

Blessing of the Backpacks



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

PASTOR'S VACATION - Pastor Mark Perry will be on vacation July 15 - July 30. Please contact Intern Pastor Amy Janssen for any pastoral care needs during this time. intern@selcaz.org or 720-355-4038.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Anne Peterson, Gary Graham and Jack Hewitt. Please continue to pray for Paul Gregory, the family of Dotti Stotts, Bruce Morris, Johnnie Rae Latham, Juergen and his family, for Phil's family, for the residents of Southern California, Joanne March and Helen Perdiue, Lynn's family, Jenna (Perry) Knauss, Tony Toto, Jan and Don Huthoefer, Bob Reiner, Grady Taylor, Phil, Sue Mount, Rob, Elaine Pinnt, George Abraham, Jane Behsman, Dolly Bessler, Jan Beverlin, Dee Brenner, Clayton, Kriss Larsen, Helen Lecomte, Mahkyla, Carol Moses, the Nowaks, Shawn Nowrey, Pete and Dee Pederson, Caroline Pentecost, Jerry Regan, Roger and Dee Rowley, Virginia Studer, Pam Williams and military personnel everywhere.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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 “Praise and Worship” (Billie Hayes)

Pre-Service Song “Come Now Is the Time to Worship” (Brian Doerksen)

Welcome

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn** “Christ Is the King” ELW #662

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 Pew Bible pgs. 12-13

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 Pew Bible pg. 957

***Gospel Acclamation** “Thy Word” *(repeat 2x)*

***Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 845

Children’s Time/Blessing of Backpacks Intern Pastor Amy Janssen & Cindy
Wiste

*(Children are asked to come forward. Teachers, administrators,
and other education professionals will be asked to stand.)*

Choir Anthem "Asante Sana, Yesu" (Mark Burrows)
("Thank You, Jesus" Swahili)

Sermon Intern Pastor Amy Janssen

Moment of Silent Reflection

Hymn of the Day "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW #765

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the People *(to the conclusion, "Lord, in your mercy,"
please respond, "hear our prayer.")*

*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 "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (A. S. Sullivan)
Piano Duet: Billie Hayes and Deb Koltveit

*Offering Prayer ELW pg. 144

*Holy Communion / Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145

Invitation to Communion

Communion Song "Lamb of God" ELW pg. 146

Hymns during Communion
"Unwavering" Presented by Jess Barrera (Matt Maher)

"Day by Day" ELW #790

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

Announcements

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn** **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”** **ELW #547**

***Dismissal**

(Pause for Chimes)

Postlude **“King of My Heart”** **(John and Sarah McMillan)**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Faith 5 Verse for this week is Luke 11:9-10:

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild - Dennis & Lorna Cook,
Donna Bryan, Wilma Bell

Acolyte - Kaylei Clark

Deacons/Communion Assistants
Deacons Carl McCourt, Carrisa
Bratlien

Greeters - Becky Randall, Pattie
Paul, Crystal Jordan , Leslie
McCourt

Lector - Bruce Morris

Music Director - Jess Barrera

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

*Monty & Carol Brandes, Don &
Sylvia Diamond, Gary Peterson,
Rich Mount, Wes Charles

TODAY BACKPACK SUNDAY - Children and youth are asked to bring their backpacks up with them during our special Children's Time to bless their backpacks. Also, special prayers given for our teachers and school administrators, who have joined us. We are giving out 152 backpacks locally this year, as well as 40 backpacks to Refugees we support through Lutheran Social Services of the South West. (The backpacks we purchase come filled with supplies, so none are needed as donations. Because of the generosity of SELC over the past decade, many students in need have received a backpack filled with school supplies. For questions about the backpack ministry, contact Carol Jordahl, 227-2796.)

Faith Formation Classes for All Ages Resumes Next Week - August 4 with.....

RALLY DAY & G.I.F.T. (Generations In Faith Together) at 9:30 a.m.

Jesus Is The Rock! All are invited to join us for our fall kick-off of Faith Formation in this special time together. We will be painting Faith Rocks, sharing in scripture, songs, snacks and fellowship. All children and youth who selected a special rock to paint from our field trip in July, will get a chance to paint their rock! More rocks will be provided for those who did not get to go with us that day. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

TOMBSTONE PHOTO & LUNCH WITH INTERN PASTOR AMY - Saturday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. - - All Jr. & Sr. High Youth are invited to attend. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool over. Lunch will be provided which will be burgers or BBQ!. Bring ice cream money if you wish to get a cone after as a treat. Please let Linda Perry know if you will attend so we can make sure to have enough rides.

GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS FOR INTERN PASTOR AMY JANSSEN - Sunday, August 11th - We will have special Farewell and Godspeed at both worship services for Intern Pastor Amy as she completes her Internship with us. The Internship Committee will be sponsoring a cookie and lemonade reception following each service. Please make sure to join us and send her off in a strong prayerful way! It's not too late to get together and visit with Amy. To schedule a lunch, coffee, dinner or just a time to chat, please contact her at (720) 355-4038 or intern@selcaz.org.

GIFT CARD COLLECTIONS FOR OUR 2019-20 INTERN PASTOR - Our new Intern Pastor, Paul Benz along with his wife Monica and daughter Joy, will soon be here and settling into our community. As in past years, we are looking to collect a variety of gift cards from local stores as a housewarming and welcome gift to help make the transition a bit easier. **A container is located in the narthex to deposit these gifts.** Let's give them a big Sierra Vista welcome!

