



June
2020

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Wherefore, if Holy Scripture proclaims that God is love, and that love is of God, and works this in us that we abide in God and He in us, and that hereby we know this, because He has given us of His Spirit, then the Spirit Himself is God, who is love. Next, if there be among the gifts of God none greater than love, and there is no greater gift of God than the Holy Spirit, what follows more naturally than that He is Himself love, who is called both God and of God? And if the love by which the Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father, ineffably demonstrates the communion of both, what is more suitable than that He should be specially called love, who is the Spirit common to both?

—St. Augustine, *On the Trinity*

In the coming days we will celebrate Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who gives birth to the church. The following week is called "Trinity Sunday," dedicated to the Christian understanding of the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The only problem is that both the concept of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of the Trinity are probably the least understood teachings of the Christian faith. One of the early church theologians who reflected most deeply on the Holy Spirit and the Trinity was St. Augustine. Although the language of the passage above may seem a bit archaic and dense, and reflects some of the subtleties of theological debate in the early church, in essence what Augustine is saying is that the Holy Spirit is love.

What we celebrate at Pentecost and acknowledge on Trinity Sunday is that God is love – that God's love, embodied in Christ, through the Spirit, can dwell within our hearts and empower lives of love. This is the central message of the Christian faith always, but something that we especially need to hear and live out in this time of global fear. Even as await the time we can gather together physically we fulfill our Pentecost calling to be the Church as we practice and proclaim God's love.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

Meetings in June

All meetings will be online via Zoom. Please visit our website at mtcarmelslo.org for links to the meetings. Visitors welcome!

Executive Team
Tuesday, June 9 at 6pm

Church Council
Thursday, June 18 at 6pm

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 28,
10:45am

**Sunday Worship
at Mt. Carmel**
Sunday Worship Service

9:30am

Join us online!

See page 2 for links to our worship services. All are welcome!

WORSHIP ONLINE

Join us on ZOOM for
worship and bible studies

Our worship options have changed with the Shelter at Home order. Please use the links listed here to join any of our worship services and Bible studies. We look forward to seeing you!

[How to join a ZOOM meeting - Instructions](#)

- [Link to SUNDAY morning Zoom worship](#)

Sundays at 9:30 AM

For telephone: +1 669 900 6833 (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 892 1868 1679

- [Link to WEDNESDAY Evening Zoom Service](#)

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

For telephone: +1 669 900 9128 (San Jose)
Meeting ID: 867 5095 6162

- [Mt. Carmel YouTube channel](#)

WHAT TO EXPECT AT OUR SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE WORSHIP

To enhance our time together and our online worship experience, we will include an extended time before and after worship for conversation with microphones unmuted. During worship microphones will be muted by the host (except for the Sharing the Peace and Lord's Prayer).

9:00-9:25: Bring Your Own Coffee (BYOC)
Fellowship (unmuted)

9:25: Announcements (microphones muted)

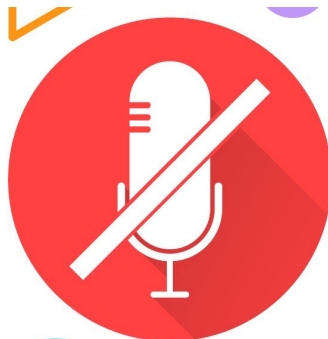
9:30: Worship

10:30 Post Service (PS) Fellowship (unmuted)

10:45: Adult Forum

Please remain muted during the worship service so that everyone may enjoy the experience.

Thank you!



CHILDREN AND TEEN'S MINISTRY

Join Ingrid 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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Our 2020 Vacation Bible School program is postponed until the summer of 2021. The "**Rocky Railroad**" will run next year for children ages 3 years to entering 6th grade. Our curriculum will feature arts and crafts, music, games, and bible stories. Registration begins in April 2021.

Opportunities for fall 2020 events for the kids are in the planning stages. Stay tuned to our online publications – The Vistas and The Summit – for information about these fun events.



