



May
2022

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Sunflowers for Ukraine Sunday, May 15, 2022 11:00am - 1:00pm

A Fundraising Event to benefit the people of Ukraine

Why sunflowers? In better days, Ukraine raised millions of sunflowers and exported 48% of the world's sunflower oil. The sunflower is an enduring symbol of the country.

On Sunday, May 15, we will serve a light lunch in the Sunday School area after worship. There will be stations set up in Quist Hall for all ages to make paper sunflowers. We will have patterns and supplies to make the flowers, and plenty of crafty helpers to answer questions.

Our hope is to come together in recognition of Ukraine's humanitarian crisis, encourage prayers, and collect donations for Lutheran World Relief. They have feet on the ground with medical assistance, food, shelter, and refugee protection programs.

Please join us, and tell your friends. This event is open to the public. A suggested donation of \$10 per adult includes crafting supplies and lunch.

100% of the donations will be given to Lutheran World Relief.



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

9:30am—In person & Online

After the darkness of crucifixion and entombment, the soft light of a new dawn shines forth. It is Easter.

Death could not
contain him.
Love incarnate is
the victory
and history is forever
changed because of
God's gift through
the Savior.

- from Imaging the Word

But Easter is not merely a day, it is a whole season where "love incarnate is the victory." It is the season dedicated to celebrating the life-giving power of God's love.

Yet Easter is more than a season: it is a new way of life where "history is forever changed because of God's gift through the Savior." The meaning of Easter life is that we live in a changed reality where death no longer has the final word.

The promise of Easter is that nothing can separate us from God's love. The gift of Easter is the defeat of the power of death. The challenge of Easter life is to live each day in this new reality.

Peace,

Pastor Richard

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

## 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



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](#)

April Highlights:

- * The high school group enjoyed a fun outing in Santa Maria at the Rockin' Jump Trampoline Park on April 11. They had a great time and enjoyed many variations of trampoline fun, including a game of dodgeball.
- * Easter Sunday brought the kids together with egg hunts. The high school group hid eggs for the younger kids, and the younger kids hid eggs for the high school group.
- * We celebrated the baptism of Belen on Easter Sunday.

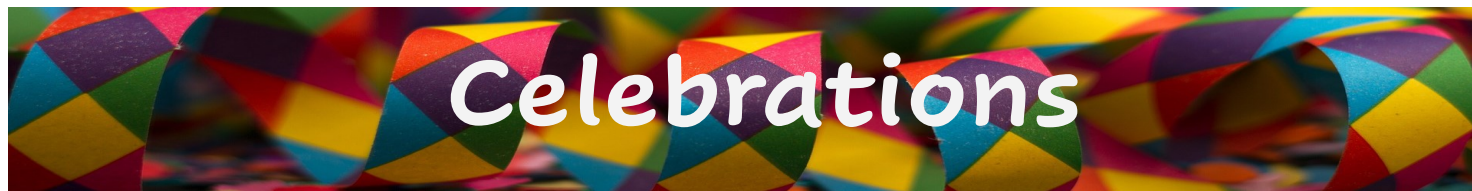
Coming in May:

May 15—High school group will celebrate the completion of the Sunday School year with a group outing.

May 22—New Driver blessings; Party in the Park! We'll conclude our 2021/2022 Sunday School year with a huge party on the playground, highlights include a bounce house and root beer floats.

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 catdirectormtcarmel@gmail.com.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/02/2009 Steve & JoAnn Bennett
 05/16/1992 Paul & Rebecca Christensen
 05/23/1997 Dave & Sherri Parkinson
 05/26/1984 Tony & Sheryl Huffaker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

05/03 Olivia DeClark	05/18 Jill Anderson
05/03 Andre Moersdorf	05/20 Sarah Kinsey
05/06 Maureen Dresp	05/21 Susan Hay
05/06 Rebecca Keisler	05/28 Steven Jobst
05/09 Mark Twomey	
05/11 Annie Quist	
05/13 Carol Winger	
05/16 John Keisler	
05/17 Helen Rehm	

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY:

May 1—Dave, Sherri, Makenna & Stephen Parkinson; Joan Pedersen, Ronald & Taylor Browne; Karen Petersen
May 8—Debbie, Joel, Elyse & Kyle Peterson; Marj Funk-Pihl, Marshall, Riley & Sarah Pihl; Glen & Nancy Priddy
May 15—David Quist; Stephen, Cynthia & Annie Quist; Warren Quist
May 22—Pat Ramsay; Ryan, Martha, Andre & Keilani Reck; Sally Reck
May 29—Helen & Walt Rehm; Jennifer Remington; John & Ruth Rollefson

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.

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

Iglesia Santa Cruz Update....

