



February 2020

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In the movement of the church calendar, the liturgical season between Christmas and Lent is called "Epiphany" – a word that means "manifestation," "disclosure" or "revelation." The season of Epiphany charts the progressive manifestation and disclosure of the child born in a Bethlehem stable as the revelation of God. Beginning with the story of Wise men from the east following a star the story continues with Jesus calling his disciples and his ministry of healing and hope. As the term "epiphany" connotes, Jesus is the manifestation, the disclosure, the revelation of God's love for all the world.

The season of Epiphany is also sometimes called "ordinary time." The actual liturgical meaning of the term "ordinary" is that the Sundays after Epiphany (January 6) are numbered, as in "the first Sunday after Epiphany," "the second Sunday after Epiphany," and so on. But the term "ordinary" can also be a reminder of the deepest truth of the Christian message: that the child of Christmas, "Immanuel" is the revelation of the God who has entered into our ordinary world, the God who is with us in the ordinary day to day events of our lives.

Truth is, in light of the birth of Immanuel, no time or place is ordinary anymore. The story of God entering into our world means that all of creation is made holy and that all time is extraordinary.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

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Super Bowl Party
February 2 at 3:00pm

**Sax Summit 2020
Concert**
Sunday, February 9 at
3:00pm

**Table of Grace Dinner
and Worship**
Thursday, February 13 at
6:00pm

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 26

**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.

ADULT FORUM**Sundays 11:00AM****Quist Hall****Adult Forum Schedule**

Sunday, February 2, Film Showing:

Imprisoning a Generation

We are re-showing a documentary film following the stories of four young Palestinians who have been detained and imprisoned under the Israeli military and political systems. Their perspectives, along with the voices of their families, combine to form a lens into the entangled structures of oppression that expand well beyond the prison walls.

Presented by the Middle East Peace Task Force, the Southwest California Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Adult Ed Survey Results

The Adult Education Team thanks the congregation for their enthusiastic response to our recent survey on Adult Forum topics. All four of the substantive areas drew favorable responses as follows (number of selections in parenthesis): Speakers from services in the SLO area (18), Forums on issues like discipleship, stewardship, etc. (15), Discussions on specific books of the Bible and Bible studies (16), Planning events on our mission and vision (12).

In response, we have planned the following tentative Adult Forum schedule thru Easter to include each of the topic areas:

Feb 2 – Video “Imprisoning a Generation” (Issues)**Feb 9** – Tour of the new Love To Learn facility (local services)**Feb 16** – Speaker from Food Bank (Local services)**Feb 23** – “Do It Yourself Transfiguration” (Bible study)**Mar 1** – Church Council communication session (mission and vision)**Mar 8, 15, 22, & Apr 5**– Lenten Series “Discipleship Is Not an Option” (issues)**Mar 29** – Church Council Exchange – Could include Call Process/MET, Upper Parking Lot or other planning topics (mission and vision)**Apr 12** – EASTER SUNDAY

Thanks,

The Adult Ed Team

WOMEN’S RETREAT

Attention all women, interested in a weekend of spiritual enrichment, great fellowship and of course...food

Mark your calendars for October 23-25 for the next Annual Women’s Retreat. Sadly, La Casa is several years away before we can return, but we have found a new, beautiful location at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. Sign-ups will be held this Spring, but mark your calendars now, so you won’t miss it. Don’t know where San Juan Bautista is? It is about the same driving distance as La Casa, except it is north, a little south of Gilroy. We are planning a “field trip” this Spring to familiarize ourselves with the location, and hey, who doesn’t like a field trip!

Questions? Nancy Priddy, 805-459-9249.

COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM**Monday, February 3****The Priddy’s Home**

Just a reminder that our next meeting is Monday, February 3, 6:30, at the Priddy’s. Come, bring your ideas and we’ll make plans for the upcoming months. There will be snacks...

To those not already on the Team - want to hear about upcoming events that are being planned for the Mt. Carmel community? Come join us on Feb. 3 and see what is being planned. Purpose of this Team – to engage all ages, sexes, interests into small, mid-sized and large groups with opportunities for community building opportunities. We can use everyone’s help and input, so come join us, at our next meeting and share any ideas, thoughts you may have.

