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Even as we face an extraordinary time of uncertainty and anxiety in a world that seems turned upside down, as we commemorate the central events of our Christian faith—the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ—we proclaim the power of God love’s from which nothing—not even death—can separate us. May this Easter prayer by Frederick Buechner become our own.

O You Who Comes,  
who are the hope of the world, give us  
hope. Give us hope that beyond the  
worst the world can do there is such a  
best that not even the world can take  
it from us, hope that none whom you  
have loved is ever finally lost, not  
even to death.

O You Who Died  
in loneliness and pain, suffer to die in  
us all that keeps us from you and from  
each other and from becoming as  
good and as brave as we are called to  
become. O Lamb of God, forgive us.

O You Who Rose Again,  
You Holy Spirit of Christ, arise and  
live within us now, that we may be  
your body, that we may be your feet to  
walk into the world’s pain, your hands  
to heal, your heart to break, if need  
must be, for love of the world.

O Risen Christ, make Christs of us all.

Even in this time of uncertainty we celebrate the triumph of love and life over fear and death. For the promise of Easter remains: Christ has risen, Christ has risen indeed!

God’s Peace,  
Pastor Richard

**Holy Week & Easter**  
(all services will be online  
only via live-stream)

**Maundy Thursday  
Service**  
April 9 at 7:00 pm  
(see page 2)

**Good Friday Service**  
April 10 at 9:30 pm  
(see page 2)

**Easter Sunday Service**  
April 12 at 9:30 am  
(see page 2)

**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.

CELEBRATE

# Holy Week

## HOLY WEEK AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

In this time that we cannot worship together in our sanctuary, we will still be commemorating a full Holy Week worship schedule online through a Zoom live-stream. You will find the links listed in the bi-weekly VISTAs and on our website [www.mtcarmelslo.org](http://www.mtcarmelslo.org), together with worship outlines for each service. Recordings of the live-stream worship times will also be posted on our website.

### Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm

[Link to Maundy Thursday Service](#)

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 611 263 123

Worship commemorating Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and the Last Supper as an embodiment of his "new commandment" to love one another.

### Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm

[Link to Good Friday Service](#)

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 550 672 339

A solemn worship focused on the Seven Last words, with readings and reflections by Mt. Carmel members.

### Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 am

[Link to SUNDAY morning Zoom worship](#)

For telephone: +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 935 001 016

A "festival" celebration of the resurrection, including "home communion." You are invited to set aside some bread (or a cracker), wine or juice.



## ADULT FORUM

Sundays following worship

Adult Forums are currently held immediately following our Sunday worship on the same Zoom channel.

## CHILDREN AND TEEN'S MINISTRY

Watch Ingrid Frokjer on YouTube for children's sermons. Click the link or copy to your browser to watch online.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Ny-io7V6ObxbcEmoDazBg>

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Confirmation classes are continuing via Zoom meetings.

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Teen group meetings are also held via Zoom.

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Please contact the church office for more information about joining any of these classes.

## BIBLE STUDY

Fridays at 10:00 AM

[Link to FRIDAY morning Bible study](#)

(this link will NOT change each week)

For telephone: +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 552 129 433

## Men's Bible Study

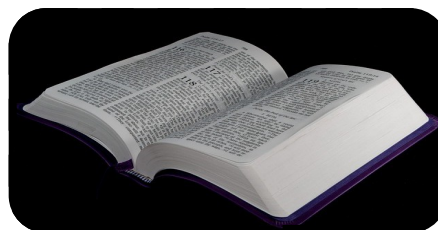
Saturdays at 8:30 AM

[Link to SATURDAY morning Bible study](#)

(this link will NOT change each week)

For telephone: +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 936 479 529





### Prayer Requests

Please contact our church office with your prayer concerns. You may call the church office at 805-544-2133 to speak to MaryAnn, or email your request to [info@mtcarmelslo.org](mailto:info@mtcarmelslo.org).

### Blood Drive

**Wednesday, May 13**  
**Quist Hall**

Mount Carmel arranged to hold a blood drive on April 21. HOWEVER, we learned on Monday, April 6 that the blood bank has had such a positive response to their call for donors that we've been asked to move our drive to May. What a happy piece of news!

Details to follow.



### Giving from Home

Please remember that the ministry of Mt. Carmel Lutheran continues even in this time that we are not able to meet in person. Our mail is picked up everyday, so you can feel comfortable mailing your offerings to:

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church  
1701 Fredericks Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Or you may want to consider setting up a recurring payment through your bank. This can be done online (recommended), or in person at your financial institution.

**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

## Celebrations

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|    |                   |    |               |
|----|-------------------|----|---------------|
| 03 | Annaliese Lippold | 17 | Kyle Peterson |
| 03 | Carolyn Baker     | 20 | David Quist   |
| 04 | Catherine         | 22 | Kevin Johsen  |
|    | Kessler-Amling    | 27 | Diane Mansell |
| 05 | Jennifer Bobell   | 27 | Janis Sexton  |
| 07 | Roberta Moen      |    |               |
| 08 | Ken Tway          |    |               |
| 10 | Carolyn Voss      |    |               |
| 12 | Karen Petersen    |    |               |
| 13 | Elyse Peterson    |    |               |
| 13 | Keith Tracy       |    |               |
| 13 | Paul Woodring     |    |               |

happy  
birthday

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| 04/06/1968 | Jerry & Judie Kirkhart |
| 04/19/1997 | Cheryl & Dale Garnsey  |
| 04/21/1962 | Donley & Carol Winger  |

### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

**April 5**—Karen Petersen; Joel, Debbie, Kyle and Elyse Peterson; Marshall, Marge, Riley & Sarah Pihl

**April 12**—Glen & Nancy Priddy; David Quist; Steve, Cynthia & Annie Quist;

**April 19**—Warren Quist; Pat Ramsay; Ryan, Martha, Keilani & Andre Reck

**April 26**—Sally Reck; Walt & Helen Rehm; John & Ruth Rollefson





## “Home Communion”

As we noted in the VISTA, there has been much discussion among Bishops, pastors and ELCA church members about the appropriateness of sharing in communion when we are not able to be physically present with one another during our worship. There are thoughtful perspectives on both side of this issue. Some, including our own presiding bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, have suggested that we fast from Holy Communion until we can be

physically present with one another. Others have suggested that, even if we are meeting via the Internet, we are, nonetheless, a gathered assembly and it is appropriate to share “home communion” in our individual homes.

**Our Church Council and Worship Team recently shared a discussion on this subject and our consensus is to include “home communion” in our worship beginning on Easter Sunday. For those who wish to share in communion, you are invited to set aside some bread (or cracker), a cup of wine or juice, which will be then blessed and shared in our individual settings. If you do not have these items, but would like to share in the meal, please let us know and we will try to provide them. You may also choose to not partake in the meal, with the assurance that Christ is fully present in the proclamation of the Word.**

*In this time that we are cannot be together in order to save lives and suffering, and knowing that God is present always and everywhere, we hope that celebrating communion together in this way will add another opportunity to open our hearts to God in new and wondrous ways.*

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### OUR MISSION

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

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Mt. Carmel, go to  
[www.facebook.com/  
mtcarmelslo](http://www.facebook.com/mtcarmelslo)

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God's work. Our hands.