

Once upon a time Jesus was teaching in a temple and a group of religious people came to him and brought with them a woman against



whom they had some accusations (adultery in this case). They said to him, "Moses said we can stone her for this! Can we?" Jesus thought about it and said, "Sure. Whoever is without sin can kick the stoning of this woman off..." Not a single person picked up a stone, instead they sort of quietly drifted away having had to acknowledge publicly that they themselves were sinners. Jesus then said to the woman, "What?! Where did everyone go? Is there nobody blameless enough to be able to condemn you?" The woman simply said, "No one, sir." Jesus (probably) smiled and said, "I don't condemn you either."

(John 8:1-11 paraphrased)

Beloveds of God,

I love this story. I love how Jesus stands up for a woman who is being publicly shamed. I love how he neither says that her behavior is acceptable nor accepts the public shaming and condemnation those faithful members of the community brought against her. I love how he says TO HER, "I do not condemn you," and how he models that to the community. And I love that he challenges everyone there, all those faithful and pious people, to look at their own sin. But more than anything I LOVE that all those people ACTUALLY DO IT!

Imagine what it would be like to be a part of a community like that! Imagine what it would be like to have the freedom to condemn someone and to choose, instead, to examine ones own complicity in sin. Imag-

ine what it would be like to both name a behavior as inappropriate and also treat the person with dignity and respect anyway.

Imagine what it would be like to be a sinner who knows, absolutely, that she has sinned and can be condemned and then to have your community choose not to condemn you. Imagine what it would be like to mess up and wait for the stones to come but they never come. Imagine what it would be like to not have to hide your sin for fear of being stoned to death by the faithful members of your community. Imagine what it would be like to know that you are not alone in your sin and that that does not make it ok but also that it is not fatal.

That is the reality that the presence of Jesus Christ ushers in. That is the power of Christ in the world. This Easter season we celebrate that Christ is risen—alive and active in the world continuing to bring about abundant life awash in grace and filled with love. We are Easter people. We have a God who fills the world so completely with love and grace that we can't escape it, so totally that there is, and always will be, more than enough love and grace to cover all of the sin of the world. We live and move and have our being wrapped in the security of that promise, with God dwelling among us, and so we are free from the score keeping and stone throwing that would be necessary if grace and love were limited and needed to be rationed. But space in the family of God is not limited, ALL are welcome, so we do not need to compete for righteousness or celebrate others' unrighteousness.

God makes that which we imagine, and so much more, a reality. It is our blessing and joy that God invites us to participate in that reality. May we go boldly into the abundant life of Christ leaning not on our own righteousness and looking not to oth-

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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.

ers' unrighteousness but with our hearts and minds set on Christ. And may we fail, catastrophically, to keep them set on Christ so that we realize again and again, our utter dependence on the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Valerie

BUDGET REPORT



March Financial Report

The current general cash reserve at 3/31/18 (which do not include Temporarily Restricted Funds or Memorial and Trust Funds) was \$152k. This is 39% of the operating budget; comfortably exceeding a good guideline for cash reserves of at least 30% of the operating budget.

Offerings through 3/31/18 are \$193k. This is 66% of the budgeted offerings and we are 75% through the year. The total general fund revenue through 3/31/18 is \$273k.

We are 75% through the year. Our total general fund expense is at 58% of the full year budget. The largest expense line of Personnel is under budget at 58% of the full year budget - this is mostly due to the continuing unfilled CAT Director position. Facilities is also a large budget item that is under budget at 52% of the full year budget. This is mostly due to a large project (parking lot resurface) that is not yet expensed. Net general fund income for the period ended 3/31/18 is \$24k.

The next **Council Meeting** will be held on **May 17th** at 6pm.

