



# October 2021

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Slant of golden light;  
Wind stirs the tree's branches;  
A single leaf falls.

Early autumn is an amazing time. The special character of the light, the intermingling of the daytime warmth of summer and the hint of winter's chill at night. The beauty and mystery of creation may give rise to wonder in any season, but autumn stirs something of the mystical and poetic in even the most reluctant.

Early October is also the time reserved for the feast of St. Francis. In Francis' cosmic spirituality all creation is inter-related, and all things tell of God. We join with Sister Moon and brother Sun, wind and rain, plant and animals in giving praise to God. Even "sister" death is affirmed as part of the order of God's providence and care.

Pay attention in these precious days of autumn: all creation will sing to you and teach you of God.

Peace,  
Pastor Richard

### Mount Carmel Staff

Rev. Richard Rollefson	Interim Pastor
Paul Woodring	Organist
Dave Becker	Dir. Contemporary Music
Tony Bloodworth	Custodian
MaryAnn Jakes	Parish Administrator
Deanna Schultze	Dir. Children and Teen Ministries
Lily Hinds	Nursery Caregiver

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

9:30am—Indoors & Online  
12:00 noon—Outdoors

# Worship at Mt. Carmel

Sundays at 9:30am  
Indoor worship, in person and online

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Sundays at 12:00 noon  
Worship outdoors

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Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
Prayer at Night's Approaching

## INDOOR WORSHIP at MT. CARMEL Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join our in-person worship in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing are required at all indoor activities. We gather on the patio afterwards for coffee and fellowship.

*Reminder—if you are not feeling well, please join us on Zoom.*

- [Link to SUNDAY morning Zoom worship](#)  
Sundays at 9:30 AM  
For telephone: +1 669 900 9128  
Meeting ID: 849 4786 1947  
Passcode: 591300

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP at MT. CARMEL Sundays at 12:00 noon

You're invited to join us on the patio for an open-air worship experience. Music, scripture readings and communion are all included in this service. Masks are not required outdoors.

## PRAYER AT NIGHT'S APPROACHING Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom

Join Pastor Richard Rollefson on Zoom for this quiet service each Wednesday evening.

[Link for Wednesday Evening Service](#)  
For telephone: +1 669 900 9128  
Meeting ID: 867 5095 6162  
Passcode: 695333

## Sunday Volunteers

### October 3:

Lector—Chuck Kilstrom  
Greeter—  
Usher—  
Coffee Service—Patti Frey

### October 10:

Lector—John Cook  
Greeter—Jenice Twomey  
Usher—  
Coffee Service—Karen Petersen & Carol Harvey

### October 17:

Lector—Diane Mansell  
Greeter—Betty Johnson  
Usher—Dale Johnson  
Coffee Service—Carlyn Hinds

### October 24:

Lector—Steve Bennett  
Greeter—Donley Winger  
Usher—Donley Winger  
Coffee Service—Jan Uder

### October 31:

Lector—Nancy Cook  
Greeter—  
Usher—  
Coffee Service—Vicky Tway

Special thanks to our musicians and singers each week:  
Paul Woodring / Dave Becker / Joan Pedersen /  
Richard Rollefson / Matt Schultze / Ryan Reck / Phil  
Strauss / Talia Ortega

## Mount Carmel Church Council

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

## Church Hours

9:00am—1:00pm Mon—Fri  
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

# Adult Forum

**Sundays at 11:00am**

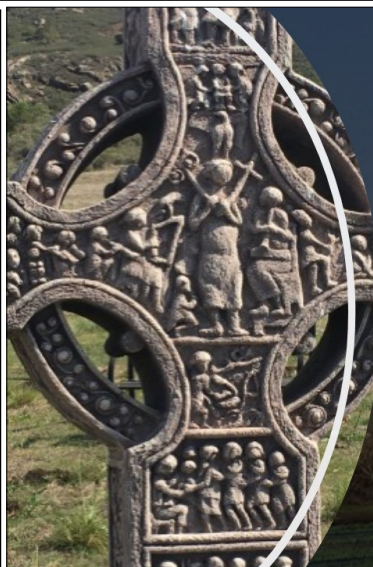
Our Adult Forums are held between our worship services on Sundays. Bring your coffee and join us in Quist Hall for an hour of fellowship and discussion on a variety of subjects including reports from the Call Committee, Church Council, and others. We'll occasionally throw in some in-depth discussions on the days readings.

## October Schedule:

10/03—Update from the Call Committee

10/10—A second look at the ELCA bible study series "Daily Discipleship".

Watch the Vistas for the rest of the October schedule.



