

# Mt. Carmel

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## The Summit

# February 2019

I've been re-reading a book I first encountered some years back by the Lutheran theologian, Martin Marty, entitled *The Promise of Winter*. Coupled with Marty's brief reflections are photographs by his son Micah depicting a variety of winter scenes from the midwest where they live. One of the pictures above the title "Productivity" shows what looks to be a flower box with a few dead stems still standing in a cover of snow. For Marty it is an image illustrating the words of Psalm 124: "May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy." As he writes:

Seasons are never complete in themselves. Nor does one kind of season—an especially torrid summer, a snow-blasted autumn, a tardy spring—set the terms for all the other seasons. Most of us experience cycles of moods, where first barren and then productive periods succeed each other, as in times when nothing seems to be occurring and others when we cannot keep up with the tasks and demands placed on us.

Like the image of barren vegetation surrounded by snow, there are seasons of the soul that can seem barren, stark and empty. As Marty notes: "In the language of the Psalms, there are times when people must 'sow in tears,' as we do when we sorrow over the past and are reluctant to express hopes too strongly, to plan too fervently." Yet even in such fallow times, the promise of God is that we shall ultimately "reap with shouts of joy."

The deeper truth is that a survey of our lives will provide memories of many such reapings and shouts of joy. As Marty concludes: "We live off them during the fallow season, awaiting times for new activity as the God of creation promises to cause the seeds to develop and help us harvest."

We will all know some "wintery" seasons in our lives, but when we experience such times, may we trust in God's promises, awaiting a new and joyful harvest.

Peace,  
Pastor Richard

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**Turning West  
Meetings  
February 1 & 2**

**Pancake Breakfast  
February 17  
8:30 AM  
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**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.**

**TURNING WEST MEETINGS****February 1, 2**

Please plan to attend these important meetings.

- Feb. 1 5:30-8:00PM Norms team meet in SS room.  
 Feb. 2 9:00-11:30AM Congregation meet in the Sanctuary.  
 Feb. 2 11:30-4:00PM Council meets in SS room.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY****Sunday, February 3, 3:30PM**

Join us in Quist Hall to watch the Super Bowl Game. Cheer on your favorite team or rate the best commercials. There will be a large screen projection for your viewing pleasure. Comfy couches and chairs, come early and claim your spot. Bring Super Bowl worthy snacks to share and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Marshall Pihl at [marshallp@cannoncorp.us](mailto:marshallp@cannoncorp.us).

**MT. CARMEL BOOK CLUB****February 10, 6:00PM**

*Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo. A heartwarming story has lessons we can all learn from. Copies available in church office. We meet at the home of Karen Petersen. Join us.



**BINGO! (and potluck dinner)**  
**Saturday, Feb. 23, 5:00PM**

Fun for everyone! All ages welcome. Bring to church your favorite potluck dinner item to share and join in the fun. After dinner we'll play BINGO for prizes and the admiration of your peers. Questions? Contact Rebecca Keisler at [rebjohn50@hotmail.com](mailto:rebjohn50@hotmail.com)

**ADULT FORUM****Sunday 11:00AM**

Throughout the month of February, our Adult Forums after worship will be a survey of Luke's gospel, presented by Pastor Richard. In year C of the three-year Revised Common Lectionary, which we began in Advent, most of the gospel readings come from Luke.



In addition to some themes and parables of Jesus that are distinctive in Luke's telling, his gospel is really presented in two parts, with the Gospel of Luke as part 1 and the Acts of the Apostles as volume 2.

**LET'S DO BREAKFAST****Sunday, February 17, 8:30AM**

Homemade pancakes with fresh berries, syrup, whipped cream, bacon, sausage, juice, and coffee but you have to provide the coffee cup.

Show off your favorite coffee cup and win a prize- funniest, most fancy, and most used coffee cup!

