



**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONDAY MESSENGER - NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2020, 10 AM**

This coming Sunday, which is also Christ the King Sunday, we have the opportunity and privilege to worship, serve and adore our Sovereign Lord through offering up our support for His ministry through SELC in 2021. It's a time in which we symbolize giving him our whole selves through the making of a commitment of sharing our energy and time in ministry and in giving financially.

Please fill out your 2021 "Time and Talent" Survey and Commitment Card and drop off at the church office, mail in or bring to worship on "Commitment Sunday" by/on November 22. (As always, your financial giving is kept strictly confidential). We will also have volunteers out in front of the office on the Lenzner side as well as the Sanctuary patio from 9:30-10 am or 11:10-11:30 am if you want to drive by and drop off your commitments on November 22 into sealed boxes. God bless you being partners in the Gospel ministry for 2021!

**A PRE-THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!
G.I.F.T. - GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER ON ZOOM
11:30 a.m. Sunday, November 22, 2020**

We hope all will come to join us for our pre-Thanksgiving time of GIFT on Sunday, November 22nd at 11:30 am, on Zoom (see the invitation below). Attached you will find a fun place mat (don't let its simplicity fool you) that will be guiding our discussion along with a few more bible verse questions not listed on the placemat. This will give us an opportunity to practice just one sample from the new faith conversations resources from *Make Mealttime Family Time*, which can enrich our faith walk together and draw us closer in our relationship with Jesus.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92918800173?pwd=dTdvakdlcStWSnNtZVg0Umt0YVdmdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 1880 0173

Passcode: 740289

One tap mobile

+12532158782,,92918800173#,,,,,0#,,740289# US (Tacoma)

(Note: GIFT takes the place of Sunday Coffee Fellowship that day)



**A FESTIVE DRIVE-BY ADVENT PICK UP - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
ADVENTURES IN ADVENT KITS!
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. OR 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
In the Drive-thru area in Front of the Church Office**

We are inviting ALL members and friends of SELC of all ages, and especially those with children of all ages, or grandchildren in their homes, to come to a fun Advent Drive-by, to pick up their Adventures in Advent Kits as a part of our Make Mealtime Family Time fun! Our chefs will be “dishing” out the fun, spreading cheer and playing Christmas Carols - yes, before Advent! **Come take a short drive and get your FAITH 5!**

The kit will include some fun treats and a special Christmas gift for each child, along with creative and inspirational Advent and Christmas conversations and activities. These can all be done with children and teens in the home or over Zoom or Face Time for those whose loved ones are far away! If you are in worship on Sunday, Nov. 22, we can give it to you then as well. (As always, be sure to RSVP by Thursday if you plan to be in worship.) We can also email these activities to you if you prefer, just contact Cindy Wiste at Cindywiste@gmail.com. If you do not have email capability and cannot pick up your packet, please let her know as and we will help get them to you.

As the new year approaches, we will be launching more detailed information about these faith enriching resources that we hope will bless families, children, teens, couples, and singles! We plan to make the links available each month on our church website that you can click on for easy access under **FAITH5 For Our Faith Family!**

BODY OF CHRIST MINISTRIES THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

During the colder months of November through January, SELC has hosted the monthly hot meals for non-housed and other under resourced people which is led by the “Body of Christ Ministries.” As we’re unable to do that during the pandemic, we are now asking for your help to support their efforts to provide complete Thanksgiving dinner boxes by dropping off donations of nonperishable food. Donations can be placed in a collection box by the Sanctuary Patio Doors between now and November 19th. The box is clearly labeled. Monetary gifts are also welcome and can be mailed to: Body of Christ Ministries - P.O. Box 454, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. Thank you, God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving!

STOCKING STUFFERS FINANCIAL DONATIONS NEEDED!

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we unfortunately cannot do the annual service project with our youth, but Elaine Norton, the Coordinator, said they have plenty of shoppers stepping up to do the work from all over the community! They are, however, in need of donations more so than ever, so if you would like to help make a donation to our Stocking Stuffer Fund, please make checks payable to SELC and note “Stocking Stuffers” in the Memo Line. You may drop off or mail checks to the Church Office no later than Dec. 11 or bring them to a Sunday Service. The children receive clothing, pajamas, underwear, shoes, and a coat if needed. Last year our youth shopped and wrapped for 13 children thanks to your generosity!

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11:

⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

(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.

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit!

SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

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

Monday

Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 1:7-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday

Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday

Psalm 9:1-14
Job 16:1-21
Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday

Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Kings 22:13-23
Revelation 14:1-11

Friday

Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Chronicles 17:1-15
Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday

Psalm 95:1-7a
Isaiah 44:21-28
Matthew 12:46-50

Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46