Women's Retreat  
October 9, 2021  
10am to 4pm

Monastery of  
the Risen  
Christ

## SAVE THE DATE October 9, 2021

Calling all women! Join us on October 9, 2021 for our annual Women's Retreat. The retreat this year will be a one day event from 10am to 4pm at the Monastery of the Risen Christ on O'Connor Way in San Luis Obispo.

- \* This retreat is designed to allow you to leave your daily routine behind and focus on your relationship with God.
- \* A retreat is coming together for a period of time to "step back from our day-to-day lives".
- \* A retreat is a place of privacy or safety, a Mountain Retreat.
- \* This is an opportunity to quench your inner thirst for a personal relationship with God.
- \* A retreat is a place where one can engage in a period of spiritual reflection.

## Women's Bible Study

Fridays at 10:30 AM

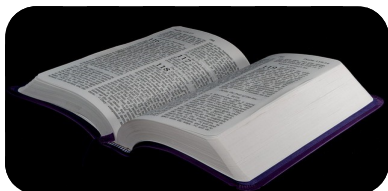
In person at Mt. Carmel, or join online via Zoom

[Link to FRIDAY  
morning Bible study](#)

Telephone: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 829 5418 7961

Passcode: 229122



## Men's Bible Study & Breakfast

Saturdays at 8:00 AM

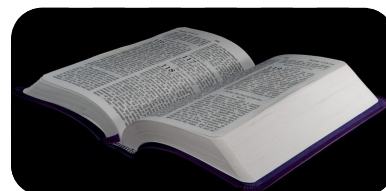
In person at Mt. Carmel, or join online via Zoom

[Link to SATURDAY morning Bible study](#)

Telephone: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 248 770 4658

Passcode: 159759





# Children and Teens Ministry

Hello Families of Mt. Carmel. It is exciting times at church lately. I am truly honored to be the CAT Director. I am having so much fun in my new position. Can you tell?

Rally Day on September 19 was a HUGE success. 17 youths, 4 teens, 3 volunteers, and many parents were celebrating in the park. Popsicles, water balloons and a bounce house were had by all. Sunday School started September 26. We are still looking for volunteers to help teach Sunday School and Children's Church.

October brings some fun events. We will be presenting Bibles and recognizing the Confirmands of 2020. Keeping in mind County restrictions, October 30 we will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat in the early evening. More information on this will be announced as the date gets closer.

Smiles & Sunshine,  
Deanna Schultze



Rally Day  
September 19

## October Events:



You are invited to sign the bibles on display in the narthex with an encouraging word for our 3-year-olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Gifts will be given on Bible Sunday.

## High School Group:

Our high school group gathers on the first Sunday of each month from 5pm—6:30pm.



The congregation is invited to join the Halloween fun at Mt. Carmel. Decorate your trunk or tailgate, wear your favorite costume, bring your own treats and hand them out in the parking lot. Please speak to Deanna if you have any questions.



Join us to celebrate our 2020 confirmands on Reformation Sunday.

Caleb Holman  
Andrew Moersdorf  
Allison Schultze

More details to follow in the Vistas.

**BACK LOT UPDATE**

**Digging Begins**  
**9/30/21**



You may have noticed the changes around the outside of our building signaling the beginning of the construction on the new Senior Care Facility. Our new neighbors removed a few trees on the uphill side of our building to make way for their new driveway. They also removed a few trees and bushes in front of the empty lot. And a temporary fence has been added to protect the construction site.

What this means to all of us is that parking will be limited to the lower parking lot and the street. Some spots in the upper lot will be available for our use as needed - and with prior notice - on Sundays and for events such as concerts. Additional parking is also available at SLO United Methodist Church.

Please contact John Cook or MaryAnn Jakes if you have any questions.



## NEW DAY AND TIME FOR THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP!

### **Book Discussion Group** **Tuesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom**

Join the Book Discussion Group at their new day and time.

Zoom Meeting Info:  
 Meeting ID: 862 7971 6007  
 Passcode: 419787  
 Join by phone: 1 669 900 9128



### **PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:**

**September 5**—Warren Quist; Pat Ramsay; Ryan, Martha, Andre & Keilani Reck

**September 12**—Sally Reck; Helen & Walt Rehm; Jennifer Remington

**September 19**—John & Ruth Rollefson; Richard & Cyndi Rollefson; Sandy Rowland

**September 26**—Rebecca, Todd, Jessica, Jason & Matthew Schnack; Jeanie & Gary Schultz

**October 3**—Deanna, Matt, Allie, Daniel & Adrian Schultze; Linda Schultze; Karen Schultze

**October 10**—Janis & John Sexton; Mollie & Norm Smith; Treva & Harry Thornton

**October 17**—Burke & Kathy Towle; Ken & Vicky Tway; Phil & Jenice Twomey

**October 24**—Jan Uder; Carolyn Voss; Carole Wheeler

**October 31**—Kathryn Winfrey & Sven Hammer; Carol & Donley Winger; Paul Woodring





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

09/01/2000 Ken & MaryAnn Jakes  
 09/07/1963 Dave & Sharon Lonsway  
 09/19/1970 John & Nancy Cook  
 09/22/2012 Jen & Brian DeClark

