

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. . . . What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

John's gospel begins not with the birth of a baby in Bethlehem, but with the birthing of all creation. As John understands it, the Word first spoken at creation's dawning became flesh and blood in the babe born in Bethlehem. Just as at creation's start, the Word spoken there was the dawning of light, the advent of life, the overflowing of love.

In this speaking of the Word, God's innermost self is revealed as the light that no darkness can overcome, as vulnerable, compassionate love that knows no bounds, as the life that conquers even death.

And there is more: God's Word, incarnate in the words and deeds, life and death of Jesus not only reveals the deepest truth about who God is but also the deepest truth of who we are. It tells us that we are God's own beloved children. This is the word of light spoken into the darkness of our lives that brings light, the word of life spoken into a world of death that gives life, the word of love that bestows upon the beloved a new identity.

Our words, too, can bring light and life and love. And when they do, it is the Word, God's own creative, light-bringing, life-giving, love that becomes enfleshed, embodied in us. So may it be.

Peace,

Pastor Richard Rollefson

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January 6th
Epiphany
Celebration

January 11
Turning West
Meeting
9:00-11:30AM

Sunday Worship
at Mt. Carmel

Sunday 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.

MT. CARMEL EPIPHANY CELEBRATION Sunday, January 6

Join us in a festive celebration of Epiphany Sunday and the Three Kings Day. There will be games, lunch grilled by the Road Kill Grill, Three Kings Cake. Plus preparation for the congregational meeting with Turning West.

A separate program for the kids includes lunch. RSVP to the church office or Bob Grosse so that enough food will be prepared.



TURNING WEST MEETING January 12, 9:00-11:30AM

The next congregation gathering with Deb Prieto of Turning West is scheduled on Saturday, Jan 12th from 9:00 - 11:30 am in the sanctuary. Please mark the date on your calendars and plan to join us. Your input is very important! Some congregation members gave us their feedback that having all congregation gatherings on Friday night disenfranchises some of our members. In recognizing the need to meet a variety of needs of the congregation members, we will offer the congregation gatherings at a variety of times, to positively impact the most members.

WINE TASTING YOU SAY? January 26, 7:00-9:00PM

Community Building Team will be hosting a Wine Tasting event at the home of Glen & Nancy Priddy. This is an opportunity for you to taste some great wine and get to know folks in the congregation you may have never had a chance to spend time with. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, concealed in a "plain brown bog" and join us. Have a friend that may want to come? Bring them along. Questions or RSVP Nancy Priddy at 805-459-9249



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SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 AM

Jan. 6—Epiphany Celebration with lunch by the Road Kill Grill

Jan. 13—Summary of meetings with Turning West and congregation teams lead by the Church Council

Jan. 20—Steve Bennett, Mt. Carmel Thrivent Rep, will outline procedures to request financial aid from Thrivent for church and mission activities.

Jan. 27—Information session on plans to convert the former apartment #1& #2 building for use by the Love To Learn Pre-school with John Cook, Bill Almas, and Kylee Davis.

MT. CARMEL BOOK CLUB January 13, 6:00PM

In The Neighborhood, by Peter Lovenheim. Copies are available in the SLO Library Black Box, located in the church office. Come by and pick up a copy and join us. We meet at the home of Karen Petersen.



BROWN BAG LUNCH January 11, Noon

Pack up your lunch and bring it to Quist Hall. Speaker to be announced...

Stay tuned. Questions?

Call Nancy Priddy at 805-459-9249



Please submit articles, photos, meeting dates, etc. to the church office for publication in the mid-month Vistas and/or the monthly Summit newsletter

**Deadline for mid-January Vistas is Jan. 14,
and for February Summit is Jan. 21
Email info@mtcarmelslo.org**

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

We had a great Pancake Palooza on December 10, and we're excited for more in the future. We are exploring the possibilities of joint ministry with the Methodist church. Our next team meeting is on Tuesday, January 8 at 7pm. We welcome lots of input as we consider the future of Campus and Young Adult Ministry at Mt. Carmel. Please come.

