

## A Word from your Mutual Ministry Team...

### MUTUAL MINISTRY IN ACTION

You may have heard through the grapevine that there's a "new Team in town"—the Mutual Ministry Team. Thus, you may have wondered "Who are they?" and "What do they do?" Since we were formed last May, we, the Team members, have gone about the business of figuring this out too. Thus far, in doing this we have relied upon the Gospel and the Mutual Ministry Handbook: Guidance for Healthy Congregations, by Bishop Robert Driesen of the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. In it, Bishop Driesen lays out the theological foundation for such a committee and "provides suggestions about how a mutual ministry committee might function in a congregation."

To quote (at some length):

*All the baptized have been entrusted with the Church's ministry—to proclaim the Gospel through word and deed—and are rightly called "ministers of the Gospel"...At no time is it possible for Lutherans to suggest that it is the pastor or other rostered leaders of this church who are **solely** accountable for the ministry that occurs in a congregation or other setting...There is one ministry in Christ and all baptized people participate in it according to the gifts given to them and the specific ministries entrusted to them (emphasis added).*

So, you may be thinking: "Okay, I kinda already knew that...what do you do, though?" Bishop Driesen lays out NINE (!) possible functions a mutual ministry committee could do. We won't attempt to describe all nine here, but we are, with some trepidation, attempting three

of these interrelated functions at this time:

1) "Dialogue about perceptions and concerns with the congregation"...finding ways pastors, leaders and members "can work together for the sake of the Gospel."

2) "Address conflicts among members that may affect the congregation's ministry"...not from the perspective of who is right and who is wrong, but from the perspective that all conflict interferes with the ministry and mission of the congregation.

3) Being alert to any warning signs of misunderstanding within the congregation.

It is important to note that we are not a personnel committee or complaint committee: we have no autocratic authority, but merely serve as "sounding board" and offer (hopefully) helpful suggestions after prayerful consideration of the Word, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Additionally, we cannot become the advocate of one party or another. To, again, quote Bishop Driesen:

*Conflicts should be addressed, not from the assumption that one party is right and other wrong, but from the perspective that conflicts, regardless of who is right or wrong, may interfere with the congregation's true purpose—the mission of our Lord Jesus. Viewed from such a perspective, conflicts can become useful in that they drive the congregation to reconsider what it means for everyone in the congregation...to be the servants of the Gospel.*

Just as we are reconciled to an infinitely merciful God through the miracle of Christ, it is the goal of every Christian sister and brother to be reconciled to

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### Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel

8:45 am - Traditional Service

10:00am - Adult Forum  
Sunday School

11:00am - Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is offered at all Sunday worship services.

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

each other. As this goal is achieved, it is then when we can most powerfully live and proclaim the saving Grace of our Lord!

It is our intention to serve God and our congregation with integrity, humility and confidentiality.

Your Mutual Ministry Team,

Jean Senter (team leader)

Glen Priddy

David Bobell

Sue Cummings

Mark your calendars for the next Brown Bag Lunch, **Friday, February 10 @ noon**. Then, check the bulletin for the speaker and topic for the next event. This is a great group of participants and we have had some very informative speakers and topics. Haven't attended before? Join us in February and see what you have been missing.



Questions? Nancy Priddy, 459-9249

## BUDGET REPORT

December Financial Report

Total Income for the year-to-date ended December 31, 2016  
\$206,423; 50% of full-year budget

