

**MONDAY MESSENGER**  
**July 26, 2021**

**“Hello” from 2021-22 Intern Pastor Diana Washington**

Dear Members of SELC,

Greetings from Berkeley, CA! My name is Diana (pronounced “Dinah”) Washington, and I will be your next Intern Pastor. Pastor Mark tells me that this congregation has been developing pastors for 40 years. I am honored to be part of your long tradition and look forward to jumping in with both feet!



As for myself, I was born in Harlem, NYC and raised in the South Bronx’s infamous Fort Apache. I was raised Roman Catholic and attended Catholic Elementary and Catholic High School. I came from a large family - 12 children, but 3 did not survive infancy. I started with 5 brothers and 3 sisters, and now have 2 brothers and 1 sister.

I attended Carnegie-Mellon University, where I received a BFA in Oboe Performance. I received an opportunity to study Oboe in Germany and went for 2 years. Upon returning to the U.S., I attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota, where I received an MFA in English Horn (Tenor Oboe) with a minor in German.

I spent summers working in Yellowstone Park, working various positions from Personnel Clerk to Assistant Food and Beverage Manager. I also worked for Marriott Corporation in Food and Beverage, then Mesa Verde National Park, Lake Quinault Lodge and Hearst Castle. Before contracting Valley Fever, I worked at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Santa Barbara.

In Minnesota I became involved in the Lutheran Church. I felt that I finally had a church that I could call home. Even though I traveled a great deal, I always felt welcome at an ELCA church. I felt the pull for ministry in 2006, and finally answered the call beginning in 2017. There were many trials and tribulations, but the support of the church and the love of Jesus kept me going.

The book-learning is done; now it is time for the hands-on experience of ministry. I am looking forward to meeting you all in August! God’s peace to you all,

Diana Washington

***(Mark your calendars to get more acquainted with Diana at an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the SELC Internship Committee.)***

### **Gift Card Collection for Our 2021-22 Intern Pastor**

Thank you to all those who donated gift cards for Diana! It's not too late to help with her housewarming and welcome with gift cards from local establishments. A container is in the narthex or front office to deposit these cards. The deadline for turning them in is July 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's give Diana a big SELC and Sierra Vista WELCOME!

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### **Backpack & School Blessing Sunday - August 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 also donated 40 bags to our LSS Refugee ministries. 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! Thank you to the Hamps for delivering the refugee back packs!

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**Funerals this week:** Dee Brenner, Wednesday, July 28, 11:00 am and Verona Webb, Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm.

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**No Coffee Chat and Fellowship Time Sunday, July 25**

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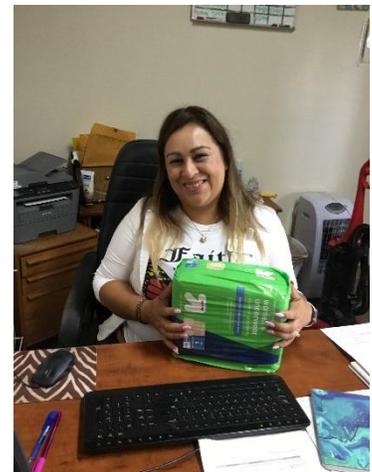
**Birthday Celebration** - The family of Dennis Benth would like to do a card blast for his birthday August 1. He will be 83. As you know, he has been a great part of the SELC church family. He now lives with his daughter, Lana, in Tucson. His address is 7629 North Andover Drive, Oro Valley AZ, . 85704.

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**Prayer Partners** - The person to contact with prayer requests for the month of August is Barb Wirsching. Her email address is: [bcswasey@gmail.com](mailto:bcswasey@gmail.com)

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**Lutheran Social Services** - When I (Linda Radwick) visited the local LSS SW office here in Sierra Vista, Guadalupe Flores shared that their clients needed diapers and bed pads. These necessary items are expensive and not covered by insurance. SELC chose to have a drive in the month of June. Many people made donations of supplies through the church and I was able to give over \$150.00 worth of diapers and pads and also a check for \$500.00 so that they could buy and distribute what they needed. Thank you to all who donated! You have blessed many.



**Ultreya August 1st**, at Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
(Hybrid option - attend in person or by Zoom).



Ultreya starts at 4:30 p.m. meal time (BYOBB) will start at 4:45 p.m., continuing with music again around 5:00 pm. and ending at 6:00 p.m. (BYOBB is Bring Your Own Brown Bag meal, this will not be a potluck.)

