

**Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Monday Messenger - FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

**“BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS” LENTEN SERIES**

All are invited to join with our SELC family as we journey through Lent to the cross of salvation and the eternal Glory beyond. We begin our journey *next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm*, online only via Livestream on our website, [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org), or on Facebook and Youtube, for a traditional Eucharistic celebration, with Confession of Sins and the Imposition of Ashes. See the article below about the Lenten drive-by for you to receive materials used in this service.

The following five Wednesdays, starting February 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll start our evenings together with a Zoom soup supper (see link below) at 6:00- 6:45 p.m., then continue with a reflective worship time together at 7:00 p.m. via Livestream on our website. Our Lenten theme will be “Beneath the Cross of Jesus,” based on ELW Hymn #338. We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus, beneath God’s manifold love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. This series explores what it means for us to abide at the foot of the cross, to cling to the rock of our salvation, to dwell in the house of the Lord, and to confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness. In this pandemic season, we trust that reflecting on the cross together through the words and images of this hymn will help us bear our mutual burdens.

Each week will feature a reflection time involving activities for you to join in with us at home. For the first week, we'll be featuring photos of crosses from your homes so **please send us or bring in an image of a cross or crosses you have there**. Other weeks will feature using items in worship which you'll also find in the Lenten bags.

We look forward to walking this journey together in closeness of spirit even while we're physically apart!

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**LENTEN LOVE ON LENZNER DRIVE-BY**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Two Shifts: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - or - 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Come and receive a love lift in your day as we hand out Lenten Gift Bags for every household at our Lenten Love Drive-by. For those who cannot come to get their bags, we can deliver them to you per your request. Or bring a friend who can't drive themselves and give them a lift too! This gift bag will include a can of ready-to-eat soup per person (see the soup selection listed below) oyster crackers, a Lenten votive candle holder with tea lights, decorative doily and cross to grace your table, ashes to be used in your home on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) along with an individual communion cup and wafer, a Lenten devotional authored by our own people and other faith-filled and fun treats and surprises to help enhance your on-line worship experience each week and to be used throughout the 40 days of Lent. Families with young children will receive a Lenten craft activity too! Our Drive-by plethora of people in purple will be full of surprises and are sure to make you smile!

**Note:** Cars will enter the Lenzner Office Drive-through area with any overflow cars turning onto Bella Vista to wait there. *(continued on next page)*

**Here are our soup selections so you can choose ahead of time if you wish:** Regular Chicken Noodle, Healthy Request Chicken Noodle, Hearty Beef Barley, Beef Sirloin, Burger Sirloin, Vegetable Beef, Clam Chowder, Smoked Turkey & Rice, Savory Vegetable & Tomato Basil. We also have 3 Condensed soup options if you prefer those: Chicken Noodle or Rice & Tomato. Please know that any remaining soups will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

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**FIRST OF 5 ZOOM SOUP SUPPERS**  
**Wednesday, February 24 - 6:00 p.m.**

The soups given at the drive-by are to be enjoyed at our first Zoom Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday in Lent, February 24! For those who cannot participate in the Zoom Soup Supper, we trust they still feel a touch of connection in Christ as we break bread and enjoy our soup at one collective time in each of our homes.

Topic: SELC Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers  
**Time: This is a recurring meeting.** Passcode may be needed.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/94861459631?pwd=U1BqNlFlSjBjSFJueW9nMnVnVWhTZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 6145 9631  
Passcode: 460120  
One tap mobile  
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**STILL TIME TO SEND IN A DEVOTION OF LENT!**

Thanks to all who have shared some wonderful devotions about their favorite bible verses! It's not too late to share your thoughts! We need a few more. Email or bring in by Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Just a paragraph or two is all that's needed!

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE**

All are invited to join us on Zoom (see invite below) or in person in the Fellowship Hall (please contact the office to let us know you're coming so we can make accommodations.) We explore the following Sunday's readings, led by Pastor Perry and Intern Pastor Rova.

Topic: Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
**Time: This is a recurring meeting.** Passcode may be needed (see below)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/97363641908?pwd=WlBMSmloaUNtQkRjbitDTnRCZTNnZz09>

Meeting ID: 973 6364 1908  
Passcode: 197271  
One tap mobile  
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**CONTEMPLATIVE STUDY ON WATER, BAPTISM & CREATION CARE  
WITH INTERN PASTOR ANNELA ROVA**

Join us on Zoom for the last of our three-part series on the intersections between our spirituality and the sacred gifts available in water this coming Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 am (see Zoom invite below). Last week featured a wonderful presentation by Holly Richter of the San Pedro Riparian Conservation Area. This week will feature members of our SELC Landscaping team, led by Sandy Hall, presenting on ways we can all be good stewards of our water resources on our church campus and at home. Join us and be refreshed in many ways!

Topic: Contemplative Study on Water, Baptism & Creation Care  
Time: Feb 14, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://zoom.us/j/99326150348?pwd=bVNNZXpKckwzUUtKMTZhb1g2eTdXUT09>

Meeting ID: 993 2615 0348  
Passcode: 628432  
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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING BALLOTS DUE BY NOON FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Thanks for all who have turned these in! We need all voting members' ballots to make our meeting official according to state statutes. Mail them in or drop off in the black box in front of the office.

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# FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is  
Isaiah 40: 30-31:

“Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall  
renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like  
eagles, they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.”

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

### Monday

Psalm 102:12-28  
2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37  
Acts 14:1-7

### Tuesday

Psalm 102:12-28  
2 Kings 8:1-6  
Acts 15:36-41

### Wednesday

Psalm 102:12-28  
Job 6:1-13  
Mark 3:7-12

### Thursday

Psalm 30  
Leviticus 13:1-17  
Hebrews 12:7-13

### Friday

Psalm 30  
Leviticus 14:1-20  
Acts 19:11-20

### Saturday

Psalm 30  
Leviticus 14:21-32  
Matthew 26:6-13

### Sunday

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27  
Mark 1:40-45