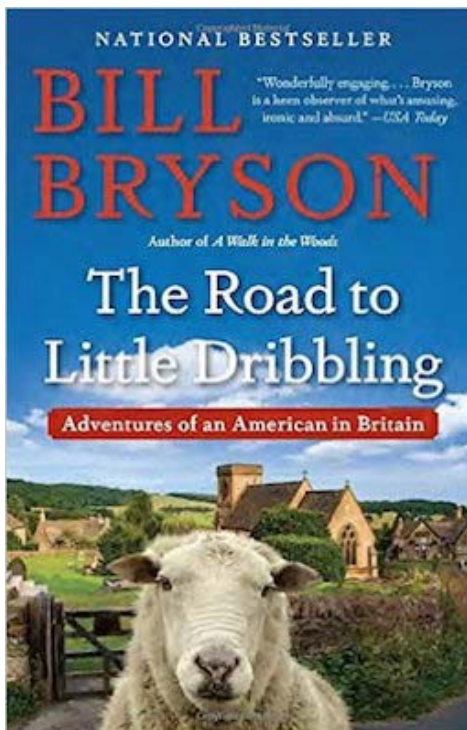
Total Expense for the year-to-date ended December 31, 2016:  
\$187,906; 47% of full-year budget

Net income for the six months ended December 31, 2016:  
\$18,517



Combined Worship Service on:  
**Sunday, February 5th @ 10am**

Afterwards, join us in Santa Maria for the "Day of Light Celebration" at 12pm at Iglesia Luterana Santa Cruz, followed by a fellowship meal together. Let's support our fellow congregation and bring a donation of diapers for their pantry!



The Book Group is continuing the theme of walking and is reading Bill Bryson's, *The Road to Little Dribbling: Adventures of an American in Britain* (2016). It is full of humor and a great way to start the New Year.

We will meet on **February 12th at 6:00 pm**. Please join us, and if

you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Huffaker at:

[shuffaker@att.net](mailto:shuffaker@att.net)



## ADULT ED:

Please join us at 10am on Sunday mornings in February as Pastor Valerie leads us in conversation about the reformation's impact on worship. What did it look like and endeavor to do before Luther? What changes did Luther make to worship (and why)? And what have we been doing for the last 500 years? And maybe even, where do we hope to go from here?

I can't have this conversation alone, and I am really excited about it, so come and talk with me about Lutheran worship past, present, and future! We'll explore the Biblical references for the components of Lutheran worship, ask questions about the order of worship, and think together about the role of worship in Christian life. What could be more fun, right?!

### More Resources

#### Further References on Mutual Ministry:

Matthew 18:15-20; Bishop Driesen paraphrases our Lord's counsel, saying that "persons with disagreements [should] first take them directly to the person with whom they are having a difficulty. They complain not to others but rather go directly to the other congregation member..."

Mutual Ministry Handbook: Guidance for Healthy Congregations, by Bishop Robert Driesen

Pastor Clint Schneklath's blog on the subject, found at <http://lutheranconfessions.blogspot.com/2015/04/why-are-we-so-confused-about-mutual.html>

Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work, from Augsburg Fortress.

# Mt. Carmel Youth

## THIS MONTH!

**February 5:**

**Combined Worship Service @ 10am**  
**No Sunday School**

**February 12:**

**CAT Team Meeting @ 12:15**  
**(Bible Room)**

**February 24-26:**

**Middle School Winter Retreat**



### Sunday School

Beginning February 12th, our Holy Moly New Testament Unit and lessons will lead into Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter. February Mt. Carmel youth birthdays will be celebrated, new songs learned, and the celebration of Presidents' Days. What presidents birthdays do we celebrate? Come find out! K-5th grade meets in the brick room every Sunday at 10 am.

**Snacks for Sunday School:** We have a new sign-up poster for Sunday School Snacks, located at the north end of the brick area. Volunteers are still needed to sign-up and bring snacks for 25 kids (crackers, fruit, cheese, cookies, etc. and no peanut products) Snacks must be there by 9:30 for the children after their classes. Snacks can be dropped off in the kitchen, labeled for Sunday School.

Questions or for more information, please contact John Keisler, rebjohn50@hotmail.com or 543-4259.



# FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Acolytes	Coffee Servers	Communion Assistants	Greeters
		Greeter/C.A.	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:
		COORDINATOR: Monica Holman	Carol Harvey 481-2418	Parish Administrator 544-2133	Parish Administrator 544-2133
		748-7076		info@MtCarmelSLO.org	info@MtCarmelSLO.org
Feb. 5	10:00	Lily Hinds	Bob & Mary Christenson Jeanie Schultz	Carlyn Hinds Karen Petersen Sherri Parkinson Makenna Parkinson	Pat Forrest
Feb. 12	8:45		Vern & Elsa Brody Ro Cannon-Miller	Greg Zocher Mike Dresp	Ro Cannon-Miller
	11:00	Sophia Parsons	Sally Reck	Sheryl Huffaker Anneke Moersdorf Janis Sexton	Janis Sexton
Feb. 19	8:45		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Nancy Priddy Maureen Dresp	Paula Jaster
	11:00	Amanda Lujan	Mike & Val Lund	Marilyn Brown Diane Mansell Sandy Rowland	Diane Mansell
Feb. 26	8:45	Lily Hinds	Jess & Pat Bathke	Carlyn Hinds Betty Johnson	Betty Johnson
	11:00	Allison Schultze	Jan Uder	Sheryl Huffaker Sherri Parkinson Makenna Parkinson	Sue Cummings
Mar. 5	8:45		Bob & Carol Harvey	Greg Zocher Karen Petersen	Carolyn Baker
	11:00	Andrew Moersdorf	Carlyn & Lily Hinds	Anneke Moersdorf Diane Mansell	Janis Sexton

### Ushers (coordinator: Jess Bathke - 927-9460 or jnpbath@charter.net)

	1st Sunday (and Jan. 31)	2nd Sunday (and May 29)	3rd Sunday (and Jul. 31)	4th Sunday (and Oct. 30)
8:45	Jess & Pat Bathke Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Ed Dresp Norm & Mollie Smith <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Glen Priddy Burke Jr. & Kathy Towle Cliff Baker	Warren Quist John Merrill Jack & Roberta Moen
11:00	Carlyn Hinds John & Janis Sexton <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Bob & Carol Grosse Jeanie Schultz Linda Schultze	Mike & Val Lund Dorothy McCoid <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Carol & Donley Winger Pat Forrest Andy Frokjer
Substitute ushers for 11am service: Bill & Karen Almas, & Diane Mansell				
Substitute ushers for 8:45am service: John & Rebecca Keisler				

### Friday Morning Office Volunteers

Pat Forrest	Dorothy McCoid	Carol Grosse	Mary Christenson	Carol Winger	Maureen Dresp
				3-Feb	
24-Feb	17-Feb	10-Feb	3-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar
24-Mar	31-Mar	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr

# FEBRUARY

Date	Time	Lector(s)	Assisting Minister	Soundboard	Powerpoint
		COORDINATOR: Parish Administrator 544-2133 info@MtCarmelSLO.org	COORDINATOR: Greg Zocher 461-3128 gzocher@slocity.org	COORDINATOR: Marshall Pihl	COORDINATOR: Marshall Pihl
Feb. 5	10:00	Lily Hinds	Rebecca Christensen	Bob Harvey	Carol Harvey
		Jack Senter		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
Feb. 12	8:45	Mike Dresp	Monica Holman	John Perreault	Dale Johnson
	11:00	Allison Schultze		John Perreault	Stephen Parkinson
Feb. 19	8:45	TBD	Paula Jaster	Bob Harvey	Carol Harvey
	11:00	Amanda Lujan/Marilyn Brown		John Perreault	Linda Schultze
Feb. 26	8:45	Kathy Gremel	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	Carol Harvey
	11:00	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	Dave Parkinson
Mar. 5	8:45	Greg Zocher	Rebecca Christensen	Bob Harvey	Carol Harvey
	11:00	Janis Sexton		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse

Altar Guild	
Feb. 5	Vicki Tway
Feb. 12	Mollie Smith
Feb. 19	Dorothy McCoid
Feb. 26	Pat Forrest
Next Altar Guild meeting: March 16 @ 2pm	



