

Santa Cruz Lutheran Church
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School Supplies....

We are CONTINUNG collecting school supplies that we hand out from our Food Pantry on Wednesday's. We need facial tissues, copy paper, hand sanitizer, pencils, dry erase markers, regular markers, pencil boxes, spiral notebooks, file folders, and 3 ring binders and back packs.



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

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“Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.” (Psalm 100:2)

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

I heard some really surprising news from the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA in Cincinnati on August 12 at the conclusion to the Assembly: The Next Churchwide Assembly in 2025 will be in Phoenix. Lutherans from across the nation and the Caribbean will be gathering in Phoenix in August of 2025. Since it's not going to be here in Tucson, we will have to look at the logistics that are involved with being a “near neighbor” to the Host City. Personally, it means that I will probably be “bunking in” with my sister in Glendale in order to shorten the commute. But that's looking 3 years down the road.

On the much more immediate horizon, as we head into the Fall, things are really picking up. We are looking at hosting some Adult Forums after Church on Sundays with Representatives from Lutheran Social Services and the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and (hopefully) with Pastor Mateo from San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church. Lutheran Social Services provides a variety of Services for families with aging family members, The Mission Investment Fund provides guidance for writing wills, endowments and trust funds, and Pastor Mateo can help us to appreciate the richness of cultures that surround us and the challenges that he faces in multicultural ministry.

We will begin with Nadine Hanson and a Counselor Specializing in Working with the Elderly from Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest on September 25 after Church in the Fellowship Hall. The other Forums will follow later in the Fall and Winter as speakers become available.

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Our Second Annual Bike Safety Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, September 24 from 9-11 AM. In addition to Free Bike Helmets and a Safety Course from the Drexel Heights Fire Department and

Free Bike Safety Tune ups from the Living Streets Alliance and a Visit by McGruff the Crime Dog from the Pima County Sherriff's Department, El Tour de

Tucson is giving participants a discount on Registrations for the Fun Ride in November. We will need help from members of the Congregation as children from the neighborhood learn even more about Bike Safety this year!

I've noticed that "In Person Retreats" are also picking up this Fall: The Bishop's Clergy Retreat and the LAMA (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Arizona) Retreat are coming up in October and November. As activities start picking up, we can easily feel overwhelmed after so many months of "sheltering at home" because of Covid which continues to affect us. The challenge is to "pace ourselves" as we gradually increase our involvement and to slowly work at rebuilding our "social muscles" step by step.

Respectfully,

Pastor Robert Jones

CHURCH COUNCIL: Council meeting are now on the third Sunday of every month at 11:00 am. Reports need to be sent to Carol a week before the meeting. Next meeting is September 18, 2022 following worship.

Ladies Lunch Bunch Our next luncheon will be 12:30 pm on Friday September 16th. Not sure of location at this time.

SALCA camp has been rescheduled for September 2nd and home on September 5th. Marliza and Memo Andrade, Jaden and Brooklyn Johnson will be attending.



FORUM...Please join us on Sunday September 25th following worship in the fellowship hall. Nadine Hanson from Lutheran Social Services will be with us. LSS has many resources that she will discuss. This may be of special interest to our senior population and those who assist them. Refreshments and coffee will be served.

RECYCLING Many of you already collect your soda cans and bring them to the church for recycling. Ray and Sandy Mathis-Arment have volunteered to take them to the recycling facility. The money received goes into our operating account. Mark Kern talked to me and said we can also recycle #1 plastic bottles. He said the number is on the bottom of the bottles. You would need to crush them and bring them along with your cans in separate bags.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Options

Here are some Topics for Adult Education with Pastor Jones. Please Indicate your first, second and third choice and sign your name at the bottom if you plan on participating in the Sunday Morning Adult Education Program..

- **Lectionary Preview:** A Look at Next Sunday's Lessons. Here is an opportunity to ask questions that might find their way into Next Sunday's Sermon.
- **Seasons of the Christian Calendar:** A Look at the Six Major Seasons of the Christian Calendar: Advent; Christmas; Epiphany; Lent; Easter; and Pentecost
- **Creeds and Confessions:** A Look at Lutheranism and the Basic Statements of Faith over the past 500 Years.
- **Stewardship: Living in Gratitude:** A Look at Three Basic Areas of Stewardship: Our Selves (Our Gifts and Talents--what we like to do); Our Time (The Balance of Work and Rest); Our Possessions (our Financial and Lifestyle Choices)
- **Isaiah:** A Look at the Book of Isaiah, the Prophet, his Followers and how we balance Faith and Politics in our Lives.
- **The year of Matthew:** Beginning with Advent (Dec. 1) the Gospel of Matthew will be the featured Gospel for most of 2023. Here we look at major themes of Matthew and its unique Message. There are Five Discourses (Sermons). We will spend some time listening to and watching dramatized readings of these Five Sermons.
- **The Dead Sea Scrolls:** The Dead Sea Scrolls are one of the most important historical and archeological Discoveries of the 20th Century. This Overview looks at the different kinds of literature that were found, the Old Testament Books that are included and how they are similar and different from the

versions of the same books in the Bible. And the Dead Sea Scrolls Books that are Not in the Bible.

