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Smiling is a contagion for which we have no antidote.



Building enduring relationships

in Jesus' Name:

- With God*
- With each other*
- And with our community*

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MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

March 2023

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

The term "Lent" originally meant simply "Springtime" which is certainly appropriate since it always comes this time of the year, but for Christians it was officially designated as a time for fasting and preparation for Easter at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Like Spring, Lent is a time of New Beginnings, but with Roots that are solidly grounded in our identity as Christians.

This year, Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and it continues through Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 2 and Easter on April 9. Ash Wednesday was particularly meaningful as we were able to have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion in Person for the first time in 3 years. 38 were in attendance. We will continue with Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers on Wednesday at 6:00 PM and Vesper (Evening Prayer) Services at 7:00 PM. We will alternate between "Holden Evening Prayer" and "Taize Evening Prayer". The Scripture Lessons and meditations will focus on "The Rest of the Sermon on the Mount" from Matthew 5-7. This is particularly appropriate since our Sunday Scripture Readings never include the entire sermon.

We have also begun Confirmation Instruction with four young people from our congregation. Our "first session" features "Harry Potter and the Ten Commandments" where we watch one of the Harry Potter videos and look for instances where the characters break or keep different commandments as we understand them from Luther's Small Catechism. I have invited Pastor Mateo, his wife, Anette and young people from San Juan Bautista to join us for some of our learning events. Our young people are interviewing members of the congregation with questions about the Ten Commandments. In the upcoming months, they will also interview members about Prayer and about Faith.

Beginning on March 7, I plan to lead a Study of the Creeds and Confessions of the Lutheran Church entitled, "Roots of Our Faith" here at the Church on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 PM. This is based on a 5

Session Class that I taught last year and earlier this year with the Synod's Diakonia Training Program.

SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

9:30 am Worship

- 5 Music Director:** Mark Herr
Cantor: Alice Davis
Asst Minister: Melody Hensley
Lector: Melody Hensley
Acolyte: Guillermo Andrade
Ushers: Cheryl Bahrychuk, Pam Kern
Potluck: Melody Hensley & Ruth Senkbeil
- 12 Music Director :** Mark Herr
Cantor: Chuck Glen
Asst Minister: LeAnne Mitts
Lector: LeAnne Mitts
Acolyte: Jaden Johnson
Ushers: Vicky Hohmann & Norm Davis
Coffee time:
- 19 Music Director** Mark Herr
Cantor: Bill Devinney
Asst Minister: Kenny White
Lector: Kenny White
Acolyte: Kenny White
Ushers: Diane White and Joanie Contreras
Coffee time: Ches Gandy and Freida Stehr
- 26 Music Director:** Mark Herr
Cantor: Carol Radler
Asst Minister: Alice Davis
Lector: Alice Davis
Acolyte: Brooklyn Johnson
Ushers: Ruth Senkbeil and Sandy Mathis-Arment
Coffee time:

2023 Church council officers, members and delegates

President: Carol Radler,

Vice President: Guillermo Andrade

Secretary: Cheryl Bahrychuk

Council members for 2023 are Sandy Mathis-Arment, Pam Kern, Melody Hensley and Diana White.

Joanie Contreras and Melody Hensley will be attending the Grand Canyon Synod gathering in June.

During the Lenten season we have Soup and sandwich suppers each Wednesday at 6 pm with worship service at 7 pm.

A Church council member hosts the suppers..

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the sanctuary for volunteers to assist, bring food and clean up.

March 8 Pam Kern & Teresa Kissel

March 15 Cheryl Bahrychuk and Sandy Mathis-Arment

March 22 Guillermo Andrade & Melody Hensley

March 29 Pastor Bob and helpers

PARISH LIFE...

When Covid began three years ago we stopped having coffee hour, potlucks and celebrations. So we stopped having parish life meetings.

We are again having coffee hours and potlucks so its time to have a meeting. I have scheduled this for Sunday March 26th following worship. Ladies (gents are also invited)

to the meeting. We will have a list of upcoming events and set up a hostess for events and helpers. We will also have a list of folks who are unable to get out for worship that we can assign parish life members to call or visit.

We will explore the three Historic Creeds of the Church: The Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. We will also look at Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles and how these Statements of Faith have continued to shape our Church and Relations between Lutherans and other Christians for 500 years. This is a lot of material so the class will clearly be only an "overview".

I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that we have for Worship, Fellowship, and Learning during this Season of Lent. Let's make this Lent a time for New Life, Growth and Learning!

Respectfully,

Pastor Robert Jones

We **Live Stream** our worship service **Sunday mornings** on our Facebook page...[SantaCruzLutheranChurchTucson](#). You can watch it live or in the afternoon/evening on our Facebook page.

Would you like to help with Live streaming our worship services on Sundays? Mark & Teresa Kissel and Chuck Glen have been manning the laptop every week. Mark & Teresa will be returning to Alaska the end of March and Chuck is not able to do it every week. Please let Pastor Bob know if you are willing to help.

From God's Little Instruction book for Women..