Patti Frey 1slonative@gmail.com / 805-235-1938



The CAT team and the Mt. Carmel kids & youth want to send a big thank you to the amazing team that assembled the treat bags for after the youth service. Thank you to the Meyers, Jasters, Keislars, Lunds, Wingers, and Cooks!



Usher Training

Mt. Carmel Youth

JANUARY YOUTH SCHEDULE

- January 6 No youth group due to Epiphany event.
Registration due for winter retreats
- January 13 Regular high school youth group
- January 20 NO YOUTH GROUP due to MLK weekend and Family Winterfest
- January 27 Regular high school youth group.



DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COFFEE SERVERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	GREETERS
		COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR
		John Keisler	Carol Harvey	Office	Office
Jan. 6	9:30 AM	Lily Hinds	Confirmation Class	Karen Petersen, Maureen Dresp, Nancy Priddy	Ro Cannon-Miller
Jan. 13	9:30 AM	Andres Moersdorf	Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Claudia Coughran, Jenice Twomey, Diane Mansell	Ro Cannon-Miller
Jan. 20	9:30 AM	Allison Schultze	Vicky Tway Sid & Beryl Bennett	Sherri & Makenna Parkinson, John Cook	Jenice Twomey
Jan. 27	9:30 AM	Lily Hinds	Jess & Pat Bathke	Betty Johnson, Nancy Cook, Michael Dresp	Pat Forrest
Feb. 3	9:30 AM		Carol Harvey	Karen Petersen Maureen Dresp Nancy Priddy	JoAnn Bennett

USHERS

Coordinator-Jess Bathke 805-927-9460 or jnpbath@charter.net			
1st Sunday	John Sexton		
2nd Sunday	Bob & Carol Grosse	Linda Schultze	
3rd Sunday	Alan Estes	Mike & Val Lund	Dorothy McCoid
4th Sunday	Carol & Donley Winger	Pat Forrest	Andy Frokjer
5th Sunday			

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

***Reminder:**

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



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

Sign-up calendar is posted in the Narthex

Each bouquet is \$27.50 or \$55.00.

Thank you, Jeanie Schultz
Altar Guild

DATE	LECTORS	ASSISTING MINISTERS	SOUND BOARD	POWERPOINT
	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR
	Wayne Lippold	Worship Committee	Marshall Pihl	Marshall Pihl
Jan. 6	Allison/Deanna Schultze		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
Jan. 13	Bob Grosse		John Perreault	Dave Parkinson
Jan. 20	Carlyn/Lily Hinds		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze
Jan. 27	Jess Bathke		John Perreault	Dale Johnson
Feb. 3	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse

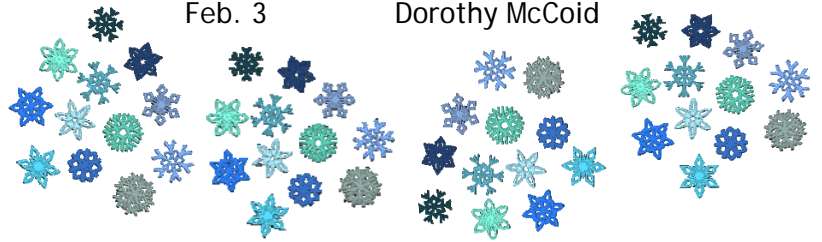
Altar Guild

January 6	Jeannie Schultz
January 13	Mollie Smith
January 20	Dorothy McCoid
January 27	Pat Ramsay
February 3	Maureen Dresp

Next Altar Guild Meeting is
March 14, 2:00pm

FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Jan. 6	Carol Winger
Jan. 13	Dorothy McCoid
Jan. 20	Carol Winger
Jan. 27	Pat Forrest
Feb. 3	Dorothy McCoid



BE PART OF THE SUNDAY WORSHIP

Please let the office know if you would like to be added to one of the many areas that serve the church. For many, participating in the worship service makes for a more meaningful experience. We especially need more lectors, worship assistants, coffee servers, sound board, greeters. Actually, we would love everyone to be included in some way. Consider where you would best fit in and contact the church office info@mtcarmelslo.org or make a note on your blue Welcome to Worship card.

MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President	Glen Priddy
Vice President	Claudia Coughran
Treasurer	Sherri Parkinson
Secretary	Jenice Twomey
Members at Large	JoAnn Bennett
Sandy Rowland	John Merrill
Matthew Schultze	Val Lund



The People's Kitchen of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves again on January 4th at
11:45 AM at Prado Day Center.**

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

JANUARY PEOPLE'S KITCHEN SIGN-UPS, Please have your clearly marked items at church by 11:00am, (heated and ready to go)

2 lg cans fruit	Betty Johnson, Laurie Musial,
Hot Dish-serves 12+	Dianne Draze, Maureen Dresp, Annette Martin, Karen Petersen, Nancy Priddy, Carol Winger
2 gal whole milk	Claudia Coughran, Nancy Cook
Salad serves 12+	Ingrid Frokjer, Cheryl Garrnsey, Judie Kirkhart, Jennifer Remington

Please find your own substitutes if you cannot provide this month.

Looking ahead to February:

2 lg cans fruit	Judy & Walt Bremer, Jan Uder
Hot Dish-serves 12+	Kathy Towle, Pat Forrest, Kathy Meyer, Ruth Rollefson, Jack Senter, Janis Sexton
2 gal whole milk	John Keisler, Julie Martin
Salad serves 12+	Karen Columbo, Tina Muller, Jennifer Bobell, Rachel Mann

A new schedule will be coming out in February for the 2019-2020 year. If you would like to be added (or removed) or make any changes please email Jan Uder at j.uder@yahoo.com or Heidi Brun-Bromarkle go59brody@yahoo.com. Each person is signed up for 3X per year.

We also need volunteers to help serve on the first Friday of each month at the Prado Day Center. Thanks for all you do!



**Department of Veterans Affairs
Readjustment Counseling Service
San Luis Obispo Vet Center**
1070 Southwood Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 782-9101

**Vet
Center**
"Keeping the Promise"

November 16, 2018

Dear Congregation of Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church,

We wanted to thank you for your generous donation of the Smart & Final gift card for the use of the Veterans who come to the Vet Center. Being able to offer our Veterans events such as potlucks and luncheons is in keeping with our tradition of welcoming our Vets home to a warm and supportive environment. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will not soon be forgotten.

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo Vet Center, our staff and clients, we want to thank you for your commitment to our local Veterans and their Families.

With Much Respect and Gratitude,



Mike Young
Director



CAPSLO THANKS MCLC

On behalf of the CAPSLO clients, thank you MCLC for hosting the SLOCO Band Annual Concert. \$1340.00 was raised which provides providing a range of services that help low-income individual increase their economic stability and self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth "Biz" Steinberg
Chief Executive Officer

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 Ed Dresp	24 Jeannie Ledford
8 Jerry Kirkhart	24 Maia Malone-Davison
10 Sally Eggen	24 Phil Twomey
13 Erin Garnsey	27 Elsa Brody
15 Nancy Priddy	27 Ryan Mansel
15 Donley Winger	<i>*Please let us know if we missed your birthday!</i>
19 Sheryl Huffaker	
23 Margaret O'Neill	



WOW! DID YOU SEE THE NEW KITCHEN FLOOR?

Thank you Carol Harvey and John and Janis Sexton for making that happen. Carol donated the cost of the labor and the Sexton's the materials used. The kitchen looks great! What a gift to us all.

QUILTERS (KNITTERS, ETC.)



Looking for people to continue the Quilters (and other handiwork) Group on the first Wednesday morning each month.

Talk with Dorothy McCoid if you would like to build this group up again. A chance to grow friendships and catch up on handwork whilst enjoying a cup of tea and conversation.