Questions or to RSVP – Nancy Priddy, 805-459-9249

PANCAKE BREAKFAST**Sunday, February 23**

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, the Saturday Morning Men’s Group will prepare a pancake breakfast for the congregation. Watch for more details in the VISTAS and Sunday bulletins.



LUMIN Campus Ministry

A few of the folks from our LuMin Team served dinner at Front Porch. Jenice Twomey, Patti Frey, and Jan Uder were among the volunteers who served dinner to more than 225 Cal Poly students at The Porch cafe on January 22nd. It was a very joyful evening for everyone! No clean-up is required as The Porch staff/students do all the clean up after dinner!

If you are interested in serving or preparing food with LuMin on a future Wednesday night please contact Patti Frey.



VISIT CUESTA COLLEGE WITH THE LUMIN TEAM Thursdays, 9:00am-noon

Join LuMin on a visit to Cuesta College. We'll pass out information about Mt. Carmel, invite students to worship with us, provide snacks and more. We hope that you'll say "yes!"

CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDY CENTER OPENING Sunday, Feb 2

We are looking for hosts who can spend an afternoon welcoming guests. It'll be the perfect time for you to catch up on your reading, your knitting, your needlework, your thank-you note writing, organizing your photo albums.....Watch for more details!

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

This year we observe Ash Wednesday on February 26 with a joint service at SLO UMC.

Lenten Suppers and Worship will begin on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00pm.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Lenten Devotion Books Coming Soon

The ELCA Lenten devotion book for this year, "*Wondrous Love*", using lessons from the Gospel of Matthew, will be available early in February. The books are intended for group or individual devotions throughout the Lenten season which begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Milestone Ministry at Mt. Carmel celebrates the milestones in a child's spiritual journey. The milestones celebrated are: Baptism, 3 year olds receive their first Bible, Communion instruction, Study Bibles given to 3rd graders, Acolytes serve during worship, Confirmation, New Driver's Blessing, and Graduation from High School.

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## Communion Workshop Saturday, February 22 at 10:00am

Children interested in learning about Communion are invited to our free workshop. Please let the church office know you are attending so we can gather enough materials. We will be baking pretzels, painting wine glasses, and learning about the importance of the sacrament of communion.

## CELEBRATING A BAPTISM

On January 12 we celebrated the Baptism of Layla Jane Rowland and Ava Lee Rowland. Layla and Ava are the children of Adam and Lisa Rowland. Grandparents are Patrick and Sandy Rowland and Joseph and Debbie DiVincenzo.



## ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS 2019

Thank you for participating in the Angel Tree Christmas Project in December. Members and friends of Mt. Carmel provided personalized gifts to 50 children at Iglesia Luterana de Santa Cruz in Santa Maria. Other area churches also participated in this annual event and together provided gifts to over 400 children.

Special thanks to Pat Forrest for coordinating the project at Mt. Carmel.



| DATE        | ACOLYTES         | COFFEE SERVERS      | COMMUNION ASSTS                                         | GREETERS      | LECTORS       |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|             | COORDINATOR      | COORDINATOR         | COORDINATOR                                             | COORDINATOR   | COORDINATOR   |
|             | John Keisler     | Carol Harvey        | None                                                    | None          | Wayne Lippold |
| <b>2/2</b>  | Allie Schultze   | Carol Harvey        | Janis Sexton;<br>Diane Mansell;<br>Maureen Dresp        | Jenice Twomey | John Cook     |
| <b>2/9</b>  | Andrew Moersdorf | Jess & Pat Bathke   | Karen Petersen;<br>Betty Johnson;<br>Jenice Twomey      | Betty Johnson | Monica Holman |
| <b>2/16</b> | Adrian Schultze  | Vicky Tway          | Nancy Priddy;<br>Sandy Rowland;<br>Cyndi Rollefson      | JoAnn Bennett | Bob Grosse    |
| <b>2/23</b> | Lily Hinds       | Jack & Roberta Moen | John & Nancy Cook;<br>Mike Dresp;<br>Lisanne Martinelli | Pat Forrest   | Jess Bathke   |
| <b>3/1</b>  | Allie Schultze   | Ro Cannon-Miller    | Janis Sexton;<br>Diane Mansell;<br>Maureen Dresp        | Janis Sexton  | Janis Sexton  |

