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



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

For many years our newsletters and calendars have been printed on yellow legal paper. Due to the increase in cost of colored paper, I will no longer be printing the newsletter on yellow. White legal-size paper is half the cost, thus the new look of November newsletter.

“May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew;

like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth.”  
Deuteronomy 32:2

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

It's wonderful to see our Winter Visitors starting to come back. Not only do they add to our Worship Sunday by Sunday, but they contribute with their time, talents and treasure. That is not to take our Regular Members for Granted. We are all needed and appreciated.

The New Model Constitution for Congregations in the ELCA includes a New Category of Membership in addition to Regular Members and Associate Members. It includes Seasonal Membership as well. Seasonal Members, like Associate Members, retain Membership at another ELCA Congregation. Seasonal Membership is a way of recognizing the special contributions that our Winter Visitors make. The Church Council started looking at the New Model Constitution a few months ago. It will come before the Congregation in 2023.

On November 13 we are receiving two new people, Narcissa de la Rosa and Diana White, as full members. Narcissa comes to us as a volunteer for our Food Bank. Diana is coming to us from Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church here in Tucson.

On November 6 we are receiving Bill and Ann DeVinney as Associate Members. They will continue to be members at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, also here in Tucson. Bill is a core member of the Southern Comfort Band and Ann is also musically talented. We look forward to seeing what other talents and interests these new Members will share with us in the months ahead. Please make these folks welcome as they formalize their relationships with our congregation.

Any of our Winter Visitors who are interested in becoming Associate Members should contact me or Ruth in the Church Office to let us know. We will have to wait until next year to consider having Seasonal Members. The Difference between Associate Membership and Seasonal Membership is that Seasonal Members can vote on most items at Congregational Meetings except for calling or terminating the call of a pastor. They are also not allowed to vote in two different congregations within two months. (continued on last page)

Seasonal Members will only be allowed in Synods where the Synod Council has approved the status. This is probably the biggest difference between the old and new Model Constitutions. We will have

to read the provisions (C8.02e Model Constitution) rather carefully as we consider Seasonal Membership along with Associate Membership. It is a refreshing change to be adding new members to our rolls. It is clearly a sign of God's Spirit moving among us.

Respectfully,

Pastor Robert Jones

**Mark your calendars for these important dates: they are on your calendar but sometimes we miss them**

**November 5th** 7 am to noon Yard Sale Mountain Side Mobile Home Park 3341 W. Gentry Lane Tucson 85746 520-578-1172

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** All Saints Sunday-you can light a candle in memory of your loved ones.

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** Potluck following worship-taco bar. Bring side dishes or desserts.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** Stu Weidenschilling will be starting a weekly bible study on Job on Sundays after worship 10:45 am in sanctuary.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** 12:30 pm Ladies lunch bunch Karichimaks'a on Mission rd.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** We will turn in our commitment cards during worship.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** Church Council meets at 10:45 am

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** 7 pm Thanksgiving service with communion

**Nov 26<sup>th</sup>** Come and decorate trees in sanctuary and stay for potluck lunch of salads and desserts. Sign up sheet in back of sanctuary

From Carol Radler....

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. WooHoo!!** We gathered the necessary quorum for our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to address the proposal from the Music/Worship committee and Council to update our current sound system. A majority vote was received for both items, Audio and Visual, for Nova West Communications to start ordering the necessary equipment to replace our 37-year-old speakers, amplifier/mixer/ and microphones from analog to digital. The visual update will be later, but will entail a mounted camera with speaker that will connect directly into our Wi-Fi in the office for our live streaming to our SCLC Website from our Sunday worship. Thank you for showing up for this important meeting. Fund raisers to cover the costs will begin shortly. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

The project equipment being offered is displayed on a poster board, with a thermometer on the side to show our monetary growth. As of Sunday, October 23 our funding stands at \$6,854.10 toward our \$12, 000 goal for the sound equipment. We still have one more \$1,000 payment due from the Grand Canyon Synod in December, so are over ½ way to our required amount. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

### **God's Creation Calendars**

Our youth are again offering the **God's Creation Calendars** for 2023, with the proceeds going toward building their funds for the summer SALCA Camp. They are now costing \$7.00 per calendar. I will need names and requests for 25 before I am able to place the order, as we must pay in advance. Sign up is on the kiosk, or you can send me an email with your name and how many you wish to order. [\*\*clrchoirlady@aol.com\*\*](mailto:clrchoirlady@aol.com)

**SCLC Council** will again be offering the FREE Advent Calendars from the ELCA World Hunger program. They will be on the back table just before Thanksgiving, as 11/27/2022 is the first Sunday in Advent.

