

SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE MESSENGER- JULY 19, 2021

Goodbyes
Intern Pastor Annela

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church it has been a pleasure to serve as your 2020-2021 Intern Pastor. This goodbye that I write is bittersweet as I am sad to leave, but also grateful and excited to be moving forward with the ELCA ordination process and graduating with my Master of Divinity. It is thanks to you that I am able to complete these benchmarks in my career and education! Thank you! I cannot say that enough. I have learned so much from you all about what it means to be a community grounded in Christ. I have learned resilience, loyalty, and love from you all and how God uses us in the most unexpected of ways. Your faith as a community is inspirational as you leaned on Christ and one-another through a very difficult past 16 months. I will remember this as a shining example of what we hope a church can be. My family feels honored to be called one of your own. My hope for you all is that you continue to spread your gifts out into the community of Sierra Vista, the ELCA and the greater global community. My family and I will be moving to my home state of Montana where I have been placed for first call. I will be starting a 3-month interim pastor position in mid-August at a congregation in Choteau, Montana. As I do this work, I will continue to interview for first call placements. I do not have Facebook, but I am always available through email, call and text. My personal email is annela.rova@gmail.com and my cellphone number is (612) 968-2131. Please stay in touch if you wish, and please come visit us if you ever find yourself in Montana, or wherever we end up throughout life. We would love to host you and return the hospitality you gifted us with during our time here in Sierra Vista. Till we meet again! God Bless!

Gift Card Collections For Our 2021-22 Intern Pastor

Our next Intern Pastor, Diana Washington (pronounced “Dinah”), will be arriving August 1, 2021, and settling into our community. As usual, we are inviting you to donate gift cards from local establishments as a housewarming and welcome gift to assist in her transition here. **A container is located in the narthex to deposit these cards (during the week outside the church office).** The deadline for turning them in is July 30th. Let’s give Diana a big SELC and Sierra Vista WELCOME!

Backpack & School Blessing Sunday - August 1st

We’ll be offering a Blessing of Backpacks during our August 1, 2021, 9 am, worship service, both for backpacks that will be donated to youth in need at our local schools and for any youth in our congregation who are starting school this year. We invite students to come to church with their backpacks with them for that blessing time, as well as any teachers to also receive a special blessing time. Thank you to Carol Jordahl for making all the arrangements for the donated backpacks with school supplies included!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Our weekly Wednesday morning Bible Study at 9 am continues this week in “hybrid” fashion on Zoom and in person in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll be starting up a study of the book of Ephesians, led by Pastor Mark, which is also our lectionary focus on Sundays for this month. Here’s the Zoom invitation:

Topic: **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97363641908?pwd=WlBMSmloaUNtQkRJbitDTnRCZTNNZz09>

Meeting ID: 973 6364 1908

Passcode: 197271

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,97363641908#,,,,*197271# US (Houston)

Coffee Chat And Fellowship Time Sunday - Sunday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for informal conversation, catching up and connecting on Zoom only.

Topic: Coffee Chat

Time: Jul 25, 2021 10:45 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91047750551?pwd=MLZRaW9JZDN5M1Q2RkhieGxKVTFmdz09>

Meeting ID: 910 4775 0551

Passcode: 030335

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Dee Brenner Funeral - July 28 - 11:00 am

Join us for a Celebration of Life for Dee Brenner next Wednesday, 11 am, in the sanctuary. A committal service at Cochise Memory Gardens, on Charleston Road, will immediately follow the worship service.

Verona Webb Funeral - Thursday, 1 pm, July 29th

A Celebration of Life for Verona Webb will take place Thursday, July 29 at 1 pm in the Sanctuary. No committal service nor reception is planned at this time.

25th Anniversary

Via de Cristo

Renewal and Discipleship Ministry Retreat

Oct. 14-17, 2021



“An SELC invitation to all to receive a wonderful gift from God”

What is VIA de CRISTO? - It is a highly structured three-day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people. There is no cost to participants to attend the weekend.

Dates for 2021 - Thursday Oct 14 - Sunday Oct 17. This weekend is open to married couples and single men and women.

What happens at a VIA de Cristo weekend? - Participants live, study, worship, and commune together daily. Talks are given by lay people as well as clergy, which present the Christian life, based on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. Following each talk the main points of the talk are discussed. There is also music and singing, food and fellowship, a time for laughter and a time for prayer. It is a powerful and unique weekend where one can truly experience God’s love in action.

Who should consider attending? - Those who desire to strengthen their relationship with Christ, renew and grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible study, and sharing their faith with others.

Where to find more info - Go to www.soazviadecristo.org then click on “*About VDC*”, then click on “*Upcoming Weekends*” or you may contact either Jim Clevon, SELC parish representative at 520-678-0414, eaglelope@cox.net; Pastor Mark Perry or Linda Perry, Dir. of Faith Formation. All application packages should be submitted by August 31, 2021.

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Mark 6: 30-31

“³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.”

(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 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 part of the FAITH5 verse.

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 100
Jeremiah 50:1-7
Hebrews 13:17-25

Tuesday

Psalm 100
Zechariah 9:14–10:2
Acts 20:17-38

Wednesday

Psalm 100
2 Samuel 5:1-12
Luke 15:1-7

Thursday

Psalm 145:10-18
1 Kings 19:19-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Friday

Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 3:4-20
Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday

Psalm 145:10-18
2 Kings 4:38-41
John 4:31-38

Sunday

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit!
SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

JULY 2021 - SELC CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------|----------|
| | | | | 1 3 pm Landscaping Team | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9 am Worship Service | 5 6:30 pm Square Dancing | 6 9 am S. F. Chapel 7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved | 7 9 am Bible Study - Zoom Only 11am Bells Rehearsal | 8 12:30 pm Grace Group 6:30 pm Plus Square Dancing | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9 am Worship Service 10:45 Sunday Coffee Fellowship via Zoom | 12 6:30 pm Square Dancing | 13 9 am S. F. Chapel 7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved | 14 9 am Bible Study -- Zoom Only 11am Bells Rehearsal | 15 12:30 pm Grace Group 6:30 pm Plus Square Dancing | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9 am Worship Service / Intern Last Sunday * Patio Reception 3 pm BOC Ministries Hot Meal | 19 6:30 pm Square Dancing | 20 9 am S. F. Chapel 9:30 am Staff Meeting Off. Closed 4 pm Good Neighbor Alliance Meal Prep 7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved | 21 9 am Bible Study - In- Person & Zoom 11 am SF Board mtg. 11am Bells Rehearsal 12:30 Gloryland | 22 12:30 pm Grace Group 2:30-4 pm Music Rm. reserved 6:30 pm Plus Square Dancing | 23 | 24 |
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