

SEPTEMBER

2018

From the Council President...

The past month or so has been a sad time at Mt. Carmel. The former president resigned, former pastors resigned, several council members resigned, and several members of the congregation resigned.

Nothing that happened was planned ahead of time. Things came to the attention of the Council that caused the former president to resign and let the remainder to the Council to seek a consultation with our Bishop. Once the Bishop became involved, he and his assistant, Pastor Reg, led the process that brought us to where we are. This was not what the Bishop wanted going in, but in the end he felt that it was best for everyone involved.

The Church Council is now left with the task of picking up the pieces and preparing Mt. Carmel to go forward with a positive attitude and a clear understanding who we are and how we fit into God's plan.

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up and taken on new responsibilities to help Mt. Carmel to start to heal and to go forward. There are many and they know who are.

I want to apologize to anyone who has been hurt by what has happened. It was never anyone's intention to cause pain. We knew people would be hurt, but we didn't know how to avoid it.

I want to say welcome back to everyone who has returned after taking a break from Mt. Carmel. You were missed.

I want to tell the people who have recently left Mt. Carmel that you will be missed and that you will be enthusiastically welcomed back if you choose to return.

At the next Church Council meeting, we will hopefully be electing two new replacement council members. We will also be discussing the possibility of re-engaging with the consulting firm Turning West to help us determine our mission and see our vision as a community of God's people.

Together in Christ,
Glen Priddy

Sunday, September 9th is the Wine Harvest. Please bring a bottle of red wine to be placed on in a basket near the altar and blessed for future use during Holy Communion.

So fortunate to live in this bountiful wine country.



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**Sunday Worship
at Mt. Carmel
Worship Service**

9:30am

**Holy Communion is offered at all
Sunday worship services.**

*Education Hour follows the
church service*

*Join us for coffee on the patio
Immediately following the service.*

**Men's Advance
October 26-28
El Camino Pines
Retreat and Conference Center**

Join men from Mt. Carmel and others throughout the Southwest Synod to learn how to become Faith Warriors. Dr. Terry Paulson, an award winning speaker and Masters in Lay Theology from Fuller Seminary, will present the Apostle Paul's Admonition to Believers on how and what it means to put on the full armor of God each day! Join us for great discussions and study, food, fellowship, recreation, and music.

Cost is \$75 for the day, \$150 for the weekend.

For more information and transportation contact: John Keisler, reb-john50@hotmail.com or 805-543-4259



Enchilada Sale

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018

(Pick up after Services on Sept. 30, 2018)

Benefit for Women's Retreat

Scholarships

**Taking orders after services Sept. 2nd
through Sept 23rd**

Two Enchiladas for \$6.00 or 6 for \$15



**Adult
Forum
Sundays 10am
Learn • Share • Grow**

ADULT FORUM

Sunday morning immediately following the single service with a little time for coffee and conversation in between.

Join us for thought provoking discussions.

Brown Bag Group Friday, September 21, noon Climate Change.

What is it and how can we be a part of the Solution?

Our speaker will be John Merrill. He will be presenting strong, scientific facts, that may help us to understand, if something is happening very far away, are there things we can do to protect the Earth. He will be using exercises, that will get us all talking together and thinking how we can be a part of the solution. Which is more important to us – the environment or property values? Don't miss this opportunity to get together and discuss/ "brain-storm", about this very important issue.

John received his undergraduate degree in physics, from Berkeley, a PHD at Colorado, and has done research in atmospheric science. He taught at the University of Rhode Island, until his retirement in 2014, where he his focus on teaching and research was on climate change. Bring a friend, your brown bag lunch and MANY questions on this very pertinent topic. Questions? Nancy Priddy, 805-459-9249.

MCLC Book Club celebrates its TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Long time members include: Carol & Donley Winger, Pat Ramsay, Sheryl Huffaker, Mary & Bob Christenson, Jan Uder & Karen Petersen. We have read a lot of wonderful books over the years, enjoyed thought provoking conversations, and tasty treats.

September 9, 6:00pm at the home of Karen Petersen. [The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers](#), by Amy Hollingsworth.



Got something you want to celebrate or commemorate?
E-mail the details/pictures to the church office
- info@mtcarmelslo.org - for publication in this newsletter and our
monthly "Vistas" announcements!

