

JUNE 9, 2019
8:00 AM 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
Amy Janssen, 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 both worship services. 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 JUNE can be submitted online at www.selcaz.org or to Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Peggy Graham, Bob Reiner, the family of Dean Greenstreet, the family of Norma Lippincott, Carlie, Cindy, and Mikki Shaner. Please continue to pray for the family of Bill Hall, Caroline Pentecost, Tony Lawhead, Grady Taylor, Phil, Bob Reiner, Sue Mount, Matt Hunter, Rob, the family and friends of Jim Behsman, Elaine Pinnt, George Abraham, Jane Behsman, Dolly Bessler, Jan Bevelin, Dee Brenner, Clayton, Kriss Larsen, Helen Lecomte, Mahkyla, the family of Michaela MacVilla, Carol Moses, the Nowaks, Shawn Nowrey, Pete and Dee Pederson, Jerry Regan, Roger and Dee Rowley, Virginia Studer, Tony Toto, Pam Williams and military personnel everywhere.

***Gospel Acclamation** **ELW pg. 171**

***Gospel: John 14:8-17** Pew Bible pg. 877; SPARK Bible pgs.448-450

Choir Anthem **“Climbing Up the Mountain Children”** **(Larry Shackley)**

Sermon **Pastor Mark Perry**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn of the Day **“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”** **ELW #401**

***Apostles’ Creed** **ELW pg. 172**

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

***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 **“Holy Ground”** **(arr. B. Hayes)**

***Offering Prayer**

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue** **ELW pg. 172**

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy** **ELW pg. 173**

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

ELW pg. 173

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song

“Lamb of God”

ELW pg. 174

Hymns during Communion

“Here Is Bread”

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW #483

ELW #396

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

ELW #582

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude

“Voluntary on Sending Hymn”

(arr. B. Hayes)

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild

Becky Randall, Lisa Mitchell,
Rhea Scott

Acolyte

8:00 a.m. - Rich Radwick
10:45 a.m. - Cris Clark

Crucifer

8:00 a.m. - Debbie Brown
10:45 a.m. - Carl McCourt

Deacons/Communion Assistants

8:00 a.m. - Deacons Jane Strain
10:45 a.m. - Deacon Carrisa
Bratlien

Greeters

8:00 a.m. - Sandi Prill, Chari Poteet
10:45 a.m. - Richard and Marion
Zimmer

Lector

8:00 a.m. - Leslie McCourt
10:45 a.m. - Helen Perdiue

Interim Music and Choir Director

Sunny Fichtl

Organist & Pianist

Billie Hayes, Deb Koltveit

Partners in Praise - Betty Burford,

Victoria Kiser, Linda Perry,
Amy Janssen, Cindy Wiste

AV Technicians - Bill Silvis, Larry

Rewis, CJ Abraham, Fred March,
Dave Dechant

Ushers for Today

8:00 a.m. - *Jim and Virginia
Cleven, Glen Sanner
10:45 a.m. - *Anna Bratlien, Gary
Peterson, Richard Zimmer

INQUIRERS' CLASS - JUNE 11, 2019 in the Music Room. Anyone interested in learning some of the basics about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and how we live out our Christian mission here at SELC, including through becoming a voting member, is invited to a series of three "Inquirers' Classes." Please contact Pastor Perry at 459-0444 or pastor@selcaz.org, for more information. (Please note: One doesn't have to commit to be a member in order to attend these sessions).

GOOD NEIGHBOR ALLIANCE DINNER - June 18 - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - All Jr. & Sr. High Youth are invited to help Linda prepare and serve dinner for GNA. We will be serving chili, tossed salad, fruit and cookies. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to carpool over and put your chef hats on and join in the cooking, serving and fun!

BILL HALL MEMORIAL SERVICE - All are invited to join us for a Celebration of Life for Bill Hall, on **Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 am**, at SELC. A light lunch reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend the reception, please bring a dish to share if possible.

BUNCO PARTY - Saturday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall - Join us for this fun time. You don't need to have played before. All you need to be able to do is throw 3 dice at the same time. Feel free to bring a snack to share with others and be prepared to laugh. Call Helen Perdiue at 520-249-8191 for more information.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY INGATHERING - As Larry and Kim Rewis, Pastor Mark and Linda, and Intern Pastor Amy attend the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly this week, June 14 & 15, in Mesa, AZ, they'd like your help to collect items to bring with them for this special ministry:

- In conjunction with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, we are collecting items needed to help families seeking asylum at our southern border. Here is the list of items needed:
 - New, WHITE towels (white can be easily bleached in the laundry)
 - Over the Counter medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, cold and flu remedies)
 - New underwear, socks - men, women size s/m, children all sizes
 - Hygiene items - travel sized soap, deodorant, toothpaste, women's pads, shampoo/conditioner
 - Food - travel snack bags for bus
 - Backpacks
 - Used or new clothing, shoes - all sizes

Please bring to the church office no later than Thursday morning, June 13.

CROSS  GENERATIONAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Tues - Thurs evenings, June 25 - 27, 2019, 6 - 8 pm

With a light supper from 5:30 to 6 pm. At Sierra Lutheran Church

We encourage the entire household to attend VBS together...it's for everyone! This VBS will be a great way to empower different generations and/or families to talk about and walk their faith at home to here at SELC. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult. We begin our evening with a light supper from 5:30 to 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. After we eat, we will gather for our evening theme and learning fun around God's Good Earth. We have a sign-up sheet for help on the patio this morning.