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- **Reading the Bible:** There are many different ways to Read the Bible. Lectio Divina is one of the oldest Traditional Ways to Read the Bible that goes back to the Middle Ages. Luther had a particular way of reading the Bible. Here is a opportunity to look at different approaches.
- **Other Topics:** What other topics would you like to se in Adult Education on Sunday Mornings?

Name: _____

Phone _____

Please return this form to the office indicating what you would like to study.

A helpful hint from June Keiflin

If your headlight covers are getting foggy you can clean them yourself. Put some regular toothpaste on a cotton, ball. Rub lightly in circles on the headlight cover by softly rubbing in

circles to the right and then to the left. June did this on her headlight covers and it worked.

This will also work on glasses if you get a small scratch, you can use the same method with toothpaste.

NOTE FROM DIANE WHITE, CHURCH TREASURER

Greetings to our Council, Members, and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

As Treasurer of SCLC I feel it's my responsibility to share a concern with you. Granted, this is a concern we face during this time each year and you've heard my words before. However, I would be doing a disservice to the church I hold dear to my heart if I left my words unsaid.

As I completed the Treasurer's Report for July, I realized we again sustained a deficit for the fourth month in a row. The cushion we created throughout the fall and winter months has been depleted leaving our Operating Account year-to-date balance at -\$378.71. Not a huge deficit, but a deficit, nonetheless.

Folks may ask why, then, are we tackling such projects as upgrading our antiquated Sound System, installing a safeguard Memorial Garden railing, and replacing old tile flooring. Please realize that none of the funds spent on these special projects come from our Operating Account; all are being funded through donations from our members and friends, yard sale money raised, craft sales, endowment funds, and grant money.

What can we do?

My hope is that our staff and volunteers will be diligent in making sure the A/C (or heat) is turned up (or down) when a room is not in use, that lights are turned off, that our irrigation system is running efficiently. We're currently looking into the most efficient way to control our food bank refrigerators/freezers when they are empty.

My hope is that during these leaner times there are some in our midst who may be able to give beyond their weekly/monthly

offering. My hope is that those who may be behind in their pledge are able to bring that pledge up to date. My hope is that there may be some who are able to give an offering for the very first time.

My prayer is that each of you take time to think about what Santa Cruz Lutheran Church means to you and how you might be able to help, especially during these leaner times.

God's Blessings,

Diane White

Notes from Carol Radler....

VBS Mission Project: Smile train

This year's VBS Mission Project, **Smile Train**, is 2/3s to its goal of \$250. With this gift we will be able to grant one child a life saving operation to correct a cleft-palate. We have only 3 Sundays left, as this project ends **September 11, 2022**. Literature, a puzzle (can you put it back together?), poster child, and a donation box are on the table by the choir room door. Thank you to those who have already given.

Rally Sunday – September 11, 2022

Youth education class begins Sunday, 9/11 @ 10:30 am with Pinata bashing on the patio. The youth have chosen using **Grapple: Preteens' toughest questions. The Bible's smartest answers** for their curriculum. A spread sheet with the dates and titles of the Sunday's lessons, activities, and snacks will be posted on the church kiosk. Volunteers are always welcome especially on the third Sundays, as I have SCLC Council those days. The youth that attend this class are **awesome**, and if you want to connect with the younger generation again, this is the place!

Music & Worship Team is seeking volunteers to join in choosing our hymn selections for the upcoming months. Please see Mark Herr, Pastor Bob, or Carol Radler if you would be interested in offering your time and choices. We have been using the summer

suggestions for our Hymns of the Day, and they have been gratefully accepted.

Kudos to the Property Team!! This team works behind the scenes making sure your Santa Cruz grounds are kept clean, safe, and inviting for your worship experience. Please thank them: Melody Hensley, Kenny Morgan, Kristin Smith & Mike, Dana and Todd Scholer, and Diane & Kenny White. **THEY ARE AWESOME!! Thank you.**

Other Notes From Carol....

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The council has rescheduled the Special Congregational Meeting to vote on proceeding with the Audio/Visual Project proposed by the Worship Committee. Look for letters mid-September.

Our first meeting fell 1 member short of a quorum, thus October 23, at 10:45 AM has been selected for our next attempt. The three bids, plus the documentation of the equipment proposes is available for perusal before that meeting.