Deadline for October "Summit" is Sept. 21st

• **STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS FORMING**
Beginning September 10

The Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Lutherans in San Luis Obispo, County are working together to train new Stephen Ministers to serve all of our congregations. A Stephen Minister walks alongside a brother or sister in Christ who is experiencing a life crisis. Stephen Ministry is distinctively Christian caregiving, not counseling or therapy. The twenty week class will meet for two and half hours on Monday mornings beginning September 10.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, are interested in enrolling in the class, or feel you could benefit from the services of a Stephen Minister, please call Sandy Rowland @ 805-439-1635

CARING MINISTRY TEAM MEETING
Thursday, September 13, 12:00 noon

Would you like to be part of the Caring Ministry Team? Members visit our homebound members and those in the hospital by bringing communion or just friendly conversation. Join us at our meeting and reach out to our church family to those in need. Meet in the Bible Room at MCLC

WOMEN'S RETREAT
November 9-11

There are only a few openings left for the Women's Retreat, to be held at the Cambria Pines Lodge. Topic: "in the Hands of the Potter", based on Isaiah 64:8 'We are the clay, you are our potter; we are the work of your hand'. Our leader will be Amanda Berg, Spiritual Directory and Retreat Facilitator. Total cost for the weekend is \$250, which includes lodging, meals and the program.

Please join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Questions or to register... come to the enchilada sales table after service, or contact Nancy Priddy, 805-459-9249



Middle School Youth Gathering

November 16-18, 2018 - Woodland Hills, CA

Come join 300 Christian youth for a weekend where we build up our faith. Speakers, music, workshops and worship help us understand the roles we play in God's created world. A day at Universal Studios and Hotel Night Life make the experience complete. The cost is \$200 per youth. Contact Monica at mjholman@calpoly.edu for more information.

2018 HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING

November 9-11, 2018– Luther Glen Camp, Oak Glen
 "Dream Team? Who, Me?"
 Discovery Your Place on God's Team"

Youth Kick-Off Bonfire at Port San Luis

September 16, 4:00 PM

Inviting all 7th-12th graders and their families to our annual youth kick-off "bonfire" at Port San Luis! We will have pizza, s'mores, a (small) campfire, and some games. This is a great time for everybody to get together, hang out, brainstorm about the upcoming months, and get ready for an awesome year! Contact Monica at mjholman@calpoly.edu for more information.



High School youth shared their experience at the ELCA National Gathering in Houston this past summer. Besides great stories and photos of the weeklong event, ice-cream was served up by the youth and enjoyed by all.

Pictured: l-r Mark Twomey, Anneka Moersdorf, Makenna Parkinson, Ariana Holman, Katie Moersdorf, and Matthew Moersdorf. (and Marshall Pihl enjoying his ice-cream.)

Date	Time	Acolytes	Coffee Servers	Communion Assistants	Greeters
			Coordinator	Coordinator	Coordinator
			Carol Harvey	Church office	Church office
Sept. 2	9:30 AM		Pat & Jess Bathke		JoAnn Bennett
Sept. 9	9:30 AM		Jan Uder	Rebecca Christensen	Jenice Twomey
			Sid & Beryl Bennett	Janis Sexton	
				Betty Johnson	
				Sherri Parkinson	
				Jenice Twomey	
Sept. 16	9:30 AM		Val & Mike Lund	Karen Petersen	Ro Cannon-Miller
				Maureen Dresp	
				Anneka Moersdorf	
				Mary Christenson	
				Makenna Parkinson	
Sept. 23	9:30 AM		Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Diane Mansell	Pat Forrest
				Nancy Cook	
				Sherlyl Huffaker	
				Rebecca Christenson	
				John Cook	
Sept. 30	9:30 AM		Ro Cannon-Miller	Nancy Priddy	Erin Parsons
				Lisanne Martinelli	
				Mike Dresp	
				Sophia Parsons/Anneka	

USHERS

Coordinator-Jess Bathke 805-927-9460 or
jnpbath@charter.net

1st Sunday	John Sexton	Jess & Pat Bathke	Carlyn Hinds
2nd Sunday	B&C Grosse	John Sexton	Linda Schultze
3rd Sunday	Alan Estes	Val & Mike Lund	Dorothy McCoid
4th Sunday	D & C Winger	Pat Forrest	Andy Frokjer
5th Sunday	John Merrill	Warren Quist	J & R Moen

Substitute ushers: Bill & Karen Almas, Diane Mansell, John Rebecca Keisler

FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Sept. 9	Dorothy McCoid	Oct. 7	Pat Forrest
Sept. 16	Mary Christenson	Oct. 14	Dorothy McCoid
Sept. 23	Carol Winger	Oct. 21	Carol Grosse
Sept. 30	Maureen Dresp	Oct. 28	Carol Winger

Date	Lectors	Assisting Ministers	Sound Board	PowerPoint
	Coordinator	Coordinator	Coordinator	Coordinator
			Marshall Pihl	Marshall Pihl
Sept. 2	Monica Hollman		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze
Sept. 9	Mike Dresp		John Perreault	Dave Parkinson
Sept. 16	Mary Christenson		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
Sept. 23	Wayne Lipopold		John Perreault	Caleb Holman or Matthew Moersdorf
Sept. 30	Bob Grosse		Marshall Pihl	Dave Parkinson