\*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

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| February 7  | Dorothy McCoid |
| February 14 | Carol Winger   |
| February 21 | Maureen Dresp  |
| February 28 | Pat Forrest    |
| March 6     | Dorothy McCoid |

### FLOWER SPONSORS

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| February 2  | Matt & Deanna Schultze  |
| February 9  | Carlyn Hinds            |
| February 16 | Timmi Tway (Vicky Tway) |
| February 23 | Ken & MaryAnn Jakes     |
| March 1     |                         |

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

Two bouquets for \$55.00.  
Thank you, Jeanie Schultz, Altar Guild

### MOUNT CARMEL COUNCIL MEMBERS

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| <b>President</b>        | Marshall Pihl    |
| <b>Vice President</b>   | Patti Frey       |
| <b>Treasurer</b>        | Sherri Parkinson |
| <b>Secretary</b>        | John Merrill     |
| <b>Members at Large</b> | Jenice Twomey    |
|                         | Carol Harvey     |
|                         | Jan Uder         |
|                         | Matthew Schultze |
|                         | Wayne Lippold    |

| DATE        | USHERS                                                             | SOUND BOARD    | POWER POINT       | ALTAR GUILD    | CHILDREN'S CHURCH |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|             | COORDINATOR                                                        | COORDINATOR    | COORDINATOR       | COORDINATOR    | COORDINATOR       |
|             | Jess Bathke                                                        | Marshall Pihl  | Marshall Pihl     | Jeanie Schultz | Ingrid Frokjer    |
| <b>2/2</b>  | Steve & JoAnn Bennett;<br>Jess & Pat Bathke;<br>John Sexton        | John Perreault | Carol Grosse      | Pat Forrest    | Jenice Twomey     |
| <b>2/9</b>  | Bob & Carol Grosse;<br>Jeanie Schultz;<br>Linda Schultze           | Marshall Pihl  | Matthew Moersdorf | Vicky Tway     | Ingrid Frokjer    |
| <b>2/16</b> | Dorothy McCoid;<br>Mike & Val Lund                                 | John Perreault | Linda Schultze    | Dorothy McCoid | Val Lund          |
| <b>2/23</b> | Warren Quist; John Merrill;<br>Andy Frokjer; Carol & Donley Winger | Marshall Pihl  | Dave Parkinson    | Pat Forrest    | Diane Mansell     |
| <b>3/1</b>  | Steve & JoAnn Bennett;<br>Jess & Pat Bathke;<br>John Sexton        | John Perreault | Carol Grosse      | Jeanie Schultz | Ingrid Frokjer    |

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**The  
People's  
Kitchen**  
of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves again on January 3rd 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.*

Email Jan Uder at [j.uder@yahoo.com](mailto:j.uder@yahoo.com) if you have any questions about The People's Kitchen program or would like to volunteer.

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

**Our volunteers on February 7:**

**Hot Dish (serves 12+)**

Kathy Towle  
Pat Forrest  
Kathy Meyer  
Ruth Rollefson  
Janis Sexton

**Salad (serves 12+)**

Rebecca Keisler  
Karen Colombo  
Jennifer Bobell  
Tina Muller

**2 Large Cans of Fruit**

Judy & Walt Bremer  
Jan Uder

**2 Gallons Whole Milk**

Julie Martin

**Looking ahead to March 6:**

**Hot Dish (serves 12-15)**

Almas  
Cook  
Brown  
Lonsway  
Rollefson, R & J  
Rowland  
Smith  
Twomey

**Salad (serves 20)**

S & B Bennett  
Harvey  
Keisler

**3 Large Cans of Fruit**

Christenson  
Cummings

**3 Gallons Whole Milk**

Grosse

All are invited to join

# Table of Grace

Dinner Church Worship Service

**Where:** Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

1701 Fredericks St. (Corner of Grand & Fredericks)

**When:** Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm:

*February 13; March 12; April 9; May 14; June 11*

Please join us for our new once-a-month dinner worship service! Come alone, as a family, or with a group...ALL ARE INVITED! Feel free to bring any food you have to share, or just come as you are (especially if it is your first visit!), and we will all eat together, share Word and Meal, and grow closer to each other and God!