**Music & Worship Committee** is again sponsoring the Christmas Tree Decorating and Salad Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, November 26 starting at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. Mark Herr will be playing our favorite Christmas songs for us to sing along as we decorate with our beautiful Chrismons. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Time/Talent/Tithing** pamphlets and cards will be sent to everyone on October 31. Please pray about your current giving status, and what you are using your God given talents for at Santa Cruz. Are you able/willing to volunteer them for use in 2023? As we will no longer receive the Sprint/T-Mobile monies, our budget will be based solely on your pledges for next year. Please return your cards and volunteer preferences on Sunday, November 20 during our worship.

**Simply Giving** forms are at the back of the sanctuary if you prefer that mode of tithing.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** will be held on Wednesday, November 23 @ 7:00 PM in our sanctuary. It will also be available on your car radio at 107.1, if you prefer to sit in the parking lot. There will **not** be pie/coffee offered afterwards this year.

**THANK YOU!!** We are slowly recuperating from our yearly budget shortfall. Thank you to those who were able to give above and beyond their regular tithing to bring us back to pre-summer status. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED.**

## **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING**

The Annual Christmas Tree decorating, and Salad Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 26 from 11:30 AM — 1:30 PM. This event is open to everyone and heralds the first Sunday of Advent on November 27. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church in November. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Mark Herr has agreed to play Christmas music during the decorating.

## **Social Ministry News at Santa Cruz**

Dear friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving and Christmas are almost here. Traditionally we have provided Thanksgiving meal boxes to families in our area. This year we suggest that these efforts be directed towards our clients that come through the Food Pantry. Staples provided by the Community Food Bank have been down recently. Our shelves are in constant need of replenishing. Provisions are welcome and needed throughout the year as well as during the holidays.

This Christmas we are partnering with Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez from San Juan Bautista to provide toys for the children of their ministry. Annette will provide a list of suggestions which we will hang on the Angel Tree. The toys need not be expensive or battery operated. The gifts need not be wrapped as Pastor Mateo and Annette will distribute them to their children. There are about 15-20 children at San Juan Bautista and 50-75 at the shelter in Nogales that is part of their ministry. Monetary donations would be appreciated as well. Please indicate how much you are donating to social ministry holiday projects. You may designate which project you would like to help with if you would like. Please let us know if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to help.

Grace and Peace,

Cheryl Bahrychuk Melody Hensley Social Ministry Committee

## **Fellowship after worship...**

This Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> Melody Hensley is hosting. We will have the meat and chips for walking tacos. Please bring side dishes that go along with the tacos. Cheese, salsa, lettuce, tomatoes etc. We also need other dishes such as salads, hot dishes and desserts.

We know everyone likes to get together, but we need folks who want to take charge of each week.

For coffee hour you would be responsible for making coffee, putting out cream and sugar, cups, spoons, napkins and small plates if you serve cookies. You could bring cookies or ask someone to bring them.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a cup of coffee and a cookie and sit on the patio and visit while the weather is nice?

The potlucks would be in the fellowship hall. We need at least two hosts. They would be setting up, cleaning up and asking you to bring a dish. Even a pot of soup and a sandwich would be wonderful. It will be getting cooler and that is when I think of homemade soup.

I will put up a signup sheet for each Sunday that you could host or offer cookies for coffee hour and what you could bring to a potluck.

I hope you all would like to start doing this again.

Our **Food Pantry ministry** continues every Wednesday from 11 am to 7 pm. We are so appreciative of our volunteers, but need more help from 11am to 3 pm and 3 pm to 7 pm We have volunteers from our neighborhood and also volunteers from our congregation. Stop in and say hi and thank them for their help. Please think about donating several hours on a Wednesday to help in the food bank. You do not have to commit to every week. Just one Wednesday a month if you like.

**On Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> we lost a faithful friend and volunteer from our Food Pantry. Carlos Soltero started with us 11 years ago and came every week. He greeted everyone with a smile and was so kind to everyone. Carlos will truly be missed.**

### **Thanks to.....**

...Food Bank shoppers for grocery shopping at the food bank every Tuesday and for all the food bank volunteers that unload the trucks every Wednesday. Also our volunteers that work 9 to 3 and 3 to 7 every Wednesday.

...Melody Hensley and Diane White for Food Shopping for our food pantry.

...the Vision and Mission committee and helpers for making our second annual Trunk or Treat drive thru on October 29<sup>th</sup> a success. Great photos are on our facebook page.

...All of our worship assistants, musicians, lectors and ushers.

