

*i thank You God
for this most amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirit of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything which is natural
which is infinite
which is yes.*

e.e. cummings

As I sit outside on a beautiful late June afternoon, sunlight streaks through the branches of the trees and a gentle breeze stirs their leaves to life. It is a time to give thanks to God.

The truth is, of course, that there are countless reasons to give God thanks in every season. But perhaps because I grew up where the winters were dark, cold and long, I've always found it easier to give thanks in this season of light, growth and green. God's grace is given in all times, but in sunlight and warmth it seems present and palpable in ways even I can't miss. Summer is God's gift to those of us who need some help in learning to live by grace and with gratitude.

And so I bid you a gentle and joyous summer. May it be for you a gracious season filled with a growing awareness of everything, as the poet writes,

"which is infinite/which is yes" – the grace of God present in all our days.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

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**MT. CARMEL VACANT
LOT**

Sunday, June 14 &
Saturday, June 20

**BIRTHDAY BBQ
FOR WARREN QUIST**

Sunday, June 21

**5 Healthy Habits:
Listen to Understand**

Sunday, July 28

....and more

**Sunday Worship
at Mt. Carmel
Sunday Worship Service**

9:30am

Holy Communion is offered at all
Sunday worship services.

Join us for coffee on the patio
immediately following the service.

THE JOURNEY FORWARD

The Journey Forward Team, formerly the Norms team, had a month that included positives, negatives, and several oh my gosh moments. First there was the Cinco de Mayo forum, Jackie Kinsey and Joan Pederson worked very hard on that and we received excellent feedback from the participants. Kudos to both Jackie and Joan for a job well done.

Second there were several resignations from the team for varying reasons, two being scheduling difficulties, one needing to concentrate on another committee and Phil Twomey, the Team Leader, who wanted a different challenge. As an aside, herding this team is sort of like herding cats, it is a never ending challenge. Kudos to Phil, for a job well done in developing the process for the Team moving forward, and bringing it to the implementation stage.

Third, the Team added one new member, Betty Johnson, who is already getting up to speed and will be a valuable member of the team. That leaves us with a team of five and Pastor Richard. We decided unanimously, that instead of electing a new team leader, we will each take turns being the facilitator for a month. Since this is a group of very busy people, each of whom is committed to the work of the Journey Forward team, this is the best solution for our team at this time.

Fourth, yes we have been very busy this month. Each one of us has met with one or more of the groups or committees of MCLC. Our purpose was to ascertain how the people who are doing the day to day stuff, i.e., planting the garden, Bible study groups, and various other ministries feel about being open to change. As the results of those meetings are aggregated, we are beginning to get a picture of what needs to be done from the bottom up to support the strategic plan at the congregational level.

Journey Forward Team:

Pastor Richard
Marilyn Brown
Kevin Dong
John Kiesler
Jackie Kinsey
Betty Johnson

ADULT FORUM

Sunday 11:00AM

Quist Hall

July 14—*Vacant Lot Presentation*

July 28 — *“Journey Forward: Listen to Understand”*

At Mt. Carmel, we listen respectfully to all voices to understand with an open heart and an open mind.



MT. CARMEL BOOK CLUB

Sunday,

July 14 at 6:00 pm

Karen Petersen's home

The Book Club is currently reading *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles. It tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov in 1922 Russia. Hailed for its humor, intrigue, and beautifully rendered scenes, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the Count's endeavor to become a man of purpose.

Copies are available in the church office.



BROWN BAG LUNCH

The Brown Bag Lunch will be going on “holiday” in the month of July, as many of us will be on vacation. Watch for information on the speaker/topic for August.

Questions - Nancy Priddy, 805-459-9249

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 22–26, 9:00am–2:00pm

There are about 74 kids registered for VBS. Look for the display board at church to find out what supplies are still needed. Contact Ingrid at ingrid.frokjer@gmail.com for more information.



MT. CARMEL VACANT LOT PROPOSAL

When Mount Carmel built its current sanctuary nearly 35 years ago, the planning process addressed the use of the lot between Mount Carmel and SLO Methodist. That planning committee recorded in its minutes the recommendation that, at some point, the lot should be used for senior housing. Pearl Thoma, a long-time member of Mount Carmel, was part of that committee and she entrusted the written recommendation to Glen Priddy so that it would not be misplaced.

