

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

Sunday January 9, 2022—join us after worship to take down the Christmas trees and all Christmas items for storage. Coffee and donuts after.



Building enduring relationships

in Jesus' Name:

- With God

- With each other

- And with our community

Santa Cruz News

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Epiphany January 9, 2022

Pastors Page

We “confess that the Gospel, recorded in Scripture and confessed in the ecumenical Creeds and the Lutheran Confessional Writings, as the Power of God to create and sustain the Church for God’s Mission in the world.” (ELCA Model Constitution 4:07)

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

I have been asked to teach classes on Creeds and Confessions in the Lutheran Church for Diakonia Training for our Conference and Synod. The classes will be held at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in January and February and Online in February and March. These

classes are part of training members of the congregations of our Synod in their preparation for Diaconal Ministry—the Ordained Ministry of Word and Service in our Congregations and in Specialized Ministries of the ELCA. Mark and Teressa Kissel received similar training in the Alaska Synod of the ELCA. This training is similar to Seminary Training, though the classes are shorter and more informal.

In these classes I will be teaching a group of Seven Students about the role of the Creeds and the Lutheran Confessions in our lives as individuals and as congregations in God’s Mission in the world. The classes are also open to members of our congregation, but are focused on people training for Diaconal Ministry. As you can see from the section of our Church Constitution that I quoted at the beginning of this Article, the Creeds and the Confessions are important statements of our Faith. They help us to confess and proclaim the Gospel and as Statements of the Gospel they actually help to define us as the Church.

We confess our faith in the words of either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed nearly every time we gather for worship as a Congregation. And Luther’s Small Catechism (one of the Lutheran Confessional Writings) helps to shape Confirmation Instruction in our Churches—some of you had to memorize it as a part of your Confirmation. Perhaps you have wondered about the fact that we use these Statements of Faith that are not actually a part of the Bible in our Worship and in teaching people about what Lutherans believe. The Classes that I will be teaching are about these documents and the role they play in our faith and life as Lutheran Christians.

Thanks to....

...To Dana & Todd Scholer and Kristin Smith for taking care of our grounds and memorial garden.

..Thanks to Carol Radler for overseeing maintenance needing done on our property.

...Kenny Morgan for doing work around our church and grounds.

...to all those who volunteer to work in our Food Pantry and unload the trucks.

...to Mark, Carol, Alice and Renee and Pastor Bob for sharing their gifts of music on Sundays and Mark Kissel for taping our services live for our Facebook page each week.

...to Gary & LeAnne Mitts and Bill & Cheryl Barychuk for going to the main Food bank and picking up the extra food that we give out on Wednesdays.

...to Kenny White for volunteering to take care of the marquee.

...to all who "Just step" up to help with worship services"

*You're
Invited!!*

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR **LADIES LUNCH BUNCH**
FRIDAY JANUARY 14, 2022 12:30 pm
BAMBOO TERRACE AT MISSION AND AJO (North east corner)
Sign up sheet on table at back of sanctuary.

Coming in January 2022

January 2 2022 giving envelopes are now available

January 4 Pastor Bob will return from vacation.

January 9 San Juan Bautista is having King Day

January 11 Annual reports Deadline is January 11, 2022

January 14 Ladies Lunch bunch

January 16 Blessing of the prayer shawls during service

January 16 Annual reports available

January 20 Council meeting 6:30 pm

January 23 Annual meeting following service with potluck to follow



- 1 - Ashley (Contreras) Woo
- 2 - Jill Rode
- 9 - Gay Kline
- 11 - Francis Schofield
- 12 - Betty Hossler
Dick Meyer
- 22 - Cody Wood-Hromidko
- 25 - Nichole Hardesty
- 26 - Sandi Geuder
- 27 - Jean Meyer
- 28 - Louise Conrad
Katherine Garcia
Crystal Gutierrez



16-1969 Ron & Sandi Geuder

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One of the books that I will be using in these classes is Roots of Our Faith. It is a Congregational Study Guide to the Lutheran Confessions that was written by Dr. James Nestingen, a Professor in Church History at Luther Seminary. Later this year, I plan on offering this 6 Session Study for Adult Instruction. It will also serve as "New Member Classes" for those who wish to join our Church. The Creeds and Confessions are simply expressions of our Faith in the Gospel that come from our history as Lutherans

Looking forward into 2022, you can see that one side of the New Year for us has to do with looking again at the "Roots of Our Faith" and exploring how these Roots shape our lives and our faith and God's Mission among us and through us in the world. May God bless us all as we move forward into 2022, grounded in the Gospel of God's Love in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,
Pastor Robert Jones



Needing volunteers...