Stephen Ministry:

The next meeting will be Friday, May 4 at 11am. Lectio Divina

Town Hall Meeting

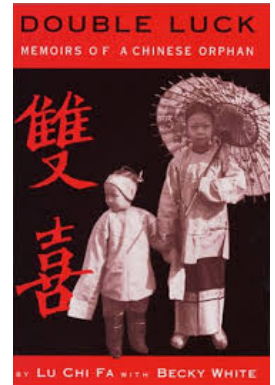
May 1st @ 6PM

Mt Carmel Lutheran Church

- *Turning West*, our contracted consultant, will present the results of their initial work and organizational audit

- The presence of ALL members is requested

MCLC Book Club will be meeting on **Sunday, May 6, 6:00pm** at the home of Pat Ramsay. We are reading *Double Luck: Memoirs of a Chinese Orphan* by Lu Chi Fa with Becky White. Copies are available per request at the SLO Library. (There is no Book Club in a Box for this book) Coming up on June 10, is *The GoldFinch*, by Donna Tartt.



Summer Services:

Beginning **June 17th**, we will be switching to single services at **9:30am** for the Summer months.

Volunteer Opportunities!

We are in need of some fresh faces to fill Sunday volunteer positions. If you would like to commit to once a month or as a back-up, please email or call the office at **805-544-2133** or **info@mtcarmelslo.org**. Here are the duties that we need help with:

First Service Greeters

Second Service Greeters

Second Service Communion Assistants

We are also in need of more **coffee servers** for both early and late services. If you are interested, please contact **Carol Harvey: a.g.mom@earthlink.net** or **805-481-2418**.

Ushers are needed for both services. If you are interested, please contact

Jess Bathke at jnpbath@charter.net.

OPERA SAN LUIS OBISPO PRESENTS
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

OKLAHOMA!

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Book and Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Based on the play "Green Grow the Lilacs" by Lynn Riggs
Original Dances by Agnes de Mille

A CITYWIDE ARTS COLLABORATION
CENTRAL COAST CHILDREN'S CHOIR
CIVIC BALLET SAN LUIS OBISPO
DEYO DANCES
OPERA SAN LUIS OBISPO
STUDIO ©-RYAN'S AMERICAN DANCE

DIRECTED BY EDNA GARABEDIAN
CHOREOGRAPHED BY ANDREW SILVAGGIO

OPERA SAN LUIS OBISPO
GRAND ORCHESTRA & CHOIRS CONDUCTED BY
BRIAN ASHER ALHADEFF

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND
THREE PERFORMANCES ONLY!
SATURDAY 2
MAY 12, 2PM & 7PM 0
SUNDAY 1
MAY 13, 2PM 8
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO

Starting
Curly
Lorey

TICKETS: www.pacslo.org
or by phone
805.756.4849

SLO Opera's production of Oklahoma! has been dedicated to the memory of Bob Harvey.

Spring is Here!!!

The Flower Calendar is available in the narthex as you enter the church. It is arranged so that you can provide flowers for Sunday services and celebrate those special events like birthdays, anniversaries, retirements or in memory of loved ones .

The cost is \$54.00 for both vases or two members can share the cost and provide their remembrance for \$27.00 each. After church is finished you can take a lovely arrangement home.

This is a wonderful way to remember those special times.

Mt. Carmel Youth

May Fest

May 5th

Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 pm

At Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

- Silent Auction
- Dessert Buffet
- A May Pole!
- Music & Dance
- Bounce House

All proceeds benefit the Children & Teen Ministry

Confirmation Sunday

Will take place on **May 20th.**



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
May 6	8:45		Carol Harvey	Mike Dresp	Ro Cannon-Miller
				Nancy Priddy	
	11:00		Jeanie Schultz	Jenice Twomey	Pat Forrest
				John Cook	
May 13	8:45		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Betty Johnson	Dave Wilcox
				Maureen Dresp	
	11:00		Jan Uder	Holly Varni	Jenice Twomey
				Ben & Anders Varni	
May 20	8:45		Bob & Mary Christenson	Karen Petersen	JoAnn Bennett
				Mary Christenson	
	11:00		Mike & Val Lund		
May 27	8:45		Jack & Roberta Moen	Claudia Coughran	Carolyn Baker
				Lisanne Martinelli	
	11:00		Vicky Tway	Sophia Parsons	Erin Parsons
				Micah Parsons	