**Come as you are.**

**Listen. Feast. Pray.**

Weekly Worship at Mt. Carmel: Sundays at 9:30 AM



# Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Dave Becker concert on Sunday, January 26, whether playing, contributing, helping to set up, serving or bringing refreshments, making up flyers and programs, or being at the concert. Thanks to you, we raised \$4,040 to be distributed to the San Luis Obispo High and Jr High Band Boosters, and the Morro Bay High and Jr High Music Boosters. We received recognition e-mails from Dr Eric Prater, Superintendent of the San Luis Coastal School District, and Dr Jim Brescia, County Supervisor of Schools. Special thanks to Dave Becker for an amazing concert!

**TOUR THE NEW BUILDING  
AT LOVE TO LEARN**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – AFTER CHURCH



**SUPER BOWL  
PARTY**

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2  
AT 3:00 PM**

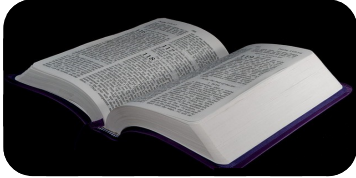


## BIBLE STUDY

**Friday Mornings at 10:00**  
Four Cats Café  
1531 Monterey  
San Luis Obispo

## Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

**Saturday Mornings at 8:00**  
Mt. Carmel in the Brick Area



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 01 Deanna Schultze   | 28 Stephen Quist |
| 08 David Lonsway     |                  |
| 13 Dorothy Adams     |                  |
| 13 Desiree Dellinger |                  |
| 15 Dave Becker       |                  |
| 15 Jeanne Miller     |                  |
| 17 John Cook         |                  |
| 19 Val Lund          |                  |
| 20 Bob Grosse        |                  |
| 23 MaryAnn Jakes     |                  |
| 23 Kathy Meyer       |                  |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| 02/09/1985 | Debbie & Joel Peterson |
| 02/15/1998 | Erik & Heidi Brun      |
| 02/19/1978 | Karen & Bill Almas     |
| 02/22/1986 | Vicky & Ken Tway       |



### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

**February 2**—Dale & Betty Johnson; John & Rebecca Keisler; Jackie, Steve, Sarah & Jenni Kinsey

**February 9** —Jerry & Judie Kirkhart; Laura & Dave Krueger; Jeannie Ledford

**February 16**—Suzanne Leedale & Dante Nelson; Linda Lex; Wayne, Marci, Brandon & Annaliese Lippold

**February 23**—Casey, Kelly, Aiden & Connor Lund; Mike, Val & Wyatt Lund; Holly & Cooper Lyle

**March 1**—James, Erin, Evalea & Maia Malone-Davison; Diane & Ryan Mansell; Ian, Brooklyn, Khloe & Rachel Mansell



Have 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 February 20**

### Mount Carmel Staff

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Rev. Richard Rollefson</i> | Interim Pastor                 |
| <i>Paul Woodring</i>          | Organist                       |
| <i>Dave Becker</i>            | Director of Contemporary Music |
| <i>Tony Bloodworth</i>        | Custodian                      |
| <i>MaryAnn Jakes</i>          | Parish Administrator           |

### Church Office Hours 9:00am—3:00pm Monday-Friday

Phone 805-544-2133

Email: [info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org) [www.mtcarmelslo.org](http://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



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
**JAZZ FEDERATION**  
PRESENTS

# SAX SUMMIT 2020



**FEATURING 8 SAXOPHONES**  
SOLOISTS / SAXTET / RHYTHM SECTION

**SUNDAY FEB 9**

**3PM - 5:30PM**

General Admission: \$25/Jazz Fed. Members: \$20/Students: \$10

**Advance Tickets:** My805Tix & Boo Boo Records

**Featured Saxophonists:** Dave Becker, Andrew Conrad, Sam Franklin,  
Jake Hammer, Ron McCarley, Michael Mull, Wes Smith, Arthur White

**A-Team Rhythm Section:** Marshall Otwell - piano,  
Dylan Johnson - bass, Darrell Voss - drums

**Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 1701 Fredericks St.,  
SLO, 93401My805tix.com**

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#### OUR MISSION

*Celebrating God's grace through  
worship, learning and service.*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.