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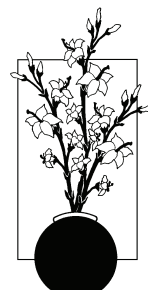
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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE
A SPECIAL EVENT OR SPECIAL SOMEONE,
CONSIDER SPONSORING
FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL.**

Each bouquet is \$27.50 or \$55.00

Contact: Jeanie Schultz, Altar Guild
or the MCLC Office

Have something you want to share, celebrate or commemorate?
E-mail the details/pictures to the church office
(info@mtcarmelslo.org) for publication in this newsletter and/or our
weekly "Vistas" e-mail!

Deadline for February "Summit" is January 25th

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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To you, Blessings for a Happy New Year, and with it the light of the breaking dawn as we welcome in the Epiphany.

In the church January is always a time for breathing. It is the respite after the busy holidays and the time to prepare for the coming season of Lent. It is also the time to perceive all the ways that the light of Epiphany is breaking-in to a world of darkness. There is a history of a rich and powerful imagery of hope surrounding the symbols of light that come with the Epiphany season, and I *hope that in this season you may find meaning in the symbols as you find hope in the light itself.*

As you probably already know, I will not be with you for much of January so we will not be spending our Epiphany time together. Our new baby is due to be born on January 4th, though of course, as you know, these things do not operate on any kind of schedule. Whenever Baby Boy does arrive I will begin 4 weeks of leave, so that I might help Pastor Valerie recover from the rigors of labor and childbirth and help Baby Boy get acquainted with living. I welcome your prayers and support as we make this transition to a family of four, and I will look forward to being with you all again in February and the lead up to Lent.

In my absence Pr. John Rollefson will be leading worship at Mt Carmel, including the Memorial Service for Bob Harvey and Toney Ledford. Any questions that you might have can be directed to Alex at the office who will then redirect them as necessary.

Through so much of this time of preparation for our new family addition, we have had so much support for which to be thankful from so many of you. We are ever-grateful to have been embraced by the community in this way. Thank you, for your gifts, for your prayers, for your encouragement, and for your love.

We expect that you will hear about Baby Boy's arrival through the usual means of communication. We will send out a picture and birth announcement as soon as we can, but I'm sure that you will hear about it through the grapevine before that.

God's PEACE and Love and Light to you all in this transition from Christmas to Epiphany.

Pastor Dan

Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel

8:45 AM—Traditional Service

11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is offered at all Sunday worship services.

Child care available on
Sundays 8:45 am-12:15 pm.



BUDGET REPORT

November Financial Report

The current general cash reserve at 11/30/17 (which do not include Temporarily Restricted Funds or Memorial and Trust Funds) was \$174k. This is 44% of the operating budget; comfortably exceeding a good guideline for cash reserves of at least 30% of the operating budget.

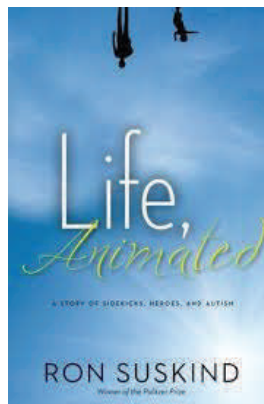
Offerings through 11/30/17 are \$119k. This is just under our planned monthly budget of \$24k per month but exceeds our prior year giving through 11/30 by \$8k. The total revenue through 11/30/17 is \$160k.

We are 42% through the year. Our total expense is at 32% of the full year budget. The largest expense line of Personnel is under budget at 32% of the full year budget - this is mostly due to the continuing unfilled CAT Director position. The Council and a task force formed for this purpose are working on this important issue. Facilities is also a large budget item that is under budget at 28% of the full year budget. This is mostly due to large projects (parking lot resurface and back lot) that have not yet started.

The Altar Guild would like to shout a big **thank you** to the students who put up the Christmas tree this year. It was much appreciated and looked beautiful!

MCLC Book Club

The Book Club will be taking a break in December and gather again after the first of the year. We'll be meeting at the home of Karen Petersen, **Sunday, January 14 at 6:00pm**. The book for January is **Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism**, by **Ron Suskind**. This is the Cuesta book of the year and numerous copies are available to check-out at the SLO Library. Join us for lively and thought-provoking conversation. Tasty treats too!