Dear Volunteers, please let the office know if you are interested in being an assisting minister or participate in any of the other areas of our Sunday morning worship. Also, let the office know if you are no longer able to participate or if you would like to request a certain Sunday of each month to be scheduled on, we'll do our best to accommodate you. Email us info@mtcarmelslo.org

Altar Guild	
Sept. 9	Jeanie Schultz
Sept. 16	Mollie/Dorothy
Sept. 23	Pat Forrest
Sept. 30	Maureen Dresp
Next Altar Guild meeting: Sept. 13, 2:00PM	



*Reminder:

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

UPDATING DATA BASE AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please take a moment to help us update the church data base.

You can email the info to: info@mtcarmelslo.org or fill out the blue card in your Sunday bulletin.

Include for each person in your household: your full name, address, email address, phone number (cell phone too) Birthdays and anniversary. Are you getting our newsletter? Subscribe to Vistas on our website

www.mtcarmelslo.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Listen to this admonition from First Thessalonians chapter 4: “But we urge you, beloved . . . to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.”

The Bible has much to say about how we are not to obtain money. First, we are not to steal it. Nor are we to exploit others by charging excessive interest, by overcharging them, or by defrauding them in any way. We are also not to gamble to obtain money, since doing so is diametrically opposed to our trust as believers in the sovereignty and provision of Almighty God.

From a positive perspective, the Bible indicates we can receive money via saving and through wise investments. In fact, in one of the parables, Jesus commended an individual who had invested well. We can also receive money through gifts and bequests. But the primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.

Some people have concluded that work was part of the fall of man. They would agree with Snoopy who concluded, “Work is the crab grass in the lawn of life.” They reason that before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, they just sat around in that lush atmosphere and were waited on hand and foot by God. But that was not the case at all. Genesis records that shortly after Adam was created by God and before his fall, Adam was given the responsibility of caring for the Garden and for the animals. So work was God’s plan for humankind from the beginning, and it is still His plan for humankind today.

In Proverbs 12:11 King Solomon said, “Those who till their land will have plenty of food, but those who follow worthless pursuits have no sense.” Or as one writer put it, “God doesn’t put much of a premium on laziness.” Solomon went so far as to say that “In all toil there is profit.” He also said that we are to “find enjoyment” in our work, for “this is the gift of God.”

But remember this: The most common way God provides money for us to use and to give is through providing work for us to do. As the late actor John Houseman might have said it, “God expects us to obtain money the ‘old fashioned way’ — to earn it!”

By the way, how do you view work? Do you agree with Snoopy that work is the “crab grass in the lawn of life”? Or would you agree with Solomon by rejoicing in your work, by taking pleasure in it, realizing that even this is a gift from God?

LCM Update

Lutheran Campus Ministry has re-launched with an enthusiastic team. We are expanding our mission focus to include all young adults, whether in college or not. Our planned activities will be geared toward developing Christian disciples by providing opportunities for relationship among college students, young adults and congregants.

We welcome CP students back on September 16. As of this publication date, we are still investigating if we can be present on the CP campus for the Resource Fair on September 21 . We are also in the middle of plans for securing a presence on the Cuesta Campus. More on that next month.

We've reserved a tailgate spot at the Cal Poly v. Montana game on Saturday, September 29 . We will use the opportunity to make LCM's presence known to the college community. We'll be keeping it simple—passing out snack foods, beverages and information about upcoming events. Unlike a traditional tailgate, we are not preparing a big meal.

WE NEED YOU to help bring off our tailgate!! We are meeting Tuesday, September 11 at 5pm . We need sub-committee chairs for: shopping, goodie bag assembling, tailgate set-up, tailgate clean-up, publicity, supply assembling (ice chests, tables, chairs, and the like.) and of course, someone to schedule greeters in our tailgate space.

We are looking for someone to serve as the LCM Director. Please keep this is in your prayers. Suggestions are welcome. As always, we thank you for your support of this ministry and we ask you to keep our mission in your prayers.

UPCOMING DATES:

9/11	5:00PM	Tailgate Planning meeting
9/16		Welcome to Mount Carmel, Bible Study starts during Education Hour
9/21	TBA	Resource Fair, Cal Poly
9/23		Bible Study
9/29	1:00PM	Tailgate Party-Cal Poly
9/30		Bible Study
10/2	7:00PM	LCM Team Meeting
10/3	6:00pm	Wednesday Dinners Resume!
		Rebecca Keisler & Sandy Rowland, coordinators

More dates and info to follow.

