

Dear Beloveds of God,



As our work with Turning West continues God continues to work with us as well, drawing us closer to

God's own self and to one another in the body of Christ. One way we see God's amazing love and grace at work among us is in the baptisms of Jessica, Thorsten, and Nova! It is a blessing—our duty and our joy—that we get to bear witness to God's saving love in baptism and that we have the privilege of speaking words of promise on behalf of the whole church to newly baptized members of the body.

There is nothing more important that the church can do than participate in the preaching of the Word of God and the administration of the sacraments. That is our purpose—our call—in the world, to bear witness to the unreasonable, often invisible presence of God in the world working for us and for our salvation. Everything else we do and say is in service to this one purpose. It seems only right, therefore, that we should look at all the work that we are doing with Turning West and notice how it supports and affirms our work as the church in the world.

One of the things Deb Prieto from Turning West has been working on with us is distinguishing between interests and positions in conversations. A person's position in a conversation is the "what" of what she is saying. A person's interest in a conversation is the "why" of what she is saying. In our conversations it is important for each of us to be able to distinguish between our own position and interest and the other person's position and interest. The interests are those things that we really want while positions are those things we believe will get us what we want—they are the things on the surface of what we want.

In baptism, for instance, the position is in Matthew 28:19-20:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

That is the "what" that we are supposed to do: make disciples by baptizing in the name of the triune God and teaching them to obey Jesus' commands.

But the interest of baptism is in John 14:18-19:

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

Or in Luke 4:16-21:

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Or in John 3:16-17:

For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel**

Summer Single Service  
9:30 AM  
June 17–September 9

8:45 AM—Traditional Service

11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is offered at all Sunday worship services.

Or in Mark 16:16a:

The one who believes and is baptized will be saved

In other words, the “why” of baptism is one-ness with God, salvation, adoption into the family of God, freedom from the forces of this world that insist on defining us, and in the unique case of baptism—because Jesus commands it. This means that there is a LOT of freedom in the how of baptism; we can immerse people in the ocean, sprinkle water on them from a font, dunk them in a pool, probably even splash them with a hose! Because God does not insist that we do what the first disciples did, but that we have the same “why” for baptism—to bear witness to God’s claim on one another and the world. And we do this because it is otherwise not at all clear that we, and all the world, belong to a loving, living God.

Thanks be to God for the privilege of doing this work and the gift of doing it together!

Peace,  
Pastor Valerie

## BUDGET REPORT



### May Financial Report

The current general cash reserve at 5/31/18 (which does not include Temporarily Restricted Funds or Memorial and Trust Funds) was \$133k. This is 30% of the operating budget; which meets a good guideline for cash reserves as a percentage of the operating budget.

Offerings through 5/31/18 are \$229k. This is 78% of the budgeted offerings and we are 92% through the year. The total general fund revenue through 5/31/18 is \$321k.

We are 92% through the year. Our total general fund expense is at 73% of the full year budget. The largest expense line of Personnel is under budget at 70% of the full year budget - this is mostly due to the continuing unfilled Youth Director position. Net general fund income for the period ended 5/31/18 is \$7k.

The next **Council Meeting** will be held on **July 19** at 6pm.

### Summer Services:

Single services at **9:30am** will continue for the Summer months. The music style will alternate. The final single service will be **September 9th**.

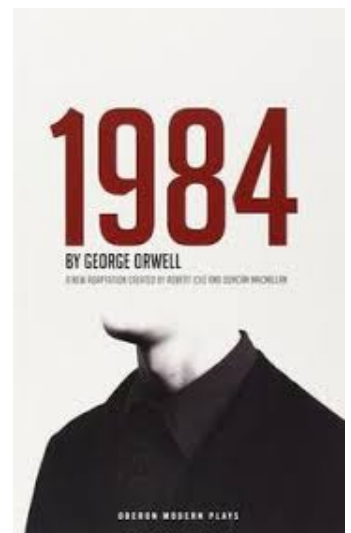


Laura Krueger and Dave Wilcox are delighted to invite everyone in our beloved church family to attend the occasion of our wedding and informal dessert reception. We will marry at 2pm on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Mt. Carmel. Children and your guest are welcome. Please let Laura know if you are able to attend by 7/18/18 at [laurasalar67@gmail.com](mailto:laurasalar67@gmail.com) or by text or call to 805-458-6012. Absolutely NO gifts, please.

