



THE MESSENGER – JUNE 23, 2025
SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



MID-WEEK ADULT STUDY

Our regular schedule resumes this week. Both sessions meet in the Music Room.
Wednesday Morning, 6/25 - 10:00 am and Thursday Night, 6/26 - 6:30 pm.

WIDOWS OF SELC LUNCHEON -THURSDAY, JUNE 26 - 12 NOON

Lunch will be at Orient Express Chinese Restaurant. Payment for lunch will be “Dutch.” Join us for this fun get together. Please RSVP 6/18 - 25. For more information or would like to attend, contact Carol Jordahl at 520-227-2796 (please leave a message).

AND THE WINNER OF THE 40-40-40 LENTEN CHALLENGE IS... THE GRAND CANYON SYNOD!

As part of the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge across the synods of Region 2, 547 individuals from 102 congregations pledged to participate in daily devotions, dedicate time and focus to water as a precious resource, and/or donate to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) for the benefit of water projects at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ and across the ELCA. The Grand Canyon Synod won the challenge with 407 participants. 51 congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod participated with at least one person signing on.



Region 2 raised \$30,564 for water projects at NELM through Lutheran Disaster Response.

SELC members donated \$1909 through our church's dedicated fund.

An additional \$25,961 was given in recognition of the Region 2 Lenten Challenge to various ministries including ELCA World Hunger, designated disasters such as US Wildfires, Hurricane Response, Middle East Crisis, and Where Needed Most.

Thank you!

On behalf of the GCS Hunger Leaders Network, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona (LAMA) thanks every individual and every congregation that participated, prayed, gave money, promoted the challenge and engaged in individual and group activities centered around water as a precious resource.

HELP/INQUIRY

Does anyone have an RV pad on your property that you might rent to a church member? Please contact the church office if you are able or have information.

**THE NEXT QUARTER OF CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL
ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

SELC FAMILY PORTRAITS

Many have expressed a desire to get to know people better. In hopes to start connections, conversations and relationships with each other, we will feature SELC family with a brief bio each week in the Messenger.



Ro Decker

1. Where were you born or raised?

I was born in Brooklyn, New York. We moved when I was one year old. We moved to North New Jersey and I grew up in the area.

2. Where did you go to school?

I went to Union High School.

3. What is/was your job or career?

Nursing, then Education in nursing. I went to night school for my degree. My students were wonderful! They were so anxious to learn. I loved it!

4. When arrived at SELC / what brought you here?

Friends of my husband told us about this place (Sierra Vista.) My husband loved horses, he even built a barn.

5. What activities have you been involved with here?

Via de Cristo and I collected donations for Heifer International, helped with new visitors/members ministry, helped organize and oversaw the Church Library. Ro also had a hand in starting the Bell Choir and played with them for many years! (C.W.)

6. What are your hobbies or interests?

Books! I especially love J.A. Jance. I can read her books over and over.

JUNE 23-29, 2025

MON 6/23		
TUE 6/24	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel
WED 6/25	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
THURS 6/26	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 6/27		Church office closed on Friday's
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 6/28		
SUN 6/29	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service – Father's Day
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation - Sanctuary - Invitational Christian