



July
2020

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The Summer Day

Who made the world?
 Who made the swan, and the black bear?
 Who made the grasshopper?
 This grasshopper, I mean-
 the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
 the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
 who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
 who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
 Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
 Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
 I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
 I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down into the grass,
 how to kneel down in the grass,
 how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
 which is what I have been doing all day.
 Tell me, what else should I have done?
 Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
 Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

—Mary Oliver

Even in this strange and uncertain time, I hope you find ways to experience summer—"to be idle and blessed."

Peace,
 Pastor Richard

Meetings in July

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

Executive Team

Tuesday, Jul 7 at 6pm

Church Council

Thursday, Jul 17 at 6pm

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)

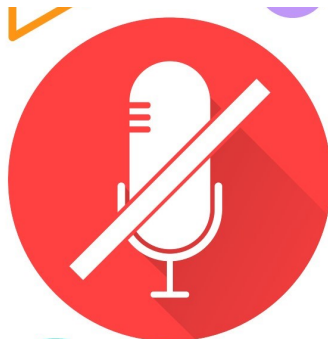
9:30: Worship

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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## ADULT FORUM

**Sundays following worship**

Join us for an Adult Forum series on Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* beginning on July 12, following the fellowship time after worship. We'll take a break on July 26 for a Forum presentation and discussion by the Reopening Task Force.

## 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

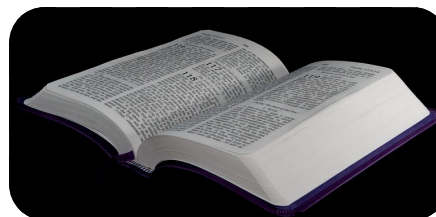
## Men's Bible Study

**Saturdays at 8:30 AM**

[Link to SATURDAY morning Bible study](#)

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

Meeting ID: 936 479 529



## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RECAP

Thank you to all who attended the June 28 congregational meeting. It was hoped that maintaining the Zoom format while adding the polling feature would make it as easy as possible for those already participating in our Zoom worship format to attend. The high number of meeting attendees met our hopes. If you were unable to attend via Zoom, encountered other barriers to participation, or have constructive feedback to how future meetings could be enhanced, please let a council member know so that we can keep those in mind as we move forward.

I would like to particularly recognize the efforts of Monica Holman and Dave Parkinson for their invaluable assistance making the meeting run as smoothly as possible. The best teams feature good coaches and coordinators – we have the best.

Marshall Pihl, Council President

### Voting results:

#### Council members:

**Secretary:** Carol Harvey

**Treasurer:** Sherri Parkinson

#### Member-at-Large:

Jen DeClark  
Chuck Kilstrom  
Erik Brun

#### Nominating Committee:

Carlyn Hinds  
Sheryl Huffaker  
Wayne Lippold  
Val Lund  
Deanna Schultze

#### Trust Fund Committee:

Steve Bennett  
Kevin Dong  
Dale Johnson  
Glen Priddy

The 2020-2021 Budget was approved unanimously

The Church Council had previously approved a two-year extension to the Interim Call for Pastor Richard. The meeting attendees voted unanimously in favor of the extension.

Revisions to the church constitution and other governing documents are still being resolved. Another congregational meeting will be held at a later date to approve the revisions and updates.

Please see page 5 for a complete list of church council members.



## M.C. LITERARY DETECTIVES SQUAD BOOK CLUB

Monday, July 20 at 7:00PM on Zoom –  
hosted by Detective Sgt. Patti (a.k.a. "Four  
Eyes Agatha") Frey

### Attention all amateur sleuths: Join The M.C. Literary Detectives Squad!

This month's case is ***Take the Monkeys and Run*** by Karen Cantwell. This rather light-hearted murder mystery is set in the fictional Washington, D.C. suburb of Rustic Woods, VA. Please read and be prepared to discuss your findings with the rest of the squad.

We are changing our briefings to the **3rd Monday** of each month. July's briefing will be on **Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m.** We're looking for more detectives, and everyone is welcome.

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

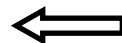
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Sorry, but due to the tight budget constraints imposed by the Chief Constable, there is no phone-in option available for these briefings.



