

June 2019

Although we are still in the fifty days of Easter in our church year, it will soon be Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Spirit that first gave birth to the Church. Jesus promised his disciples that he would not leave them alone and helpless, but would send a presence to provide counsel, hope and encouragement as they continued to minister in his name. It is this mysterious, indwelling, empowering presence that we celebrate on Pentecost and throughout the season to come.

What Pentecost and the out-pouring of the Spirit means is that the Church -including Mt. Carmel Lutheran- is a part of God's unfolding plan to bring hope and healing to a broken and hurting world. St. Paul uses the image of the Church as "the body of Christ" to help us understand this God-given ministry and mission. In and through our baptismal calling we are commissioned to continue the ministry of Christ: to proclaim the good news of God's love, to touch the wounded with hands of healing, to go to those in need of hope and peace.

At times it may seem that it is beyond our capabilities to live out this high and holy calling. Yet it is not by our own power that we are Christ's body but through the counsel, encouragement and strengthening of the Spirit's presence with us. As we trust in and rely upon the gift of divine inspiration to fulfill our calling, we ourselves are renewed. It is this promise of the Spirit – the gift of Pentecost and our own baptisms – that is the sacred source and sustaining presence of our life and ministry together.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 2 at 11:00am

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 2

Blues Baseball Sunday, June 23

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# 5 Healthy Habits: Open to Change

Sunday, June 30

....and more

Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel Sunday Worship Service

9:30am

Holy Communion is offered at all Sunday worship services.

Join us for coffee on the patio immediately following the service.

# Mt. Carmel's Journey FORWARD

Part of Mt. Carmel's Journey Forward is to learn and practice healthier habits as a congregation. We had a positive and encouraging conversation at the Adult Forum on May 5 about how these habits can contribute to a healthy Mt. Carmel.

<u>Open to Change</u>: At Mt. Carmel, we are willing to respectfully listen, support and advance ideas or actions that align to our shared mission and vision, realizing that change is necessary for growth.

We are starting with this behavior first because it is at the root of all that will come after it. We have been through a lot of change in the past two years, and more change is necessary to reach a healthier place as a

congregation and to strive to live out our **mission** and achieve our **vision**. <u>How</u> we respond to and embrace this change is what will make the difference between failure and success.

As you learn more about how and why we need to be open to change, you may recognize places in our past where we stumbled with this concept. You might be able to think of situations when you or someone else in our congregation failed to be open to change, or didn't present or implement a new idea well, or wouldn't support change being implemented by our leaders, or were disrespectful in their objections.

We need to forgive ourselves and others for our shortcomings. We are *imperfect* humans, but we are *good* people doing the best we can with the knowledge we have at the moment. As we gain new knowledge and develop healthier habits, we move forward and hold ourselves lovingly accountable for doing things differently now and in the future.

We want to hear all ideas from all people! There is value in the insight and wisdom of others. We want those people to be treated respectfully and given consideration when they share those ideas. As we sift through these ideas and evaluate their appropriateness for our congregation, we will use our **mission** and **vision** as a measuring stick. We may adopt new programs and/or end existing ones based on how well they support the direction we have agreed to move in. And as we open up to new ideas, we will find some amazing new practices and programs that help us to celebrate God's grace, rejoice in Christ, grow in faith and act in love as we are committed to doing.

In the coming weeks and months, we will discuss questions such as:

- · What does it look like to be "open to change"?
- What does the scripture say about the value of change?

5 HABITS

Open to Change: At Mt. Carmel, we are willing to respectfully listen, support and advance ideas or actions that align to our shared mission and vision, realizing that change is necessary for growth.

Listen to Understand: At Mt. Carmel, we listen respectfully to all voices to understand with an open heart and an open mind.

Intentional Evaluative Processes: At Mt.

Carmel, leadership will use processes that are intentional, defined and collaborative to determine outcomes, and to structure ongoing change.

Accept Decisions Processed Well: At Mt.

