

**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church
Monday Messenger - January 25, 2021**

2021 ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

All voting members of Sierra Lutheran Church are asked to join us for our 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting being held this coming Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 11:00 am. We will be voting on our Council and other Congregational Leaders, our 2021 Mission Plan budget, and motions related to updating our Constitution regarding electronic meetings as well as affirming extended service options for At-Large Council members, Financial Secretary and Sunday Morning Faith Formation Coordinator roles. If you have not yet received the agenda and the Annual Report, please contact our church office. We are also still looking for a nominee for Financial Secretary, so if interested in finding out more about this position, please contact Sandy Stephenson, 520-227-9372. (Please also note that two elected positions which didn't get onto the previous agenda are also needing votes: Becky Randall and Monty Brandes need affirmation to continue serving on the Trust Fund Committee).

As has previously been communicated, this Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom (invitation for both computers and cell phone access is below). **We have also decided to allow up to 20 voting members maximum to be physically present in the Fellowship Hall** for this meeting. A moderator will be present using their laptop to allow all present to watch the meeting on the screen. The Moderator will field questions and "straw votes" from the group. This is particularly for those who do not have internet or cell phone access. RSVP's are needed by this Thursday, January 28th, by calling the church office, 459-0444. COVID-19 protocols will be followed, including wearing of masks, physically distancing, hand sanitizing, and temperatures being taken as folks enter the Fellowship Hall. The Executive Committee will be leading the meeting from the Sanctuary but no one else can be present there because of AV feedback issues.

Following Sunday's meeting, paper ballots with stamped return envelopes will be mailed to all voting members with all the motions written exactly as they were finalized at the Annual Meeting. We ask that these ballots be filled out by each individual voting member of each household turn-in to the church office by the deadline of **Noon on February 17, 2021**. This will give us the final vote count on each motion, which then will be publicized after the ballot turn-in deadline. Ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.

We know this is all rather complicated and perhaps confusing. We wish it could be different and more convenient, but we are following these procedures to abide by both Arizona state statutes and COVID-19 safety protocols. If you have any questions, please contact Council President, Larry Rewis, at ljrewis@gmail.com, or (520) 249-2973, or contact the church office. Please keep this meeting in your prayers that we follow God's will and intent for the mission of Christ here at SELC!

Topic: 2021 SELC Annual Congregational Meeting
Time: Jan 31, 2021 11:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98079745753?pwd=eHNON1dlbzFOZlNFRm0zdEweGhQQT09>

Meeting ID: 980 7974 5753

Passcode: 660606

Mobile phone:

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

(Note: No Coffee Fellowship time for the next three Sundays)

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON

All adults are welcome to join in our weekly Wednesday Morning Bible study each week on Zoom OR in person in the fellowship hall. (Please call the church office if you plan on joining us in person so we can set up accordingly). Pastor Perry leads us as we look ahead at Sunday's bible readings and dig deep into their meaning for our lives. COVID-19 protocols observed. Here's the Zoom invitation:

Topic: Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Time: Jan 27, 2021 09:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93629263638?pwd=SERpeVVLazl4aXBaWDJ6d29GbWNOdz09>

Meeting ID: 936 2926 3638

Passcode: 180061

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+12532158782,,93629263638#,,,,*180061# US (Tacoma)

NOTE: Please let Pastor know if you have an interest in being part of a similar bible study IN THE EVENING on Wednesdays!

CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY ON WATER, BAPTISM AND CREATION CARE WITH INTERN PASTOR ANNELA

Twenty-five participants had a wonderful time this past Sunday as Intern Pastor Annela led us in a reflection on the biblical meanings of water and our faith. We have two more coming up and you're encouraged to join us even if you missed the first one. Sundays February 7 and 14 at 10:45 a.m on Zoom (Watch for the Zoom invitation to come next week!)

The 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? This study is 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. The February 7th Session will include a guest speaker from the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area. The next Sunday members from our own landscape committee will share how we can all join in caring for our own water usage on campus. Join us and be refreshed spiritually and physically!

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 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're going to have a "drive by" pick up of Lenten bags on 2/13 Saturday that will include this devotional, ashes for Ash Wednesday, and other items. Any questions, please contact Pastor Mark.

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Mark 1:17-18:

“And Jesus said to them,
‘Follow me and I will make you fish for
people.’ And immediately they left
their nets and followed him.”

(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 (Mon. - Wed.) reflect upon that Sunday's readings. The days leading up to Sunday (Thur. - Sat.) prepare for next Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 46
Genesis 12:1-9
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Tuesday

Psalm 46
Genesis 45:25-46:7
Acts 5:33-42

Wednesday

Psalm 46
Proverbs 8:1-21
Mark 3:13-19a

Thursday

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 3:23-29
Romans 9:6-18

Friday

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Revelation 2:12-17

Saturday

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 13:1-5
Matthew 8:28-9:1

Sunday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28