If you would be willing to host/hostess coffee and refreshments on the first Sunday of the month please contact Ruth in the office or leave a note on my desk. We can really use volunteers.

SERVING GOD
BY SERVING OTHERS

January Schedule

2 **Music accompanist** Renee Riegert
Cantor Carol Radler

Assistant Minister Alice Davis



Lector Ruth Senkbeil
Ushers Norm Davis and
Vicky Hohmann

Refreshments Pam
Kern and Cheryl Barychuk

9 Music Director Mark
Herr

Cantor Alice Davis and
Renee Riegert

Assistant Minister Gay
Kline

Lector Lisa Wood-
Hromidko

Ushers Mark and Pam Kern, Jaden & Brooklyn

16 Music Director Mark Herr

Cantor Carol Radler

Assistant Minister Kenny White

Lector Pat Fisher

Ushers Diane White and Joanie Contreras

23 Music Director Mark Herr

Cantor Alice Davis and Renee Riegert

Assistant Minister Joanie Contreras

Lector Diane White

Ushers Mark & Teresa Kissel and Kenny Morgan

31 Music Director Mark Herr

Cantor Carol

Assistant Minister Renee Riegert

Lector Mark Kissel

Ushers Gay Kline, LeAnne Mitts

STARS OF THE MONTH: Our food bank volunteers are featured this month. On Wednesdays, our volunteers come in at 9 am to unload the food trucks and put everything away to prepare for the day. They also prepare the boxes of your donations and some extra items from the

food bank that is picked up on Tuesdays by Gary & LeAnne Mitts or Bill & Cheryl Barychuk. They take meat, milk and any other freezer items to put in ice chests. Each week a list of what is to be given out is prepared so all the workers know what to hand out. The size of the family determines how many bags and extra items will be given to each family. All of the bags and boxes are on a conveyer belt and put into grocery baskets that the clients take to their vehicles. Over the years the food area has been streamlined to make it more efficient. Drop by on a Wednesday to check out how they work. You will be amazed at the number of people that we help each week.

In the photo - From the left we have Gary Mitts, Carlos, Jose, Lester Stehr, Glenna Knepper, LeAnne Mitts, Dora Hernandez, Diane White and sitting is Freida Stehr. This is not all of the volunteers. We have two shifts of workers. The first shift works from 9 to 3 pm. Second shift is 3 to 7 pm. Some of our volunteers have been volunteering since we began the program 10 years ago.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Zoom Meetings:

Bible studies resume the week of January 3, 2022

Topic: SUNDAY MORNING Coffee Hour-Virtual Cafe 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Time: This is a recurring meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

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Topic: THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Noon to 1 pm Time: This is a recurring meeting. Join Zoom Meeting

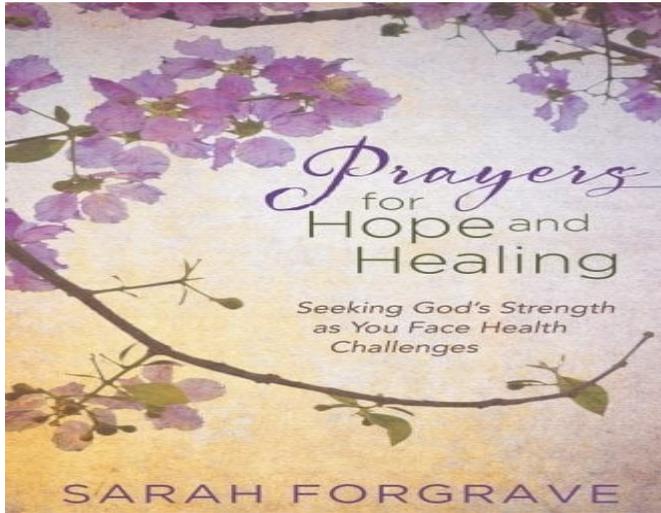
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Keep these families and friends in your prayers.

Request for prayers for Skip Keiflin. His cancer has metastasized through his body liver..lymph nodes..lungs...etc. maybe even bones. He is at home but requests no visitors.



