

## ALL SAINTS

*Now there are some things we all know, but we don't take 'em out and look at them very often. We all know that something is eternal. And it ain't houses and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars . . . everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. Here's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being.*

Thornton Wilder, *Our Town* Act III

In our worship on All Saint's Sunday we will hear these lines come from Thornton Wilder's beloved play, *Our Town*. At the beginning of the final act the Stage Manager takes us to the cemetery to visit the dead. "They're waitin'," he tells us, "They're waitin' for something that they feel is comin'. Something important and great. Aren't they waitin' for the eternal part in them to come out clear?"

All Saints is the date in the church year set apart to remember loved ones who have died. It is a remembrance that conveys a sense of the finite character of time and the preciousness of life. It's this same sensibility that Wilder conveys when the character Emily, now a resident of the cemetery, has the chance to revisit her life. She exclaims: "Oh earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you." And then she asks, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? - every, every minute?" The Stage Manager answers "no," but then he adds, "the saints and poets, maybe - they do some."

I guess that's why it's important that we listen to them—to poets and saints. And it's why we gather as a community of faith to remember loved ones who have died, why we celebrate the wonder and preciousness of life, and why we give thanks to God for it all.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

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6:00pm—Mt. Carmel

#### Benefit Concert for Dr. Andrew Peterson

Sunday, November 10  
3:00pm—Mt. Carmel

#### SLO County Band's 25th Annual Benefit Concert for

'Friends of 40 Prado'  
Sunday, November 17  
3:00pm—Mt. Carmel

#### 'Imprisoning a Generation'

Film Screening  
Sunday, November 24  
4:00pm—Mt. Carmel

#### 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

I/we want to thank those who met often, worked hard and applied thoughtfulness to the previously known as "Norms Group" and renamed "Journey Forward" teams. I/we also want to thank the congregation for participating in all the conversations and surveys that were so important to the process. It was a long journey with all the usual bumps. However, with the initial groundwork provided by Deb Prieto of Turning West, I/we believe we achieved several positive accomplishments and opened doors to constructive conversations. At our celebration on Sunday Oct 27, 2019 we identified some of the participants on this team. A heart felt thank you to the hospitality team that helped us host such a delicious celebration!

I/we would like to highlight and thank everyone that provided guidance for and to the Journey Forward team since we began meeting in July 2018!

Kathy Gremel (may she feel our love and appreciation)

Phil Twomey

Joan Pedersen

Claudia Coughran

Jackie Kinsey

Glenn Priddy

Kathy Towle

Karen Almas

Betty Johnson

Marilyn Brown

Kevin Dong

John Keisler

Pastor Richard Rollefson - bonus thanks to Pastor who has not only been a great supporter of this team but has enabled the congregation to move forward on getting healthy faster than anyone thought possible.

Sincerely - Journey Forward team(s)

## DIRECTIONS IN STEWARDSHIP

The practice of stewardship invites us to look in three directions: Down, In and Out. In doing so we trace out the shape of a cross. First we recognize that God has come *Down* to us from above; then as we peer up we see all that God has entrusted *In* to our care; then we look *Out* to see the needs of our neighbors.

The order in which these glances take place does not matter, but all three are needed in carrying out stewardship.

**DOWN.** Stewardship begins at creation, where God first comes down to us. In the Genesis story God forms humankind in God's own image and commands them "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." From the beginning we are receivers, not givers. God's love comes down to us in Jesus Christ. God loved us so much that God sent Jesus to die for us to bring us salvation and new life. We are bearers of God's love, grace and gospel. Stewardship begins with God coming down to us in love and sharing some of what is God's with us.

**IN.** God created us skillfully and blessed us with more than we could ever imagine. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. God knows us deeply and created each of us uniquely, entrusting us with an abundance of tangible and intangible resources. These include time, talents, treasure - and more. Our gifts may seem modest, but put in God's hands they multiply. In Mark 6:30-44, Jesus takes a child's meager lunch and blesses it to feed thousands. Where we see scarcity, God provides abundance. When we realize that all we have belongs to God and not to us, we can't help but give it away in thanksgiving for God's generosity to us. We give joyfully, graciously and sacrificially because we know that our resources are not ours to keep but are God's to share.