The Council has been considering whether the lot should be sold for a number of years. This work has been done primarily by Glen Priddy, Wayne Lippold and Bill Almas. Over this time they have given a significant number of hours exploring different options for the use of the property, including an in-house proposal and design for the lot to become the location for low-income senior housing. After consideration, it was determined that the lot size was not large enough for a feasible project of this type.

More recently there have been discussions with outside parties who have expressed interest in purchasing the lot. As presented at the June 2, 2019 Annual Meeting, we have been approached by a party proposing to purchase the lot for the purpose of building a small (20-25 beds) assisted-living facility. This party is prepared to pay cash and would like to proceed before year's end.

Your new council held its first meeting on June 20 and decided that it is time to bring the whole congregation into the discussion. The council has *not* entered into any sales agreement. Such an action can only be taken after a congregational meeting where the membership decides whether or not to sell. Not all council members are convinced that selling is a good thing to do, whether the present is a good time to sell, or if this proposed project is consistent with Mount Carmel's ministry.

In order to provide more complete information about the project, consider how this project could affect the ministry of Mt Carmel, and provide ample opportunities for discussion, the council is taking the following steps:

- The project developer will meet with the congregation to present the proposed project on **Sunday, July 14 after the 9:30 service.**
- The council will also sponsor a number of home meetings to discuss the proposal further, to answer questions and to receive feedback, The first meeting

will held on **Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 am at Marc & Patti Frey's house in Atascadero.**

- Further meetings will follow to be hosted by various members representative of the geography of our membership.
- There will be opportunities to take part in conversations on Sunday mornings.

After the meetings and opportunities for discussion and prayer, a congregational meeting will be scheduled for the purpose of deciding whether or not to sell the lot. We anticipate that meeting will occur in late September or October.

This is a pivotal moment for Mt Carmel and we need to hear everyone's thoughts and ideas about the proposed project and what it can mean for ministry. Please make time to attend meetings to gather information and participate in conversation. We need to hear your voice.



NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

Copies of the new church phone directory are available in the narthex. A PDF version is available via email upon written request. Please leave a note in the church office, or send an email to info@mtcarmelslo.org. Corrections may also be submitted in writing.

DATE	ACOLYTES	COFFEE SERVERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	GREETERS	Lectors
	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	Coordinator
	John Keisler	Carol Harvey	Office	Office	Wayne Lippold
7/7	Lily Hinds	Carol Harvey	Janis Sexton; Diane Mansell; Maureen Dresp	Janis Sexton	Janis Sexton
7/14	Allison Schultze	Jess & Pat Bathke	Karen Petersen; Betty Johnson; Jenice Twomey	Betty Johnson	Monica Holman
7/21	Andrew Moersdorf	Mike & Val Lund	Sherri & Makenna Parkinson; Cyndi Rollefson; Nancy Priddy	Sandy Rowland & Margaret O'Neill	John Cook
7/28	Lily Hinds	Steve Bennett	John & Nancy Cook; Mike Dresp; Lisanne Martinelli	Pat Forrest	Monica Holman
8/4	Allison Schultze	Vicky Tway	Janis Sexton; Diane Mansell; Maureen Dresp	Ro Cannon-Miller	Nancy Cook

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

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FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

July 5	Dorothy McCoid
July 12	Carol Winger
July 19	Maureen Dresp
July 26	Pat Forrest

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

Two bouquets for \$55.00.
Thank you, Jeanie Schultz
Altar Guild

**MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

President	Marshall Pihl
Vice President	Patti Frey
Treasurer	Sherri Parkinson
Secretary	John Merrill
Members at Large	Jenice Twomey
Carol Harvey	Jan Uder
Matthew Schultze	Wayne Lippold