NEEDS LIST FOR ALL GENERATIONS VBS

- Rubber or stuffed chicken
- Toilet paper tubes
- A few Paper grocery bags
- Cotton balls
- Elmer's type glue bottles
- Magnet strip tape
- 12 oz Red Solo cups
- Sponges (plain)
- A beekeeper to speak to the groups on June 27
- Small Goat on June 25? This is the closing activity so could be brought at 7:45

VBS TEAM LUNCHEON MEETING - June 23 - 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

All those who are a part of the VBS Crew are asked to attend this final meeting of preparation and review. A light subway sandwich lunch will be served. RSVP to when you sign up on the church patio or call the church office, 520-459-0444.

NOTE: No Sunday's Adult Classes June 16 - July 28.

COFFEE SET UP VOLUNTEER NEEDED - We are looking for a hospitality minded volunteer to set up the coffee and tea cart during the 4 weekends in July. (for the Sunday services being held on July 7, 14, 21, and 28.) Set up takes about 15 minutes and can be done on Friday or Saturday. Please contact Victoria Kiser if you feel led to serve in this way. 520-678-1996

YOU CAN HELP! Did you know that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol processed more than 107,000 migrants last year alone? In fact, federal immigration authorities have released more than 5,000 people in the Phoenix area in the past two months - the vast majority of these being families. These families are part of a growing wave of refugees arriving at Arizona's borders seeking asylum. From fleeing streets filled with gangs and crime to traveling hundreds of miles in search for a better life, these families were forced to leave behind everything they've ever known - and now they need our help. Through the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), LSS-SW has been asked to help these families by partnering with churches throughout the state in order to provide shelter during transition. Our congregation is needed to provide new socks and underwear (children and adults). Won't you join us in this "Sock and Underwear Drive" during the month of June 2019. For any information about this worthy cause, ask Gail and Doug Hamp and or Linda and Rich Radwick. Thank You in advance!

Flowers Provided by Diana Galecke in memory of Clarence; Cookie & Bill Spivey in celebration of their 58th anniversary; and Ruth Britton in memory of Margaret & Ralph Wright and Mary & Don Britton.

Oil for The Eternal Light to the Glory of God.

TAKING FAITH HOME
JUNE 9, 2019 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
The Holy Spirit lives in us.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Isaiah 44:1-5	God's blessing on Israel
Thursday	Galatians 5:16-25	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	2 Kings 2:1-15a	Elijah ascends to heaven
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. **John 14:26** (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Dear God, just as you are in Jesus and Jesus is in you, thank you for your Holy Spirit that places Jesus in us as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: O Lord, your work in creation is filled with awe and wonder; you open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:24 and 28)

A Blessing to Give: May the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit upon you that you may be filled with faith in Jesus Christ.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is it like to feel lost or alone?
- How did the disciples feel after Jesus ascended and was not visibly present to them?
- How does the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, fill the void of Jesus' absence?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:8-17, 25-27.

It can be confusing to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of one's faith. Some are tempted to see the Holy Spirit as an added dimension of the Christian faith beyond faith in Jesus. However, Jesus states in John 14 that the Holy Spirit will simply make his teachings and work alive in them, even though Jesus is not visibly present to them. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ the living Savior in the lives of believers and not just a historical figure to recall from the past. The Apostle Paul names the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9). It is Christ's presence that the Spirit gives, not something new and different from the saving, reconciling work of Christ. John 14 names the Spirit as "another Advocate" (v. 16, v. 26). The term advocate means someone who stands alongside someone and is a description used in 1 John 2:1 to describe Jesus Christ. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, reveals Christ to believers. The identity of the Holy Spirit in believers is the same as that of Jesus Christ. How does Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, give you comfort? How does it make a difference in your life? *Pray:* **Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, so that our lives are strengthened and our faith renewed day by day through your presence in our lives. Amen.**

SERVICE

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b is about God's wisdom in creating "living things both small and great" (v. 25b). The psalmist sings praises to God, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!" (v. 35b). Praise of God includes caring for all of God's creation. In what ways do you care for God's creation in your home and in your neighborhood?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Pentecost means fiftieth. Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter. It is when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Find a pattern for making paper flames or doves. Buy or bake a cake and decorate it with red icing. Place the flames (or use candles) and doves on the cake to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Buy birthday party plates and hats and have a party. Sing *Happy Birthday* to the church before cutting the cake. Close the party with a reading from Psalm 104:35b, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!"

CALENDAR 6/9/19 - 6/16/19

SUN 6/9	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for Adults - Fellowship Hall
MON 6/10	11:00 AM	Fellowship Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
TUE 6/11	7:45 AM	Exercise Group - Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	Dorcas Circle at Linda Radwick's
	4:30 PM	Shepherd's Fold Training - Room #3
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 6/12	9:00 AM	Bible Study - Music Room
	4:30 PM	Shepherd's Fold Training - Room #3
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THUR 6/13	7:45 AM	Exercise Group - Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Partners In Praise - Music Room
	4:30 PM	Shepherd's Fold Training - Room #3
	7:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 6/14		Synod Assembly - Mesa
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 6/15		Synod Assembly - Mesa
SUN 6/16	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services
	9:30 AM	Faith Formation for Adults - Fellowship Hall

Food Donations for Next Sunday Will Go to St. Vincent de Paul.
(Food donations to Peaches Pantry resume when school starts August 1st.)