

Joseph's Faith In Action



Our Prince of Peace

December 22, 2019

8:00 a.m.

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

(520) 459-0444 - www.selcaz.org

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 **DECEMBER** can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY Caroline Pentecost, Sully Mix, Sunny Fichtl and Maverick Allen. Please continue to pray for Donya Brenner; the family of Michael Brown; Toni Joyce; Stephanie and Michael; the family of Carol Coss; Will Maynard and family; Caroline Davidson, Dave Hinkelman; Kathy Krompacs, Duane Wiste, Jan Bowie, Maggie Vaughn; John Alexander and his wife Mary; and family; Ty Grube, Faye Toto, 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, all those who have lost loved ones this year; and military personnel everywhere.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
(* = Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING

Chimes *(Please observe silence as soon as the chimes
are played to assist with preparation for worship.)*

Prelude "Pastoral Symphony" from "Messiah" (Handel)

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness / Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Gathering Hymn** "Fling Wide the Door" ELW #259

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

***First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16** Pew Bible p. 554; SPARK Bible p. 168

***Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7** Pew Bible pg. 913

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW pg. 142

***Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25** Pew Bible pg. 783; SPARK Bible p. 196

Children's Time

Sermon Intern Pastor Paul Benz

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of the Day** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ELW #257; vss. 5-8

***Apostles' Creed**

ELW p. 10

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***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 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (17th Century French Folk Song)

***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 "Let All Together Praise Our God" ELW #287; vss. 1-5

*Dismissal

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude "Voluntary on Sending Hymn" (Billie Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Sylvia Diamond, Patti Paul, Linda Radwick,

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Ro Decker

10:45 a.m. - Joy Rurangwa

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Jane Strain

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Joanna Michelich

10:45 a.m. - Joy Rurungwa

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Wilma Bell, Lynn Light

10:45 a.m. - Ingemarie Fulford,
Hanna Fulford

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

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the Narthex. Please take yours home. If none have been assigned to you and you would like them, please call Sandy Stephenson, Financial Secretary, 378-4678.

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

SELC CHRISTMAS WEEK OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Dec. 23 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 24 - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec 25 - Closed , Thursday,
Dec 26 - Closed, Friday, Dec 27 - Closed

CALENDAR 12/22/19 - 12/29/19

SUN 12/22	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for ALL Ages
	2:00 PM	Christmas Caroling - Meet at SELC
MON 12/23		
TUE 12/24	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	12:00 PM	SELC Office Closed
	4:00 PM	Cross+Generational Christmas Eve Worship Service
	8:00 PM	Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service
WED 12/25	10:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship Service
		SELC Office Closed
THUR 12/26	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
		SELC Office Closed
FRI 12/27	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
		SELC Office Closed
SAT 12/28		
SUN 12/29	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services (<u>No</u> Faith Formation Classes)

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to Peaches Pantry.

2019 CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF

Connie Kelher My grandmothers
Janet Bobar Robert Bobar
Don & Barbara Williams Our parents
Diana Galecke Clarence and Mary
Rich & Sue Mount Our parents
Barbara Wirsching..... Warren Swasey
Becky Randall..... My father, Elmer Blakeway
Ruth Britton..... Joe Britton
Carol Jordahl Greg Jordahl
Jerry W Regan Sandra Regan and Lars Chew
Rhea Scott Darlene Thompson
Lynette Nowlan My parents, Bob & Marg Olson
Bruce Morris Judith L Morris
Kim & Larry Rewis Carol Rewis
Jean Hall Bill Hall
Jack & Marilyn Hewit..... Jill Hewitt
Christina Perry Jackie Curdy and Otto Greenstreet

IN HONOR OF

Becky Randall..... My mother, Alfreda Blakeway
Jeannette Johansson Stoss Family, cousins
Fred & Julie March..... Ty Grube

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Sylvia Diamond
Linda & Rich Radwick
Edith Jennings
Amy de Schepper
Carl & Leslie McCourt
Joanna & John Michelich

Aldean Hook
Dotti & George Pohlman
Doug & Gail Hamp
Wilma Bell
Cookie & Bill Spivey
Larry & Kim Rewis

FAITH 5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is **Matthew 1:21:**

“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.”

(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!