Questions, comments? Call Patti Frey 805-235-1938

“May he give you what your heart longs for. May he make all of your plans succeed.” Psalm 20:4 (NIRV)



The People's Kitchen of San Luis Obispo

Mt. Carmel served again on September 7th
at Prado Day Center.

Volunteers: Thank You, and be sure to check
the schedule below for what is needed.

The wonderful hot meals, salads, veggies, and milk has already been served at press time. Thank you for our many regular volunteers that provide and/or serve up the meals for those less fortunate at the People's Kitchen. Looking ahead into October is : Tina Muller and Jennifer Bobell-Canned fruit; Rachel Mann, Kathy Towle, Pat Forrest, Ruth Rollefson, Jean & Jack Senter, Janis Sexton –Hot meal for 12; John Keisler and Julie Martin- 2 gal milk; Karen Columbo, Kathy Meyer, Judy & Walt Bremer, Jan Uder-Salad for 12



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 Sue Cummings at 805-543-8972 or slosue@pacbell.net

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & NURSERY

We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery from 9:30-11:30 on Sundays. Children's Church is starting up again. Volunteers to cover 1-2 times per month.

Easy lessons, simple
crafts.

Please contact Ingrid
Moersdorf asap!

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CHURCH COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN

Are you wanting to be more involved in the decision-making of Mt. Carmel? We currently have 2 openings on the Church Council for the Member-at-Large position. It includes 1 meeting a month and unending rewards. No experience necessary! Let Claudia or one of the other Nominating Committee members know if this sounds like something you'd like to do!

Committee Members include Claudia Coughran, John Sexton, Laura Krueger, Jackie Kinsey, Betty Johnson, and Jack Senter.

Claudia Coughran 805-709-8012 or
drclaudia805@gmail.com

VBS VOLUNTEERS!!!

Mt. Carmel would like to thank all of the volunteers who contributed their time and talents for a wonderful week of VBS! The children enjoyed a fun, spiritually uplifting week. Our VBS theme was "RENEW"- Grow in Faith, Have Fun, and Change the World. Our daily Bible story lessons were based on The Parable of the Sower (Mark 4).

**The sanctuary is now open for quiet
mediation and prayer.**

Tuesday through Friday

9:00 am—noon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3 David Priddy	14 Tony Bloodworth
8 Glen Priddy	16 Joel Almas
9 Marshall Pihl	17 Allie Schultze
10 Steve Bennett	19 Betty Johnson
12 John Perreault	20 Bob Babcock
14 Sid Bennett	26 Kathleen Gremel
	30 Brooklynn Mansell

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

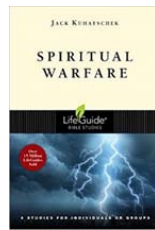
- 9- 2-1956 Jack & Jean Senter
 9- 3-2008 Greg Zocher & Ray Ramirez
 9-7-1963 Dave & Sharon Lonsway
 9-19-1970 John & Nancy Cook

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

Friday Morning Bible Study

10 AM, The 4 Cats Café and Gallery
 (1531 Monterey St.)

Join us every Friday morning off-site for good coffee, good conversation, and a deeper look into God's Word! This month we are continuing through the study "Spiritual Warfare" and learning what the Bible has to say about the temptations and struggles we face day to day. All are welcome!



THANK YOU SHARON

Have you noticed the entry to Quist Hall and the breezeway beyond is getting spruced up? Sharon Haupt and Tony Bloodworth have been painting the bookshelves and tables; creating a cozy spot to read, relax, and check out some of the many books available in our little library.

Thank you Sharon for seeing a need and getting the ball rolling.



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

Bob Christenson, Betty Ann Quist recovering from surgery, Ruben Garcia recovering from heart surgery, Sally Eggen, the families of Dick Eschenbach and David Bobell.

Sept 2-Bev Humphrey, Ed & Paula Jaster, Barbara Jauregui
 Sept 9-Dale & Betty Johnson, John & Rebecca Keisler, Jackie, Steve, Sarah, Jenni Kinsey
 Sept 16-Jerry & Judie Kirkhart, Laura (Krueger) & Dave Wilcox, Jeannie Ledford,
 Sept 23-Suzanne Leesdale & Dante Nelson, Linda Lex, Marci, Wayne Lippold
 Sept 30-Casey & Kelly Lund, Mike & Val Lund, Holly & Cooper Lyle

Mount Carmel Staff

Supply Pastors

Paul Woodring
 Dave Becker
 Tony Bloodworth
 Jenice Twomey & Karen Petersen

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Organist
Director of Contemporary Music
Custodian
Parish Administrators

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Thank you,
Jeanie Schultz
Altar Guild



Bishop Guy Irwin presiding on August 26, 2018

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LCM Dinner and bible study: Wednesdays starting at 6pm