...And all of the folks that take care of our property.

...to our potluck and coffee hour hosts/hostesses on Sunday after worship. You can help out by signing up to host. Sign up sheet at back of sanctuary.

### **Bible Study on ZOOM. Please join us**

**FRIDAY EVENING Lectionary Study 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** Time:

This is a recurring meeting Join Zoom Meeting **Meeting ID: 829**

**4366 6767**

**Passcode: 100921**

**Prayers for... Gary Wunder in VA Hospice**

**Prayers for Chuck Conrad  
in San Judas Adult Care Home  
at 17380 S. Camino Cartinega in Sahuarita  
If you plan a visit first call 520-331-9748  
and they will tell you when to visit.**

### **Ladies Lunch Bunch..**

Our luncheons continue once a month. We choose a restaurant usually in our area for the third Friday of the month. In November we are meeting at Karichimaka's at 5252 S. Mission Road.. We meet at 12:30 pm. If you need a ride let us know. Come join us. Get to know other ladies in our congregation. It's a fun time and you might even win a door prize. Sign up sheet at back of sanctuary

### **SERVING IN November 2022**

**6 Music Minister: Mark Herr**

**Cantor: Bill Devinney**

**Assistant Minister: Kenny White**

**Lector Kenny White**

**Acolyte: Jaden Johnson**

**Ushers: Sandy Mathis-Arment & Vicky Hohmann**

**13 Music Minister: Mark Herr**

**Cantor: Chuck Glen**

**Assistant Minister: Alice Davis**

**Lector Alice Davis**

**Acolyte: Guillermo Andrade**

**Ushers: Pam Kern, Brooklyn & Jaden Johnson**

**20 Music Minister: Mark Herr**

**Cantor: Alice Davis**

**Assistant Minister: Stu Weidenschilling**

**Lector Stu Weidenschilling**

**Acolyte: Brooklyn Johnson**

**Ushers: Diane White & Joanie Contreras**

**27 Music Minister: Mark Herr**

**Cantor: Carol Radler**

**Assistant Minister: Melody Hensley**

**Lector Melody Hensley**

**Acolyte: Marliza Andrade**

**Ushers: Allice & Norm Davis**

**When we pray for one another it makes a difference.**

**Remember in your prayers this week...**

Bella(15 yr old with throat cancer)

Andrea (June Keiflin sister)

Kathy Blake

Chuck Conrad

Gene Crossley

Richard Harmon

Larry Havenga

Betty Hossler

Kasey Hunt

Patty Ruane

Debbie Stevens

Laurie Wellner

Myrna Wunder

**Continued prayers for...**

Gene & Rose Copper

Carolyn Dodson

Allan DePew

Ron Geuder

Joyce Havenga

Mark Kern

Mark & Lisa Koch

Judi & Larry 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

Stephen Marstall Dillan Schneider

Gene Copper 10 Years in Marines

Hymns of America

I'll bet you didn't know that our Cranberry Worship Book/Hymnal contains the national anthems of Canada, Finland, England and the popular pan-Caribbean song "Le Mano de Dios" (The Right Hand of God). Well, it has all of these! Of course, two of them (U.K. and Finland) are sung to a different set of words.

Besides this, the ELW or "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" also contains a beautifully composed text by Francis Scott Key. The patriot who penned our National Anthem "The Star Spangled Banner" which, for some unknown reason was not included in the hymnal. But Key's other poem is, in fact the very last entry in ELW #893, entitled "Before the Lord We Bow".

However, other favorites in the USA were included, namely: (1) The Battle Hymn of Republic" also know as "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (2) "God Bless Our Native Land" which adopted the British tune for "God Save the King" (3) "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" a most stirring reminder of our American Bounty and precious freedom for which we all need to be most thankful.

Since the month of November honors two of our country's well beloved Holidays (National Election Day and the Day of National Thanksgiving) this month's music will emphasize our grand and glorious "Hymns of America". With one exception (#8) these selections will be in the form of improvisations, performed on either organ, electronic keyboard, or piano.

These are as follows:

1. The Doxology
2. "American, America" or "O Beautiful for Spacious skies"
3. "God Bless Our Native Land
4. "God Bless America
5. Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land"
6. "The Battle Hymn of Republic
7. "The National Anthem" This will be the prelude at our Thanksgiving Service.
8. Our cantors will sing "O God Beyond All Praising" based on Jupiter's theme from "The Planets by Gustav

Holst.

It is my Personal hope that this November will be a musical remembrance and a call to "Thanksgiving" for all our many many blessings. **Mark Herr**