

**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**September 8, 2020**  
**Monday Messenger- Brought to you on Tuesday due to Labor Day**

**“CLIMATE CHANGE: WHY ACCEPTING AND RESPONDING TO IT MATTERS TO ALL OF US”**

As part of our “Season of Creation” emphasis this month, all who care about God’s Creation are invited to take part in a 3-part Zoom conference, or watch Livestreamed as climatologists from the University of Arizona and other experts help us to better understand and appreciate the urgent facts about global climate change and why and how we can and need to respond to it, not only for our sake but for the sake of future generations. Hosted by Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sierra Vista, this series is offered in the context of the biblical call to be better stewards of God’s good creation.

Session 1, “The Global Perspective of Climate Change,” will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7:00-8:30 pm. It will feature an excellent recorded overview of the crisis by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an atmospheric scientist and professor of political science at Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Andrew Farley, who is an evangelical pastor, have been leaders in faith-based education about climate change. In 2019 Hayhoe was named one of the United Nations Champions of the Earth in the science and innovation category. Her presentation will be followed by a question and answer time led by climatologist Gregg Garfin, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Associate Extension Specialist at the University of Arizona.

Session 2, schedule for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, will focus on the impact and issues brought by climate change on our local region in the San Pedro Valley. Dr. Griffin will be joined by Mike Crimmins, UA Associate Specialist & Associate Professor in Climate Science.

Session 3, held the following week (day and time TBA), will focus on renewable energy efforts and other hopeful steps to mitigating effects of climate change. Discussion time will follow each of these presentations as well.

To register for these online Zoom sessions, and for more information, please contact [admin@selcaz.org](mailto:admin@selcaz.org), or call 520-459-0444. You can also simply view them on livestream at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org). Watch for more details to come in the near future!

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**You Are Invited to a BEAUTIFICATION OF THE CAMPUS Meeting**  
**Monday, September 14 at 11:00 am.**

In person, we’ll share ideas and stay safe. This meeting is limited to the first 10 people that sign up! Reservations are needed by 9/13. Please wear masks! If you prefer, we will also host a Zoom meeting concurrently with the in person one. Ideas are always welcome from everyone! If you can’t attend or attend by Zoom, please email your ideas and responses to me at [jscorridor@msn.com](mailto:jscorridor@msn.com).

In 2019 the congregation voted to “**Improve our church campus** in order to attract potential new members and provide for greater safety and accessibility for handicapped persons”.

Although some work has been done, lots more is possible but I’m hoping we can develop more specific goals related to campus landscaping. So with this in mind and in conjunction with the 2020 Season of Creation you are invited to attend either the socially distancing meeting in the fellowship hall or join us concurrently by Zoom to discuss goals and ministry possibilities we can agree on to further our campus development and our commitment to care for creation through the use of landscaping. If you’re interested, please let me know and I’ll send you a list of potential ideas and questions to consider for discussion at the meeting.

If you are uncomfortable meeting, PLEASE email your suggestions to me @ [jscorridor@msn.com](mailto:jscorridor@msn.com). Working together we can make a difference not only for our church, but if we so choose, for our community.

Topic: SELC Landscaping Meeting  
Time: Sep 14, 2020 11:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/99142914562?pwd=YUlweC9wU3k5NmtoYmVPTnpyZUsvdz09>

Meeting ID: 991 4291 4562  
Passcode: 128905  
One tap mobile  
+16699009128,,99142914562#,,,,,0#,,128905# US (San Jose)  
+12532158782,,99142914562#,,,,,0#,,128905# US (Tacoma)

Praying for rain! Sandy Hall

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### VIRTUAL “GIFT” (Generations in Faith Together) SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Our next G.I.F.T. via Zoom will be September 20th at 11:20 a.m. immediately following the 10:00 a.m. live stream service. This will be the first session in a 4-part Bible study on the book of Jonah. **September’s theme is “Jesus is there for us even when we run from him.” We will focus on Chapter 1 verses 1-17.** It will be about 45 mins at the most. We will be sharing some wonderful resources coming from Families Together and Faith Sparkers, written by Dave Lynn, of HomeandChurch.com and Home Grown Faith. They can also be used for some fun and inspiring times in which households who are interested can gather together over Zoom. More details to come about that soon! Both of these resources blend beautifully with our FAITH5 at home model that we hope you are able to engage in whenever possible. They are a wonderful way to help facilitate faith sharing and conversations not only for families with children but for singles, couples and friends wanting to connect more with God and one another! We hope all who have been a part of our G.I.F.T. mornings before, will join in along with any newcomers! Come and share the gift of YOU in G.I.F.T.!

## **“GOD’S WORK - OUR HANDS” PROJECT FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS**

Not too long ago, our Youth Group led in an outreach project to help out those who live unhoused in our city that involved putting together “Care Bags” which could be handed out to people we might encounter who are in need. As one simple project for our “God’s Work - Our Hands” emphasis, (usually the second Sunday in September), SELC households are invited to put some together at home which could be kept in your vehicles and handed out as needed. Below is the recommended list of items we included in the bags. You’re also invited to let our office know if you’ve taken up this project and how many you put together so we can celebrate this ministry that was also well-received when we did it before.

Suggested items for 1 gallon Ziplock Care Bags:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (small)
- Small bar of soap - travel size
- Wash cloth
- Small Kleenex Packet
- Pen & Small note pad
- Small package of Peanut Butter & Crackers or the Cheese filled crackers
- Pair of socks
- Roll of Lifesavers
- 2 - Granola Bars or Protein Meal Bars
- 1 or 2 Nut packets
- Small box of raisins

# FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is

Genesis 1:29:

“<sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day”

*(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 119:65-72  
Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16  
1 Peter 2:11-17

### Tuesday

Psalm 119:65-72  
Deuteronomy 17:2-13  
Romans 13:1-7

### Wednesday

Psalm 119:65-72  
Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28  
Matthew 21:18-22

### Thursday

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Genesis 37:12-36  
1 John 3:11-16

### Friday

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Genesis 41:53-42:17  
Acts 7:9-16

### Saturday

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13  
Genesis 45:1-20  
Matthew 6:7-15

### Sunday

Psalm 19:1-4  
Romans 1:19-21  
Matthew 6:26-33

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