

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Monday” Messenger on Tuesday
January 19, 2021

A timely quote from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

After a lot of our Sunday Coffee fellowship conversation focused on getting vaccinations, I have been asked to share information I know about registering and getting appointments for the COVID-19 Vaccination. Cochise Health and Social Services are trying their best to get the vaccination to people, starting with those of greater risk. This process is not an easy one for them or for the person trying to get an appointment. Please practice patience! - Becky Randall, Retired Nurse, member SELC COVID-19 Response Team

Option #1 - Cochise Health and Social Services are taking names of people who are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. They will need your name, date of birth and phone number. You may specify locations you are willing to receive the vaccine in Cochise County: Bisbee, Sierra Vista, Benson, Douglas and/or Willcox. They are taking information per phone or at the location.

Cochise Health and Social Services- Sierra Vista
4115 E. Foothills Dr
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Phone number: 520-803-3900

This is the website for Cochise County where you can register for the vaccine.
Their current phases are listed below.

Current information from the Cochise County Health and Social Services website:
<https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/pages/vaccines>

Cochise County Health and Social Services is working diligently to ensure that the public has the most up-to-date information available. Any updates regarding vaccine deliveries in our communities will be available on the COVID-19 Vaccine site. Continue to check for updates and guidance.

If you are able to get an online appointment for the vaccine, make sure to bring your appointment confirmation with you to your appointment

Option #2 - Another contact may be your primary caregiver. Some doctor offices are taking names and plan on administering the vaccine when available.

If you are able to get an online appointment for the vaccine, make sure to bring your appointment confirmation with you to your appointment.

Cochise County Vaccination Phases

The Facts:

- Cochise County opened Phase 1B individuals 75 and older on January 9th.
 - Cochise County will continue to vaccinate only Phase 1A and those 75 and older through January 22nd.
 - Based on vaccine availability, on January 23rd vaccination sites (called “P.O.D.s” for “Point of Dispensing”) will open to all other categories of Phase 1B.
 - Currently, only Phase 1A and Phase 1B - 75 and older are being vaccinated.
 - If you are not in either of these categories, you will be turned away.
 - Cochise County only vaccinates Cochise County residents and workers.
 - Identification is required at check in.
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MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER THOSE LOST TO THE PANDEMIC

A memorial will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, to remember and honor the lives lost to COVID-19 in cities and towns across the country. A Washington, D.C. ceremony will feature a lighting around the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. We are inviting cities and towns across the country to join Washington, D.C. in illuminating buildings and ringing church bells at 5:30 p.m. ET (3:30 pm AZ time) in a national moment of unity and remembrance. Learn more at BidenInaugural.org/covidmemorial.

JOIN INTERN PASTOR ANNELA

Sundays January 24, February 7 and 14 at 10:45 a.m. we will look at returning to our baptismal waters during a time of uncertainty and collectively contemplate what Martin Luther asks in the Small Catechism, “What then is the significance of such a Baptism with water?” My hope is to facilitate a coming together as we mindfully study and discuss -- Does water matter to us as Christians? As members of SELC? As residents of Cochise County? The study will be centered around contemplation, spiritual practice, and mindful discernment on how we as baptized members of the body of Christ value, connect and care for bodies of water that currently sustain and affirm our baptism. This will include guest speakers from the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area and members from our own landscape committee. The sessions will be held over ZOOM in replacement of the normal coffee fellowship, only come if you want to! Please RSVP my email, to Intern Pastor Annela at intern@selcaz.org by Wednesday, January 20. There will be some supplemental materials I hope to provide before we begin.

Topic: Water, Baptism & Creation Care Class

Time: Jan 24, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97635847019?pwd=NS9KdmwyK3Q3c3BsRDdaU1JFdDI6QT09>

Meeting ID: 976 3584 7019

Passcode: 058907

One tap mobile

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All SELC Members are asked to join us as able on Zoom, 11:00 am, Sunday, January 31, 2021 (watch for the Zoom invitation to come). We will be voting in new Council and other leaders, our 2021 Mission Plan, and Bylaw updates. If you haven't yet responded to the email regarding electronic voting, please do so **TODAY**. Annual Reports will be sent out via email or picked up in the office by Friday, January 22, 2021.

