

"A friend loveth at all time" Proverbs 17:17



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

Santa Cruz News

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## **April 2023 NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday April 2 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am**  
**Thursday April 6 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm**  
**Friday April 7 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm**  
**Sunday April 9 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**8 AM Garden Service**  
**9:30 Easter Service**  
**10:45 Easter Brunch**



April 2023

“Come to him (that is, to Christ), a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>s</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’” 1 Peter 2:4-5

Dear Members and Friends of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church,

We find ourselves observing several important Events this Month. Holy Week and Easter draw our attention to the most important Event of All: The Death and Resurrection of our Lord. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Palm Sunday includes a Procession with Palms, Holy Communion, and the Reading of the Passion of Our Lord from the Gospel of Matthew at 9:30 AM. The Palm Crosses that we use this year come to us from Africa and support a Mission Project providing work for villagers in Tanzania. Our Holy Week Observances continue with a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 PM and a Traditional Good Friday Bidding Prayer Service at 7:00 PM on April 7.

There will be two Services on Easter Morning, April 9: An Early Service at 8:00 AM in the Memory Garden behind the Sanctuary and a Traditional Celebration Service at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary. This will be followed by a Brunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please

join us as we celebrate the Good News of Christ's Victory over Sin and Death which are at the heart of our Faith.

On April 30, we will also join our Brother's and Sisters at San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church as they Celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of Bethany Lutheran Church which currently houses San Juan Bautista at 1130 E. Bilby Road. Our Bishop, Deborah Hutterer will be joining us at our 9:30 AM Worship here at Santa Cruz and at the 11:15 AM Service at San Juan Bautista. Former Pastors of both Churches and the Congregations that Preceded them will be present for a Potluck and Program at 12:30 PM at San Juan Bautista.

We are in the process of doing video Interviews of former members of Bethany Lutheran Church who are members of Santa Cruz now. If you have stories about Bethany that you would like to share and wouldn't mind having them recorded to be shared at the Celebration, please contact the Church Office.

There is a lot going on at Santa Cruz this Month. I hope to see you as we Remember and Celebrate Together!

Respectfully,  
Pastor Robert Jones

## **SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF April**

### **9:30 am Worship**

**2nd Cantor:** Bill Devinney  
**Asst Minister:** Melody Hensley  
**Lector:** Melody Hensley  
**Acolyte:** Guillermo Andrade  
**Ushers:** Alice & Norm Davis  
**Coffee** Cheryl Bahrychuk

**6th Maundy Thursday**  
**Assistant** Carol Radler  
**Lector** Carol Radler  
**Acolyte** Marliza  
**Ushers** Ruth Senkbeil  
& Kenny Morgan

**7th Good Friday 7 pm**  
**Lector:** Glenna Knepper  
**Acolyte** Carol Radler  
**Usher** Ruth Senkbeil

**9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday**  
**8 am Garden service**  
**9:30 am service**  
**Cantor:** Chuck Glen  
**Asst Minister/Lector:**  
Joanie Contreras

**Acolyte:** Brooklyn Johnson  
**Ushers:** Cheryl and Ruth  
**Brunch** Parish Life

**16th Cantor:** Carol Radler  
**Asst Minister/Lector** Kenny White  
**Acolyte:** Kenny White  
**Ushers:** Diane White & Sandy Mathis-Arment  
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**23rd Cantor:** Mark Herr  
**Asst Minister/Lector**  
Carol Radler  
**Acolyte:** Jaden Johnson  
**Ushers:** Pam & Cheryl

**30th Cantor:** Bill Devinney  
**Asst Minister/Lector**  
LeAnne Mitts  
**Acolyte:** Guillermo Andrade  
**Ushers:** Joanie Contreras  
and Melody

Hensley

### **2023 Church council officers, liaisons for the following Committees..**

President: Carol Radler Property  
Vice President: Guillermo Andrade Vision & Mission  
Secretary: Cheryl Bahrychuk Social Ministry  
Sandy Mathis-Arment: Financials  
Pam Kern: Education and Youth  
Melody Hensley: Employee Reviews  
Diana White: Worship and Music  
Beverly Palermo: Endowment and Stewardship  
Joanie Contreras and Melody Hensley will be attending the Grand Canyon Synod gathering in June.