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10/06/2006 Kathryn Winfrey & Sven Hammer  
 10/10/1970 Mike & Val Lund  
 10/11/1973 Helen & Walt Rehm  
 10/17/1987 John & Rebecca Keisler

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04 Walt Bremer  
 05 Brayden DeClark  
 08 Glen Priddy  
 09 Marshall Pihl  
 10 Steve Bennett  
 14 Sid Bennett  
 14 Tony Bloodworth  
 17 Allie Schultze  
 19 Betty Johnson  
 19 Chris Nicol  
 24 Wyatt Lund  
 30 Brooklyn Mansell

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

01 Dianne Drazé  
 03 Kelsey Engel  
 04 Barbara Jauregui  
 05 Monica Holman  
 06 Marc Frey  
 08 Mike Lund  
 08 Dave Parkinson  
 10 Jack Moen  
 10 Daniel Schultze  
 13 John Rollefson  
 20 JoAnn Bennett  
 20 Susan Bouvette  
 24 Bill Almas

## Supporting Iglesia Santa Cruz....

Remember the Drive Thru Donations for Iglesia Santa Cruz? Now that most of us are meeting in person each Sunday, we are asking that donations continue in a different manner as the need for food and personal items continues. Please bring donations to church on Sunday and leave them in the grocery cart in the narthex, stop by the office between 9am and 1pm Monday - Friday, or call the office at 805-544-2133 to schedule a drop-off time or to ask for assistance. Although all donations are welcome anytime, a list of most needed items is listed here as well as a suggested donation schedule. Lists are also available on the cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

1st Sundays - Rice & Beans  
 2nd Sundays - Masa & Oil  
 3rd Sundays - Sugar & Salt  
 4th Sundays - Laundry/Dish Soap & Personal hygiene items (men & women)  
 5th Sundays - Socks and Undies (All ages/genders)

Donations of gift cards are easy to purchase and easy to transport. All gift cards are presented to Pastor Esteban Salazar at Iglesia Santa Cruz. Pastor Salazar distributes the cards to different families each month, as needed.

Thrivent grants are always a blessing. Your Thrivent dollars are generally used to purchase items from the list above. Please contact Steve Bennett if you would like more information about Thrivent grants.

[Click this link for more info about Iglesia Santa Cruz on their facebook page.](#)



### HUNGER HEROES

Mount Carmel continues to contribute to the SLO Food Bank, and the challenger continues to match every dollar. The need for funding at the Food Bank will likely be needed for at least a few more months.

You are all truly HUNGER HEROES!

[Link to Mt. Carmel matching funds page](#)

Thank you for all of your support of this very important ministry. Mount Carmel is truly blessed by your commitment. If you have not yet committed your support, even five dollars will provide thirty-five meals. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to make a difference to those standing in line to get their next meal from the Food Bank.

Peace and patience,

Marilyn Brown  
 Food Bank Coordinator



The  
 People's  
 Kitchen  
 of San Luis Obispo

### Schedule for October 1: *Hot Dish (serves 12+)*

Pat Forrest  
 Dave Lonsway  
 Rebecca Keisler  
 Janis Sexton  
 Kathy Towle  
 Jan Uder  
 Carol Winger

### *Salad (serves 12+)*

Karen Colombo  
 Kathy Meyer  
 Walt & Judy Bremer

### *Canned Fruit*

Wende Dong  
 Jennifer Bobell

### *3 Gallons Whole Milk*

Ro Cannon-Miller

### **Palestine: UNLIMITED**

A traveling photography exhibit sponsored by the Middle East Peace Task Force of the Southwest California Synod.

On display to the public at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church on Saturdays and Sundays from October 2 through October 31, 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Please call the church office at 805-544-2133 to schedule a viewing during the week.



Photography from 10 Finalists in the Karimeh Abboud Award Competition

Palestine: Unlimited is an exhibition derived from a signature initiative of Dar Al Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem: a call to the best young photographers of Palestine to share interpretations of their country and its people.

## **Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 2 10:30am @ Mt. Carmel**



You—and your pet(s)—are invited to an outdoor “Blessing of the Animals” worship at Mt. Carmel on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:30am. In commemoration of the Feast Day of St. Francis, patron saint of animals and environmental concern, we’ll gather under the outside shade structure in front of the church for a simple service of blessing as we maintain physical distancing. If you cannot attend with your pet, you are invited to bring a picture. You can also join us while remaining in your car in the parking lot.

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### **OUR MISSION**

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

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