Carmel, we accept decisions made using intentional, defined and collaborative processes that allow broad input to evaluate and express concerns.

Loving Accountability: At Mt. Carmel, we use Christ as the model of how lovingly to hold

Join us for Adult Forum on **June 30** for a discussion about the healthy habit of being "Open to Change."



### Mt. Carmel Norms Team

Phil Twomey (Chair) Karen Almas Marilyn Brown Kevin Dong

John Keisler Jackie Kinsey Joan Pedersen Kathy Towle

# ADULT FORUM Sunday 11:00AM Quist Hall

June 30 — "Journey Forward: Open to Change"



# MT. CARMEL BOOK CLUB Sunday, July 14 at 6:00 pm Karen Petersen's home

The Book Club has two books available for your enjoyment in June & July:

The first book is a novel set in the not-to-distant future. The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker finds Julia and her family adjusting to a 'new normal' as the rotation of the earth suddenly begins to slow. With the magic of a born storyteller, the author gives us a breathtaking portrait of people finding ways to go in an ever-evolving world.

The second novel, *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles, tells the story of Count Alexander Rostov in 1922 Russia. Hailed for its humor, intrigue, and beautifully rendered scenes, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the Count's endeavor to become a man of purpose.

Copies are available in the church office.



# BROWN BAG LUNCH Friday, June 14 12:00 noon, Quist Hall

Bring your lunch, a friend, and your interest to hear our guest speaker, Michele Garner, Lead for the SLO chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. This is a grass roots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence, and is part of Every Town for Gun Safety — the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with more than 5 million supporters and more than 350,000 donors.

Come hear what they are doing to protect us from the increasing gun violence in the country. Contact Nancy Priddy at 805-459-9249 with questions and to RSVP.



June 2: Recognition of graduates during church

(Please watch your email for changes and updates to the above schedule.)





# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

July 22-26, 9:00am-2:00pm

Are you looking for a week of one -of-a-kind FUN this summer? Then you'll want to head to Mt. Carmel for games, crafts, songs, skits, and stories about God's love!

Children preschool to entering 6th grade are invited to join us for VBS. Morning snack is included. Please provide a sack lunch. Register early — space is limited! Sign up forms are available in the narthex and on our website. Cost is \$50 per child. For more info, contact the church office at 805-544-2133, or Ingrid Frokjer at ingrid.frokjer@gmail.com.

| DATE | ACOLYTES         | COFFEE SERVERS                     | COMMUNION ASSTS                                                                             | GREETERS         | Lectors                      |
|------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|      | COORDINATOR      | COORDINATOR                        | COORDINATOR                                                                                 | COORDINATOR      | Coordinator                  |
|      | John Keisler     | Carol Harvey                       | Office                                                                                      | Office           | Wayne Lippold                |
| 6/2  | Allison Schultze | Steve & JoAnn<br>Bennett; Jan Uder | Janis Sexton; Diane<br>Mansell; Maureen Dresp                                               | Ro Cannon-Miller | Allison & Deanna<br>Schultze |
| 6/9  | Lily Hinds       | Carol Harvey                       | Karen Petersen; Betty<br>Johnson; Jenice Twomey                                             | Betty Johnson    | Bob Grosse                   |
| 6/16 |                  | Mike & Val Lund                    | Sherri & Makenna<br>Parkinson; Cyndi<br>Rollefson; Nancy Priddy                             | JoAnn Bennett    | Steve Bennett                |
| 6/23 |                  | Vicky Tway                         | John & Nancy Cook; Mike<br>Dresp; Lisanne Martinelli                                        | Pat Forrest      | Jenice Twomey                |
| 6/30 |                  | Ro Cannon-Miller                   | Cyndi Rollefson; Sandy<br>Rowland; Jenice Twomey                                            | Ro Cannon-Miller | Jess Bathke                  |
|      |                  |                                    | Please note that we need additional assistants on the days we have communion by intinction. | *6 : 1           |                              |