**OUT.** We look out to see how God is calling us to love our neighbor with all that has been entrusted to our care. We believe that Jesus is God's "YES" to us, and that our lives can be "Yes" to others through stewardship. We are called to love, not just with our words, but with our whole lives.

Stewardship is the way that we use all of our resources - time, talents, possessions and money - to love God and our neighbor. Stewardship transforms God's commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" from a religious expression into a way of life.

## BIBLE STUDIES

Friday Mornings at 10:00

Four Cats Café

1531 Monterey

San Luis Obispo



Saturday Mornings at 8:00

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Mt. Carmel in the Brick Area

## ADULT FORUM

Sundays 11:00AM  
Quist Hall

As part of our Harvest of Gratitude” Stewardship Emphasis our Adult forums in November will focus on a broader, Biblical view of stewardship beyond financial stewardship that includes the “stewardship” of our experiences and emotions.

**November 3:** Stewarding the Ache of Grief

**November 10:** Stewardship the Angst of Anger

**November 17:** Stewarding the Gift of Joy



## BROWN BAG LUNCH

Friday, December 13  
12:00 noon

Hey, Brown Baggers...

November is a pretty busy month, so sadly, we are cancelling Brown Bag for November.

However...mark your calendar and don't miss the annual Swedish Meatball Fest, Friday, Dec. 13, at noon. Watch the December Summit for more information.

## CAFÉ MUSIQUE CONCERT RECAP

Thank you to all the Mt. Carmel members and friends who attended the first concert in our three concert series. Thank you, too, to the Community Building Team and all those who helped to set-up, collect money, and/or contribute and help during the intermission reception.

Approximately 160 were in attendance helping to raise \$3,600. The proceeds were split evenly between the band/music programs at San Luis High School/Laguna Middle School, and Morro Bay High School/Los Osos Middle School. We received thank-you emails from Jim Brescia, County Superintendent of Schools and Eric Prater, San Luis Coastal Superintendent of Schools. A formal thank you will be presented at the November SLCUSD board meeting.

Join us for the next two concerts:

January 26, 2020—Dave Becker and “Sax Spectacular”

March 29, 2020—Inga Sweringen and her Band

## YOUTH BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 10, after worship

Bring your appetite to church and enjoy a delicious baked potato. The middle school and high school youth are selling the baked potatoes to raise funds for the Middle School Youth Gathering in November, and the Western States Youth Gathering next summer. Come get a potato, load up on fixin's, and eat it here or take it home for later! Meals that include a potato and chili will also be available. The Potato Bar will be open both before and after the Adult Forum.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT RECAP

20 women “journey-ed” to Cambria Pines Lodge for the annual Women's Retreat. Our speaker, Mary Stein-Webber, presented “Resurrections in Our Lives”. The weekend was based on the story in Luke of Mary going to the garden to prepare Jesus' body. When she gets there, she finds the tomb empty and then hears someone calling her name....

We talked about experiencing “resurrections” in our own lives. We looked at dark times which had happened in our lives and how we had gotten through them and returned to the “light”.

Mary Stein-Webber was joined by Carole and Tom Parmeter Dyer, who were our musicians for the weekend. Mary, Carole and Tom provided a beautiful blending of scripture, music and fellowship, illustrating how God breaks in when it is still dark.

We returned from the weekend with renewed energy, and possibly a little better understanding of how God never leaves us, even during those times when we feel completely alone and hopeless. We just need to listen.

## CONTACT UPDATE

Pastor Richard has a new email address.

Please contact him at:

**[rgrollefson@gmail.com](mailto:rgrollefson@gmail.com)**

## AUDIT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By constitution, we are required to have an audit committee to perform annual audits of Mt Carmel's finances. The Synod has guidelines for the audit process. If you are able to serve in this important capacity, please speak to a council member.