Friday Morning Office Volunteers

Pat Forrest	Dorothy McCoid	Carol Grosse	Mary Christenson	Carol Winger	Maureen Dresp
May-25	Jun-15	May-18	Jun-1	May-11	May-4
Jun-22					Jun-8

Date	Time	Lector(s)	Assisting Minister	Soundboard	Powerpoint
		COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:	COORDINATOR:
		Wayne Lippold	Greg Zocher	Marshall Pihl	Marshall Pihl
			461-3128		
		wayne@pacific-arch.com	gzocher@slocity.org		
May 6	8:45	Greg Zocher	Rachel Mann	John Perreault	TBD
	11:00	Wayne Lippold		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
May 13	8:45	Mary Christenson	Rebecca Christensen	John Perreault	Dale Johnson
	11:00	Bob Grosse		Marshall Pihl	
May 20	8:45	Cassidy Williams		John Perreault	TBD
	11:00	Allison Schultze		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze
May 27	8:45	Jack Senter		John Perreault	Ben Varni
	11:00	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	TBD

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

Altar Guild	
May 6	Vicky Tway
May 13	Mollie Smith
May 20	Jeannie Schultze
May 27	Pat Forrest
Next Altar Guild meeting: June 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 **June 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
Dresp	Maureen	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	5/4/2018
Frokjer	Ingrid	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	5/4/2018
Draze	Dianne	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Johnson	Betty	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Dong	Wende & Kevin	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Martin	Annette	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Musial	Laurie	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Krueger	Laura	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Coughran	Claudia	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	5/4/2018
Cook	Nancy	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	5/4/2018
Garnsey	Cheryl	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Remington	Jennifer	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Priddy	Nancy	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Winger	Carol	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	5/4/2018
Muller	Tina	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	6/1/2018
Bobell	David	CANNED FRUIT	2 LRG CANS SMART & FINAL	6/1/2018
Mann	Rachel	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Sexton	Janis	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Towle	Kathy	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Rollefson	Ruth	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Senter	Jean	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Forrest	Pat	HOT DISH	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Keisler	John	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	6/1/2018
Martin	Julie	MILK	2 GALLONS WHOLE	6/1/2018
Columbo	Karen	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Meyer	Kathy	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Bremer	Judy & Walt	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018
Uder	Jan	SALAD	HEARTY 12 SERVINGS	6/1/2018



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



- 2 Pastor Valerie
- 3 Andrew Moersdorf
- 6 Maureen Dresp
- 6 Rebecca Keisler
- 7 Olivia Bennett
- 11 Annie Quist
- 13 Carol Winger
- 16 John Keisler
- 17 Helen Rehm
- 20 Sarah Kinsey
- 27 Sue Cummings

*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:

May 6: Steve & JoAnn Bennett, Bill Bietsch, Dave & Jennifer Bobell (Callie)

May 13: Karen & David Bockelman, Paul Bostrom, Susan Bouvette

May 20: Walt & Judy Bremer, Elsa Brody, Ro Cannon-Miller

May 27: Chris & Laura Chambers (Charlie, Carter, Sara), Rebecca & Paul Christensen, Robert & Mary Christenson

Mount Carmel Staff

Valerie Carlson	<i>Pastor</i>
Dan Carlson	<i>Pastor</i>
Cora Carlson	<i>Cora</i>
Vacant	<i>Director of Children & 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>



- 5-02-09 Steve & JoAnn Bennett
- 5-16-92 Paul & Rebecca Christensen
- 5-23-97 Dave & Sherri Parkinson
- 5-26-84 Sheryl & Tony Huffaker
- 5-27-96 John Perreault & Claudia Coughran

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

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

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805-776-3377 or 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

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

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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) for publication in this newsletter and/or our
weekly "Vistas" e-mail!

Deadline for June "Summit" is May 25th