## 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

07/02/1954 Jess & Pat Bathke  
 07/05/1986 Marshall Pihl & Marj Funk-Pihl  
 07/07/2012 Joan Pedersen & Ronald Browne  
 07/10/1971 Ed & Paula Jaster  
 07/19/2009 Ryan & Martha Reck

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 02 Debbie Peterson   | 17 Karen Schultze   |
| 03 Jan Uder          | 17 Pat Ramsay       |
| 05 Ian Mansell       | 17 Sue Haas-Clark   |
| 05 Matthew Moersdorf | 18 Michael Draz     |
| 09 Jess Bathke       | 19 Adrian Schultze  |
| 10 Ruth Rollefson    | 21 Warren Quist     |
| 11 Carole Wheeler    | 23 Ava Rowland      |
| 12 Marilyn Brown     | 25 Carol Harvey     |
| 15 Ryan Reck         | 25 Claudia Coughran |
| 16 Lyle Cooper       | 27 Kay Jensen       |
| 16 Matt Schultze     |                     |
| 17 Ingrid Frokjer    |                     |

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 August Summit is July 20**



### Prayer Requests

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

### PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

**July 5**—Jess & Pat Bathke; Dave Becker; Sid & Beryl Bennett

**July 12**—Steve & JoAnn Bennett; Tony Bloodworth; Jennifer & Callie Bobell

**July 19**—Paul Bostrom; Susan Bouvette; Walt & Judy Bremer

**July 26**—Elsa Brody; Dennis & Marilyn Brown; Erik, Heidi, Christine, Tatiana and Alexander Brun-Brodmarkle





## 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 July 3: Hot Dish (serves 12+)

Linda Lex  
Dave Lonsway  
Sandy Rowland  
Judy Tewell  
Sheilah Tietje  
Jenice Twomey

### Salad (serves 12+)

Beryl & Sid Bennett  
Rheinisch  
R. Christensen

### 2 Large Cans of Fruit

Karen Bockelman  
Sue Cummings

### 3 Gallons Whole Milk

R. Christensen

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

### Women's Retreat – October 23-25

We don't have an "okay" to proceed yet, but the wonderful folk at St. Francis Retreat Center have saved the dates for us. They haven't taken any deposit, as they don't know how when the virus will let them be open for groups. But we have the dates and we have our wonderful speaker, Monica Holman, on board. Once things go back to "normal", we will proceed. Mark your calendars and keep your fingers crossed, along with prayers. We really will need this time to be together in fellowship and peace.

Thanks to Marge O'Neill and Sandy Rowland for "discovering" this Retreat Center. As soon as we hear it is okay, we will begin registration...

Questions? Please let me know.

Peace, Nancy Priddy

### REOPENING TASK FORCE UPDATE

A "Reopening Task Force"—chaired by Patti Frey, with members Sharon Haupt, Allie Schultze, Katie Moersdorf and Pastor Richard, has been meeting to review Federal, state and local public health guidelines together with recommendations from the ELCA and our Southwest Synod. The Task Force will be making recommendations to the Church Council as a first step in the process of determining when we might reopen our facility. As part of our information gathering, the Task Force will host an Adult Forum following worship on July 26 to share information and hear the concerns and ideas of Mt. Carmel members.

**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

### Mount Carmel Staff

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

### Mount Carmel Church Council

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| President        | Marshall Pihl    |
| Vice President   | Patti Frey       |
| Secretary        | Carol Harvey     |
| Treasurer        | Sherri Parkinson |
| Members-At-Large |                  |
| Erik Brun        | Jen DeClark      |
| Chuck Kilstrom   | Wayne Lippold    |
| Jan Uder         |                  |

## Matching Gifts Challenge Benefitting the SLO County Food Bank

A couple in our congregation will match donations up to \$3,000 made to the SLO County Food Bank through July 31. 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**

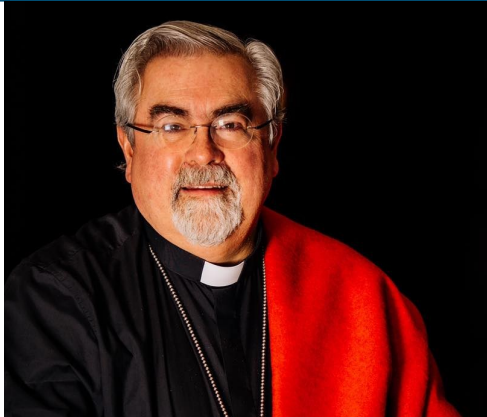
If you prefer to donate to the matching funds challenge by check, make your check out to the *SLO County Food Bank*. Write *Mt. Carmel Matching Funds Drive* on the memo line so that your donation will be properly credited. Mail to:

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!

## REV. DR. R. GUY ERWIN TO SERVE AS UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY'S NEXT PRESIDENT



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

Bishop Guy Irwin announced his move in a letter in June.

Please click the picture of Bishop Irwin to read his letter. If you are receiving this newsletter in print, please see the insert for a copy of the letter.

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### **OUR MISSION**

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

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