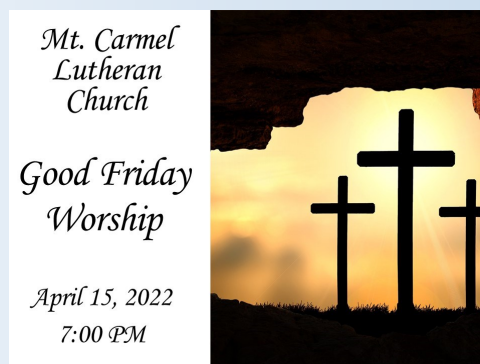
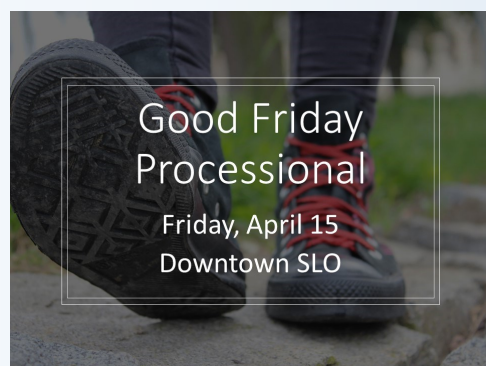
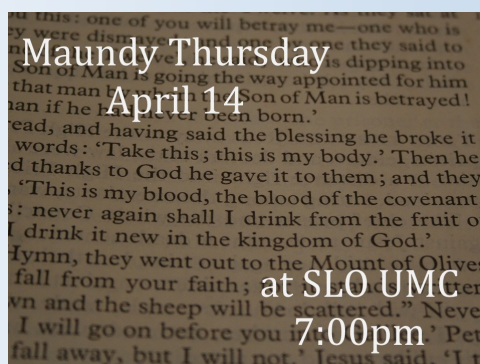




April
2022

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



Please join us for all of our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Unless otherwise noted, all events are at Mt. Carmel.
See page 3 for more Easter activities.

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

9:30am—In person & Online

Easter, like Passover to which it is connected, is a spring festival. In the Jewish Passover Seder meal this springtime connotation is symbolized by one of the ritual foods – *karpas* – simply described as a spring green vegetable (usually celery or parsley). While the foundation of Passover is God's deliverance of the Hebrew people from bondage in Egypt, this liberation is reinforced in the turning of the seasons from the death-like character of winter to the new life of spring.

There's a similar distinction and connection between spring and Easter. Although the new life of Christ's resurrection at Easter is clearly more than the ever-repeating cycle of the seasons, still, the passage from death to new life reflected in nature is essential to the meaning of Easter.

Although the two are not the same, both Easter and spring are the gifts of the Creator of life, both call forth faith and both can teach us to perceive that all life is a miracle. In the words of a spring-time prayer:

Dear God we celebrate spring's returning and the rejuvenation of the natural world. Let us be moved by this vast and gently insistence that goodness shall return, that warmth and life shall succeed, and help us to understand our place within this miracle. Let us see that as a bird builds its nest, bravely, with bits and pieces, so we must build human faith. It is our simple duty; it is the highest art; it is our natural and vital role within the miracle of spring: the creation of life.

Michael Leunig, *A Common Prayer*

Peace,

Pastor Richard

More Easter Activities....



Worship at Mt. Carmel

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

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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 are optional at all indoor activities.

*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

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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

Easter Lilies

Help decorate our
sanctuary with lilies on
Easter.

Bring your potted lilies
to Mt. Carmel on Fri or
Sat, April 15 or 16, 10am
& 2pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP FRIDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 AT MT. CARMEL & ON ZOOM

Join via Zoom
Telephone: 669 900 6833
Meeting ID: 829 8418 7961
Passcode: 229122

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
Saturday mornings at 8:00am
At Mt. Carmel and on Zoom

Join via Zoom
Telephone: 669 900 9128
Meeting ID: 248 770 4658
Passcode: 159759

Adult Forum

Sundays at 11:00am

Links to all of our worship services, bible studies, and
Zoom meetings can be found on our website at
www.mtcarmelslo.org

Children and Teens Ministry



Vacation Bible School
July 11-15
9am-1pm

Registration is open for our 2022 VBS, Click the link below to register your child(ren) for Vacation Bible School. We will have stories, music, and activities for children ages 3 years (and potty trained) to entering 5th grade. 6th grade and up can volunteer to be a helper. Adult volunteers are also welcome.