Can you help in the kitchen?  
 Contact Carlyn Hinds  
[carlynhinds@verizon.net](mailto:carlynhinds@verizon.net)

**BROWN BAG LUNCH****February 8, Noon**

Be sure and bring your brown bag lunch and a friend and come to the Brown Bag Lunch in Quist Hall. Stand by for information on the speaker and topic. It will be good! Stay tuned. Questions?

Call Nancy Priddy at 805-459-9249



Got something you want to 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 our weekly "Vistas" announcements!  
**Deadline for March Summit is Feb. 15**

## Campus Ministry Update

We are continuing to explore how and/or if we should spearhead an ecumenical campus ministry with the other mainstream churches in SLO.



Coming up next month is Pancake Palooza. The date is Monday, March 18 from 10pm to midnight, which is... the day after St. Patrick's Day! Bingo...automatic theme. We need a chairperson and we will need volunteers to work the night. We're asking now so we're not scrambling at the end. Call or text Patti Frey 806-235-1938 or 1slonative@gmail.com.



## February Youth News

- Feb. 1-3 High School Winter Retreat  
(No regular youth meeting this week)
- Feb. 8-10 Middle School Winter Retreat
- Feb. 10 Regular high school breakfast time
- Feb 17 Breakfast before church with everyone.  
BYO mug.  
Regular confirmation and High School group time
- Feb. 24 Regular confirmation and high school group time.

Wise Men and  
Women Still  
Seek Him.



DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	COFFEE SERVERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	GREETERS
		COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR	COORDINATOR
		John Keisler	Carol Harvey	Office	Office
February 3	9:30 AM	Andrew Moersdorf	Carol Harvey	Karen Petersen, Nancy Priddy, Maureen Dresp*	Ro Cannon-Miller
February 10	9:30 AM	Allison Schultze	Ro Cannon-Miller, Jan Uder	Betty Johnson, Jenice Twomey, Diane Mansell*	Betty Johnson
February 17	9:30 AM	Lily Hinds	Mike & Val Lund	Sherri & Makenna Parkinson, John & Nancy Cook*	JoAnn Bennett
February 24	9:30 AM	Andrew Moersdorf	Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Claudia Coughran, Mike Dresp, Lisanne Martinnelli, Jenice Twomey*	Pat Forrest
March 3	9:30 AM		Jenice Twomey, Jeanie Schultz	Karen Petersen, Nancy Priddy, Maureen Dresp*	Nancy Priddy
				*Please note that we will need additional assistants on the days we have communion by intinction.	

### USHERS

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

<b>1st Sunday</b>	S/J Bennett	Jess & Pat Bathke	
<b>2nd Sunday</b>	N/M Smith		
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	Glen Priddy	B/K Towle	
<b>4th Sunday</b>	Warren Quist	John Merrill	
<b>5th Sunday</b>	N/M Smith	Jess & Pat Bathke	

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.**  
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
<b>February 3</b>	John Cook		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse
<b>February 10</b>	Nancy Cook		John Perreault	Dave Parkinson
<b>February 17</b>	Mike Dresp		Marshall Pihl	Linda Schultze
<b>February 24</b>	Monica Holman		John Perreault	Dale Johnson
<b>March 3</b>	Wayne Lippold		Marshall Pihl	Carol Grosse

#### Altar Guild

February 3	Maureen Dresp
February 10	Vicky Tway
February 17	Jeanie Schultze
February 24	Pat Forrest
March 3	Dorothy McCoid
March 6	Ash Wednesday

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

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

February 3	Ingrid Frokjer
February 10	Sandy Rowland
February 17	Val Lund
February 24	Diane Mansell
March 3	Ingrid Frokjer

#### FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

February 1	Carol Winger
February 8	Dorothy McCoid
February 15	Maureen Dresp
February 22	Pat Forrest
March 1	Carol Winger



#### MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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



## The People's Kitchen

of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves again on February 1st at 11:45 AM at Prado Day Center.**

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

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

### 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

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

### Looking ahead to March:

2 lg cans fruit	Sue Cummings, Rebecca Christensen
Hot Dish-serves 12	Dorothy Adams, Karen Almas, Linda Lex, Sandy Rowland, Sheilah Tietje, NEED ONE MORE
2 gal whole milk	Jess & Pat Bathke, Ro Cannon-Miller
Salad serves 12	Sid & Beryl Bennett, Karen Bockleman, Diana Rheinisch, Judy Tewell

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](mailto:j.uder@yahoo.com) OR the Church office 805-544-2133. 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.



## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

We are fast approaching the Lenten Season and that means the beginning of Mt. Carmel's annual Soup Suppers. The first of five Soup Suppers will be on March at 6:00 p.m. in Quist Hall, hosted by your church council.

Bring your appetite for good home made soup and fellowship and join us during the Lenten Season as we share our meal and then stay for worship service which follows at 7:00 p.m.

You can also participate by signing up to bring soup on April 3, the date for the Congregation to host the Soup Supper. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex.



## WELCOME PARISH ADMINISTRATOR!

We are excited to announce that we have a new Parish Administrator, MaryAnn Jakes. Mary Ann is a native of the Central Coast and has enjoyed living here most of her life. She currently resides with her husband and their aging cat. MaryAnn has many interests that keep her busy including needle-crafts, sports (baseball is her favorite), and family time, just to name a few. Drop by the office and introduce yourself.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Deanna Schultze	17 John Cook
4 Clara Applegarth	19 Val Lund
8 David Lonsway	20 Bob Grosse
13 Dorothy Adams	23 Kathy Meyer
13 Desiree Dellinger	28 Stephen Quist
15 Jeanne Miller	28 Laurie Strampe



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2-9-85 Joel & Debbie Peterson  
 2-19-78 William & Karen Almas  
 2-22-86 Ken & Vicky Tway



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Chuck Kilstrom will be joining our congregation on February 3rd.

Shortly after Chuck and wife Irene moved to Pismo Beach in 2011, they met Steve and Joanne Bennett. Steve invited Chuck to the Saturday Men's Breakfast group and he's been a regular with the group since that time. We are happy to welcome Chuck as a member of our community of faith.

## PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

Feb. 3-JoAnn & Steve Bennett; Beryl & Sid Bennett; Jennifer & Callie Bobell.

Feb. 10-Ty Bobell; Paul Bostrom; Susan Bouvette.

Feb. 17-Walt & Judy Bremer; Elsa Brody; Ro Cannon-Miller.

Feb. 24-Paul & Rebecca Christensen; John & Nancy Cook; Sue & Greig Cummings

We remember in prayer: Warren Quist and family in the recent passing of Betty Ann; John Merrill and family in the recent passing of Kathy Gremel; The family of Shirley Simmons; Sally Eggen; Carole Wheeler; Jeannie Ledford

## BLUE CONNECTION / PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

The Blue cards will soon be located in the slot behind the chairs. Please use these cards for prayer requests, guest info, member updates and any other information for the church office. Members do not need to fill one out every week. As always, you can call or email the church office with any changes in your information or prayer requests.

## Mount Carmel Staff

*Rev. Richard Rollefson*  
*Paul Woodring*  
*Dave Becker*  
*Tony Bloodworth*  
*Mary Ann Jakes*

Interim Pastor  
 Organist  
 Director of Contemporary Music  
 Custodian  
 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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Gather, Grow, Go

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## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**Southwest California Synod/Mt. Carmel**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Mt. Carmel lost two beautiful women this month, in the passing of Kathy Gremel and Betty Ann Quist. They left a huge hole in all of our hearts. Our prayers go out to John Merrill and family and Warren Quist and family.

The “thank you’s” are for all the amazing folk who were so ready and available to help with food and time to make these celebrations so very special. Everyone called responded with, “what can I do?”

This was such a reminder of the impact these two women made on Mt. Carmel and that the church body is a family and always ready to help with prayers, love and whatever else is needed.