

December 8, 2019
8:00 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 or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY Michael and Debi Brown; Toni Joyce; Stephanie and Michael. Please continue to pray for the family of Carol Coss; Will Maynard and family; Caroline Davidson, Dave Hinkelman; Barb and Paul Wirsching, Kathy Krompacs, Duane Wiste, Jerry Waller, Sylvia Diamond and family; Jan Bowie, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; Janet Bobar and family; Ty Grube, 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; 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.

Sermon

Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

*Hymn of the Day "On Jordan's Banks" ELW #249

*Apostles' Creed ELW p. 104

*Prayers of the People

*Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Please share a sign of peace with one another)

MEAL

Offering

Offering Music "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" German Carol

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

*Dialogue ELW pg. 144

*Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg. 144

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145

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 Hymn**

"He Came Down"

ELW #253

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

"Voluntary on Sending Hymn"

(Billie Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

Luke 1:46b-55 (alternate)

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Connie Kelher, Linda Radwick,
Ruth Britton

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Rich Radwick

10:45 a.m. - Mariana Martinez

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa
Bratlien

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Linda Radwick

10:45 a.m. - Bruce Morris

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Myrna Meyer, Frankie
Appelin

10:45 a.m. - Rhea Scott, Joanne
March

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

CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND CAROL SING TONIGHT! 5:00 pm
SELC Fellowship Hall - Bring your own Christmas place setting and utensils and, of course, a dish to share. Beverages will be supplied. Billie Hayes will be at the piano! This is always a wonderful evening of preparation for the celebration of our Savior's birth. Hosted by the SELC Women.

"TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES" Continuing on **Wednesdays, 12/11, 12/18 - 10:15 am & 6:30 pm** - Weekly Themes: 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) The evening service features Holden Evening Prayer.

LADIES MOVIE AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - Tuesday, December 10th at 12:30 pm 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, bring 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 15th 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 15th at 10:30 a.m. Following the Cantata. We welcome all to this special time together to share in fellowship with one another and Advent Joy! We'll have some hot breakfast items, like burritos, to enjoy with other snacks and drinks! There will be a simple ceramic Advent ornament to decorate and take home for those who wish to do so!

SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- DECEMBER 20th 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.

FAITH 5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is Matthew 3:2-3:

²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

(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!

CALENDAR 12/8/19 - 12/15/19

SUN 12/8	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	5:00 PM	Church Christmas Potluck - Fellowship Hall
MON 12/9	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
TUE 12/10	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	12:30 PM	Ladies Movie Time and Cookie Exchange - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 12/11	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	10:15 AM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	2:30 PM	Helping Hearts Tutoring - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Mid-Week Advent Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THUR 12/12	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	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
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 12/13	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 12/14	2:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
SUN 12/15	9:00 AM	Worship Services / Chancel Choir Cantata
	10:30 AM	G.I.F.T. for ALL Ages
	2:00 PM	Body of Christ Hot Meal at SELC - Fellowship Hall

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.