Pastor Bob is currently trying a new camera for our Live Streaming on Sundays. We are trying to work out the kinks, and the Audio portion of our project would enhance those efforts with the new proposed equipment. We have received the third installment grant monies, moving our thermometer closer to our \$12000 goal. Thank you to those who have already gifted that project.

God's Creation Calendars

Carol will again be offering the God's Creation Calendars this year, with the proceeds going toward building our Youth Account for SALCA Camp again next year. They are now costing \$7.00 per calendar. I will need names and how many before I will place the order, as we must pay in advance. Please let me know if you are thinking of ordering this year, and approximately how many you will need.

Did you know we still have Prayer Shawls and Lapghans here? We also have several lapghans for children. We no longer have prayer shawl group meetings here at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church but we have several faithful ladies that make and shawls and lapghans and donate to our church. Alice Davis, Vicky Hohmann and June Keiflin still crochet and donate them. You are welcome to pick one up for loved ones who are ill or just need our prayers. Talk to Melody any Sunday and she can help you. Pastor Bob does a blessing of the Prayers Shawls twice a year

Thank you.....

- ...Kristin Smith for taking care of our memorial garden and for repairing the leak in the drip system. Todd and Dana Scholer for yard work.
- ...Kenny White for keeping our patio cleaned up when Kristin can't be here.
- ...to Bill and Cheryl Barychuk, Gary and LeAnne Mitts and Franco for going to the Main Food bank and picking up the extra food that we give out on Wednesdays.

+ + +Prayers Requested + + +

- ...**Kathy Blake** has stage 3 cancer of the esophagus. She has completed chemo and radiation and is scheduled for a PET Scan in October and then surgery will be scheduled.
- ...**Rose Phillips** has completed Chemotherapy for invasive breast cancer, and is now scheduled for surgery September 19th
- ...**Yvonne Molina** daughter of Beverly Palermo is in treatment for skin cancer (area site of previous mastectomy and revision of breast)
- ...**Gary Wunder** is in Park Rehab Center. He requires rehab to get him back on his feet and walking.

....**Caregivers**.. Taking care of loved one's, friends or family can be a difficult task.

+ + + We Grieve + + +

With Sandi Mathis-Arment and Sheila Cecena and their families as they mourn the loss of Susie Hager-Monk. Susie passed away Wednesday August 24, 2022.

A memorial garden service is being planned for Ellen Swancutt's family. Information will be sent out when plans are confirmed.

SERVING IN September 2022

September 4 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Mark Herr
Assistant Minister: Carol Radler
Lector: Carol Radler
Acolytes: Our four acolytes are at SALCA
Ushers: Kenny Morgan and Melody Hensley

September 11 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Chuck Glen
Assistant Minister: LeAnne Mitts
Lector: LeAnne Mitts
Acolytes: Jaden Johnson
Ushers: Pam Kern and Brooklyn Johnson

September 18 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Carol Radler

Assistant Minister: Stu Weidenschilling
Lector: Stu Weidenschilling
Acolytes: Guillermo Andrade
Ushers: Cheryl Barychuk & Vicky Hohmann

September 25 Pastor Robert Jones
Music Director: Mark Herr
Cantor: Chuck Glen
Assistant Minister: Kenny White
Lector: Kenny White
Acolytes: Brooklyn Johnson
Ushers: Diane White and Joanie Contreras



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Our first aid cabinet in the kitchen is in need of some new supplies. If you would like to donate items we need, band aids large and regular size, ace wraps, rolls of gauze large and small, bandage tape, Aspirin children's and adult and a digital thermometer. You can leave donations in the office and I will replace the old items in the cabinet.



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We now have an adult full-length cot in the corner by the medicine cabinet. At our 4th of July event we had a gentlemen pass out and lay on the bathroom floor, thus the need for the cot



When we pray for one another it makes a difference. Remember in your prayers this week...

Carleen Baker	Kathy Blake	Brianna Griesman
Larry Havenga	Meri Hensley	Betty Hossler
Kacey Hunt	Mary Mack	Yvonne Molina
Rose Phillips	Judi Ruder	Hailey Todd
Mia Zuleidy Vasquez	Gary Wunder	Myrna Wunder

Continued prayers for...

Paulette Archuleta	Linda Bailey	Cheryl Bahrychuk	
Chuck Conrad	Gene Copper	Rose Copper	
Carolyn Dodson	Allan DePew		
Ron Geuder	Joyce Havenga	Rose Havenga	
June Keiflin	Mark & Lisa Koch		
Larry & Judi Ruder	Jim Skinner	Gary V	Esther Wood

Fred Young & Lillian Kusy

Active Duty Members in the Military

Rey Alvarez Anjelica Corral Devon Hardesty
Connor Hensley William Hohmann
Erik Lopez Melissa McAdams Kenneth Marstall
Stelphen Marstall Dillan Schneider
Gene Copper 10 years in the Marines