



Dear Beloveds of God,



What a wonderful Reformation celebration!

Thank you to all of

you who were able to be with us to welcome Wendy and Bob, Dave and Sharon, Rachel, Holly, and Phil, Jenice, and Mark to membership at Mt. Carmel and usher in the next 500 years of reformation in the body of Christ. It was a joyful, thoughtful, and faithful worship experience and I am grateful to have shared it with you all.

As you know, a snapshot captures only a moment in time and cannot possibly represent all that a particular time holds or means. I am, nevertheless, delighted that we got a photo of Mt. Carmel as we were gathered 500 years after Martin Luther brought the conversation of what it means to be the body of Christ to the front page of the news (so to speak)! I am also grateful for the powerful Word of freedom Pastor Dan proclaimed to all of us pictured here. If you were not able to be with us, know that you were in our hearts and prayers, and check back on our website to hear Pastor Dan proclaim our freedom in Christ in the awareness that like the people who were Jesus' original audience, we are people who believe we are already free.

I commend to you also this sermon by our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton: http://day1.org/8024-bishop_elizabeth_eaton_truth_and_dare

And this Reformation message from our Southwest California Bishop Guy Erwin:

Martin Luther lived in a world very different from ours 500 year ago. In his world, obedience was the norm, and the ability to make free choices about one's life were limited - and though he was revolutionary in many ways, Luther never challenged the basic relationships that framed life in his time: the obedience of children to parents; of parishioners to their pastors; of all citizens to their rulers. Of course the obedience was not absolute, and it was conditioned by the ability of the one in authority to actually make their power stick - but still the basic assumption of life in the late Middle Ages was that one stayed in one's own lane and followed the rules.

Well, Luther didn't do that. He was presumptuously bold and free in his assertion that the Gospel-the good news of God's love and forgiveness-is liberating, and gives a freedom to believers that is on a much deeper and more basic level than any obedience people owe their rulers. Luther - as we say today - flips the script, "and makes freedom, and not obedience, the key to our life in Christ.

We are free because we belong to God. We are free not because God has cut us loose to do as we wish, but because God has promised us that first and last, we are God's own children. We do enjoy great freedom of choice, but that is because at the end of the day - at the end of this life - we return to the one who created us for a new life in God. And though we can't know God in God's fullness yet, we know how God feels about us

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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.

through Jesus Christ, who shows us God's love with a human face.

I can think of no better possible news, no message more liberating, more empowering, more inspiring than this: to be set free from all that clouds our hearts and holds us back; to be freed and reoriented toward the neighbor we may love and the world we must cherish. What a message to hear in a year such as this one has been: a year in which the world seems to have lost its mind - when fear and anger and hate seem so much more powerful than trust and love and faith.

God has written a new covenant in our hearts, has given us a new promise of freedom - but fear still tries to hold us back from the trust and love to which we are called. God calls us out of our fear into trust, setting us free to encounter Jesus - in proclamation, in baptism and eucharist, in each other. Jesus gives himself, that we may see him here, and live - freed and renewed in Christ!

Happy Reformation Sunday!

May God continue to guide us, forming and reforming us to be the Body of Christ in the world in the 500 years to come!

Peace,
Pastor Valerie



BUDGET REPORT

September Financial Report

The current general cash reserve at 9/30/17 (which do not include Temporarily Restricted Funds or Memorial and Trust Funds) was \$161k. This is 41% of the operating budget; comfortably exceeding a good guideline for cash reserves of at least 30% of the operating budget.

Offerings through 9/30/17 are \$71k. This is under our planned monthly budget of \$24k per month and is less than our prior year giving through 9/30 by \$2k. The total revenue through 9/30/17 is \$105k.

We are 25% through the year. Administrative expense is slightly higher at 26.5% of the full year budget - this is due to some dues and subscriptions that are paid at the beginning of the fiscal year. The largest expense line of Personnel is far under budget at 18.2% 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 under budget at 18% of the full year budget.

The total revenue through 9/30/17 is \$105k; the total expense is \$88k and the net income is \$17k.

Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding

The next meeting will be **December 11, 2017, 7:30 p.m.** We will meet for the first time at **Nativity of Our Lady Parish, 221 Daly Avenue, San Luis Obispo.**

Rabbi Linda Bertenthal will lead a discussion of *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity* by Abraham Joshua Heschel. She will focus on the following essays: "To Be a Jew: What is it?"; "No Time for Neutrality"; "The Reasons for My Involvement in the Peace Movement"; "No Religion is an Island."