DATE	USHERS	SOUND BOARD	POWER POINT	ALTAR GUILD	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	Coordinator
	Jess Bathke	Marshall Pihl	Marshall Pihl	Jeanie Schultz	Ingrid Frokjer
7/7	Steve Bennett; Jess & Pat Bathke; John Sexton	Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse	Maureen Dresp	Ingrid Frokjer
7/14	Norm & Mollie Smith; Dale & Betty Johnson	John Perreault	Matthew Moersdorf	Mollie Smith	Sandy Rowland
7/21	Glen Priddy; Burke & Kathy Towle; Cyndi Rollefson	Marshall Pihl	Dave Parkinson	Dorothy McCoid	Val Lund
7/28	Warren Quist; John Merrill; Andy Frokjer; Carol & Donley Winger	John Perreault	Dave Parkinson	Pat Forrest	Diane Mansell
8/4	Steve Bennett; Jess & Pat Bathke; John Sexton	Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse	Vickie Tway	Ingrid Frokjer

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The People's Kitchen
of San Luis Obispo

Mt. Carmel serves again on July 5th at 11:45 AM at Prado Day Center.

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

Please find your own substitutes if you cannot provide this month.

Email Jan Uder at j.uder@yahoo.com if you have any questions about The People's Kitchen program or would like to volunteer.

Please have your clearly marked items at church by 11:00am,(heated and ready to go)

July PEOPLE'S KITCHEN SIGN-UPS,

Our volunteers on July 5:
Hot Dish (serves 12+)

- Linda Lex
- Sandy Rowland
- Judy Tewell
- Sheilah Tiejte
- David Lonsway
- Sid & Beryl Bennett
- Rheinisch
- Rebecca Christensen
- Karen Bockelman
- Sue Cummings
- Jess & Pat Bathke
- Ro Cannon-Miller

Salad (serves 12+)

2 Large Cans of Fruit

2 Gallons Whole Milk

Looking ahead to August 2:

Hot Dish (serves 12+)

- Steve & JoAnn Bennett
- Kevin & Wendy Dong
- Jeanne Eggert
- Sherri Parkinson
- Mollie Smith
- Marilyn Brown
- Sue Haas-Clark
- Carol Harvey
- Marci Lippold
- Rebecca Keisler
- Margot Hemmersbach
- Dorothy McCoid
- Carol Grosse

Salad (serves 12+)

2 Large Cans of Fruit

2 Gallons Whole Milk

A Fun Day at the Ballpark

Several people from Mt. Carmel enjoyed an afternoon of fun and sun as the San Luis Blues beat the Conejo Oaks 2-1.



YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE ACTIVITY

Are you looking for a one-time project or event to help with at church but don't have time to be on a committee? Here are a few opportunities that you might want to consider:

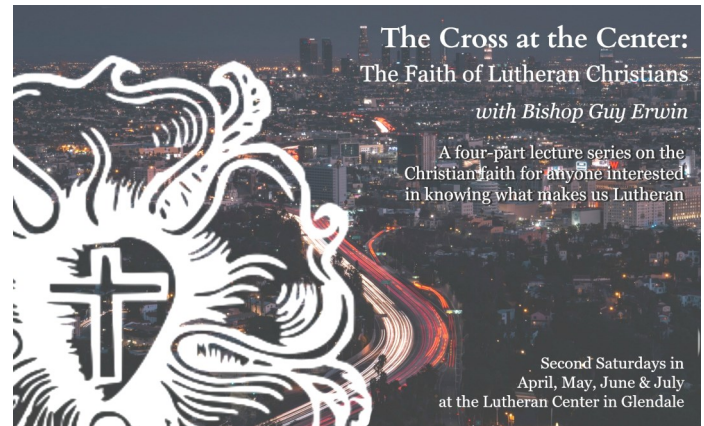
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Volunteers to help group leaders and to donate supplies are needed. Contact Ingrid at ingrid.frokjer@gmail.com.

BLESSING THE ANIMALS: Please contact Nancy Priddy if you would like to help coordinate this event in early October.

FRIDAY MORNING GARDEN CLUB: A few more hands are always welcome when it comes to yard work. Contact John Cook or Bob Grosse for more information.

Some benefits of helping at a one time event include:

- Limited or no meetings
- Fellowship with other members of Mt. Carmel
- Opportunity to make a difference in our community



Hope Lutheran in Atascadero is hosting a viewing of the Facebook series by Bishop Guy Erwin.