WANTED: ALL MEN - Our next Men's Prayer Breakfast is on **August 3rd, at 7:00 am.** We always have good fellowship, good food and good conversation. Please let us know if you are coming so we can prepare enough for all. Contact Glen Sanner for more information or to RSVP at longeyesone@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM MEETING - August 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Room 3 - All are invited to attend this monthly meeting as we pray, plan and provide faith formation ministries here at SELC!

SR. HIGH L.I.F.T. (LEAPING IN FAITH TOGETHER) & JR. HIGH CONFIRMATION BEGIN AGAIN! AUGUST 15 - LIFT and Confirmation will resume again each Thursday starting on this date. LIFT is 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Confirmation is 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sr. High are encouraged to stay until 2:45 p.m. to share in our song and praise time together! Please contact Linda Perry regarding transportation arrangements from Buena High and JCMS if you will need a ride!

HELPING HEARTS TUTORING needs new leadership, as Janet Pressler and Janet Bobar will no longer head the program. This has been a successful outreach ministry for the past nine years by offering guidance and tutoring to neighboring Bella Vista School students (Grades 1-6) in reading and math. If you are interested in seeing this Outreach Ministry continue, contact Janet Pressler at 520-255-0507 or janet.pressler@gmail.com.

COFFEE SET UP VOLUNTEER NEEDED - We are looking for a hospitality minded volunteer to set up the coffee and tea cart from November through March. 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

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN SENDING OUT PRAYER REQUESTS. Volunteers serve on a one-month rotation and are responsible for sending out incoming prayer requests, providing the church office with prayer information for Sunday's bulletin, and sending out the information from Sunday's bulletin (plus any additional petitions) to the prayer chain. If you would be interested in volunteering, or would like further information, please contact Leslie McCourt at mccourtleslie@gmail.com.

Flowers Provided by Al Haser in memory of Marjorie T. Haser.

**Oil for The Eternal Light Provided by
Carol Jordahl, in loving memory of Greg Jordahl**

TAKING FAITH HOME
Jesus teaches his followers to pray.

HYMN OF THE WEEK - O Lord, Hear My Prayer

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Monday	Genesis 18:20-32	Abraham haggles with God
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-19	Fullness of life in Christ
Wednesday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses appeals to God
Thursday	James 5:13-20	The prayer of faith
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus on prayer
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK - He [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week: Loving God, you who welcome our prayers, praise, questions, and our fears and frustrations, help us to come to you with confidence, hope, and love. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: Dear God, you who hunger for our attention, thank you for giving us each day our daily bread. Amen. (Luke 11:3)

A Blessing to Give: May the God who cares for you with the love of a parent, feed you, forgive you, and preserve you now and always.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When do you pray? What do you pray for?
- How has praying made a difference in your life?
- A life of prayer is not easy. What does it take to make prayer part of our daily lives?

DEVOTIONS - Read: Luke 11:1-13.

Jesus teaches his followers to pray by giving a model prayer, a parable about perseverance, and simple words of wisdom on pursuing what we want with vigor. The gift we most want is a relationship to God, what is granted to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 13). Seen this way, prayer does not disappoint. We are given an intimate relationship of a parent caring for a child seen in verses 11-13 and introduced by the first word of Jesus' model prayer: "Father." We are to ask for the essentials of life: food, forgiveness, and preservation. Jesus' teaching on prayer is not lengthy. It focuses on the essentials of life grounded in the confidence of an intimate relationship with God. Now, just as Jesus is portrayed praying throughout the Gospel of Luke (3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28; 10: 21-22; 11:1; 22:41-44; and 23:46), it is time for us to do as Jesus did: pray. Look these verses up and highlight them in your Bible.

Pray: Our Father, by your holy name give us the faith to trust in you and to seek everything in life that is part of your kingdom of grace, mercy, and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

SERVICE

James 5:13-20 is about the prayer of faith. This scripture reading provides an example of how we are to pray for others, for those who are suffering, those who are sick, and those who need forgiveness. Is there someone you know who is need of a prayer of praise or one for healing? Find time to be with them and pray with them.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. He taught them the Lord's Prayer. Nearly 2,000 years later, this same Lord's Prayer is a prayer said in both our congregations and in our homes. Who taught you to pray the Lord's Prayer? Pray the Lord's Prayer in your home and think of hand signs or use sign language for key words as you pray. Using hand signs when you pray embeds the prayer in your heart and mind. Who would benefit learning this prayer from you?

CALENDAR 7/28/19 - 8/4/19

SUN 7/28/19	8:30 AM	Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Worship Services
MON 7/29		
TUE 7/30	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	1:00 PM	Visitation Team Meeting at Wedge Stewarts
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 7/31		
THUR 8/1	7:45 AM	Exercise Group
	9:00 AM	Worship & Music Team Meeting - Music Room
	9:00 AM	Stitch-In-Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	Partner's in Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Plus Square Dancers
FRI 8/2	1:00 PM	Senior Games - Fellowship Hall
	3:30 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
	6:00 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/3	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Tombstone Photo & Lunch with Intern Pastor Amy - meet at SELC
SUN 8/4	9:30 AM	<u>Rally Day & G.I.F.T.</u> - Fellowship Hall
	8:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship Services

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