

December 1, 2019  
10:45 a.m. Worship



**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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### **Our Mission Statement:**

“With faith in God’s grace, we share Christ’s love with all,  
so that lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit.”

Mark Perry, Pastor  
Paul Benz, Intern Pastor  
Linda Perry, Director of Faith Formation  
Larry Rewis, SELC Council President  
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Ministers: The People of SELC

**You Are Invited again to Sunday Worship Services  
Next Week at 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Nursery for children Birth - 4 yrs is available at 10:45 worship service. Parents are also welcome to use the Comfort Room as a private area to take your infant or young children if you would like. Located just off the Lobby.

**WELCOME TO SELC** - Please sign your name in the red fellowship pad from the pew rack in front of you. All are welcome at the communion table, regardless of denominational background or life circumstance. To learn more about what it means to be a devoted Christ-follower, and how Baptism is an essential entrance rite into that life of discipleship and service, please talk to the pastor or intern pastor. White grape juice is available as well as gluten-free wafers. Please indicate your preferences to the server.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** for the month of NOVEMBER can be submitted online at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or to Leslie McCourt at [mccourtleslie@gmail.com](mailto:mccourtleslie@gmail.com).

**PLEASE PRAY** the family of Carol Coss; Will Maynard and family; Caroline Davidson and Dave Hinkelman. Please continue to pray for Barb and Paul Wirsching, Kathy Krompacs, Duane Wiste, Jerry Waller, Sylvia Diamond and family; Jan Bowie, Hal Decker, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; Janet Bobar and family; Ty Grube, Jack Hewitt, Doug Hamp. Faye Toto, Kurt P., Joanne March, Chris Brenner, Rich Mount; Bob Reiner; George Abraham; Jim and Pam Andrew; Jane Behsman, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner; Mike and Debi Brown; the Bills family; Clayton; Don and Jan Huthoefer; Johnnie Rae Latham, Helen Lecomte, Jake, Makayla Margulies, Sully Mix, Anne Nowak, Shawn Nowery; Pete and Dee Pederson; Helen Perdiue, Jerry Regan; Roger and Dee Rowley; Virginia Studer, Grady Taylor, Bridget Watson, Virginia Wickizer and military personnel everywhere.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
(\* = Please stand as you are able)

**GATHERING**

Pre-service Music            “Jesus Messiah”            (Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves)

Welcome

\*Confession and Forgiveness / Lighting of the Advent Candle

\*Gathering Song            “He Will come and Save You”            (Fitts, Sadler)

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

\*First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5            Pew Bible p. 550; SPARK Bible p. 164

\*Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14            Pew Bible pg. 923

\*Gospel Acclamation            “Thy Word” (refrain)

\*Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44            Pew Bible pgs. 806

Children’s Time

Special Music            “Mary Did You Know”            (Mark Lowry)  
presented by Partners in Praise

Sermon            Pastor Mark Perry

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

\*Hymn of the Day            “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”            ELW #242

\*Apostles’ Creed

**\*Prayers of the People** *(to the conclusion, "Hear us O God,"  
please respond, "Your mercy is great.")*

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

## MEAL

**Offering**

**Offering Music** "Creator of the Stars of Night" (Latin Plainsong)

**\*Offering Prayer**

**\*Holy Communion**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer (sung)**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Song** "Lamb of God" ELW pg. 146

*(During Advent, reflective instrumental music is played during communion.)*

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Song** "Soon and Very Soon" ELW #439

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude** "Voluntary on Sending Song" (arr. B. Hayes)



## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

**The Faith 5 Bible Verse for this week is Matthew 24:44:**

“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

### SERVING TODAY

#### Altar Guild

Connie Kelher, Linda Radwick,  
Ruth Britton

#### Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Becky Randal

10:45 a.m. - Dakota Gaddy

#### Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa  
Bratlien

#### Lector

8:00 a.m. - Dave Dechant

10:45 a.m. - Nancy Hagen

#### Greeters

8:00 a.m. - John & Hannah Cannon

10:45 a.m. - Howard & Char Larsen

#### Interim Music and Choir Director

Sunny Fichtl, Deb Koltveit

#### Organist & Pianist - Billie Hayes,

Deb Koltveit

#### Partners in Praise - Betty Burford,

Victoria Kiser, Linda Perry

#### AV Technicians - Bill Silvis, Larry

Rewis, CJ Abraham, Fred March,  
Dave Dechant

#### Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - \*Monty and Carol

Brandes, Sylvia Diamond, Greg Paul

10:45 a.m. - \*Anna Bratlien, Gary

Peterson, Richard Zimmer

**TODAY CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE AFTER THE 10:45 SERVICE** - The Stitch-In-Time Quilters will be drawing for the lovely Christmas quilt. Tickets will be sold until the drawing is held. All the proceeds will go to the SELC Youth Group.

**TEACHERS SUPPLY DRIVE** - “We love our teachers” supply drive for Town and Country, Joyce Clark and Bella Vista Schools. We are collecting: copy paper, tissues, electric pencil sharpeners and regular hand staplers along with monetary donations to help serve lunch to the staff of these schools. A bin is in the Narthex to place your donations. Thank You Thrivent for supporting this project.