### **PARISH LIFE...**

We met on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> following worship. The meeting was led by Joanie Contreras

The Parish Life Group is responsible for special church events such as Winter Visitor Potluck

April 9 Easter Brunch-provided by Parish Life

May 14 Mothers Day Cake

June 18 Father's Day Root Beer Floats

Memorial Services when scheduled

We do not have the rest of the year planned yet.

We are having **Brunch following Easter Worship Service** at 10:45 in the fellowship hall. The brunch is provided by Parish Life. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. We are not asking for dishes. We just need to know if you will be attending and how many you will be with you.

## **ZOOM MEETINGS**

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

**Passcode: 100921**

We **Live Stream** our worship services **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? Thank you to Sandy Mathis-Arment and Chuck Glen. for manning the laptop on Sundays. Chuck is not able to do it every week. Please let Pastor Bob know if you are willing to help.

## **A Look Ahead**

**April 2 Palm Sunday**

**April 4 Bible Study 2:30 pm**

**April 6 Maundy Thursday service 7 pm**

**April 7** Good Friday service 7 pm  
**April 9** Easter Sunday  
8 am Garden Service  
9:30 am Easter Celebration Service  
10:45 am Easter Brunch  
**April 10 – 17<sup>th</sup>** Pastor Bob on vacation  
**April 18** Bible Study 2:30 pm  
**April 23** Council meeting  
**April 30** Anniversary celebration at San Juan Bautista  
**May 6** Moody Park for Kite Flying time to be  
announced by Vision and Mission  
**Committee**

Your first quarter **giving statements** have been prepared by Arlen Holmes and will be on table near the music room.



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

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

... to Chuck Glen, Sandy Mathis-Arment, Jaden and Brooklyn Johnson for live streaming our worship services. This means so much to our folks who are unable to come to worship.

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

... Kenny White for keeping our Church clean

...to Carol Radler for working with our Insurance Company to get the water leak in the parking lot repair and having the areas filled in and repaved.

...to Kenny Morgan for doing extra repairs around our church buildings.

Thank you to our Church Council leaders for taking charge of the Lenten Suppers. Each week we had wonderful homemade soups, sandwiches, nacho plates and all the baked and homemade goodies. We had good attendance and so many appreciated a hot evening meal.

## **Celebration at San Juan Bautista**

On Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 with luncheon following at San Juan Bautista.

We hope you can come out and support Our Pastors Jones and Chavez and visiting pastors and our special guest, Bishop Deborah Hutterer. This will be a special day.

## **Birthdays April**

- 2 Allan Depew
- 11 Vicky Hohmann
- 13 Freida Stehr celebrating 85 years
- 14 Pat Millyard
- 16 Pam Kern
- 18 Luke Wood-Hromidko
- 19 Ray Rakow  
Pastor Paul Dumke
- 25 Ray Arment
- 26 Laurie Glen

## **Anniversaries April**

No April anniversaries

**Our Winter Guest potluck was well attended, and we had wonderful food and desserts. This is a meal we have once a year for our guests. We want you to know how we look forward to you coming in the Fall and worshipping with us. Some volunteer in our Food Bank, several are lectors. We enjoy seeing you each week and really miss you when you have to leave. Your friends at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church wish you safe travels when you leave and pray for safe journeys when you return.**

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

Ashleigh Rose, Don, Hardy, Steven Jr., Roy and Zoey  
Bella (age 15 recurrence of cancer) Robert Bahrychuk Kathy Blake  
Chuck Conrad Susan Crouch Rosalie Culler Sandi Geuder  
Bert Harmon Larry Havenga Cliff and Susan Hoose Betty Hossler  
Pam & Mark Kern Rachel Hunter Brandon Lopez  
Savannah Mendivil Brett Millikan Yvonne Molina Jim Schneider



Tim Smith      Myrna Wunder

Special prayers for our winter guests as they prepare for their return  
to their summer homes.