DATE	ACOLYTES	COFFEE SERVERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	GREETERS	LECTORS
	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR
	John Keisler	Carol Harvey	None	None	Wayne Lippold
11/3	Adrian Schultze	Jack & Roberta Moen	Janis Sexton; Maureen Dresp; Diane Mansell	Sandy Rowland; Margaret O'Neill	Steve Bennett
11/10	Andrew Moersdorf	Steve Bennett	Karen Petersen; Betty Johnson; Jenice Twomey	Betty Johnson	Wayne Lippold
11/17	Brooklyn Mansell	Mike & Val Lund	Nancy Priddy; Sandy Rowland; Cyndi Rollefson	JoAnn Bennett	Allison & Deanna Schultze
11/24	Allie Schultze	Jan Uder	John & Nancy Cook; Mike Dresp; Lisanne Martinelli	Pat Forrest	Bob Grosse
12/1	Adrian Schultze	Vicky Tway	Janis Sexton; Maureen Dresp; Diane Mansell	Janis Sexton	Carlyn & Lily Hinds

\*Reminder:

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

### FLOWER SPONSORS

November 3	Mollie & Norm Smith
November 10	Ro Cannon-Miller
November 17	Glen & Nancy Priddy
November 24	Sheryl Huffaker
December 1	Carol Harvey

**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



### FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

November 1	Dorothy McCoid
November 8	Carol Winger
November 15	Maureen Dresp
November 22	Pat Forrest
November 27	Pat Ramsay (Wednesday)

### MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>President</b>	Marshall Pihl
<b>Vice President</b>	Patti Frey
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sherri Parkinson
<b>Secretary</b>	John Merrill
<b>Members at Large</b>	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
<b>11/3</b>	Steve & JoAnn Bennett Jess & Pat Bathke John Sexton	Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse	Maureen Dresp	Ingrid Frokjer
<b>11/10</b>	Dale & Betty Johnson; Bob & Carol Grosse	John Perreault	Matthew Moersdorf	Vicky Tway	Sandy Rowland
<b>11/17</b>	Glen Priddy; Burke & Kathy Towle; Cyndi Rollefson	Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze	Dorothy McCoid	Val Lund
<b>11/24</b>	Warren Quist; John Merrill; Andy Frokjer; Carol & Donley Winger	John Perreault	Dave Parkinson	Pat Forrest	Diane Mansell
<b>12/1</b>	Steve & JoAnn Bennett Jess & Pat Bathke John Sexton	Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse	Vicky Tway	Ingrid Frokjer

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**The  
People's  
Kitchen**  
of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves again on November 1st 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](mailto: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)**

**Our volunteers on November 1:**

**Hot Dish (serves 12+)**

Sid & Beryl Bennett  
Linda Lex  
Sue Cummings  
Janis Sexton  
Sheilah Tietje  
Judy Tewell

**Salad (serves 12+)**

Karen Almas  
Rheinisch  
Karen Bockelman

**2 Large Cans of Fruit**

Rebecca Christensen  
Ro Cannon-Miller

**2 Gallons Whole Milk**

Jess & Pat Bathke

**Looking ahead to December 6:**

**Hot Dish (serves 12+)**

Steve & JoAnn Bennett  
Kevin & Wende Dong  
Eggert  
Sherri Parkinson  
Mollie & Norm Smith  
Marilyn Brown  
Karen Almas

**Salad (serves 12+)**

Carol Harvey  
Wayne Lippold  
Rebecca Keisler

**2 Large Cans of Fruit**

Margot Hemmersbach  
Dorothy McCoid

**2 Gallons Whole Milk**

Bob & Carol Grosse

# The San Luis Obispo County Band

Directed by: Leonard Lutz  
presents the

## 25th Annual Benefit Concert for the 'Friends of 40 Prado'

SLO Homeless Services Organization

**November 17, 2019  
Sunday 3 PM**

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church  
1701 Fredericks Street  
San Luis Obispo

**"AROUND THE WORLD in 80 MINUTES"**

Minimum suggested donation - \$10 is requested at the door. All donations (tax-deductible) will go to the Friends of 40 Prado for homeless services in SLO County (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, 40prado.org).

Band information - [www.slocountyband.org](http://www.slocountyband.org)  
email [CountyBand.Info@gmail.com](mailto:CountyBand.Info@gmail.com)  
For more information or directions call 805-773-0323

All are invited to join

## Table of Grace

Dinner Church Worship Service

**Where:** Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church  
1701 Fredericks St. (Corner of Grand & Fredericks)

**When:** November 9 — 6:00 PM

Please join us for our new once-a-month dinner worship service! Come alone, as a family, or with a group...ALL ARE INVITED! Feel free to bring any food you have to share, or just come as you are (especially if it is your first visit!), and we will all eat together, share Word and Meal, and grow closer to each other and God!