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



## The People's Kitchen of San Luis Obispo

Mt. Carmel serves again on *February 3rd* 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
Krueger	Laura	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	2/3/2017
Uder	Jan	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	2/3/2017
Droege	Esther	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Forrest	Pat	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Meyer	Kathy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Rollefson	Ruth	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Senter	Jean & Jack	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Sexton	Janis	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Keisler	John	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	2/3/2017
Martin	Julie	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	2/3/2017
Columbo	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Cummings	Sue	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Bobell	David	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Krueger	Laura	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	2/3/2017
Malone	Erin	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	3/3/2017
Christensen	Rebecca	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	3/3/2017
Adams	Dorothy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Almas	Karen	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Christenson	Mary	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Lex	Linda	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Rowland	Sandy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Tietje	Sheilah	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Bathke	Jess & Pat	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	3/3/2017
Coats	Elaine	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	3/3/2017
Bennett	Sid & Beryl	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Bockelman	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Rheinisch	Diana	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017
Tewell	Judy	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	3/3/2017



**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](mailto:laurasalazar67@gmail.com) or [805-458-6012](tel:805-458-6012)



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Deanna Schultze    | 17 John Cook           |
| 3 Colby Schultz      | 18 Koen Schultz        |
| 4 Clara Applegarth   | 19 Val Lund            |
| 7 Glenda Anderson    | 20 Bob Grosse          |
| 7 Bill Stansfield    | 23 Kathy Meyer         |
| 9 Pam Wood           | 27 LaVanne<br>Anderson |
| 13 Dorothy Adams     | 28 Stephen Quist       |
| 13 Desiree Dellinger | 28 Laurie Strampe      |
| 14 Matthew Babcock   |                        |
| 14 Bill Bietsch      |                        |
| 15 Jeanne Miller     |                        |

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

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

February 5: John & Janis Sexton; Shirley Simmons; Norm & Mollie Smith; Vern & Hope Smith

February 12: Bill & Janis Stansfield; Midge Stettner; Peggy Stevens & Jack Peschong; Jim & Laurie Strampe

February 19: Bill Thoma; Bud Thoma; Ed & Lori Thoma; Treva & Harry Thornton

February 26: Burke Jr. & Kathy Towle; Ken & Vicky Tway; Jan Uder; Carolyn Voss



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**Joel & Debbie Peterson**

**2-9-85**

**David Hensinger &**

**Kim Shollenberger**

**2-11-89**

**William & Karen Almas**

**2-19-78**

**Ken & Vicky Tway**

**2-22-86**

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

### Mount Carmel Staff

Valerie Carlson

*Pastor*

Dan Carlson

*Pastor*

Cora Carlson

*Cora*

Vacant

*Director of Children & Teens Ministry*

Paul Woodring

*Organist*

Ruth Rollefson

*Choir Director*

Heather Babcock

*Interim Director of Contemporary Music*

Tony Bloodworth

*Custodian*

Vacant

*Parish Administrator*

### Church Office Hours are 8:30am–3:00pm (Monday-Friday)

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805-776-3377 or [pastor.valerie.carlson@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.valerie.carlson@gmail.com)

Office Hours: Tues. (11am-1pm) & Thurs. (12:30pm-3pm)

#### To reach Pastor Dan:

805-776-3707 or [pastor.dcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.dcarlson@gmail.com)

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



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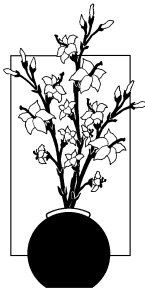
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
A SPECIAL EVENT OR SPECIAL SOMEONE,  
CONSIDER SPONSORING  
FLOWERS FOR OUR CHANCEL.

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](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org)) for publication in this newsletter and/or our  
weekly "Vistas" e-mail!

**Deadline for March "Summit" is Feb. 20th**

R O M A N S 1 2 : 1 0 , N I V

*Be devoted  
to one another  
in love.*

*Honor  
one another  
above yourselves.*