## ADULT FORUM

Sundays following worship

June 7 - Doctrine of the Trinity (June 7 is Trinity Sunday)

June 14 - Council Budget for next year – Council

June 21 - Changes to Constitution Planned for Annual Meeting – Council

June 28 - Annual Meeting

## Bible Study

Fridays at 10:00 AM

[Link to FRIDAY morning Bible study](#)

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

Meeting ID: 552 129 433

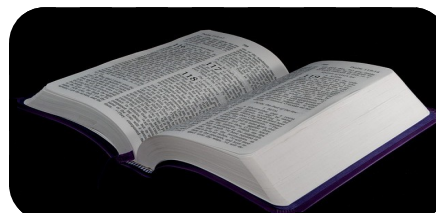
## Men's Bible Study

Saturdays at 8:30 AM

[Link to SATURDAY morning Bible study](#)

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

Meeting ID: 936 479 529



## GRADUATION SUNDAY JUNE 7, 2020

*This year we celebrate:*

*Jenni Kinsey*

*Matthew Moersdorf*

*Gavin Rebuck*

*Kraime Brun*

## GET ON THE BUS UPDATE



Saturday, May 17, was when the bus full of children coming to visit their dads at CMC would have arrived. Sadly, due to the pandemic, it had to be cancelled. Not surprising, very wise decision, but still very sad that these families didn't get to be together for hugs, laughter, and of course...pizza.

That is the bad news. The good news is, there is a possibility of a "Holiday Bus" coming. Mt. Carmel has hosted this event for the past couple of years, complete with sharing, crafts, children playing games together, and of course...ice cream sundaes. Oh...also, Santa Claus!! We will keep you all posted as things develop. In the meantime, keep these beautiful children, their dads, their families, and the staff and inmates at CMC in your prayers. These are such difficult times, but together and through prayer, we will get through it.

Thank you for all you are and your support of this amazing Program

Stay safe,

Nancy Priddy

Bus Coordinator, Get on the Bus



## M.C. LITERARY DETECTIVES SQUAD BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 8 at 7:00PM on Zoom -  
hosted by Detective Sgt. Patti (a.k.a. "Four  
Eyes Agatha") Frey

Our first briefing will be on Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. We will share case notes on the second Monday of each month thereafter.

Our first case is Blood, Salt, Water - by Denise Mina. Please read and be prepared to discuss your findings with the rest of the squad. Bring your alias, fingerprint kit, magnifying glass and disguise.

For any questions about your assignment, call or text Detective Sgt. Patti (a.k.a. "Four Eyes Agatha") Frey at (805) 235-1938.

Here's the address of Zoom Headquarters:

[LINK TO ZOOM MEETING](#)

Meeting ID: 798 2610 8228

Password: 0gQrgX

Sorry, but due to the tight budget constraints imposed by the Chief Constable, there is no phone-in option available for these briefings.

## Blood Drive at Mt. Carmel Tuesday, June 16

Contact Patti Frey at 805-235-1938 for information about how to make an appointment.

## A Note from Our Financial Secretary Retirement RMD's Cancelled for 2020

For the past several years, a number of Mt. Carmel members have transferred Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) from their retirement funds directly to Mt Carmel in order to reduce their taxable income. For those who may not be aware, with the passage of the Coronavirus Relief Act in March, Congress cancelled the requirement for retirement funds to distribute RMD's in 2020. This eliminates both the distributions to Mt Carmel and the taxable income concerns about RMD's. We recommend that members affected by this change make donations direct to Mt Carmel. These will also be tax-deductible, something the RMD direct distributions did not allow.

Carol Grosse

Financial Secretary

## Giving from Home

More options at your fingertips

← Click here to give online



Thank you for continuing to send in your offerings! We have multiple ways to give that are both easy and secure. Click the picture above to make a one-time or recurring contribution from your checking or savings account. Our mail is picked up everyday if you prefer to mail a check.





