-Arment

Financial Compliance Review – Sandra Kornelle, Carol Radler, Sandy Skinner

Endowment Fund Committee – Ron Buch, Norm Davis, Carol Radler

Delegates to the Synod Assembly – Gay Kline, LeAnn Mitts

Financial Secretary – Arlen Holmes and **Treasurer** – Ruth Senkbeil

WE CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...in the lives of so many in our community through our food ministry program. I can't emphasize enough that we not only make a difference to those in need, but also in the lives of our volunteers. Time and again I hear our volunteers speaking of how rewarding it is to be of service to our neighbors.

January 17th marks the 7th anniversary of this important ministry here at Santa Cruz. Since its inception, we have provided food, clothing, diapers, books, and smiles to many, many families.

Our Nominating Committee has been in contact with members who have shown interest in filling the open positions for the above committees.

A Note From Pastor Snider “Vision”

My wife Judy and I have had the privilege of living with and among you for two months. While we are with you, Santa Cruz will be “our church.” We worship with you, fellowship with you, laugh with you and cry with you when “life deceives and fears annoy”. I borrow a phrase from the hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory.”

As we begin a new year we will face a challenge together; it is the challenge of creating a course for Santa Cruz Lutheran Church for the next five or ten years. That task takes vision. I am delighted that the Church Council has appointed a small group of dedicated members of the congregation who have agreed to serve on the ad hoc Vision Committee.

A vision committee, almost by definition requires sight, but note, all seeing is not ocular. Some with macular degeneration, glaucoma, or advanced cataract disease may have superb insight. The latter is what is needed in a Vision Committee.

Of first importance we must know to whom we report. The initial reaction by most people would be to the congregation of course. That is a good response and a valid response. There is, however, a priority that precedes that responsibility. In 1986 the building we occupy, and by extension, the people who form this congregation of believers, was dedicated to the Glory of God. Consequently, our first reporting priority is to God, and the Kingdom of God, established under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

What is God’s will for the future of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church? If we do not approach our visionary tasks with prayer, we are bound to fail and Santa Cruz Lutheran Church will continue to flounder before it takes its final breath.

The “final breath”, in my opinion, can be postponed indefinitely, providing that all are willing to face the challenge of change. What that change might require is not for me to decide; it will be the result of prayer, study, discussions, and deliberations by your chosen representatives. When the council believes that it has reached a God-pleasing decision, the report will be made to the congregation.

Pastor Neal Snider

SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

9:30 am Worship

<u>ACOLYTES</u>		<u>CANTORS</u>	
6	Yaniva Murrieta	6	Renee Riegert/Alice Davis
13	Leo Gracia	13	Chuck Glenn
20	Yasmine Murrieta	20	Carol Radler
27	Jasmine Graciz	27	Gay Kline

ASSISTING MINISTER

6	Stu Weidenschilling
13	Melody Hensley
20	Noel Palmer
27	LeAnn Mitts

COFFEE HOSTS

6	Ches Gandy
13	Jim & Kathy Blake
20	Dick & Jean Meyer
27	Ruth Senkbeil

LECTORS

6	Marilyn McGarry
13	Pat Fisher
20	Ray Rakow
27	Cheryl Barychuk

USHERS

6 & 13	Frances & Margaret Schofield, Allan & Brenda DePew
20 & 27	Joanie Contreras, Diana Chavez, Sandy Mathis-Arment, Sheila Cecena



OUR CRAFTERS will meet again on Tuesday mornings at 9:30, beginning January 8th. This first gathering for 2019 will be a pot luck get-together with time to share new craft ideas you have discovered during the break. We'll begin actual work on our projects the following Tuesday, January 15th. All are invited to attend these weekly meetings (January – May; then September till the bazaar in October).

CHURCH DIRECTORY – Ruth will be updating our directory for 2019 (will be available to pick up the end of January). Please let us know if you would like your cell phone, home phone, and/or email address included. Be sure to tell us if any of your info has changed! You can make changes on the back of your communion cards.

THANKS...

...to **Norm Davis, , Melody Hensley, Kenny Morgan** who set up our Christmas trees to be decorated at our Advent Luncheon;

...to **ALL who were a part of, or helped with our women’s Advent Luncheon: Melody Hensley and Freida Stehr** did a lovely job decorating the fellowship hall;; Gay treated us to her talents on the piano by playing carols while we decorated our Christmas trees; and we all enjoyed a pot luck of delicious salads and desserts after the program.