The simplest description of the Ultreya is a meeting of Group Reunions. Here we witness together to the life in grace and we challenge each other to persevere on our journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. While the primary Group Reunion is weekly, the Ultreya is usually every other month. At the Ultreya you will reaffirm friendships you made on your weekend. You will also make many new friends and receive encouragement and support.

The Ultreya fulfills many roles on the road to perseverance in faith. For new participants of the Via de Cristo movement, it is the place to discover what the Group Reunion is like. The Group Reunion is not learned from only one or two attempts. It requires a period of time so that its rhythm becomes a method of life. The Group Reunion is one part of the process of community, the other part is the larger community, the Ultreya. Neither one is complete without the other, and growth is linked to the vitality and depth of both groups.

The purpose of the Via de Cristo movement as a distinct part of it, is to make it possible for us to know Christ, to share Christ, and to bring Christ into our communities, environments, and into all the world we know, linking Christians together in action. What is the role of the Ultreya in this? It provides the linkage and an opportunity to meet with like-minded Christian servants.

**Ultreyas are open to everyone and with this Ultreya, bring a brown bag meal for yourself and enjoy the fellowship with old friends and make some new friends.**

**Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring that Friend to Christ.**

Topic: August 2021 Via de Cristo Ultreya @ SELC  
Arizona

Time: Aug 1, 2021 04:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97670978821?pwd=TXVTVkh1b2E0aGFScWkyUFdTZnQ3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 976 7097 8821

Passcode: 320410

One tap mobile: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

For questions about the Ultreya, which is open to everyone, contact Pastor Mark Perry at pastor@selcaz.org, or call at (520) 459-0444, or contact Jim Cleven at eaglelope@cox.net, or call at (520) 678-0414.

# FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is  
Ephesians 3:18-19

<sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

*(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.)*

	<b>Share</b> your highs and lows of the day with one another.
	<b>Read</b> the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.
	<b>Talk</b> about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it’s speaking to you.
	<b>Pray</b> for one another’s highs and lows and other prayer requests.
	<b>Bless</b> 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.

## 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 111  
Genesis 18:1-15  
Philippians 4:10-20

### Tuesday

Psalm 111  
Exodus 24:1-11  
Romans 15:22-33

### Wednesday

Psalm 111  
Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Mark 6:35-44

### Thursday

Psalm 78:23-29  
Exodus 12:33-42  
1 Corinthians 11:17-22

### Friday

Psalm 78:23-29  
Exodus 12:43–13:2  
1 Corinthians 11:27-34

### Saturday

Psalm 78:23-29  
Exodus 13:3-10  
Matthew 16:5-12

### Sunday

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

Be creative! Stay open to the Holy Spirit!

## AUGUST 2021 - SELC CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9 am Worship Backpack Sunday  <b>3 pm Ultreya            in F. Hall</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Square Dancing	<b>3</b> 7 pm Fell. Hall Reserved	<b>4</b> 9 am Bible Study  11am Bells	<b>5</b> <b>9 am Worship            and Music</b>  12:30 pm Grace Group  6:30 pm Plus Dancing	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9 am to 1 pm            Council            Retreat in            Fell. Hall</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am Worship Intern Diana's 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday  <b>6:30 pm Ice            Cream Social</b>	<b>9</b> 11 am Fellowship Team  6:30 pm Square Dancing	<b>10</b> 9 am S. F. Chapel  7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	<b>11</b> 9 am Bible Study  11am Bells	<b>12</b> 12:30 pm Grace Group  6:30 pm Plus Dancing	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9 am Worship  <b>10:30            G.I.F.T. in            Fell. Hall</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Square Dancing	<b>17</b> 9 am S. F. Chapel  7 pm Fell. Hall Reserved	<b>18</b> 9 am Bible Study  11am Bells	<b>19</b> 12:30 pm Grace Group  6:30 pm Plus Dancing	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11 am Jack            Hewitt            Funeral with            reception</b>
<b>22</b> 9 am Worship	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm Square Dancing	<b>24</b> 9 am S. F. Chapel  7 pm Fell. Hall Reserved	<b>25</b> 9 am Bible Study  11 am SF Board mtg.  11am Bells	<b>26</b> 12:30 pm Grace Group  6:30 pm Plus Dancing	<b>27</b> Salvation Army Meal	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 am Worship Service	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Square Dancing	<b>31</b> 9 am S. F. Chapel  7 pm Fell. Hall Reserved				