In addition, Dr. Hisham Assal discuss the **meaning and significance of the Muslim New Year celebration.**

Norma Strand purchased 6 Travel Communion sets in memory of her husband Mark to be used for the visitations to our shut-ins that are no longer able to attend services at Mt. Carmel. It is a wonderful service that members of our congregation go out and about to attend to those needs in our Church. But why don't you return the Travel Communion set to the Church? At the present time we have 2 Travel Communion Sets and the lids to the host containers are missing. This is unacceptable, the last time this happened I went to the Parable Book Store and purchased one new Travel Communion Set. Are you prepared to purchase & replace the 5 missing sets? I hope this notice "wakes up" a few thoughtless people and they make an effort to return the Travel kits to our church.

Jeanie Schultz, Altar Guild

Brown Bag Lunch

Looking at the calendar in November, the month looks a bit crazy! Therefore, we **won't be having a Brown Bag in November.**

So...mark your calendars for **Dec. 8, at noon**, when we will be having our **Annual Swedish Meatball Extravaganza!** Meatballs and drinks will be provided. Your job

The Get on the Bus Holiday Bus is coming to Mt. Carmel, **Saturday, Dec. 2.**

Those of you who are unfamiliar with Get on the Bus, it is a program that brings children from all over California, to visit their dads, who are incarcerated at CMC. After their visit, the bus will bring them to Mt. Carmel, for a Holiday Party, complete with Santa, giant sugar cookies to decorate, stockings, made by the women at the County Honor Farm, filled with gifts, and a chance to unwind before getting back on the bus, for the long bus ride home. This amazing event will take volunteers to make it the success it has been in the past.

Here are opportunities for you to be involved; folk to meet the families as they come off the bus, and help make them comfortable during the party folk to do whatever might be needed from set-up, cleaning up as needed, hanging with the kids, if they want to go outside to play, whatever... folk to provide giant sugar cookies, tubs of frosting, sprinkles, etc.

Volunteers will be there from approximately 12:30 – 4:30. Those of you who have been a part of this before, know what a wonderful day this is, filled with many smiles, giggles, and frosting. Those of you who haven't been involved before, here is your opportunity.

Contact Nancy Priddy – 459-9249, and let me know how you want to help.

SLO County Band Returns Sunday November 12

The SLO County Band will return to Mt Carmel Sunday afternoon at **3 pm** for its **23rd Annual Benefit concert for the Homeless.** Proceeds from the concert will go to the 40 Prado Fund to help with the building and outfitting of the new shelter at 40 Prado Road.

The Band will play selections for concert band including Alfred Reed's "Russian Christmas Music", a 2017 salsa composition "Blue Mambo" by Michael Sweeny, and plenty of John Philip Sousa.

There is **no admission** charge but a **free-will offering** will be collected at the door.



November 12 – Fruit Basket Delivery

November 17-19 – Middle School Youth Gathering at Woodland Hills

“Thankful for You!” Visits to Homebound Members

On **Sunday, November 12**, the youth will be personally delivering a small gift to our homebound members. We do this every year before Thanksgiving, and it is one of our favorite events! It is our opportunity to let our members know how thankful we are for them. We would like to invite anybody who would like to join us! We will be eating a **light lunch after the second service and heading out around 12:45.** If you would like to come along or have any questions, **please email Monica at mjholman@calpoly.edu.**

Take Stock in the Youth!

Don't need a jar mix, but still want to help the youth get to the National Youth Gathering in Houston? During the **month of November**, we will also be selling “stocks” in the high school program! Here's how it works:

- We'll have a wall of envelopes numbered in increments of 5 between \$5 and \$200.
- Pick one, fill it with that amount (or however much you feel called to donate) in cash or check, and put it in our donation box.
- In return, you'll get a “stock certificate” thanking you for your support of the program.
- We will register your name and address to receive a postcard sent by the youth from Houston during the National Gathering.
- You will be invited to a presentation by the youth in July, after we return.

Questions? Please email Monica at mjholman@calpoly.edu.