***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**

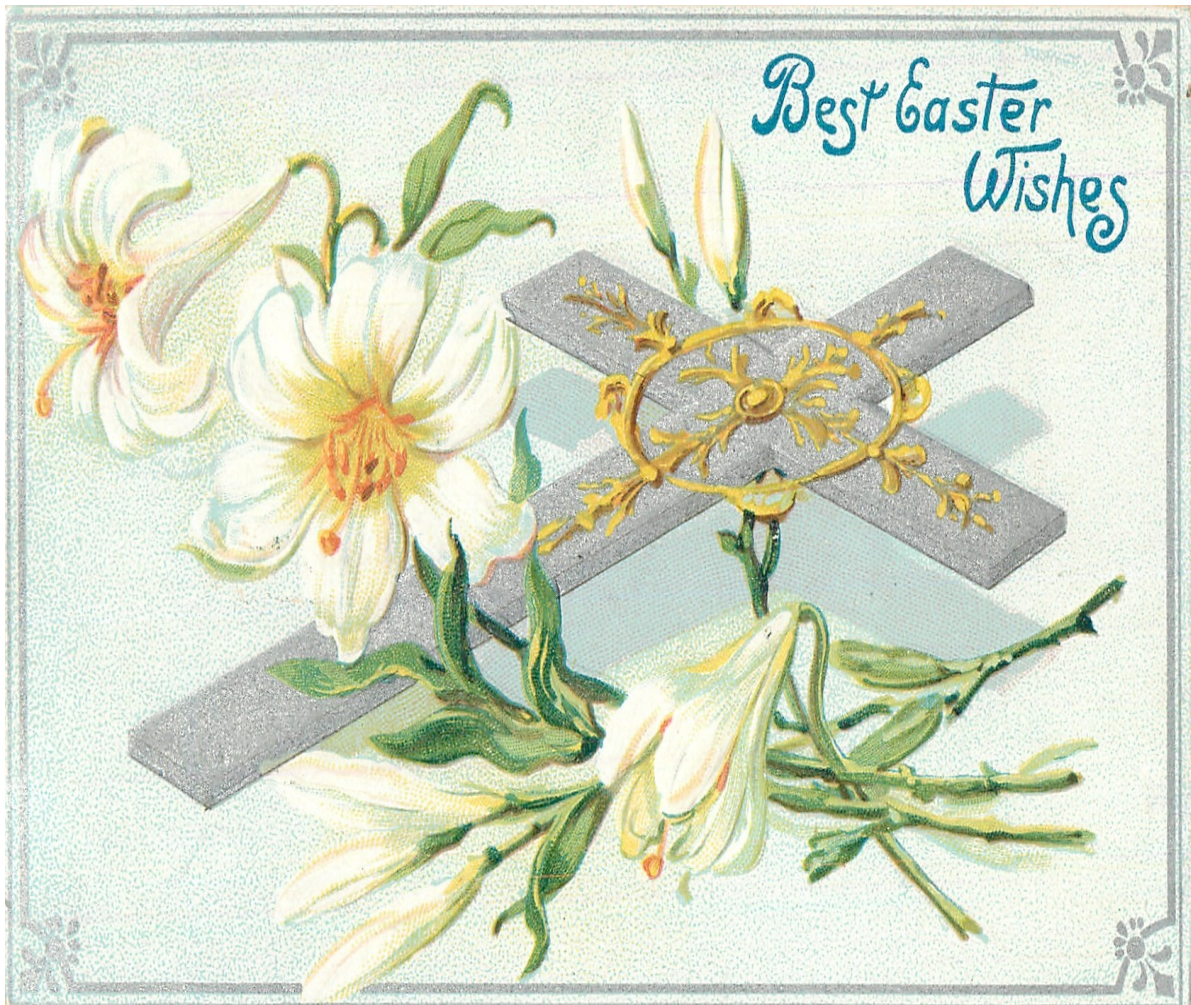
Rey Alvarez    Anjelica Corral

Connor Hensley    William Hohmann

Erik Lopez    Melissa McAdams    Kenneth Marstall

Stephen Marstall    Dillan Schneider

Gene Copper 10 Years in Marines



*EASTER BLESSING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES  
AND FRIENDS*

Pastor Bob has been holding Bible Study Class "Roots of our Faith" on Tuesdays based on Creeds and Confession of Martin Luther. I went online and looked up some of his favorite sayings and wanted to share a few with you.

I hope you enjoy them.

Ruth

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

— **Martin Luther**

"If you want to change the world, pick up your pen and write."

— **Martin Luther**

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

— **Martin Luther**

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."

— **Martin Luther**

"God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars."

— **Martin Luther**

"There are two days in my calendar: This day and that Day."

— **Martin Luther**