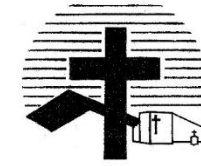


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*Building enduring relationships
in Jesus' Name:
- With God
- With each other
- And with our community*

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MARCH 2020

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**March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1st
Lenten worship 7:00 PM (supper at 6:00 PM)**

**Palm Sunday worship 9:30 - April 5th
Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 PM - April 9
Good Friday worship 7:00 PM April 10th**

**Easter worship 9:30 am - April 12th
8:00-9:15 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.**

**The Council approved an Easter Service at Moody Park. A time will be
announced later. Pastries and coffee will be served and there is a
signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary for the service here and the
one at the Park to help and or to bring goodies to share.**

OUR WINTER GUESTS ARE SPECIAL!

On Sunday, March 22, at 11:00 AM, we will honor our Winter Guests with a "*Hawaiian Themed*" pot luck. Here's an opportunity for ALL of us to share our tastiest— whether it be a main dish, side dish, salad, or dessert – the choice is yours! We have a signup sheet on the back table in the sanctuary. Please let us know if you can attend.

Following our meal, we will have entertainment. 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, Gary & Meradean Gifford, Hank & Dolly Hallstrom, Roger & Mary Heineck, Lowell & Carol Holum, Mark & Teresa Kissel, Glenna Knepper, Norma Rhoades, Lester & Freida Stehr, David & Dorothy Taylor, Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit,.. Please let me know if I have missed anyone!

Bless these Ashes, O God, as a sign of our continual conversion and repentance, and encourage and heal us so that we may serve you and our neighbor in the love and strength of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

It is Traditional to “Give Something Up” for Lent. I remember using “Self-Denial Folders” in Sunday School in my childhood during Lent. We collected dimes or quarters in these folders, either from our Allowance or from money that we collected doing chores or jobs in the neighborhood during Lent. Our Sunday School Teachers urged us to “give up soda pop” or “candy” during Lent and put the money that we saved into the Folders for World Hunger.

We may have outgrown “Self-Denial Folders” but I have heard many different suggestions of forms of “self-denial” or personal discipline that reflect this same Tradition: Some have suggested “giving up plastic for Lent” which may be more difficult than you might think. In past years, I have set aside one nonperishable food item each Day during Lent for Food Pantries. Others have “thinned their wardrobes” or done some “Spring Cleaning” -- getting rid of Surplus Junk in a Systematic Way. Our own Church Yard Sale coming up in Mid-March might be a good place to direct things you’re not using anymore, but I would urge you to be thoughtful in what you donate.

The prayer of blessing on the Ashes that we used for our Ash Wednesday Services provides a helpful focus for the entire Season of Lent. While Jesus urges us not to make a public show of the Acts of Mercy (Alms Giving), Prayer, and Fasting that are the Traditional Disciplines of Lent, we engage in them to Serve God and our Neighbors.

The Lord’s Prayer itself reminds us that Prayer is not merely a Private Act of Piety. It begins with the words, “Our Father”, not “My Father”. We begin by including others in our prayer. The question is exactly who do we include: Our Family? Our Friends? Our Church? Our Neighbors? Our Enemies? The Whole World?

It’s easy to quickly and thoughtlessly pray the Lord’s Prayer. Lent is a time to slow down and reflect on what we are doing. But that reflection goes in more than one direction. With the Lord’s Prayer, the question is not only who are we praying for, but who are we praying with? Even if you pray the Lord’s Prayer alone in your own room with the door shut as Jesus suggests in the Sermon on the Mount, the Prayer joins us with everyone else who happens to be praying the Lord’s Prayer at that time. Since many Christians engage in Daily Prayer (which Jesus hints at in the words, “Give us this Day our Daily

SERVING OUR LORD DURING WORSHIP IN MARCH 9:30 am

<u>9:30 am</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>7 pm Lenten Service</u>
1 Leo Gracia		4 Leo Gracia
8 Yasmine Murrietta		11 Yasmine Murrietta
15 Jasmine Gracia		18 Jasmine Gracia
22 Yaniva Muttietta		25 Yaniva Murrietta
29 Leo Gracia		

ASSISTING MINISTER

- 1 Melody Hensley
- 8 Stu Weidenschilling
- 15 Helmut Boehl
- 22 Carol Radler
- 29 Alice Davis

COFFEE HOSTS

- 1 Norm & Alice Davis
- 8 Ches Gandy
- 15 Pam & Mark Kern
- 22 Winter Visitor Potluck
- 29 Dick & Jean Meyer

LECTORS

- 1 Sheila Cecena
- 8 Valerie Cook
- 15 Cheryl Barychuk
- 22 Todd Scholer
- 29 Dana Scholer

Mid Week Lenten Svcs. 7 pm

- 4 Ruth Senkbeil
- 11 Carol Radler
- 18 Gay Kline
- 25 need a volunteer

USHERS

- 1 Don Genung, Ruth Senkbeil, Cheryl Barychuk, Dianna Chavez
- 8 Bob Durham, Kenny Morgan, Bob & Vicky Hohmann
- 15 Joanie Contreras, Melody Hensley, Leanne Mitts, Arlen Holmes
- 22 Alice & Norm Davis, Sheila & Dylan Cecena
- 29 Frances & Margaret Schofield, Sandy Mathis-Arment & Dina Mathis

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

Remember in your prayers this week...