**“TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES”** Wednesdays, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18 - 10:15 am & 6:30 pm - Weekly Themes: Week 1. The Angel Speaks to Zechariah’s Fear (Luke 1:5-20); Week 2. The Angel Speaks to Joseph’s Confusion (Matthew 1:18-25); Week 3. The Angel Speaks to Mary’s Doubt (Luke 1:26-38)

**HANGING OF THE GREENS Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** - The Altar Guild will be preparing the Sanctuary for all of our Christmas Services by putting the Christmas Tree up and decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex. We have beautiful new Chrismons to place on the tree this year. All are invited to join in this wonderful time of fellowship a preparation for Christ birth

**STOCKING STUFFERS WRAPPING & YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY -DECEMBER. 5** - Sr. High meet at 12:30 p.m. and Jr. High will join in at 2:30 p.m. Sr. High LIFT & Confirmation will meet Dec. 12 - at normal times. Please note we will not meet on Dec. 19, 26, or January 2<sup>nd</sup>. All resumes again on January 9!

**SENIOR GAMES & POTLUCK -DECEMBER 6 at 12 NOON** -Everyone who enjoys a fun afternoon of cards or board games should plan to attend our get-togethers the first Friday of each month in the SELC Fellowship Hall. In December we will meet at 12:00 p.m. for a Christmas potluck before the games. We’d love to have you join us.

**“BLUE CHRISTMAS” SERVICE - Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** Christmas can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a tragic loss or are going through a difficult time. You are invited to a special candlelight Service of Remembrance for those whose hearts ache with pain and loss during the Christmas Season. This is a special Candlelight Service of Remembrance for those whose hearts ache with pain and loss this Christmas season. Held at Faith Presbyterian Church - 2053 E Choctaw Dr., Sierra Vista. Valor Hospice will host a reception following the service. For more information call (520) 378-9400



**CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND CAROL SING - December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. SELC Fellowship Hall** - Bring your own Christmas place setting and utensils and of course a dish to share. We will supply the beverages. Billie Hayes will be at the piano! This is always a wonderful evening of preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth.

**LADIES MOVIE AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM**  
All Women are Invited! Dorcas circle will be hosting a cookie exchange and the showing of the movie "Babette's Feast" in the Fellowship Hall. This is a free event. Cookie Exchange: If you would like to take part in the cookie exchange a dozen cookies to add to the exchange, and you will go home with a dozen. Questions Call Linda Radwick 439-5019.

**SELC CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA WORSHIP SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am only-** the choir will present "CHRISTMAS DREAMS" by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson, directed by Deb Koltveit and accompanied by Billie Hayes along with other musicians from the community.

**G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m** - Following the Cantata. A light breakfast snacks will be served.

**SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm-** All are invited to join us for this wonderful time as our children will present the true story of Christmas. "No Room at the Inn." Held in the SELC Fellowship Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING OUTREACH WITH PIZZA PARTY AFTER!! DECEMBER 22 AT 2:00 PM** Meet at the church parking lot at 2:00 for an afternoon of singing, fun, and fellowship. We will be caroling to our shut ins and at care centers to share the Christmas Spirit in song. About 4:00 we will return to the Fellowship Hall for PIZZA, mulled cider and hot chocolate! Please sign up after services on the patio, December 8 & 15, so we know how many to plan for pizza, beverages and transportation. Bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies to enjoy after we eat if you'd like. Come, Sing, Meet New Friends, Enjoy the Christmas Season with Us.

**G.O.D. Squad (Guides on Duty).** If you would like to be a worship buddy for a child, please sign up on the patio and feel free to take a handout that explains more about this ministry. For more information contact Linda Perry

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - The Altar Guild is asking for \$10 donations to purchase approximately twenty poinsettia plants to celebrate our “Treasured” members, members who are unable to attend on a regular basis. The plants will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas and delivered after Christmas Day. We are asking for assistance with delivering the plants. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex. You will be both a blessing and blessed by this experience. Since the number of poinsettias will be limited, you may also choose to give a “Love Donation” of your choice. Your donation will be used to fund a future remodeling of the narthex bathroom to make it ADA accessible. Your donation can be made in “Honor of” or in “Memory of” those you choose to acknowledge. Please use a “Poinsettia/Love Donation” envelope found in the narthex to make your donation.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT SELC “THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS”**

Let the light of Christmas joy shine in our life together in the darkness of our world as we worship the coming of the Christ child in these special services:

**12/24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m.** - Cross+Generational Worship Children are invited to put on costumes and bring up tokens to the Baby Jesus Holy Communion offered

**8:00 p.m.** - Traditional Candlelight Communion and Carols Choir leads us in joyful worship (Childcare provided)

**12/25 Christmas Day**

**10:00 a.m.** - Holy Communion, Carols and Contemplation

**Rosemary Bushes Provided by Fred and Julie March** in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Rich and Linda Radwick and Becky Randall in memory of her father Elmer Blakeway.

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by Ruth Britton** in honor of Britton, Paige and Wyatt’s baptisms.

**CALENDAR 12/1/19 - 12/8/19**

SUN 12/1	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services / In-Home Communion
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
MON 12/2	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
TUE 12/3	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Team Meeting - Rm#3
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 12/4	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	10:15 AM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THUR 12/5	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Stitch-In-Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	LIFT - Sr. High Youth Room
	2:30 PM	Confirmation - Jr. High Youth Room
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	4:30 PM	Worship & Music Meeting - Music Room
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 12/6	12 NOON	Senior Games and Potluck - Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 12/7	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hal
	10:00 AM	Memorial Service for Lois Wolhart - Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
SUN 12/8	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages

**Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to St. Vincent de Paul.**