Special Book Club night last month with guest author and local restaurant owner, Chi Fa Lu, (aka Gordon). Gordon shared with us the story of his life as told in his book, *Double Luck: Memoir of a Chinese Orphan*. Thank you Beryl and Sid Bennett for helping to arrange this. What an amazing story and wonderful man.

MCLC Book Club celebrates ten years of lively discussion, thought provoking subjects, and tasty treats. This group has been a blessing in so many ways.

We'll be taking a break in July and meeting back on **August 12 to discuss 1984**.





Please join us on July 1 for the baptism of Nova Loretta Elliott.

## You're Invited ContemPLATE Brunch Potluck

This is your opportunity to discuss assumptions and expectations about Mt Carmel Lutheran Church. As you may remember Turning West prepared an Organizational Audit report identifying issues that we are struggling with at Mt Carmel Lutheran Church. Two issues identified by many people were the amount of time spent in the church office by the pastors, and the pastors' children in their workplace.

The Guiding Coalition has been successfully working through these issues in a safe and productive environment. So now the Guiding Coalition would like to have input from the rest of the congregation. Also this is an opportunity to experience talking through issues in a new, healthier and productive way.

On Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> there will be brunch after church. A second meeting will be held the following Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup> for those that cannot attend the July 15<sup>th</sup> brunch. Members of the Guiding Coalition will lead small groups of people during brunch so everyone can discuss their perspectives. The discussion is not about finding a solution but understanding the perspectives and interests underlying these assumptions about pastors. All information will be tabulated and shared as a report to council, whose job it will be to make any decisions.

The Guiding Coalition Members, who will help facilitate discussions are as follows: Jessica Bell, Claudia Coughran, Suzanne Gorter Kathy Gremel, Bob Grosse, John Keisler, Marge O'Neill, Sherri Parkinson, Marshall Pihl, Glenn Priddy, Burke Towle, and Cassidy Williams.

**Please Join the ContemPLATE Brunch.  
You're Input is Crucial!**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Thorsten's baptism!



# Mt. Carmel Youth



VBS registration has closed. Thank you to everyone who signed up to attend and volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please sign-up on the provided sheet in the Narthex

Dates: July 30—August 3  
Times: 9am—2pm

Contact Kathy Towle for questions:  
ktowle@fairmontprivateschool.com





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
July 1	9:30		Carol Harvey	Betty Johnson	Carolyn Baker
				Diane Mansell	
July 8	9:30		Bob & Mary Christenson	Lisanne Martinelli	Dave Wilcox
			Jeanie Schultz	Maureen Dresp	
July 15	9:30		Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Karen Petersen	JoAnn Bennett
				Mary Christenson	
July 22	9:30			Holly Varni	Pat Forrest
				Ben & Anders Varni	
July 29	9:30		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Sophia Parsons	Erin Parsons
			Vicky Tway	Micah Parsons	

**Ushers:** 1st service ushers are scheduled for single services from June 17- July 29. 2nd service ushers are scheduled for single services from August 5- September 9.