Saturday, July 13: 12 noon–2pm (bring lunch & beverage)

Call Pat Forrest for further info

Got something you want to celebrate or commemorate?
E-mail the details/pictures to the church office
- info@mtcarmelslo.org - for publication in this newsletter
and our weekly "Vistas" announcements!
Deadline for August Summit is July 20

Mount Carmel Staff

<i>Rev. Richard Rollefson</i>	Interim Pastor
<i>Paul Woodring</i>	Organist
<i>Dave Becker</i>	Director of Contemporary Music
<i>Tony Bloodworth</i>	Custodian
<i>Mary Ann Jakes</i>	Parish Administrator

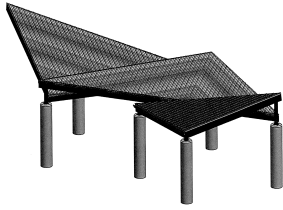
Church Office Hours 9:00am–3:00pm Monday-Friday
Phone 805-544-2133

Email: info@mtcarmelslo.org www.mtcarmelslo.org

Our pastoral staff is here for you.

In time of crisis, please contact the church office or
Pastor Richard Rollefson 858-349-8862

MT. CARMEL ENTRY CANOPY



We wish to thank everyone involved in the Canopy Project. It was a true team effort to complete all of the installation, paint touch-up, and cleaning needed before June 28. Roofing installation, the final phase of this project, will begin soon.

BIBLE STUDIES

Friday Morning at 10:00 AM
 Four Cats Café
 1531 Monterey St.
 San Luis Obispo



Saturday Mornings at 8:00 AM
 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
 Mt. Carmel in the Brick Area

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 02 | Debbie Petersen | 17 | Pat Ramsay |
| 03 | Jan Uder | 18 | Michael Drazé |
| 05 | Ian Mansell | 19 | Adrian Schultze |
| 05 | Matthew Moersdorf | 21 | Warren Quist |
| 09 | Jess Bathke | 23 | Ava Rowland |
| 10 | Ruth Rollefson | 25 | Claudia Coughran |
| 11 | Carol Wheeler | 25 | Carol Harvey |
| 15 | Ryan Reck | 27 | Kay Jensen |
| 16 | Matt Schultze | 30 | Sven Hammer |
| 16 | Cooper Lyle | | |
| 17 | Sue Haas-Clark | | |
| 17 | Ingrid Frokjer | | |
| 17 | Karen Schultze | | |



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 07/02/54 Jess & Pat Bathke
 07/05/86 Marshall & Marj Funk-Pihl
 07/10/71 Ed & Paula Jaster
 07/19/09 Ryan & Martha Reck

BIRTHDAY BBQ FOR WARREN QUIST
 Sunday, July 21, 11:00AM



Everyone's invited to celebrate Warren's birthday with a BBQ and salad potluck. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many are coming, and to let us know if you are bringing a salad to share.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

- July 7—Joan Pedersen; John Perreault & Claudia Coughran;
 Karen Petersen
- July 14—Joel & Debbie Peterson; Marshall Pihl & Marj Funk-Pihl;
 Glen & Nancy Priddy
- July 21—David Quist; Steve, Cynthia, & Annie Quist;
 Warren Quist
- July 28—Pat Ramsay; Ryan, Martha, Keilani, & Andre Reck;
 Sally Reck



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Gather, Grow, Go

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**Southwest California Synod/Mt. Carmel
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Spaces limited. Sign-up up today!

Sign-ups are being taken on the patio, after the service, for the Women's Retreat. It will be held at the Cambria Pines Lodge, Oct. 18 - 20. Our speaker is, Mary Stein-Webber, MDJV, LMFF, and her topic will be "Resurrections in Our Lives", "How God breaks in when it is still dark." It will be based on the story in the book of Luke, of Mary, going to the Garden, and finds an empty tomb. Suddenly, she hears someone calling her name...

Total cost for the weekend is \$250, with an \$80 deposit due at sign-up. Bring a friend and sign-up today!