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 06/10/1961 | Treva & Harry Thornton      |
| 06/10-2006 | Charles & Desiree Dellinger |
| 06/12/1976 | John & Janis Sexton         |
| 06/14/1952 | Jeanie & Gary Schultz       |
| 06/14/1969 | Michael & Dianne Drazee     |
| 06/17/1972 | John & Ruth Rollefson       |
| 06/17/2011 | Andy & Ingrid Frokjer       |
| 06/19/2004 | Carlyn & John Hinds         |
| 06/20/1987 | Kevin & Wende Dong          |
| 06/21/1980 | Diane & Leonard Mansell     |
| 06/23/1984 | Keith & Julie Tracy         |

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|    |                  |    |                    |
|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 02 | Ro Cannon-Miller | 21 | Paul Christensen   |
| 02 | Reagan Nicol     | 23 | Callie Bobell      |
| 04 | Aidan Dellinger  | 24 | Sherri Parkinson   |
| 04 | Vicky Tway       | 28 | Lisanne Martinelli |
| 07 | Lucas Rowland    | 30 | Greig Cummings     |
| 07 | Pat Bathke       |    |                    |
| 09 | Ariana Holman    |    |                    |
| 11 | Sally Reck       |    |                    |
| 16 | John Sexton      |    |                    |
| 17 | Lily Hinds       |    |                    |
| 19 | Erin Malone      |    |                    |
| 20 | Dennis Amling    |    |                    |

happy  
birthday

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 the July Summit is June 20**



## Prayer Requests

Jeff Blesener  
(Jen DeClark's brother)

Bob Deal  
(MaryAnn Jakes' brother)

Janie Deal  
(MaryAnn Jakes' mother, on hospice)

*Please contact our church office with your prayer concerns.*

## PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

**June 7**—Vicky & Ken Tway; Phil, Jenice & Mark Twomey; Jan & Jonny Uder

**June 14** —Carolyn Voss; Carole Wheeler; Donley & Carol Winger

**June 21**—Dorothy Adams; Susan, Jim & Emily Adams, and Rachel Whitson; Bill & Karen Almas

**June 28**— Dennis & Catherine Amling-Kessler; Russ Anderson; Carolyn Baker



## The People's Kitchen

of San Luis Obispo

**Mt. Carmel serves lunch at the Prado Center on the first Friday of each month.**

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.

### Schedule for June 5: **Hot Dish (serves 12+)**

Marilyn/Dennis Brown  
Pat Forrest  
Sherri Parkinson  
Janis Sexton  
Ruth Rollefson  
Kathy Towle  
Jenice Twomey  
Jan Uder

### **Salad (serves 12+)**

Walt/Judy Bremer  
Karen Columbo  
Kathy Meyer

### **2 Large Cans of Fruit**

Jennifer Bobell  
Wende Dong

### **3 Gallons Whole Milk**

Julie Martin

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

### Matching Gifts Challenge Benefitting the SLO County Food Bank

A couple in our congregation will match donations up to \$1,000 made to the SLO County Food Bank through June 30. The food bank is facing extra needs at this time and was thrilled to hear about the matching funds challenge.

[Use this link to donate to the Mount Carmel matching funds challenge](#)

If you prefer to donate to the matching funds challenge by check, make your check out to the *SLO County Food Bank*. Write *Mt. Carmel Matching Funds Drive* on the memo line so that your donation will be properly credited. Mail to:

Food Bank Coalition of SLO County  
1180 Kendall Road  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Please **do not** route your food bank donations through Mount Carmel. Doing so will delay your donation and make tracking the matching funds challenge donations difficult for the food bank to track.

Thank you to Mount Carmel for your always generous spirit!

### REOPENING TASK FORCE UPDATE

While we do not yet have not definitive date for reopening our sanctuary for in-person worship, discussions are ongoing at the ELCA national, synod, and conference level. In addition to receiving ongoing updates from the Southwest Synod, we are also forming a Task Force here at Mt. Carmel, which, in consultation with the Council, will work on formulating plans regarding when and how we might resume worshiping in our sanctuary. While there is a deeply shared hope for a timely resumption of in-person worship, recommendations will be informed by the guidelines of the CDC, state and local public health officials together with the perspective our faith provides regarding our calling to care for the neighbor—especially those most vulnerable among us.

#### Mount Carmel Staff

|                        |                                          |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Richard Rollefson | Interim Pastor                           |
| Paul Woodring          | Organist                                 |
| Dave Becker            | Director of Contemporary Music           |
| Tony Bloodworth        | Custodian                                |
| MaryAnn Jakes          | Parish Administrator                     |
| Ingrid Frokjer         | Director of Children and Teen Ministries |
| Deanna Schultze        | Nursery Caregiver                        |

**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



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### OUR MISSION

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

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mtcarmelslo](https://www.facebook.com/mtcarmelslo)

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