

**MONDAY MESSENGER - MAY 11, 2020**  
**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**NAVAJO PROJECT UPDATE**

Again, we are very grateful for all who have been so generous with gifts towards the Navajo Nation and, specifically, Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. We quickly surpassed the Synod's \$2500 matching grant. So far, we have received over \$5500! And over 200 face coverings have been donated! We are looking now to continue supporting Intern Pastor Paul's project of helping NELM purchase a new greenhouse, which was identified by their administrative leader, Patterson Yazzie, as one of their top priorities. There are other parts of the project that will still need support; watch for details to come. And, if (that's a very big IF) we can go up there in July, we'll need funds to support that trip, too. God bless you for continuing to help answer Christ's call to care for some of the most vulnerable among us!

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**CARING AT CANYON VISTA MEDICAL CENTER**

We were (finally) able to get the iPads into the hospital for connecting patients to pastors. They are being set up early this week for use in virtual pastoral care.

In addition, Intern Pastor Paul is also our ecumenical pastor's group's representative to communicate any particular needs CVMC has between the community and hospital. There are currently no explicit unmet needs that our Churches could fill... AND for what we CAN do to show our love and support here is a list of what would be acceptable and very much appreciated:

- **-Handwritten cards.** Those of you with personal connection to staff members would be encouraged to write a card with their name on it and then a few that they can hand out to co-workers. A tip here has been to leave envelopes unsealed.
- **-Signs/Posters** that can be posted on hallways and in breakrooms.
- **-Meals.** Staff has appreciated these and for churches that choose to show love in this way please remember to include both hospital shifts (shift changes are 7AM and 7PM)
- **-Gift bags.** These can include various items (for lists of what other churches have put in these bags please visit [careforaz.com](http://careforaz.com)).
- **-Parking Lot Parade.** This has been a very uplifting activity during shift changes where folks from the community come to the hospital in vehicles with signs of encouragement that can be held up for staff (and patients) to see from windows.

If you're interested in helping with or leading any of these activities, please contact Intern Pastor Paul Benz, [intern@selcaz.org](mailto:intern@selcaz.org), or (425) 760-4190.

## RE-OPENING TASK FORCE MEETING

A task force is gathering this Thursday, 5/14, (via Zoom) to discuss potential protocols and procedures to follow when we are able to start a process of re-opening for 'in person' worship and gatherings. We are researching and assessing the latest guidelines from the CDC, the larger Church, and state directives. We will update the congregation about recommendations in the near future. Task force members include SELC Executive Committee (Larry Rewis, Jim Clevon, Lynn Light, & Leslie McCourt), Sandy Stephenson, Becky Randall, Joanna Michelich, Beth Dechant and Pastor Perry.

In the meantime, these words from an Episcopalian guide are instructive: "As followers of Jesus, we are always called to give ourselves away in service to others. We don't exist for ourselves; we exist to give ourselves away in love. In this moment, love looks like an empty church building. Love looks like limiting our contact with others. Love looks like spending great time and care in planning for how we keep those most vulnerable in our midst safe."

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## BOOK STUDY BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

The Climate Church, Climate World books (finally) arrived and are available for pick up in the office. Come and get them from the office or call Cindy and we'll help get it to you. We will hold a Zoom book discussion on Tuesdays, 7 pm, starting 5/19. Contact Pastor Perry with any further questions, [pastor@selcaz.org](mailto:pastor@selcaz.org).

# FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is  
John 14:1-2

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

*(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 4

*Monday*

Psalm 102:1-17  
Exodus 13:17-22  
Acts 7:17-40

*Tuesday*

Psalm 102:1-17  
Proverbs 3:5-12  
Acts 7:44-56

*Wednesday*

Psalm 102:1-17  
Proverbs 3:13-18  
John 8:31-38

### Week around Easter 6

*Thursday*

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 6:5-22  
Acts 27:1-12

*Friday*

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 7:1-24  
Acts 27:13-38

*Saturday*

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 8:13-19  
John 14:27-29

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21