

**AUGUST 4, 2024**  
**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**9:00 AM**

# **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**



## **SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Our Mission Statement: "With faith in God's grace, we share Christ's love with all, so that lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit."



**SELC OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Friday – Closed**

**SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 AM**

**Watch and Worship with Us In Person and Live-Streamed Online**

To worship with us online or to catch-up on a missed sermon/worship, go to our website, [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org), click on the “Watch Services” ‘button,’ then click on the worship service that you want to watch within the last 90 days.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

Nursery Services are available, for those who wish, for children birth to Pre-Kindergarten in the Nursery Room on the North side of the patio.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Prayer requests can be submitted ONLINE at [www.selcaz.org](http://www.selcaz.org) or for the month of AUGUST to CJ Abraham at [sayson101@gmail.com](mailto:sayson101@gmail.com)

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**SELC GIVING & CONTRIBUTIONS**

SELC is an “app”-ening place! Use the scanner app to provide Gifts / Contributions to SELC ministries.



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**Candle For the Eternal Light** provided by  
Don & Barb Williams - in loving memory of Ciaran

**Flowers Provided by** Jim and Virginia Cleven

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Acolyte:** Erin Stephenson

**Greeters:** Erin Stephenson,  
Sandy Stephenson

**Lector:** Cindy Wiste

**Lay Euch. Minister:** Carl McCourt

**Altar Guild:** Becky Randall, Connie Kelher

**Organist:** Billie Hayes

**AV Techs:** CJ Abraham, Larry Rewis

**Ushers:** Jim and Virginia Cleven

**SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

### GATHERING

(\* = Please stand as you are able.)

- Prelude** "Children of the Heavenly Father" (Arr. Larry Sue)  
Presented by the Sierra Ringers
- Welcome**
- \*Invocation and Land Acknowledgment**
- \*Confession and Forgiveness**
- \*Gathering Hymn** "Earth and All Stars!" **ELW #731**
- \*Greeting**
- \*Kyrie Eleison ("Lord, Have Mercy")** **W&P #81**
- \*Prayer of the Day**

### WORD

**First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15** Pew Bible p. 55

**Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29** (*Chanted responsively; congregation sings **bold** verses*)



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- <sup>23</sup>So God commanded the | clouds above  
and opened the | doors of heaven,  
<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon | them to eat**  
**and giving them | grain from heaven.**
- <sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the | bread of angels;

God provided for them | food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The Lord caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens  
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon | them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp  
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and | were well filled,  
for God gave them | what they craved.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16**

Pew Bible p. 951

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW p. 188**

**\*Gospel: John 6:24-35**

Pew Bible p. 867

**Report from Youth National Gathering**

**Special Music**

“Moses”

(Ken Medema)

Summer Singers accompanied by Billie Hayes

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

**\*Hymn of the Day**

**“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”**

**ELW #890**

**\*Apostle’s Creed**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**MEAL**

**Offertory**

**Offering / Ministry Moment**

Lynn Light, Altar Guild



## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn**

**“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”**

**ELW #676**

**\*Dismissal**

**Postlude**

Billie Hayes

### **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

## **TODAY! BACKPACK SUNDAY**

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast provided by the Fellowship Team! We will also write notes to the children we give backpacks to. Many thanks to Thrivent for supporting this event with a Community Impact Card to cover our breakfast expenses!

## **YOU ARE INVITED TO A POTLUCK SPONSORED BY THE VIA DE CRISTO MINISTRY AT SELC**

Each year SELC's Via de Cristo (VDC) ministry team strives to sponsor a potluck. The 14 VDC participating Lutheran churches in Tucson also have an opportunity to host a potluck. Join your sisters and brothers from the participating Tucson churches who will be attending and those here as these potlucks are open to everyone. Bring a dish if you are able, if not, just come and enjoy the fellowship with friends and make some new friends.

**The potluck will be held in the SELC Fellowship Hall on August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.** For questions about the potluck, which is open to everyone, contact Jim Cleven at eaglelope38@gmail.com or call at (520) 678-0414.

## **MID-WEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning this week, we return to our regular schedule for Bible Study Wednesday's at 10:00 am and Thursday's at 6:30 pm. Meeting in the Music Room.

