

MONDAY MESSENGER - APRIL 27, 2020
SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPDATE ON INTERN PASTOR PAUL'S NAVAJO MISSION PROJECT:

Among the many questions and concerns many of you may have wondered or even asked during these strange COVID times is "How will this affect our Navajo brothers and sisters at Rock Point?" and perhaps also "What will become of the Internship project?"

Our service journey with House of Hope Lutheran Church and the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission will still happen. It just may happen in different ways than originally planned. As you may know, the Navajo have been hit particularly hard by this pandemic so the priorities of our service journey will shift to meet the immediate needs of the people there.

I've been in contact with Patterson Yazzie Mission Director and Kate Adelman Pastor and NELM Executive Director. I encourage you to follow the link provided here

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/628280/40c9d13713/282652941/fcc0518df8/>

to read the letter Pastor Kate and Patterson wrote which was also featured on the Grand Canyon Synod website.

When I asked about greatest needs and what we could do we identified the following items which I bring to you in prayerful request:

Food and Water: While the Mission itself has running water, many people it serves do not. The school, like all other schools during quarantine has been closed, but meals are still being delivered. As of yesterday, 108 meals a day were being delivered to families of the children at the school. Hozho Café continues to serve to go meals for lunch time and as of yesterday was serving 64 meals a day. While deliveries can be made by Sam's Club and Walmart, the fresh food is made possible by charitable monetary contributions. The programs they can apply for to receive aid they have already filed applications and are detailed in Patterson and Kate's Letter. We can make donations by sending checks to the mission or clicking on the link to donate through the website.

Masks: Locals are required to wear masks to enter the Post Office, the store, and the Laundromat. With at least 1500 residents I pray that we can make and send as many as possible.

Prayer: Below is a list of folks I am asking all of you to pray for by name in your daily prayers wherever you have space to do so. Patterson's brother passed away two days ago. Norma (another member who welcomed Steve and I when we visited last December) experienced the tragedy of having her home burn to the ground. The list provided gives the full name of staff and their role, while children are listed by first name only. I also invite you to send them cards of encouragement.

Send them to: Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, One Mission Lane, Rock Point, AZ, 86545.

Patterson Yazzie - Mission Director and liaison for community needs

Angie Harrison, school food service coordinator,

Tammy Mike -school food service assistant,

Myra James - teacher coordinating all the take home student packets

Danya (Smalls) Wilson - teacher assistant, artist, delivery driver, games and fun

Norena Pahe - school office administrator, coordinating with parents
Wilma Yazzie - Hozho Cook, Sylvia Crank - bus driver, delivery
Lora Diaz - community food delivery coordinator and new Mom - **Rosario** born April,
Others: Hopiyauma, Lane, Norma, Meeka, Michael, Lucy, JoNelle, Livia, Taynen, Rosario (Lora's Daughter born April 6), Jamie, Denahi, Sampson, Darius, Branson, Oscar(Lora's Older Son), Jay Sean, Yvonne (Elder), Aaliyah, Rhyanna, Belinda, Samiya, Shanise, Myra, Taaron, Nekia, George (Elder), Shloe, Quintin, Ida(Elder), Demetrius, Honovi, Lorraine (Elder), Zander, D'asia, Pat (Patricia; Elder), Chanell, AND Pastor Kate Adelman (presently living away from the Mission due to pandemic protocols).

From Your Brother in Christ,
Intern Pastor Paul Benz

MONDAY MESSENGER - ADDENDUM
"LOAVES AND FISHES" OPPORTUNITY FOR NAVAJO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MISSION

We just heard about an opportunity to help donations to Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission to be expanded even further through a special "matching grant" that comes from the ELCA "Daily Bread Grants" that emerged out of the Churchwide COVID-19 Appeal. Daily Bread Grants are for populations within our Synod that have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 virus. They will be especially for ministries, like Rock Point, that currently provide basic needs to significant portions of the Native American, Latino and ethnic specific communities.

If you could make a donation to "SELC" and note "NELM – Matching Grant" we'll gather those and send them on to the Synod office which is collecting them on behalf of this special effort. Let's have a "loaves and fishes" miracle for our brothers and sisters suffering on the Reservation! (For more information, contact Intern Pastor Paul Benz, intern@selcaz.org, or call the church office, 459-0444).

THRIVENT "CHOICE" DOLLARS CAN BE DIRECTED FOR NELM, TOO!

For our SELC members and friends enrolled in Thrivent, your "Choice Dollars" can be directed to Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission as well. They're on the list of approved list of charities. They are registered as Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Inc., One Mission Road, Rock Point, AZ 86545. Contact your Thrivent representative if you have questions as to how to arrange for that distribution.

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

As has been previously noted, all on-site chaplaincy ministry at Canyon Vista Medical Center has been suspended for at least 60 days. During that time, we are working with Mr. Robert Gomes, CVMC CEO, to provide "virtual" pastoral care through the use of iPads and other devices so that patients can receive video calls from pastors in the community. We needed at least five of these devices. As of early this week we received five from our SELC members, Barb and Don Williams and Jim Clevin. Thank you so much for these donations! God indeed provides through His faithful servants! We can still use more for other nurses' stations. If you have one you can either lend or donate, please contact the church office or Pastor Perry to let us know. And pray for our continued work to support our hospital staff and patients. More information about opportunities for that support will be shared later.

REMINDER: WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CONTINUING ONLINE

Contact the church office or email Pastor Perry, pastor@selcaz.org if you'd like to join us. Also, the Climate Church, Climate World book study will soon begin. Books are due to arrive Saturday. Let us know if you're interested in joining us in that, too.

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Luke 24:35

“Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

(Post or keep this weekly scripture in a handy place and every morning or evening share the following as a couple, or with family members in the home or even with a dear friend over the phone.)



Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



Bless one another. Make the sign of the cross on each other's forehead or the palm of your hands and say something simple such as: “God bless you and keep you in His love and care!” Or feel free to make up your own blessing that incorporates a part of the FAITH5 verse of the week.

SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Week around Easter 3

Monday

Psalm 134

Genesis 18:1-14

1 Peter 1:23-25

Tuesday

Psalm 134

Proverbs 8:32–9:6

1 Peter 2:1-3

Wednesday

Psalm 134

Exodus 24:1-11

John 21:1-14

Week around Easter 4

Thursday

Psalm 23

Exodus 2:15b-25

1 Peter 2:9-12

Friday

Psalm 23

Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20

1 Peter 2:13-17

Saturday

Psalm 23

Ezekiel 34:1-16

Luke 15:1-7

Sunday Easter 4

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10