Grief Share is a Christian support group and seminar program produced by Church Initiative. Used by 15,000 congregations globally, it leads those grieving through weekly sessions that provide comfort, answers to their questions, and hope on their grief recovery journey. The weekly seminar topics include:

- Is This Normal?
- Challenges of Grief

- The Journey of Grief – Part One
- The Journey of Grief – Part Two
- Grief and Your Relationships
- Why?
- Guilt and Anger
- Complicating Factors

You can go to www.griefshare.org. Click on the “find a group” button and enter the location of Tucson, Arizona or your zip code. It will bring up a list of places that you can attend. I joined a group several years ago and at that time the cost was \$15 to register and included a Participant Book. The class was small and it was good to listen and share with others going through the same thing.

You may have seen this before, but I came across it in one of my files and wanted to share it again...

Do we need a Church Shot?

I found this in a book called Snappy Squibs for the Church Calendar. This was printed in 1931. It's titled "Morbus Sabbaticus" which translates to "Sunday Sickness"

"Sunday Sickness"

The symptoms vary, but it never interferes with the appetite.

It never lasts more than twenty-four hours at a time.

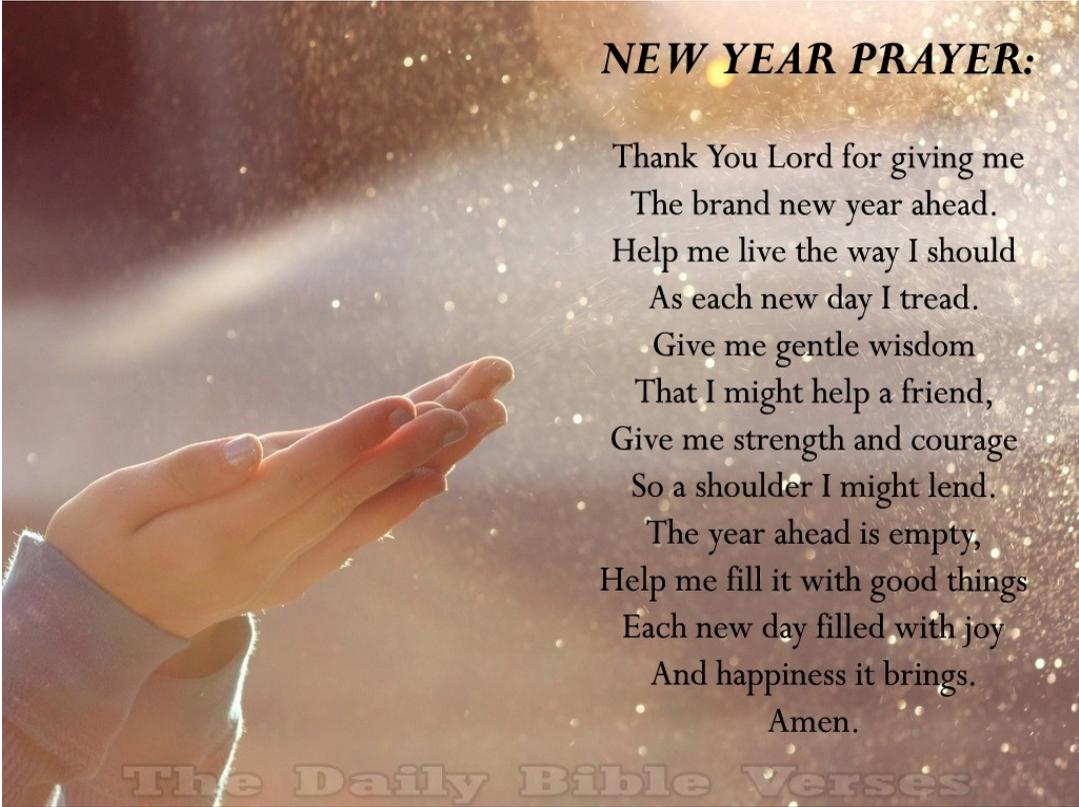
No physician is ever called.

It always proves fatal in the end, to the soul.

It is contagious.

The attack comes on suddenly every Sunday; no symptoms are felt on Saturday night, and the patient awakes as usual, feeling fine and eats a hearty breakfast. About 9 o'clock the attack comes on and lasts until about noon. In the afternoon, the patient is much improved and is able to take a ride and read the Sunday newspaper. Patient eats a hearty supper, but the attack soon comes on again and lasts through the evening (for those who have Sunday evening church). Patient is able to go to work Monday as usual.

Interesting.

A close-up photograph of a hand with fingers spread, held in a prayerful gesture. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a soft, golden-brown glow with numerous small, bright white and yellow specks, resembling stars or dust particles, creating a dreamy and spiritual atmosphere. The lighting is warm and directional, coming from the upper left, casting a gentle shadow on the hand.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses

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Happy
New Year