Mt. Carmel is hosting this important education series

beginning January 7— open to the

public- featuring dynamic national speakers, local leaders and coalitions focused on understanding and working towards solutions for the issues of immigration and refugees. Come and be part of the solution! You are welcome to attend any and all presentations. Website: <https://welcomethedream.org/>

January 7, 10:00-11:00am and 12:30-1:30pm: Reverend Alexia Salvatierra (Lutheran pastor, author, professor with over 35 years of experience in community ministry, including church-based service and community development programs, congregational and community organizing, and legislative advocacy)

January 14, 10:00-11:00am and 12:30-1:30pm: Esperanza Salazar, Living Word Santa Maria (working to support immigrant families and against sex trafficking)

January 21, 10:00-11:00am and 12:30-1:30pm: Mayor Heidi Harmon and Chief of Police Deanna Cantrell

January 28, 10:00-11:00am and 12:30-1:30pm: Panel and local action/coalitions



- 7 Ed Dresp
- 8 Jerry Kirkhart
- 10 Sally Eggen
- 13 Heather Babcock
- 13 Erin Garnsey
- 15 Nancy Priddy
- 15 Donley Winger
- 19 Sheryl Huffaker
- 24 Jeannie Ledford
- 24 Maia Malone-Davison
- 25 Caleb Hensinger
- 27 Elsa Brody
- 27 Ryan Mansell
- 29 Bryan Gingg



1-27-68 Pat & Cindy Hill

**Please let us know if we missed your birthday or anniversary*

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

January 7: Sally Reck, Walt & Helen Rehm, Wendy Reis (Emily)

January 14: Alice Robinson, Jaoh & Ruth Rollefson, Sandy Rowland

January 21: Todd & Rebecca Schnack, Jeanie & Gary Schultze, Karen Schultze

January 28: Linda Schultze, Matt & Deanna Schultze (Allison, Daniel, Adrian), Jack & Jean Senter

Mount Carmel Staff

Valerie Carlson	Pastor
Dan Carlson	Pastor
Cora Carlson	Cora
Vacant	Director of Children & Teens Ministry
Paul Woodring	Organist
Vacant	Choir Director
Dave Becker	Director of Contemporary Music
Tony Bloodworth	Custodian
Alex Bell	Parish Administrator

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Lutheran Campus Ministry

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Our pastoral staff is here for you.
In times of crisis, please contact the church.



The People's Kitchen of San Luis Obispo

Mt. Carmel serves again on **February 2** at Noon at Prado Day Center.

Volunteers: Thank you, and be sure to check the schedule below for what is needed.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	WHAT TO BRING	HOW MUCH TO BRING	DATE
Johnson	Betty	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	1/5/2018
Musial	Laurie	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	1/5/2018
Draze	Dianne	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Dresp	Maureen	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Martin	Annette	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Petersen	Karen	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Priddy	Nancy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Winger	Carol	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Coughran	Claudia	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	1/5/2018
Cook	Nancy	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	1/5/2018
Frokjer	Ingrid	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Garnsey	Cheryl	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Kerkhart	Judie	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Remington	Jennifer	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	1/5/2018
Bremer	Judy & Walt	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	2/2/2018
Uder	Jan	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	2/2/2018
		HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Forrest	Pat	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Meyer	Kathey	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Rollefson	Ruth	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Senter	Jean & Jack	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Sexton	Janis	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Keisler	John	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	2/2/2018
Martin	Julie	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	2/2/2018
Columbo	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Muller	Tina	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Bobell	David	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018
Twomey	Jenice & Phil	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/2/2018



Mt. Carmel volunteers provide a hot meal for People's Kitchen on the first Friday of each month. If you would like to provide a hot dish, salad, milk or canned fruit with 12 hearty servings three times in the next year (and you're not already a volunteer) please contact Laura Krueger at laurasalazar67@gmail.com or [805-458-6012](tel:805-458-6012)

Coming Attractions! The church entry doors will be re-keyed some time after the first of the year. Why is this necessary? As the council reviewed operational systems, a discrepancy between the number of keys and the list of people with keys was discovered. Therefore we will be re-keying the entry doors, however, not until the policy and process has been revised and approved to assure keys are available to those who need keys and a list of those with key can be maintained. Stay tuned. Watch for updates.

The next **Council Meeting** will be held on **January 18th** at 6pm.

Upcoming Memorials:

All are welcome to join in remembering and celebrating those we have recently lost.

January 6 at 11am, a service will be held for Bob Harvey.

January 13 at 10am, a service will be held for Toney Ledford, mother of member Jeannie Ledford.

Hop aboard the Meal Train!!

Pastors Carlson will have their hands full soon with Cora and Baby Boy. Let's help them out by crossing one stress off of their list: dinner. If you can help by making a meal one day (or several), please **email Shannon Babcock at sbabcock1996@yahoo.com** and she will send you the link to sign up to bring a meal. All the information you will need will be on the **Meal Train site**. If you know of someone who'd like to help but **does not have internet access, please have them call Shannon at (805) 602-1759** and she will plug them in!

Volunteer Opportunities!