### \*Reminder:

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

| FRIDAY MORNING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS |                |  |  |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| June 7                           | Dorothy McCoid |  |  |
| June 14                          | Carol Winger   |  |  |
| June 21                          | Maureen Dresp  |  |  |
| June 28                          | Pat Forrest    |  |  |
|                                  |                |  |  |

# 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

# **MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**President** Glen Priddy

Vice President TBD

Treasurer Sherri Parkinson

Secretary Jenice Twomey

Members at Large JoAnn Bennett

Sandy Rowland John Merrill
Matthew Schultze Val Lund

| DATE | USHERS                                                                | SOUND BOARD    | POWER POINT       | ALTAR GUILD                                       | CHILDREN'S<br>CHURCH |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|      | COORDINATOR                                                           | COORDINATOR    | COORDINATOR       | COORDINATOR                                       | Coordinator          |
|      | Jess Bathke                                                           | Marshall Pihl  | Marshall Pihl     | Jeanie Schultz                                    | Ingrid Frokjer       |
| 6/2  | Steve & JoAnn Bennett;<br>Jess & Pat Bathke; John<br>Sexton           | Marshall Pihl  | Carol Grosse      | Mollie Smith                                      | Ingrid Frokjer       |
| 6/9  | Bob & Carol Grosse;<br>Jeannie Schultz; Linda<br>Schultze             | John Perreault | Matthew Moersdorf | Maureen Dresp                                     | Sandy Rowland        |
| 6/16 | Alan Estes; Dorothy<br>McCoid; Mike & Val Lund                        | Marshall Pihl  | Linda Schultze    | Dorothy McCoid                                    | Val Lund             |
| 6/23 | Warren Quist; John<br>Merrill; Andy Frokjer;<br>Carol & Donley Winger | John Perreault | Dave Parkinson    | Pat Forrest                                       | Diane Mansell        |
| 6/30 | Norm & Mollie Smith;<br>Dale & Betty Johnson                          | Marshall Pihl  | TBD               | Vickie Tway                                       | Ingrid Frokjer       |
|      |                                                                       |                |                   | Next Altar Guild<br>Meeting is June<br>13, 2:00pm |                      |



# The People's Kitchen

of San Luis Obispo

# Mt. Carmel serves again on June 7th at 11:45 AM at Prado Day Center.

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

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

Please email Jan Uder at j.uder@yahoo.com if you have any questions about The People's Kitchen program.

Please have your clearly marked items at church by 11:00am, (heated and ready to go)

| June PEOPLE'S KITCHEN SIGN-UPS, |                    | Looking ahead to July 5: |                     |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Our volunteers on June 7:       |                    | Hot Dish (serves 12+)    | Linda Lex           |
| Hot Dish (serves 12+)           | Janis Sexton       |                          | Sandy Rowland       |
|                                 | Kathy Towle        |                          | Judy Tewell         |
|                                 | Pat Forrest        |                          | Sheilah Tiejte      |
|                                 | Cyndi Rollefson    |                          | David Lonsway       |
|                                 | Brown              | Salad (serves 12+)       | Sid & Beryl Bennett |
|                                 | Jan Uder           |                          | Rheinisch           |
| Salad (serves 12+)              | Judy & Walt Bremer |                          | Rebecca Christensen |
|                                 | Kathy Meyer        | 2 Large Cans of Fruit    | Karen Bockelman     |
|                                 | Karen Columbo      | -                        | Sue Cummings        |
| 2 Large Cans of Fruit           | Jennifer Bobell    | 2 Gallons Whole Milk     | Jess & Pat Bathke   |
| ,                               | Tina Muller        |                          | Ro Cannon-Miller    |
| 2 Gallons Whole Milk            | Julie Martin       |                          |                     |

# PANCAKE PALOOZA Monday, June 10 - 10pm to midnight



Take a break from studying, bring your friends, and enjoy FREE (really? FREE? Yes, FREE!) PANCAKES!!!

ALL students are welcome.