SELC LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS WANTED

Our Worship and Music and Faith Formation leaders would like to develop a special daily devotional for Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on February 17, 2021. We are inviting anyone among our SELC members and friends who may be interested in writing a paragraph or two about their favorite Bible verse(s) to contribute their thoughts. We can also provide the lectionary verse of the day if you'd prefer. We'd like to start distributing these on February 13, 2021, so we'd like your devotional to be turned in by Sunday, February 10, 2021, if at all possible. You can email them to admin@selcaz.org, or mail them to the church office. We have a number of other fun and meaningful ideas planned for Lent as well; watch for more information to come soon! Any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.

PRAYER VIGILS ON INAUGURATION DAY

The Grand Canyon Synod Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center is holding online Prayer Vigils on Inauguration Day, 1/20/21. For more information, go to <http://www.gcsynod.org/news/category/GCS+News>.

JOURNEY WITH ANGELS

What comes to mind when you hear the word "angel"? Calling all who are intrigued with this question for a "Journey with Angels" Bible study. The Gather magazine January/February study can be joined on zoom where the author, Reverend Christa Von Zychlin, will be leading it on Saturday, January 23rd. The event is free. A \$10 donation will be welcomed but is not required to participate. You will receive lots of tips about this 4-session study, enjoy some music, angel arts/crafts suggestions, and even some "angel" food suggestions! And, we'll have a drawing for complimentary subscriptions to Gather magazine. Closed captioning of English to Spanish will be available. Online registration (at www.grandcanyonwomen.org) is required and closes at 11:59 pm on Jan. 21.

The poster features a teal background with white floral patterns. At the top, the word "gather" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, "Virtual Gather Bible Study Event" is written in a white, cursive font. The event is hosted by the Women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod, as indicated by a small logo and text. The title of the study, "Journey with Angels with Rev. Christa von Zychlin", is written in white cursive on a dark teal banner. The date and time, "JANUARY 23RD, 2021 9AM-NOON MST", are listed in white. A suggested \$10 donation is mentioned, along with a registration link: <https://grandcanyonsynodwomen.regfox.com/2021-gather-bible-study-event>. A small photo of Rev. Christa von Zychlin is included. A note at the bottom says "Spanish Translation Captions Available!".

Call Linda Radwick, 439-5019, with any questions.

HOORAY!!! "Christ in Our Home" devotion booklets have finally arrived! You can pick them up from the church office. A box is outside the front office door with a number of them.

PRAISING GOD FOR THE SUCCESSFUL SHEPHERD'S FOLD FUNDRAISER

The children and staff of Shepherd's Fold raised \$203.65 for God's Global Barn Yard thru ELCA and Heifer International. They had a Triple Impact match for Our Donation Period, so our \$203.65 will actually be \$610.95. In total they will have helped 18 families by choosing to "give:" 1 Pig which will become 3 pigs; 1 Honeybee Hive which will become 3 Hives; 2 flocks of chicks which will become 6 flocks of chicks; and 2 flocks of Ducks which will become 6 flocks of Ducks. We are all very proud of them have never seen so many pennies in one place. Thank you to everyone who participated. We had one mysteries donor who brought in a gallon baggie half full of pennies. The children counted them into piles of ten and the teachers wrapped them. They really enjoyed this activity.

- Dena Anderson

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

1 Samuel 3:8-9: "The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place."

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

Monday

Psalm 86

1 Samuel 9:27–10:8
2 Corinthians 6:14–7:1

Tuesday

Psalm 86

1 Samuel 15:10-31
Acts 5:1-11

Wednesday

Psalm 86

Genesis 16:1-14
Luke 18:15-17

Thursday

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 19:1-15
Revelation 18:11-20

Friday

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 20:7-13
2 Peter 3:1-7

Saturday

Psalm 62:5-12

Jeremiah 20:14-18
Luke 10:13-16

Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20