We are in need of some fresh faces to fill Sunday volunteer positions. If you would like to commit to once a month or as a back-up, please email or call the office at **805-544-2133** or info@mtcarmelslo.org. Here are the duties that we need help with:

First Service Greeters
Second Service Greeters
Second Service Communion Assistants



Family WinterFest – January 13-15, 2018

Get away for the weekend with a family trip to El Camino Pines Family Winterfest! Come with your whole family, or come alone to hang out with other Mt. Carmel families and meet some new friends! Children will have their own activities led by the El Camino Pines staff. Enjoy a weekend of family, fun and fellowship! The retreat begins Saturday January 13, 2018 with registration at 2pm. The retreat ends on Monday, January 15, after worship and an early lunch. Registration is done online and is now open! Go to http://www.lrcchome.com/programs/family_winterfest.php to register your family.

The CAT Task Force has completed their work and has written a report of their findings and recommendations. You can access the full report at: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NxXt1QWnpi4_ZzOwQ4kJwpD1xiG6tWqN. Please submit your comments, questions, and concerns in writing to Alex Bell, our Parish Administrator at info@mtcarmelslo.org. Alex will forward them to the Task Force who will use them to plan an information session during an Adult Forum at a yet to be determined date.

Date	Time	Acolytes	Coffee Servers	Communion Assistants	Greeters
		Greeter/C.A.	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:
		COORDINATOR:	Carol Harvey	Parish Administrator	Parish Administrator
		Parish Administrator	481-2418	544-2133	544-2133
		544-2133		info@MtCarmelSLO.org	info@MtCarmelSLO.org
Jan 7	8:45		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Nancy Priddy	JoAnn Bennett
				Lisanne Martinelli	
	11:00		Vicky Tway	Diane Mansell	Pat Forrest
				Anneke Moersdorf	
				John Cook	
Jan 14	8:45		Jess & Pat Bathke	Dale Johnson	Ro Cannon-Miller
				Betty Johsnon	
	11:00		Jeanie Schultz	Sheryl Huffaker	Sue Cummings
				Volunteer Needed	
				Volunteer Needed	
Jan 21	8:45		Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Maureen Dresp	Carolyn Baker
				Mary Christenson	
	11:00		Mike & Val Lund	Anneke Moersdorf	Pat Forrest
				Diane Mansell	
				Volunteer Needed	
Jan 28	8:45		Carol Harvey	Mike Dresp	Ro Cannon-Miller
				Greg Zocher	
	11:00		Jan Uder	Sheryl Huffaker	Sue Cummings
				Volunteer Needed	
				Volunteer Needed	

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday
8:45	Jess & Pat Bathke	Norm & Mollie Smith	Glen Priddy	Warren Quist
	Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Dale & Betty Johnson	Burke Jr. & Kathy Towle	John Merrill
11:00	Sue Cummings	Bob & Carol Grosse	Alan Estes	Carol & Donley Winger
		Jeanie Schultz	Mike & Val Lund	Pat Forrest
	Bob Babcock	Linda Schultze	Dorothy McCoid	Andy Frokjer

Friday Morning Office Volunteers					
Pat Forrest	Dorothy McCoid	Carol Grosse	Mary Christenson	Carol Winger	Maureen Dresp
Jan-26	Jan-19	Jan- 5	Jan-12	Feb-2	Feb-9
Feb-23	Feb-16	Mar-9	Mar-16	Mar-30	Mar-2
Mar-23	Apr-6	Apr-13	Apr-20	Apr-27	May-4

Date	Time	Lector(s)	Assisting Minister	Soundboard	Powerpoint
		COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:
		Parish Administrator	Greg Zocher	Marshall Pihl	Marshall Pihl
		544-2133	461-3128		
		info@MtCarmelSLO.org	gzocher@slocity.org		
Jan 7	8:45	Kathy Gremel	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	TBD
	11:00	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
Jan 14	8:45	Jess Bathke	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	Dale Johnson
	11:00	Shannon Babcock		Marshall Pihl	Matthew Babcock
Jan 21	8:45	Mary Christenson	Rebecca Christensen	John Perreault	TBD
	11:00	Allison Schultze		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze
Jan 28	8:45	Mike Dresp	Dale Johnson	John Perreault	Dale Johnson
	11:00	Bob Grosse		Marshall Pihl	TBD

Children's Church				
Diane Mansell	Jennifer Remington	Val Lund	Kathy Gremel	Deanna Schultze
Jan 7				

Altar Guild	
January 7	Jeanie Schultz
January 14	Mollie Smith
January 21	Dorothy McCoid
January 28	Pat Forrest
Next Altar Guild meeting: March 15 @ 2pm	

*Reminder:
If you are unable to serve, please notify your coordinator and the church office of your substitute as soon as possible.

