

MONDAY MESSENGER
SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 24, 2020

From Intern Pastor Annela Rova:

We were pleased to officially begin our Internship relationship on Sunday with the Rite of Installation for Intern Pastor Annela. Here is a message from her for you:

Hello SELC community! I am your new Intern **Pastor**, Annela Rova and I would love to get to know you all better! Right now, getting together in person to meet and greet is not necessarily safe or ideal, but I am determined to get to know you all to the best of our collective abilities. I have two options moving forward over the next couple of months for us to get better acquainted.

Option 1) Small ZOOM groups of 6-8 folks one or twice per week, either Wednesday afternoon and/or early evening, or Friday afternoons. I will schedule those who email me first to fill the slots (first come first serve type of arrangement). I hope to make this happen starting **Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**, the next would be **Friday at 3:00 p.m.** Please let me know if either of these dates or times work for you via email (intern@selcaz.org) and I will send the ZOOM information. If it's filled up, I can put you in for the following week same days and times **Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** and **Friday, Sept. 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** and so forth into the following week. **Disclaimer:** *I will do my best to communicate through email and coordinate, but there may be weeks where I am only able to do one meet up due to my hospital duties, other church obligations and personal/familial obligations. Perfection not guaranteed. It's sort of an experiment so your grace and understanding are much appreciated. Thank you for joining me in this endeavor!*

Option 2) Is to email me personally at intern@selcaz.org to coordinate a one-on-one phone call that works with both of our schedules.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

All who are able are invited to join us again on Sunday, August 30th, for our informal Coffee Fellowship time following worship, at 11:20 am. Here is the Zoom invitation:

Topic: SELC Coffee Fellowship

Time: Aug 30, 2020 11:20 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99094714223?pwd=dW5HbG1WMHNjSHF0MnNDVE5KOWMydz09>

Meeting ID: 990 9471 4223

Passcode: 926191

CONDOLENCES TO THE BENZ FAMILY

We just heard on Sunday that Monica Benz' father, who had cancer and for whom we have been praying for many months, died on Sunday, August 23rd in Uganda. Monica and daughter, Joy, are flying out August 24th to be with the family until September 10th for the final services and events. Please keep them all in your prayers. Since some folks have asked about sending condolence cards, here is the address: The Benz Family, c/o 2806 Larlin Dr., Everett, WA, 98203. (Paul will read them to Monica and Joy as they are in Uganda).

“SEASON OF CREATION” - STARTS SEPT 1ST.

From September 1st through October 4th, which is the Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, the ecumenical community around the world celebrates a special “Season of Creation.” This is a unique time of focusing on the wonder and goodness of God’s grace revealed and experienced in and through our natural world as well as God’s call to cherish and protect that great gift. Our Sundays during September this year will have an emphasis on those themes. We also will be featuring a special Zoom and Livestream presentation series on Climate Change in early September, times and dates to be published later. Climatologists from the University of Arizona will be presenting in these online sessions. This flows out of our recent 10-week discussion about Climate Church, Climate World, by Rev. Jim Antal, which involved about 20 people, many of whom now are committed to continuing to lift up ministries of caring for Creation. Watch for more details to come soon! (for more information about the *Season of Creation*, go to www.seasonofcreation.org).

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 16:18:

“And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock, I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades
will not prevail against it.”

(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

Share your highs and lows of the day with one another.



READ

Read the verse of the week and if time permits, the Bible story that pertains to the Scripture of the week.



TALK

Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows of the day or how it's speaking to you.



PRAY

Pray for one another's highs and lows and other prayer requests.



BLESS

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 18:1-3, 20-32
1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:10-14
Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28