Kim Agamite	Myrna Alexander	Lynn Alms	Mike Chavez	Lorenzo Corona
Sam Dodson	Alonna Doucette	Brenda Dzeb	Ron Geuder	Karen Hallman
Jo Harmon	Joyce Havenga	Larry Havenga	Joe Jacobs	Skip Keiflin
Ann Kirkpatrick	Linda Kohler	Annette LaBute	Sandra Meyer	Jimmy Morgan
Randy Pierce	Kathy Ramirez	Jim Skinner	Sandy Skinner	Andy Smith
Chuck Van Osten		Harvey Vetter	Leah Wietgrete	

Ellen Swancutt and Tanya Davis as they grieve their loss of Niles Swancutt, Ellen's Brother-in-Law
Brayton Long and family

Continued prayers for...

Lynn Alms	Paulette Archuleta	Linda Bailey	Paul Bean	Kathy Blake
Lois Bradshaw	Chuck Conrad	Louise Conrad	Tonie DeVore	Carolyn Dodson
Ryan Easter	Rick French	Jerise Havenga	William Hohmann 111	
David Kern	Mark Kern	Weston Koch	Tom Land	Betty Layton
Mary Mack	Pat Millyard	Fred Nichol	Rowan Norton	Chuck Palmer
Larry Ruder	Caden Sanders	Erin Schmidt	Paula Skinner	Carol Taylor
Royce Tollman		Nick Trimmer	Carrie Turpin	Gary V
Don Weber	Esther Wood			

Prayers for all families who have loved ones that have gone home before us.

Active Duty Members in the Military

Rey Alvarez	Anjelica Corral	Devon Hardesty	Connor Hensley
William Hohmann	Eric Lopez	Melissa McAdams	Kenneth Marstall
Stephen Marstall	Dillan Schneider	Tyler Smith	
Gene Copper	10 Years in Marines		

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

Bread"), you could say that we are never truly alone when we pray. We pray as community.

During this Season of Lent at our Midweek Services on Wednesday at 7:00 PM, we will be looking at the Ancient Hymn that St. Paul Quotes in Philippians 2:5-11 in a Series Entitled, "At the Name of Jesus". I invite you to read the entire letter of Philippians and think about the situation that St. Paul finds himself in, sitting in Prison because of his preaching, but writing a letter of Gratitude and Encouragement to this small group of believers.

I look forward to seeing you at our Lenten Services, the Soup Suppers that precede them and at our other opportunities for Reflection and Service during this Season of Lent.

Respectfully,
Pastor Robert Jones

Prayer shawl ministry

Our Prayer Shawl group no longer meets on a monthly basis, but the program does continue. If you are able to knit or crochet shawls or lap blankets for those in the hospital, hospice or home bound, we can still use them. You can bring them in on Sundays or bring to the office Tuesday thru Fridays.

We received a thank you for a prayer shawl from Ron Buch. Ron was recently in the hospital and June Keiflen took one to him.

In Memory...

We grieve with Ellen Swancutt and Tanya Davis. Ellen's brother-in-law Niles Swancutt passed away

Get well wishes

Mark Herr is recuperating from Gallbladder surgery. He will be returning to us Sunday March 1, 2020

Sam Dodson is in St. Mary's Rehab Center following his surgery in February. He is in room 3906. Visitors are appreciated.

Gene Copper had a pool accident and was in St. Mary's Hospital for several days. Susie Monk Hager was in the hospital for several days and is home now.

We ask for prayers for all who are listed on our Prayer list as well as those you pray for each day. Prayers do work.