As many of you know, Iglesia Santa Cruz (ISC) has shared worship and office space with Bethel Lutheran Church in Santa Maria since their beginning. The time has come for ISC to find a home all their own to worship, gather for fellowship, and to continue their support ministry to their community. A transition team from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Bethel Santa Maria, ISC, and a few others will begin looking at suitable sites for the new church home. The Synod will provide financial assistance and guidance as the search progresses.

At Mt. Carmel, we will continue our current support of weekly food donations to their growing congregation. Despite the administrative and logistical challenges at ISC, the church continues to grow and is a vital part of the local community. Pastor Esteban asks that we continue to pray for the congregation at ISC and for the transition team. Change can be a frightening thing, especially when it comes out of necessity rather than choice. Thank you all for your continued support.

Peace to you all,

MaryAnn



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	September 2
June 3	October 7
July 1	November 4
August 5	December 2

The Tuesday Book Discussion Group ~ only on Zoom

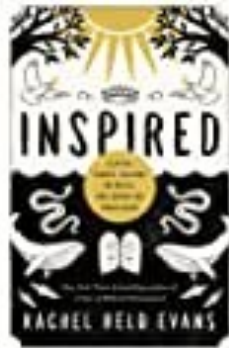
Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Click here for the link

The Tuesday Book Discussion Group resumes May 10 on Zoom.

The next book up for discussion is:

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans. The book is available from Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and Audiobook.

All are welcome to join the discussion, and reading the book is a highly encouraged.



OPERA SAN LUIS OBISPO PRESENTS

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

CAROUSEL

A SPECTACULAR FULL PRODUCTION

Music by RICHARD RODGERS
Book and lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
Based on the play *Lullaby* by FERENC MOLNAR
As adapted by BENJAMIN F. GLAZER

MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY	2
May 7, 2PM	0
SUNDAY	2
May 8, 2PM	2

HAROLD MIOSSI HALL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
SAN LUIS OBISPO

PRODUCTION FEATURES MORE THAN 100 ARTISTS:
Expansive sets designed by Ian Peggs, glorious costumes designed by Barbara Harvey Abbott, fantastic dance choreographed by Drew Silvaggio, a nationally acclaimed leading cast directed by Zach Johnson, all accompanied by the OperaSLO Grand Orchestra conducted by BRIAN ASHER ALHADEFF.

Tickets: www.pacslo.org
or by phone
Mon-Sat 12-6pm 805.756.4849

HELP WANTED

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, near the Cal Poly Campus, is looking for a dynamic custodian to take the place of our amazing custodian who is retiring after 13+ years, and who claims "this was the best job I ever had!"

We offer a part-time, 30-hour work week with paid holidays, sick, and vacation time. You'll work with amazing, friendly, helpful co-workers and volunteers from the congregation. You will get to work outside and inside the church using your skills to maintain the safety and beauty of the property for church members and the San Luis Obispo community who use the facility.

Does this pique your interest? Contact the Parish Administrator at info@mtcarmelslo.org or at 805-544-2133.

ANNUAL REPORT & MEETINGS

It's that time of year again! Please save these important dates:

May 31—Committee Report Deadline

Committee and Team Leaders are asked to prepare a summary report of activities for the past year to be included in the Annual Report to the Congregation. Reports must be submitted to the Parish Administrator via email at info@mtcarmelslo.org.

June 5—Proposed Budget Review

Gather in the sanctuary after worship to review the proposed budget for 2022/2023.

June 26—Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the sanctuary after church. The meeting is open to everyone. Active members will vote on a variety of items, including new council members and the proposed budget.

Sunday, May 8

Happy

Mother's Day

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	May 8 Mother's Day	
Sundays @ 11:00am (QH, SS, Z) Adult Forum & Kid's Sunday School	First Friday each month People's Kitchen at Prado Day Center	May 15 Fundraiser for Ukraine w/ lunch 11:00am (QH, B, SS)	
Mondays (2nd & 4th) @ 6:30pm (SS) Ukulele Rehearsal	6:00pm 2nd Tuesday each month (Z) Executive Team Meeting	May 15 Youth Group outing	
Tuesdays @ 5:30pm (S) Praise Band Rehearsal	6:00pm 3rd Thursday each month (Z) Church Council Meeting	May 22 New Driver Blessing Party in the Park!	
Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (Z) Book Discussion Group	2:00pm 4th Tuesday each month (SS) RAMS Book Group	May 28 SLO Jazz Federation Concert	
Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (QH) Narcotics Anonymous		May 30 Memorial Day Holiday Church office closed	
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (QH) SLO Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal		May 31 Committee Reports due to Parish Administrator	
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm (S, Z) Evening Prayer		June 5 Proposed Budget Review 11:00am (S, Z)	
Fridays @ 8:00am Garden Club		June 19 Father's Day	
Fridays @ 10:30am (SS, Z) Women's Bible Study		June 26 Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:00am (S, Z)	
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			

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OUR MISSION

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

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www.facebook.com/mtcarmelslo

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God's work. Our hands.