



THE MESSENGER

Monday, February 10, 2025

Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church



KITCHEN UPDATE!!!

You're probably wondering what's going on with the kitchen remodel, so here's the short and simple version. For all of you who have done a remodel in your home, you know the unexpected happens--same here.

The project was divided into two phases:

The first phase was to get a new stove (which led to the fire suppression unit), which is essentially done, and renovate the basics of the kitchen (flooring, wiring, plumbing). That phase is essentially done.

Until one of the toilets in the Fellowship Hall started gurgling, that is. It could be a little thing; it could be a big thing: the kitchen sinks drain to the main line via the restroom.

You might wonder why we are not doing the floor later.

We have to deal with the floor because the new sinks require a grease trap below the concrete. That means we have to go through asbestos tile. In other words, we have to abate the asbestos to complete the project. This is one of those unexpected things that comes up during a renovation project and adds to the cost.

You probably saw pictures on Sunday in church. The first was the old stove and a gap, the second showed the new stove hood and fire suppression system. The next was a close-up of the new stove with the new ceiling and lights in. The last one says phase 1 plus is completed and phase 2 begins after Easter.

FYI: Shepherd's Fold is paying for half of this phase since they're the primary users of the stove (which is huge and you need a block of instruction to use) and the extra sinks used for food prep and sanitization.

Phase two is the actual remodel with cabinets, sinks, and shelving.

The sinks require a camera to roam through the plumbing to look for problems related to the new sinks. This should help resolve issues in the restrooms (see the aforementioned leaking toilet).

One thing we need to do is empty out all the cabinets--think of all the stuff you have tucked away in your cabinets that you forgot about years ago and you begin to see the magnitude of the task.

Once we set a date for this project, we'll need volunteers to empty and clean, and extra clear plastic tubs with lids to put everything in. Or cardboard boxes and thick markers. If you bring tubs, put your name on the tub and the lid and we'll get them back to you when we're done--otherwise, we have to find somewhere to store them.

Sandy Hall and the Fellowship Committee are meeting on Monday to finalize what needs to be done, so if you'd like to help, please contact either the office or Sandy Hall so they will be able to select a time that will work.

That's all I've got for now, but we'll keep you posted.

If you do visit the Fellowship Hall, ooh and aah about the carpet by the front door and the rubber mats from the kitchen. Larry Rewis pressure washed them to remove the drywall embedded in them.

The good news is that we can use the Fellowship Hall between the phases--we anticipate starting the second phase after Easter. We have to order the new cabinets and wait for them to get here.

Bottom line: we expect everything to be completed by the end of May, but it could slip to June.

Deb Koltveit, SELC Council President

**STARTING TONIGHT!
FAITH & IMMIGRATION JUSTICE**

Join us for a faith-based dialogue on immigration in a small group program designed by non-profit JustFaith Ministries. Live via Zoom

When: Every other Monday from 6-8 PM starting on February 10th for 8 sessions

JustFaith Ministries is based on Catholic Social Teaching and includes an ecumenical approach to service through education, communication, and community-building in the context of spreading and living the Gospel. Go to <https://justfaith.org/faith-and-immigration-justice/> for more information and to register. Search “Find a Small Group” to locate the Arizona group. Local facilitators: Kevin O’Brien & Mary B. Coyle.

Email soulfriendmbc@outlook.com if you have questions or would like to discuss the program further.

MID-WEEK ADULT STUDIES

Both Studies begin meeting again this week.

- ✚ **Wednesday Bible Study - 10:00 am** –February 12. Read pg. 77-88 for discussion. Meets in the Music Room
- ✚ **Thursday Enneagram Study - 6:30 pm** – February 13. Meets in the Meeting Room

SELC FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH POTLUCK

THIS COMING SUNDAY! FEBRUARY 16 AT 10:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for a fun time of fellowship including welcoming new SELC members and winter attendees. Please bring your favorite bunch item to share if you are able.

WIDOWS OF SELC LUNCHEON - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 12 NOON

We will be lunching at Applebee’s. Payment for lunch will be “Dutch.” Join us for this fun get together. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, contact Carol Jordahl at 520-227-2796 (if no answer, please leave a message).

Reservation Deadline is Tuesday, February 18.

OFFICE CLOSED 2/17 PRESIDENTS DAY.

FEBRUARY 10-16, 2025

MON 2/10	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Team Meeting – Meeting Room
	1:30 PM	Dorcas Circle @ Nancy Hagen’s
TUE 2/11	9:00 AM	Shepherd’s Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	9:45 AM	Sierra Ringers
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 2/12	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THURS 2/13	6:30 PM	Enneagram Study – Meeting Room
FRI 2/14		Church office closed on Fridays
SAT 2/15		
SUN 2/16	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Potluck Brunch – Fellowship Hall
	11:15 AM	Good News Singers Practice – Music Room
MON 2/17		Office Closed for Presidents’ Day