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

Attendance 2020**2019**

Jan 5 80
Jan 12 66
Jan 19 85
Jan 26 83
Totals 314

Jan 6 83
Jan 13 82
Jan 20 98
Jan 27 92
Totals 355

Offerings

Jan	2020	2019
Budgeted	\$13567.00	\$15859.00
Pledged	\$ 10091.00	\$11451.00
Offering	\$15672.44	\$14547.00

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE (and Church Council news)

- At our Annual Meeting of January 26th, the following members were elected to serve: Valerie Cook, Vicki Hohmann and Renee Riegert on Church Council; Gay Kline and Sandy Mathis-Arment, and Saundra Kornelle with the Financial Review Committee; Carol Radler and Dianna Chavez to attend the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly in June in Las Vegas.
- Thank you to those continuing to serve in 2020 Melody Hensley, Stu Weidenschilling, Leanne Mitts, Joanie Contreras and Sheila Cecena on Church Council); Saundra Kornelle, Carol Radler and Gay Kline (Financial Review); Don Genung (Nominating). We are grateful for those so willing to serve.
- At our Council Meeting of February 20th, Arlen Holmes was again appointed as Financial Secretary (a position he has held for over 51 years! – Thank you, Arlen!); we're grateful that Ruth Senkbeil is continuing as Treasurer. Melody Hensley was voted to be President, Vice President is Renee Riegert and Council Secretary is Vicky Hohmann.
- Also the council suggested that we get bids to redo the flooring in the food bank area. Our Good Bank has received some grant money to go for the project.
- The council also approved getting a locked dumpster for our church. The one we have does not have a lock and our "neighbors" use it for their personal use. We have the larger one now to allow us the room we need for "our church" garbage from the fellowship hall functions and food bank boxes, etc.

HOW CAN I HELP AT SANTA CRUZ

WELL YOU CAN. I invite you to sign up to read lessons, be an assistant to the Pastor, read lessons, make coffee and serve as a coffee host(ess), bring in goodies to share with coffee, be on the Altar Guild to take care of our altar, greet worshippers on Sunday and hand out books and bulletins and help usher. There are many committees you can be on such as Food Bank ministry, Parish Life, crafts, Bible Study etc. Please make a note on the back of your communion card or talk to Ruth in the office.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...the men and women who show up every Tuesday to unload the food bank trucks. They arrive around 8:00 am and stay until close to 11 am to unload and put everything away. I apologize that I do not know everyone's names as some are friends of members or just friends of our church. Also thanks to those who go once a week to "shop" at the main food bank for the extra's. And thanks to everyone that brings extra items on Sundays and during the week. Everything donated are such a big help to our clients that need help from our food pantry.

Our volunteers are so faithful and step up where needed. We have found that we always need four volunteers for each time the food pantry is open. Our signup calendar is in the office. Please sign up if you see less than 4 signed up. We appreciate your help.

...We have several groups that work "behind the scenes, such as Altar Guild, our counters, Sunday School teachers, Arlen does your quarterly reports, Diane W writes checks, The financial reviews are done monthly. Our ushers that show up early to make sure everything is ready for service. I know they don't get many thanks but we need to take the time to say "Thank you". Thanks to the Food Bank Shoppers. I know I always forget someone and it is certainly not intentional. I also need reminders so leave a note on my desk and I will include them another time.

We received a note from Lisa Wood-Hromidko....

A heart felt Thank You to Santa Cruz friends and members who have supported my family through the loss of my father, Don Wood. The cards I received were appreciated, particularly all the cards and phone calls to my Mom.

Thank you Don and Arlen for ushering. Much appreciated ladies for your contribution of desserts for the Celebration of Life, not to mention taking care of the kitchen before, during and after.

Kenny, I appreciate your commitment to meeting me at church for set up 1/31. I knew I could count on you. Awesome.

Carol-your beautiful voice! Gay your gift of music!

Mark & Theresa-WOW-what an unexpected surprise to assist with set up-unsolicited on 1/31. Forever grateful.

Kristin & Dana, the grounds and Memorial Garden groomed to a tee!

Pastor...Thanks. Please accept my apologies if your behind the scenes work was not mentioned but realize how humbled I am. In God's Love. Lisa

A note from Ruth: Growing up I never understood why my catholic friends "gave up something for Lent". Oh how they suffered that they could not have chocolate or soda or whatever they sacrificed. At the age of 32 I married and joined the Lutheran Church, and then understood the true meaning of Lent and what it meant to give up something. I quickly learned that it did not necessarily mean giving up some type of candy or soda or other food items.

Something I started several years ago was as follows: starting with Ash Wednesday I take an article of clothing (clothes, shoes) that I no longer use and put in a box. After Easter, I take the boxes to the Gospel Rescue Mission for women, and donate the boxes. It makes me feel so good that I am helping someone that really needs the items.

Just recently I was told that this is also a good idea for our food bank. Each day put a canned or boxed item in boxes and after Easter donate the boxes to our food pantry.

So if you want to "give up something" perhaps these ideas will help and if you have something you would like to share that you do, please let me know so I can share with others here at Santa Cruz.

"Make your Lent positive, not merely negative. Undertake some practical work for good, and carry it through." (from a booklet given to me printed in 1931)