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
Nov 5	8:45		Carol Harvey	Rebecca Christensen	JoAnn Bennett
				Lisanne Martinelli	
	11:00		Vicky Tway	Diane Mansell	Pat Forrest
				Carlyn Hinds	
Nov 12	8:45		Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Michael Dresp	Ro Cannon-Miller
				Nancy Priddy	
	11:00		Jeanie Schultz	John Cook	Sue Cummings
				Sandy Rowland	
Nov 19	8:45		Jess & Pat Bathke	Maureen Dresp	Carolyn Baker
				Mary Christenson	
	11:00		Tony Huffaker	Sheryl Huffaker	Pat Forrest
				Sherri Parkinson	
Nov 26	8:45		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Betty Johnson	Betty Johnson
				Karen Petersen	
	11:00		Jan Uder	Sandy Rowland	Sue Cummings
				Carlyn Hinds	
			Lily Hinds		

	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				Jack & Roberta Moen
	Sue Cummings	Bob & Carol Grosse	Alan Estes	Carol & Donley Winger
	Carlyn Hinds	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
		3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	
1-Dec	8-Dec	29-Dec	22-Dec	15-Dec	24-Nov

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
Nov 5	8:45	Jess Bathke	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	Carol Harvey
	11:00	Janis Sexton		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
Nov 12	8:45	Greg Zocher	Rebecca Christensen	John Perreault	Dale Johnson
	11:00	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	Stephen Parkinson
Nov 19	8:45	Mary Christenson	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	Carol Harvey
	11:00	Shannon Babcock		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultz
Nov 26	8:45	Wayne Lippold	Greg Zocher	John Perreault	TBD
	11:00	Allison Schultze		Marshall Pihl	Dave Parkinson

Children's Church				
Diane Mansell	Jennifer Remington	Val Lund	Kathy Gremel	Deanna Schultze
Nov. 5	Nov. 12	No. 19	Dec. 3	Dec. 17
	No. 26			
	Dec. 10			

Altar Guild	
November 5	Maureen Dresp
November 12	Mollie Smith
November 19	Dorothy McCoid
November 26	Jeanie Schultz
Next Altar Guild meeting: December 14 @ 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 **December 1** 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
Christensen	Rebecca	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	11/3/2017
Christenson	Mary	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	11/3/2017
Bennett	Sid & Beryl	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Lex	Linda	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Malone	Erin	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Rowland	Sandy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Tewell	Judy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Tietje	Sheilah	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Bathke	Jess & Pat	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	11/3/2017
Coats	Elaine	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	11/3/2017
Adams	Dorothy	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Almas	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Bockelman	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Rheinisch	Diana	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	11/3/2017
Hemmersbach	Margot	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	12/1/2017
McCoid	Dorothy	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	12/1/2017
Bennett	Steve & Jann	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Dong	Wende & Kevin	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Eggert	Jeanne	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
King	Maggie	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Parkinson	Sherri	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Smith	Mollie	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Gingg	Bryan & Beverly	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	12/1/2017
Grosse	Carol	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	12/1/2017
Haas-Clark	Sue	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Harvey	Carol	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Keisler	Rebecca	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017
Lippold	Marci	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	12/1/2017



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 or [805-458-6012](tel:805-458-6012)



5 Cheyenne Miller	19 Walt Rehm
6 Jennifer Applegarth	20 Ed Jaster
7 Katie Moersdorf	23 Cassandra Wood
8 Jean Senter	27 Kathy Bailey
11 Burke Towle, Jr.	29 Pat Forrest
12 Charles Dellinger	30 Jeanie Schultz
12 Olivia Dong	
14 Brandon Lippold	
15 Amber White-Sanborn	
16 Caleb Holman	

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:

November 5: Ian & Rachel Mansell, Julie & Steven Martin, Lisanne Martinelli

November 12: Alicia Martinez, Jim & Bev Maul, Dorothy McCoid

November 19: Dean & Kathy Meyer, Jeanne Miller, Jack & Roberta Moen

November 26: Margaret O'Neill, Christy Oltmanns, Dave & Sherri Parkinson



11-01-08	Dave & Cathy Sullivan
11-18-06	Chris & Lauren Chambers
11-23-63	Bob & Carol Grosse

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

Mount Carmel Staff

Valerie Carlson	<i>Pastor</i>
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Our pastoral staff is here for you.
 In times of crisis, please contact the church.

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A SPECIAL EVENT OR SPECIAL SOMEONE,
CONSIDER SPONSORING
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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 December "Summit" is November 25th

