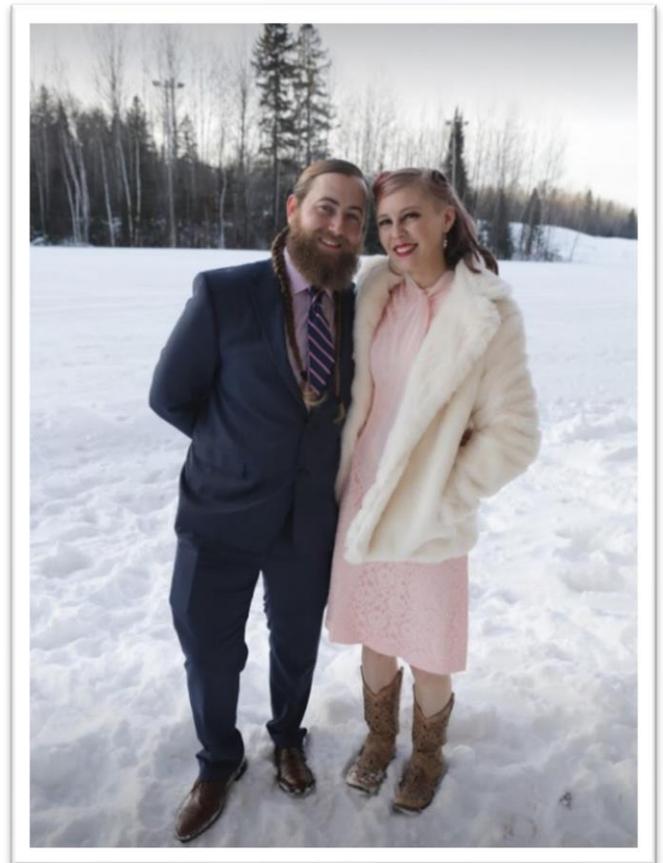


SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONDAY MESSENGER - August 3, 2020

FROM INTERN PASTOR ANNELA ROVA

Greetings Sierra Lutheran community! Thank you so much for having me here as your 2020-2021 Intern Pastor! I am honored to be joining your community as we come together to figure out how to creatively and collectively be a community of God during these uncertain times. My name is Annela (pronounced “AH-ni-lah”) Rova and my spouse’s name is Reese Hunter. I grew up mostly in a small ranching community in Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation. Reese and I met in Minneapolis where I moved to also after completing Young Adults in Global Missions (YAGM) in Palestine in 2012-2013. Reese is from St. Paul, Minnesota and currently works for a vegan food start up, Thistle, based out of Berkeley and will be working this next year remotely from Sierra Vista (yay!). I am very close to my two younger siblings who both work in wild-land firefighting. I have a 7-year-old niece, Brynn, whom I love spending time with and deeply adore. Reese and I enjoy getting outdoors to hunt, kayak, and skateboard, as well as relaxing indoors with our cat Zilla while we all watch Star Trek. I am so excited to meet you all and learn more about your community at SELC. Two things I am motivated to know more about all of you is: 1) What about your weekly worship rituals brings you hope as a community during these uncertain times? 2) How do each of you support one another despite differences in perspective? God Bless and looking forward to “seeing” (*digitally or social distanced*) you all soon!



Annela & Reese - taken in Minnesota

GIFT CARDS FOR ANNELA

Annela arrives in Sierra Vista on Saturday, August 8th. As in past years, we are asking the congregation to donate a variety of gift cards from local stores as a housewarming and welcoming gift to help make the transition more comfortable and hospitable. If you can help with this, please mail in the cards to the church office, place them in the black metal mailbox outside the front office door, come by and knock or call to bring them in person during office hours. **Or**, if you’d like, Barb Williams, Internship Committee Chairperson, will be happy to pick up your gift cards at your convenience from your home (wearing a mask). If you’d like to arrange that, please call her on her cell phone: 520-249-4878.

Thank you for your continuing ministry of generous support and hospitality to these “ministers in training”!

INSTALLATION SERVICE & DRIVE-“HI” WELCOME FOR NEW INTERN AUG. 23RD

The formal Installation of an Intern Pastor for Annela will take place during the 10:00 am livestreamed worship service on August 23rd. Shortly afterwards, about 11:30 am, we'll have a "Drive-‘Hi’" time to welcome her. Similar to how we said goodbye to Paul Benz, we'll invite you to drive in your cars to welcome her in front of the office next to Lenzner Ave. Only this time, please have a sign ready on your window or other place that shows the names of those in the car. Because we usually welcome the new Intern Pastor with an ice cream social but can't do that this year, the Intern Committee will also hand out ice cream bars as you pass by as a further way to celebrate!

BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY - AUG. 9TH

Even though schools are 'opening' in a variety of ways that include more online classes, the students still need backpacks and school supplies. As has been our tradition for many years, we have purchased 150 backpacks to give out to our community students, our own SELC children, and also includes 40 to refugees through Lutheran Social Services. We will dedicate and ask God's blessing on these backpacks this coming Sunday, August 9, 2020, at the 10:00 am livestreamed worship service. Thanks to Carol Jordahl and others who have championed this ministry!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP ZOOM TIME

Join SELC again as we share together in Christ, conversation and coffee!

Topic: Coffee Fellowship Zoom Time

Time: Sunday, Aug 9, 2020 11:20 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83694436652?pwd=REZKNVdPM1AwalBUa2VqRGFZRkQ5QT09>

Meeting ID: 836 9443 6652

Passcode: 089660

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 14:19-20:

“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.”

(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!
Have fun!

SUNDAY LECTIONARY DAILY READINGS

The readings are chosen so that the days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon that Sunday's readings. The days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the next Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 26:1-15
Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35
Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:1-16
Acts 17:10-15

Friday

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40
Acts 18:24-28

Saturday

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:41-46
Matthew 16:1-4

Sunday

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

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