Cost for the week is \$50 per child. Camperships are available. Please contact Deanna Schultze at 805-305-8227 for more information.

[Link to VBS registration](#)



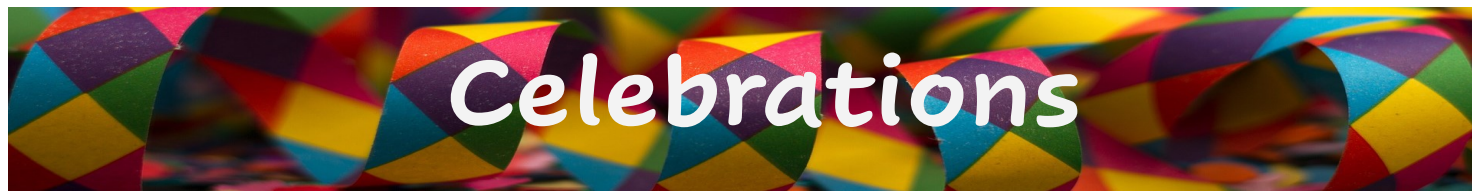
Our youth enjoyed a great weekend at camp!



After a two year break due to covid, XXX Racing returned for their Central Coast tour and our annual Bike Rider Dinner on Sunday, March 27. Our youth group provided a pasta dinner and great conversation to 12 bike riders from Hawaii, Chicago, and Philadelphia. The youth raised \$200.00 from the dinner for future projects and events. We look forward to seeing them again next year.

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

If you would like more information about our Children and Teens Ministries, please contact the CAT director—Deanna Schultze—at 805-305-8227, or catdirectormtcarml@gmail.com.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/03 Carolyn Baker	04/20 David Quist
04/04 Catherine Kessler-Amling	04/27 Diane Mansell
04/05 Jennifer Bobell	04/27 Janis Sexton
04/07 Roberta Moen	
04/08 Ken Tway	
04/10 Carolyn Voss	
04/12 Karen Petersen	
04/13 Paul Woodring	

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

April 3—Diane Mansell; Ryan Mansell; Ian, Rachel, Brooklynn & Khloe Mansell

April 10—Lisanne Martinelli; Dorothy McCoid; Bob & Wendy Meier

April 17—John Merrill; Dean & Kathy Meyer; Jeanne Miller

April 24—Jack & Roberta Moen; Brittany, Chris, Gavin & Reagan Nicol; Margaret O'Neill

May 1—Dave, Sherri, Makenna & Stephen Parkinson; Joan Pedersen, Ronald & Taylor Browne; Karen Petersen

Prayer Requests — Family of Pavel Ericson; Zachary Rowland; Marilyn Brown; Pat Bathke; Jan Uder; Sherri Parkinson; Patti Frey

Mount Carmel Staff

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

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 / Janis Sexton

Church Hours

9:00am—1:00pm Mon—Fri

Phone 805-544-2133

Email: info@mtcarmelslo.org 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 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
Vicky Tway	

Iglesia Santa Cruz....

Thank you for your continued support of Iglesia Santa Cruz. Your donations, along with the weekly donations from Whole Foods, are a lifeline for many households in our sister congregation.



Most needed items are:

Masa - Rice - Beans - Salt - Oil - Flour

Other items include:

Sugar; Laundry & Dish soap; Personal hygiene items; Socks & Undies

Donations of gift cards are easy to purchase and easy to transport.

Thrivent grants are always a blessing. Your Thrivent dollars are used to purchase items from the list above. Please

contact Steve Bennett at 805-556-0359 if you would like more information about Thrivent grants.

The food we get from Whole Foods is completely different from the above list. They donate perishable items such as produce, bread & other bakery items, dairy, meat, and prepared foods. The selection varies from week to week. Here are a couple of pictures of the set up for the distribution line when we deliver the food.



What can a \$250 Thrivent Grant purchase?

100 pounds each of masa, rice, and beans;

50 pounds each of flour, salt, and onions

25 pounds each of sugar, and tomatoes

2 gallons of cooking oil

We have the pleasure of delivering these items to our friends at Iglesia Santa Cruz where members of their congregation unload our car. Thank you to John Cook for providing the Thrivent Grant in March.



