

SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monday Messenger - September 8, 2020

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

As part of our ecumenical “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, 7-8:30 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, “Climate Change in the San Pedro Valley,” Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:30- 8 pm (note updated day/time), 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, U of A fire ecologist, Laura Marshall, and Holly Richter, from the Nature Conservancy.

Session 3, “Renewable Resources and Other Signs of Hope,” Wednesday, September 30th, 7-8:30 pm, (note updated day/time) will focus on renewable energy efforts and other hopeful steps to mitigating effects of climate change. It will feature Dr. Garfin, on Climate change impacts and adaptation and Nicole Hill, from the Nature Conservancy, on State and Local Energy Policy prospects for Arizona, and Ladd Keith, on land use, energy, and buildings.

(Time for Questions/Answers are part of each session).

To register for these online Zoom sessions, and for more information, please go to www.selcaz.org or register at Zoom directly at

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ocuyhpjsrGNQIBD83dkRunQ3I5bY4YCV>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This isn’t a partisan issue. This isn’t a propaganda issue. It’s an issue of whether or not we’re willing to do what it will take to pass on an Earth to our descendants that will continue to hold at least some of the beauty and bountiful provision that we enjoy today.

VIRTUAL “GIFT” (Generations in Faith Together) SEPTEMBER 20TH

Our next G.I.F.T. via Zoom will be held this coming Sunday, September 20th at 11:30 a.m. (note time shift) 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 Jonah 1:1-17.** It will be about 45 mins. 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.!

PATH TO RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Please remember to fill out the survey, if you have not already, on restarting in-person worship you should have received in your mailbox or email and return it at your earliest convenience. We would greatly appreciate your input to help us move forward in this process! (Deadline: Thursday, 9/17/20, 4 pm). Please let our office know if you didn’t get a letter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Church Congregation President, Larry Rewis, at 520-249-2973, or ljrewis@gmail.com, or Pastor Perry, 520-226-6383, or pastor@selcaz.org, or anyone else on the COVID-19 Response Team. Thank you for your patience through all this and for your prayers of discernment, wisdom, and health for all!

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL

The next quarter (October - December) Christ In Our Home devotional books are available. You can pick them up from the church office. Questions / Information please contact the church office - 459-0444 or admin@selcaz.org

FAITH

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is
Matthew 6:26-37

Jesus said, “²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?”

(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 133
Genesis 48:8-22
Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday

Psalm 133
Genesis 49:29–50:14
Romans 14:13–15:2

Wednesday

Psalm 133
Genesis 50:22-26
Mark 11:20-25

Thursday

Psalm 145:1-8
Nahum 1:1, 14–2:2
2 Corinthians 13:1-42

Friday

Psalm 145:1-8
Nahum 2:3-13
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday

Psalm 145:1-8
Zephaniah 2:13-15
Matthew 19:23-30

Sunday

“The Groaning of Creation”

Hosea 4:1-3
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 27:45-51

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