

December 29, 2019
10:45 a.m.



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

PLEASE PRAY for Doug Hamp, Beth Dechant, the family of Deborah Richardson and the family of Amaya Martinez. Please continue to pray for Caroline Pentecost, Sully Mix, Sunny Fichtl, Maverick Allen 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, 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.

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

GATHERING

Pre-service Song "There's a New Kid in Town" (Putnam, Cook, Whitley)
Presented by Sunny Fichtl

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Song** "In the Bleak Midwinter" (Rosett/Holst)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 Pew Bible p. 605

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18 Pew Bible pg. 971-972

***Gospel Acclamation** ELW #289; *Refrain only*
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

***Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23** Pew Bible pg. 784; SPARK Bible p. 224

Children's Time

Special Music "When a Child Is Born"
Presented by Partners in Praise

Sermon Pastor Mark Perry

Moment of Silent Reflection

***Hymn of the Day** "What Child Is This" ELW #296

***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 "Celtic Cradle Song" (Traditional, arr. David Huntsinger)

***Offering Prayer**

***Holy Communion / Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song "Lamb of God" ELW pg. 146

Communion Song "What a Beautiful Name" (Fielding/Ligertwood)

Communion Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ELW #282

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" ELW #290

***Dismissal**

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

Prayers of Healing at the Altar

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

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SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Sylvia Diamond, Patti Paul, Ruth Britton

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Dave Dechant

10:45 a.m. - Reilly Howard

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacon Carl McCourt

10:45 a.m. - Deacon Jane Strain

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Tim Dickerson

10:45 a.m. - Carl McCourt

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Norma Jones, Carolyn Abbott

10:45 a.m. - Miki Shaner, Becky Randall

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

NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY. Classes will resume next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The **adult class on January 5th** will feature a series on “Marks of Discipleship and Via de Cristo.”

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 26, 2020, after the second worship service (about Noon), for our Annual Meeting. We’ll be voting on new leaders and our 2020 Mission Plan budget.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME devotion booklets for January are available in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center.

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

CALENDAR 12/29/19 - 1/5/2020

SUN 12/29	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services - Prayers of Healing after each service
MON 12/30		
TUE 12/31	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
WED 1/1		SELC Office Closed
THUR 1/2	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 1/3	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 1/4	7:00 AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
SUN 1/5	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation classes for all ages
		Home Communion
	3:30 PM	Service at Prestige Assisted Living

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

FAITH5

Every Night In Every Home!

Our FAITH5 verse of the week is **Matthew 2:18:**

¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

(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!