...to **ALL** who bought 2019 calendars to help raise funds for our Youth groups. The profits will be used for upcoming youth events.

....to **Melody Hensley, Bob & Vicky Hohmann** for organizing and delivering our Christmas food boxes and gifts. A special thanks to **ALL** who donated items for the food boxes and gave generously of gifts to benefit six families from the HeadStart Program.

....to **ALL** who participated in our Christmas Caroling – three homes were visited and a sloppy joe meal was prepared for all the carolers to enjoy as they gathered back at church.

..... **Kenny Morgan** all of the work around the church, painting the Sunday School Room, installing our new water heater and all of the other work he does for the church.

.....**Kristin Smith** for maintaining our memorial garden.

A LOOK AHEAD...

.....**Saturday January 5th** Confirmation class with Pastor Snider at 11:00 am.

.....**Sunday January 6th** **Sunday School** Resumes at 9:45 am

.....**Sunday January 6th** **Pastor’s Bible Study** resumes at 11:00 am

....**Wednesday January 9th, Bible Study Group** will be gathering Wednesday January 9th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. All are welcome. The study is “Brother, Pearl, Voice” pages 107,109,110 from “Saints & Scoundrels of the Bible.”

....**Sunday January 27th Annual Congregational Meeting.** Sign up sheet on the kiosk for the potluck to follow the meeting.

....**Wednesday January 30th** we will be serving dinner at **Lutheran Campus Ministry** at 6:00 pm. Carpool from church leaving at 5:00 pm. This time we will be serving homemade meat chili, vegetarian chili, cornbread and dessert. Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to go or provide food.

.....**Drexel Heights Fire District** is having Senior Safety Academy with free training for Fire Safety, Balance, Scam Squad and Senior Health. Sessions are Wednesday’s 9:00 am-11:30 am on Jan 9, 16, 23, 30th or Tuesday’s 9:00 am – 11:00 am Feb 5, 12, 19. 26. You must attend all 4 sessions.

Classes will be held at Drexel Heights Training Classroom at Station 401, 5030 S. Camino Verde (located on the NW Corner of Ajo and Camino Verde. Target audience is 55 and older.

.....**Saturday February 9th** The ladies from Mt. Zion Lutheran Church are having a Ladies Spa Day from 9 am to 3 pm. Its free admission-consults-Hors d’oeuvres & beverages. Prize drawings every 30 minutes. Grand prize drawing a 2:45 pm. (Must be present to win. There is a flyer on the kiosk.

.....**Sunday February 10th** Parish Life Meeting following service.

...**Saturday, February 16th** – we’re planning a Ladies Tea, complete with a light meal and a speaker. We’ll have a hostess for each of 6-10 tables, set for six or seven women (including the hostess). The hostess will set their table with their own luncheon settings, along with a tea pot or two. We will have a planning meeting on Sunday January 6TH following service. We welcome your input at our Parish Life meeting on February 10th!

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

Roxan Baldwin	Jo Conover	George Corti	Marilyn Fabian	Yolanda Garbani
Shirley Gunion	Manuel Hernandez	Amy Horne	Skip Keiflen	Mark Kern
Jeri McCubbin	Mary Mack	Rowan Norton	Larry Ruder	Erin Schmidt
Jim Skinner	Sandy Skinner	Sarah Wigcher		

Continued prayers for...

Lynn Alms	Paulette Archuleta	Paul Bean	Archie Boatwright
Lois Bradshaw	Larry Broadhead	Carolyn Dodson	Sam Dodson
Ryan Easter	Marilyn Fabian	Ron Geuder	Larry Havenga
Don Hunt	Anita Kniphausen	Weston Koch	Avery Johnson
Russell Kasper	Winnie Keesler	David Kern	Tom Land
Dan Moore	Ray Necochea	Fred Nichols	B.B. Noe
Sandy Read	Caden Sanders	Maxine Schaller	Paula Skinner
Lester Stehr	Royce Tollman	Wanda Valdez	Carrie Turpin
Gary V.	Don Wood	Esther Wood	

Our Shutins: Lois Bradshaw Betty Layton

Our members in Military

Rey Alvarez	Anjelica Corral	Devon Hardesty	Connor Hensley	William Hohmann
Melissa McAdams	Kenneth Marstall	Stephen Marstall	Alan Schmidt	Tyler Smith, USA

If you would like someone added to our list, please make a note on your communion card or contact Ruth in the office.