Isaiah 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,

*"This is the way, walk in it."
Authors note.. Do not follow where the path may lead –
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*

A look ahead.....

March

- 5 Winter guest potluck**
- 7 Bible Study-Roots of our Faith**
- 8 Lenten supper and worship**
- 11 Church council retreat-Dove of Peace**
- 15 Lenten supper and worship**
- 17 Price items for the yard sale**
- 18 Yard sale 7 am to 1 pm**
- 19 Church Council Meeting**
- 22 Lenten supper and worship**
- 24 Ladies Lunch Bunch --- Taco Giro**
- 26 Parish Life Meeting following worship**
- 29 Lenten supper and worship**

Other dates for your calendar

- April 2 Palm Sunday**
- April 6 Maundy Thursday service 7 pm**
- April 7 Good Friday service 7 pm**
- April 9 Easter Sunday**
- April 30 Anniversary celebration at San Juan Bautista**
- May 6 A day outing to Kartchner Cave**
- May 21 Moody Park for Kite Flying after worship**

We will have more information for the April and May events in April and May newsletters.



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

... Kenny White for keeping our Church clean

...to Bill and Cheryl Barychuk, Pat & Dave Fisher and Teresa & Mark Kissel for going to the Main Food bank and picking up the extra food that we give out on Wednesdays. And Cheryl picks up dog and cat food at Cody's Friends.

... To our lectors, assistant ministers, acolytes, ushers, cantors and musicians on Sundays.

... To all of the Food bank volunteers and all that donate food.

... To Noella Reidinger and Beverly Palermo for preparing bulletins for hand out on Sundays and special services and for preparing our newsletters for mailing and handing out.

...to our Altar Guild members for taking care of the altar, setting up for communion each week and changing paraments according to Church seasons.

... to our folks that have coffee and snacks available on Sundays after worship. We can use more volunteers.

A quote from George Washington Carver that was printed in the Arizona Daily Star..

"How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and

tolerant of the weak and the strong. Bcause someday you will have been all of these.

This was sent to the church office by a friend and member of SCLC

ZOOM MEETINGS

FRIDAY EVENING Lectionary Study 6:00 pm. This is a recurring meeting Join Zoom Meeting **Meeting ID: 829 4366 6767**
Passcode: 100921

Ladies Lunch Bunch Friday March 24, 2023

12:30 pm Taco Giro 2750 W. Valencia

Sign-up sheet is on back table in Sanctuary. Join us-bring a friend.

For the month of March only-our Food pantry will still open at 11 am but close at 6:30 pm so volunteers can attend Lenten supper and services.

YARD SALE SATURDAY MARCH 18th. 7 am to 1 pm.

Time to clean out those closets, drawers and cabinets. Please do not bring your items in until the week of the 14th.. We do not have space to store items until that week. Pricing will be done on March 17th. Volunteers are needed.

Celebration

On Sunday April 30th San Juan Bautista is having their 70 year anniversary. San Juan Bautista was the cornerstone church for Bethany and Prince of Peace.

Bishop Deborah Hutterer will be here at Santa Cruz for our 9:30 am worship and then will be at San Juan Bautista for their 11 am service.

Celebration following at San Juan Bautista.

We will have more information in the coming weeks and in the April newsletter. All are invited to this celebration.

Birthdays March

- 6 - Joyce Havenga
- 8 - Beverly Palermo
- 12- Kristin Smith
- 21- Sandra Kornelle
- 27- Ruth Rice
 Daisy Whitten
- 29 Kathy Blake

Anniversaries March

3/69 Pat and Dave Fisher

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We grieve with Sammy Dodson and family as they mourn their loss of his Mother Carolyn on February 3, 2023.

Cards can be sent to Sammy & Lupita Dodson
10132 E. Desert Paradise Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85747

We grieve with Mike Hromidko and family as they mourn the loss of Mike’s brother on February 16, 2023.

Cards can be sent to Mike & Lisa Hromidko
6130 West Drexel Rd.
Tucson, Arizona 85757

*I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.*

*I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.
God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.*

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

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Bella (age 15 recurrence of cancer) Robert Bahrychuk
Kathy Blake Chuck Conrad Susan Crouch Rosalie Culler
Sandi Geuder Larry Havenga Betty Hossler
Rachel Hunter Savannah Mendivil Brett Milikan
Betsy Rampola Patty Ruane Jim Schneider
Zoey and Roy Myrna Wunder

Continued prayers for...

Gene & Rose Copper Allan & Brenda DePew Ron Geuder
Joyce Havenga Koch Family Mary Mack Gary V
Esther Wood Fred Young & Lillian Kusy

Prayers for all Caregivers

Active Duty Members in the Military

Rey Alvarez Anjelica Corral
Connor Hensley William Hohmann
Erik Lopez Melissa McAdams Kenneth Marstall
Stephen Marstall Dillan Schneider
Gene Copper 10 Years in Marines

A quote from 1935 Quick Quotes for Church Bulletins

“Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.”

Spring is here, spring is here
goodbye snow, flowers grow
birds and bees , birds and bees
hello spring, hello spring!