	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
	John Sexton	Jeanie Schultz	Mike & Val Lund	Pat Forrest
	Bob Babcock	Linda Schultze	Dorothy McCoid	Andy Frokjer

Date	Time	Lector(s)	Assisting Minister	Soundboard	Powerpoint
		COORDINATOR: Wayne Lippold	COORDINATOR: Greg Zocher 461-3128 wayne@pacific-arch.com	COORDINATOR: Marshall Pihl	COORDINATOR: Marshall Pihl
July 1	9:30	Kathleen Gremel		John Perreault	Carol Grosse
July 8	9:30	Jack Senter	Dale Johnson	Marshall Pihl	Ben Varni
July 15	9:30	Cassidy Williams		John Perreault	Linda Schultze
July 22	9:30	Jess Bathke	Rachel Mann	Marshall Pihl	
July 29	9:30	Rachel Mann		John Perreault	Dale Johnson

Friday Morning Office Volunteers					
Pat Forrest	Dorothy McCoid	Carol Grosse	Mary Christenson	Carol Winger	Maureen Dresp
Jul-27	Jul-13	Aug-10	Aug-3	Jul-6	Jul-20
Aug-24	Aug-17		Sep-14	Sep-7	Aug-31
Sep-21					Sep-28

Altar Guild	
July 1	Maureen Dresp
July 8	Mollie Smith
July 15	Dorothy McCoid
July 22	Pat Forrest
July 29	Mollie Smith
Next Altar Guild meeting: September 13 @ 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 **August 3** 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
Bockelman	Karen	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	7/6/2018
Cummings	Sue	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	7/6/2018
Adams	Dorothy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Almas	Karen	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Lex	Linda	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Bennett	Steve & JoAnn	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Tewell	Judy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Tietje	Sheilah	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Bathke	Jess & Pat	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	7/6/2018
Krueger	Laura	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	7/6/2018
Bennett	Sid & Beryl	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Christensen	Rebecca	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Christenson	Mary	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Rheinisch	Diana	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	7/6/2018
Hemmersbach	Margot	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	8/3/2018
McCoid	Dorothy	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	8/3/2018
Rowland	Sandy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Dong	Wende & Kevin	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Eggert	Jeanne	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Krueger	Laura	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Sexton	Janis	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Smith	Mollie	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Gingg	Beverly	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	8/3/2018
Grosse	Carol	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	8/3/2018
Haas-Clark	Sue	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Harvey	Carol	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Keisler	Rebecca	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018
Lippold	Marvi	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	8/3/2018



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



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| 2 Debbie Peterson   | 18 Russ Jensen      |
| 3 Jan Uder          | 19 Adrian Schultze  |
| 4 Suzanne Gorter    | 21 Warren Quist     |
| 5 Ian Mansell       | 24 Jim Maul         |
| 5 Matthew Moersdorf | 25 Claudia Coughran |
| 9 Jess Bathke       | 25 Carol Harvey     |
| 10 Betty Ann Quist  | 27 Kay Jensen       |
| 10 Ruth Rollefson   |                     |
| 11 Carole Wheeler   |                     |
| 15 Ryan Reck        |                     |
| 16 Matt Schultze    |                     |
| 16 Cooper Lyle      |                     |
| 17 Sue Haas-Clark   |                     |
| 17 Ingrid Frokjer   |                     |
| 17 Karen Schultze   |                     |
| 17 Pat Ramsay       |                     |
| 18 Michael Draz     |                     |



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| 7- 2-54 | Jess & Pat Bathke                        |
| 7- 4-81 | Jim & Suzanne Gorter                     |
| 7- 5-86 | Marshall & Marj Funk-Pihl                |
| 7-7-90  | David & Jennifer Bobell                  |
| 7-10-71 | Ed & Paula Jaster                        |
| 7-19-09 | Ryan & Martha Reck                       |
| 7-31-10 | Pastor Valerie and Pastor Dan<br>Carlson |

*\*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.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

July 1: Alan Estes Jr., Arisa Faron, Janet & Bill Far-  
rar

July 8: Pat Forrest, Adele Frey, Marc & Patti Frey

July 15: Andy & Ingrid Frokjer (Anneke, Matthew,  
Katie, Andrew), Tayler Garis, Beverly Gingg

July 22: Jim & Suzanne Gorter, Kathy Gremel &  
John Merrill, Cheryl Garnsey (Elisa & Erin)

July 29: Bob & Carol Grosse, Sue Haas-Clark, Jack  
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### Mount Carmel Staff

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

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

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

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

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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 August "Summit" is July 25th**