**Come as you are.**

**Listen. Feast. Pray.**

Weekly Worship at Mt. Carmel: Sundays at 9:30 AM



## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR DR. ANDREW PETERSON

**Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendar to attend this concert at Mt. Carmel featuring Grammy winner Louie Ortega, international composer and guitarist Jon Stephen, and songwriter Peter Yelda.

Andrew Peterson is a kind and caring man who has given to others throughout his life. He recently underwent open heart surgery, and this concert is a benefit for him. \$20 suggested donation at the door. This will be a wonderful concert! Please join us!

Have something you want to celebrate or commemorate?

E-mail the details/pictures to the church office - [info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org) - for publication in this newsletter and our weekly "Vistas" announcements!

**Deadline for November Summit is October 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**  
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### Our pastoral staff is here for you.

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



**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROJECT**

Sunday, Nov 17 to  
Sunday, Dec 15

Santa Cruz Church is like a choir of angels bringing the message of God's love through Jesus to their children at Christmas. The FUN PART is they have invited us to join them as Christmas angels. Imagine The Joy on a child's face to open a gift that has the child's name on it, a gift just for that child. Join us at the Christmas angel tree table in the narthex Sunday, November 17th. Choose a card or several, sign in and start the fun of choosing gifts for your child or children. Bring the gifts back to church by December 15th and set them under the table.

*PostScript*—if you will be away during November and December but still want to participate, send a donation directly to Iglesia luterana Santa Cruz at the following address by December 8th.

Christmas Angel Tree project  
Iglesia luterana Santa Cruz  
624 Camino collegio  
Santa Maria, CA. 93454

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 07 Katie Moersdorf
- 11 Burke Towle, Jr.
- 12 Charles Dellinger
- 12 Olivia Dong
- 14 Brandon Lippold
- 16 Caleb Holman
- 20 Ed Jaster
- 29 Pat Forrest
- 30 Jeanie Schultz



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

11/23/63 Bob & Carol Grosse

**OCTOBER FOOD / JACKET DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS**

When we proposed doing a jacket drive for the migrant families along with the October Food Drive, I wasn't sure how good the response would be for the jackets, so we just scheduled it for one Sunday. As it turned out the response was so overwhelming that we did it for three Sundays. In all we have been able to provide them with almost two tons, yes I said tons!!! of jackets and food.

Highest kudos and high fives for everyone in the congregation who participated in this outreach. God, does indeed, work in mysterious ways.

**SANCTUARY EXPLORATION TEAM**

At the recent Adult Forum looking at the Churchwide Assembly action declaring the ELCA a "Sanctuary Denomination," our discussion included the question of what this might mean for Mt. Carmel. If you would like to be part of a team further exploring this topic, which will include conversations with other faith communities and service organizations, please talk to Patti Frey or Pastor Richard.

**PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:**

- November 3**—Paul Bostrom; Susan Bouvette; Walt & Judy Bremer
- November 10**—Elsa Brody; Dennis & Marilyn Brown; Erik, Heidi, Christine, Tatiana, & Alexander Brun-Brodmarkle
- November 17**—Ro Cannon-Miller; Paul & Rebecca Christensen; Mary Christensen
- November 24**—John & Nancy Cook; Greig & Sue Cummings; Charles, Desiree, Aidan, Brennan, & Brielle Dellinger
- December 1**—Kevin, Wende, & Olivia Dong; Michael & Dianne Drazo; Ed & Marueen Dresp



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

God's work. Our hands.



## **IMPRISONING A GENERATION**

A documentary film following the stories of four young Palestinians who have been detained and imprisoned under the Israeli military and political systems. Their perspectives, along with the voices of their families, combine to form a lens into the entangled structures of oppression that expand well beyond the prison walls.

Join us for a screening of this film followed by a discussion and a brief prayer vigil.

**Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church  
1701 Fredericks St.  
San Luis Obispo, CA**