Mount Carmel Lutheran Church

1701 Fredericks St.

(corner of Grand Ave. and Hwy 101-S on-ramp)

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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 weekly "Vistas" announcements!

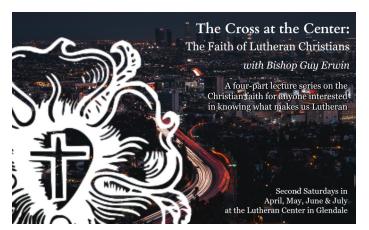
Deadline for July Summit is June 20

# Sunday Afternoon Baseball

June 23, 1:00PM
Sinsheimer Stadium
900 Southwood Drive
San Luis Obispo



The congregation is invited to join in the fun at the ballgame with the SLO Boys and Girls Club. *Contact Bob Grosse before June 9 to reserve your free tickets*. Kids under 12 are free every day.



Hope Lutheran in Atascadero is hosting a viewing of the Facebook series by Bishop Guy Erwin. Saturday, June 8: *Cancelled at this location* Saturday, July 13: 12 noon—2pm (bring lunch & beverage) Call Pat Forrest for further info

### **Mount Carmel Staff**

Rev. Richard Rollefson Interim Pastor
Paul Woodring Organist
Dave Becker Director of
Contemporary Music

Tony Bloodworth Custodian Mary Ann Jakes Parish Administrator Church Office Hours 9:00am-3:00pm Monday- Friday Phone 805-544-2133

Email: info@mtcarmelslo.org www.mtcarmelslo.org

Our pastoral staff is here for you.

In time of crisis, please contact the church office or

Pastor Richard Rollefson 858-349-8862

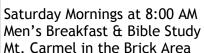
# MT. CARMEL ENTRY CANOPY



Two Cal Poly students have designed a permanent canopy structure to replace the canvas shades currently covering our entryway. The new structure will be installed in phases during May, and will use the existing posts as a footprint for the new cover. Thank you to Austin Henry and Matt Kesselring for their design and work on this project.

# **BIBLE STUDIES**

Friday Morning at 10:00 AM Four Cats Café 1531 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo





# **Dave Becker Trio**

Sunday, June 9 First Presbyterian Church, SLO

# **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Ro Cannon-Miller
- 4 Aiden Dellinger
- 4 Vicky Tway
- 5 Beverly Gingg
- 7 Pat Bathke
- 9 Ariana Holman
- 11 Sally Reck
- 16 John Sexton
- 17 Lily Hinds
- 19 Erin Malone
- 20 Dennis Amling

- 21 Paul Christensen
- 23 Callie Bobell
- 24 Sherri Parkinson
- 28 Lisanne Martinelli
- 30 Greig Cummings



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

06/10/61 Harry & Treva Thornton

06/10/06 Charles & Desiree Dellinger

06/12/76 John & Janis Sexton

06/14/52 Gary & Jeanie Schultz

06/14/69 Michael & Dianne Draze

06/17/72 John & Ruth Rollefson

06/17/11 Andy & Ingrid Frokjer

06/19/04 Carlyn & John Hinds

06/20/87 Kevin & Wende Dong

06/29/57 Robert & Mary Christenson



### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

June 2—Mike, Val, & Wyatt Lund; Holly & Cooper Lyle; James Davison, Erin Malone, Evalea, & Maia Malone-Davison

June 9—Diane & Ryan Mansell; Ian, Brooklyn, Khloe, & Rachel Mansell; Lisanne Martinelli

June 16—Julie & Jenny Martin; Dorothy McCoid; John Merrill

June 23—Dean & Kathy Meyer; Jeanne Miller; Jack & Roberta Moen

June 30—Chris, Brittany, Reagan, & Gavin Nicol; Margaret O'Neill; Dave, Sherri, Stephen, & Makenna Parkinson





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Gather, Grow, Go

# ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

Mark your calendar and attend our Annual Congregational Meeting. The election of officers and council members will be held during the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Your voice and your vote is very important! Food will be provided.