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



HUNGER HEROES

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.

[Link to SLO Food Bank](#)



The
People's
Kitchen
of San Luis Obispo

Mt. Carmel supports The People's Kitchen by providing a hot lunch at the Prado Center on the first Friday of each month. Please contact Jan Uder at 805-234-8744 for more information about how you can get involved.

Upcoming dates:

May 6

June 3

July 1

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2

The Tuesday Book Discussion Group ~ only on Zoom

Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Click here for the link

EARTH DAY April 22, 2022



Earth Day Fair
Saturday, April 23, 11am — 4pm
Laguna Lake Park, SLO

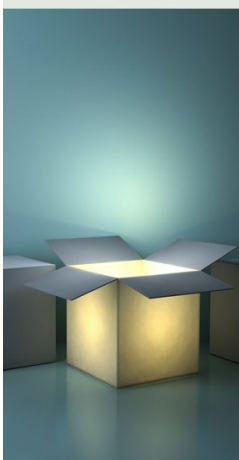
Bring the family, meet up with your friends, and join the education celebration at the San Luis Obispo Earth Day Fair. This event is for all ages and admission is free.



Ben Rosendblum Trio in Concert at Mt. Carmel Saturday, April 9

The San Luis Obispo County Jazz Federation will present a return visit of the New York City-based Ben Rosendblum Trio in concert on Saturday night, April 9, at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church. Ben is a young and innovative pianist and accordionist who possesses both immense technique and musicality in his playing. He was voted runner-up for Best New Artist in the 2020 Jazz Times' Readers' Poll. He has toured extensively in Japan, Canada and the USA. His long-standing trio includes drummer Ben Zweig and bassist Eduardo Belo. The trio delighted SLO audiences in 2019.

The show starts at 7:30 (with doors opening at 7:00). Tickets are priced at \$30 for general admission, \$20 for Jazz Federation members and \$10 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at my805tix.com/e/rosenblumtrio. Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church is located at 1701 Fredericks Street in SLO. See www.slojazz.org for more information.

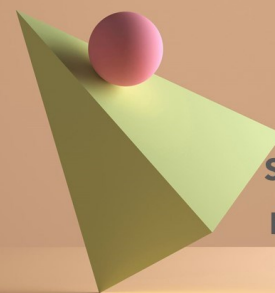


Opening Doors of Interfaith Understanding

Monday, April 11 at 7:30pm
Click here for the Zoom link

Next meeting: June 13 at 7:30pm

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**SUNDAY,
MAY 15,
2022**

Fundraiser for Ukraine
Details coming soon

Dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the group leader or the church office if you have any questions.

Calendar Snapshot		
Weekly	Monthly	Special Events
Sundays @ 9:30am (S, Z) Sunday Morning Worship	5:00pm 1st Sunday each month (B) High School Group	April 4 Life Long Learners 10:00 AM (QH)
Sundays @ 11:00am (QH, SS, Z) Adult Forum & Kid's Sunday School	First Friday each month People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center	April 9 Ben Rosenblum Trio 7:30 PM (S)
Mondays (2nd & 4th) @ 6:30pm (SS) Ukulele Rehearsal	6:00pm 2nd Tuesday each month (Z) Executive Team Meeting	April 14 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm (SLO UMC)
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm (S) Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00pm 3rd Thursday each month (Z) Church Council Meeting	April 15 Good Friday Processional 12 noon (Downtown SLO)
Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (Z) Book Discussion Group	2:00pm 4th Tuesday each month (SS) RAMS Book Group	April 15 Good Friday Service 7:00 PM (S)
Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (QH) Narcotics Anonymous		April 16 Drop off lilies at MCLC 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (QH) SLO Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal		April 17 Easter Sunday Service 9:30 AM (S)
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (S, Z) Evening Prayer		April 17 Youth Easter Egg Hunt Outside
Fridays @ 8:00am Garden Club		April 17 Easter Brunch 11:00 AM (QH & SS)
Fridays @ 10:30am (SS, Z) Women's Bible Study		April 18 Easter Monday Holiday Offices Closed
Saturdays @ 8:00am (B, Z) Men's Breakfast & Bible Study		

Room Codes: B=Brick Area; QH=Quist Hall; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Area; Z=Zoom