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PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

Jan 6 Dave Wilcox & Laura Krueger; Cassidy Williams, Carol & Donley Winger
 Jan 13 Pam & Doug Wood; Dorothy Adams; Susan & Jim Allan
 Jan 20 Don & Sharon Allen; Bill & Karen Almas; Dennis & Catherine Amling-Kessler
 Jan 27 Russ Anderson; Carolyn & Noley Baker; Jess & Pat Bathke

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Betty Ann Quist; Kathy Gremel; JoAnn Bennett; Bob Christenson; Sally Eggen; Carole Wheeler; Jeannie Ledford; Marge O'Neill; Susan Bouvette; Micah Parsons.

HUGE AND HEARTFELT THANKS!

Thank you to Jenice Twomey for filling in as Parish Administrator for the past four months. Jenice has gone above and beyond in keeping the office and worship services running smoothly. Duties have been shared by Jenice & Karen Petersen; Karen will take on the 30hr/wk position as we continue to pursue a qualified candidate to fill this important roll. If you know someone that interested in applying for the position please contact the church office. And while we are at it, special thanks to Monica Holman for helping clean up the computer.

Mount Carmel Staff

Pastor Richard Rollefson
 Paul Woodring
 Dave Becker
 Tony Bloodworth
 Karen Petersen

Interim Pastor
Organist
Director of Contemporary Music
Custodian
Temporary Parish Administrator

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Our pastoral staff is here for you.

In time of crisis, please contact the church office or
 Pastor Richard Rollefson 858-349-8862

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Poinsettias Donated to MCLC for Christmas 2018

Jess & Pat Bathke	
Dave Becker & Lindsey Ridgeway	In Memory of Dale Ridgeway
Beryl & Sid Bennett	In Memory of our Parents
Joann & Steve Bennett	In Memory of our Family Members
Erik & Heidi Brun	In Memory of Jane
Maureen & Ed Dresp	In Honor of Mike, Marina, & Belen
Ingrid & Andy Frokjer Family	In Memory of Ruth Anne
Carol & Bob Grosse	
Val & Mike Lund	In Honor of our Grandchildren
Diane Mansell	In Memory of Lennie
Kathy & Dean Meyer	In Memory of Ed & Eva Meyer
	In Memory of Harvey & Anna Pohlman
Karen Petersen	In Memory of my Parents
Pat Ramsay	In Memory of Stuart
Glen & Nancy Priddy	In Memory of our loving parents; Ralph and Charlotte Lejonhud and Hubert and Sevilla Priddy
Jeanie & Gary Schultz	In Memory of our Parents
Linda Schultze	Thinking of Grand Dan
Janis & John Sexton	In Honor of our Granddaughter, Isabel Margrethe
Mollie & Norm Smith	
Kathy & Burke Towle Jr.	In Memory of Burke Sr. & Angie
	In Memory of Bill
Jenice & Phil Twomey	In Memory of Sue Twomey
Carolyn Voss	In Memory of Larry



January 2019

		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 10:00AM Quilters Group	3	4 8:00AM Garden Club 10:30AM Bible Study 11:00AM People's Kitchen	5 8:00AM Men's Breakfast
6 9:30AM Worship 10:30AM Epiphany Celebration	7	8 5:30PM Exec Council Mtg 7:00PM LCM Planning Mtg.	9 10:00AM Quilting Group	10	11 8:00AM Garden Club 10:30AM Bible Study 12:00PM Brown Bag Lunch 5:00PM Norms Team Mtg.	12 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 9:00AM Turning West Meeting w/Congregation 11:30AM Council w/ Turning West 3:30PM Community Team Bldg w/TW
13 9:30AM Worship 11:00AM Ed. Hour 6:00PM Book Club	14	15	16	17 6:00PM Church Council Mtg.	18 8:00AM Garden Club 10:30AM Bible Study	19 8:00AM Men's Breakfast
20 9:30AM Worship 11:00AM Ed. Hour	21 Newsletter Deadline	22 2:00PM RAMS	23	24	25 8:00AM Garden Club 10:30AM Bible Study	26 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 7:00PM Wine Tasting @ Priddy's home
27 9:30AM Worship 11:00AM Ed. Hour	28	29	30	31	1 FEBRUARY 8:00AM Garden Club 10:30AM Bible Study 11:00AM People's Kitchen	2