## **G.I.F.T. - AUGUST 11 - GLOBAL REFUGE WITH SPECIAL GUESTS ATTENDING!**

Ted Nguyen, who came to this country in 1975 as a refugee sponsored by our congregation, will be visiting that day with his mother Ba. Rev. James Behnke who was a vicar at our church in 1975, has kept up a relationship with Ted's family and will be joining us that day as well. Also, Eric Shafer from Global Refuge will be speaking to us at GIFT. Of course, we will have breakfast and coffee! Don't miss out!

## **WIDOWS OF SELC LUNCHEON -THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 - 12 NOON**

Lunch will be at Oriental Express Chinese Restaurant in Sierra Suites. Payment for lunch will be "Dutch." Join us for this fun get together. For more information or would like to attend, contact Carol Jordahl at 520-227-2796 (if no answer, please leave a message). **Reservation deadline is Tuesday, August 13.**

## **SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION**

**Faith Formation Classes for all ages begins August 18th.** Teachers are still needed for our children's classes, what can you do to be a blessing to our kids?



## CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF - PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT

**Tuesday, September 3, 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

We kick off the school year for both Confirmation and Youth Group on Tuesday, September 3. We will be meeting in the High School Youth Room at 6:00 for pizza and soda. I would like to have you bring whatever soda you like to drink so I don't need to purchase too much. If you have any favorite indoor games that can be played in the youth room, bring them! We cannot use the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings. Bring a parent if you can so they know what is going on this year for Confirmation and Youth group. Bring a friend (as you usually are so good at!)

### CONFIRMATION (GRADES 6 – 8)

Meeting Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with Pastor Kurt  
Beginning on September 10

### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

On Sunday, Sept. 8, ELCA congregations will join together for our annual day of service, "God's work. Our hands." This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

This year our theme will be **"Showers of Grace."** There are many in our community who do not have access to running water or basic hygiene supplies. We can help make a difference for these individuals by supplying needed hygiene items.

If you would like to give a monetary gift to purchase washcloths, towels or hygiene items, checks should be made payable to "SELCA" with "Showers of Grace" in the memo line. You may also make a secure online donation at our website, [selca.org](http://selca.org) by choosing "Showers of Grace." There is also a jar marked "God's work. Our hands." in the narthex for donations.

If you would like to donate washcloths, we ask that they be new and if possible, freshly laundered. We will have a tote in the narthex for your donations during the month of August through September 8. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Hunger Ministry members: Margaret Howard, Anna Bratlien, Becky Randall.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE OUR WEEKLY MESSENGER  
OR PICK UP A FLYER IN THE NARTHEX.**

### **DO YOU NEED A GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS T-SHIRT?**

We are looking to put in an order for these great T-shirts. Didn't get on last time or want another, don't wait too long. Contact Cindy Wiste / the church office to order or for more information.

Deadline for ordering is August 11th.

The \$17 is an estimated price.

The minimum order is 10 shirts to customize with SELC.



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### **LANDSCAPE TEAM / CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION**

**We Need You!** If you like playing in the water, we need a few more volunteers to help keep the newly planted shrubs watered until they are established. The campus has been divided into sections, so a volunteer only needs to be concerned with the section they sign up for. Thank you to Penny Crane, Anna Bratlien, Chari Poteet, Carol Cesari, Cindy Wiste and the Columbarium crew for their consistent care of their plants.

If you would like to join our team, please contact Sandy Hall, 520-895-8376.



### **GROWING IN FAITH: THE DIAKONIA PROGRAM NEW 2024-2025 FOUNDATION YEAR COURSES BEGINNING 8/27/24**

**Register Now at [www.diakonia.education](http://www.diakonia.education) >User Sign In**

Growing in Faith: The Diakonia Program is a 40+ year old ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. The program has recently added new course curriculum and more flexibility with a Foundation Year and optional subsequent Practical Year tracks.

A two-year curriculum allows folks to progress through foundational and practical learning. The program welcomes people where they are in their faith understanding and challenges them to grow to a deeper level. There is a one-time \$25 Enrollment Fee and \$70 Tuition Fee per class.

Classes meet in person at two locations: Peace Lutheran in Phoenix or Spirit of Hope Lutheran in Mesa. Or join online using the Zoom option.

Questions? Email [admin@diakonia.education](mailto:admin@diakonia.education)

**Please pray for:** Helen Perdiue, Miki Shaner, the containment of the California Park fire, Ro Decker, family and friends of Connie Schlosser, and Louise.

**Please continue to pray for** Cathy Collins, former president Trump and our Nation, Kevin Murray, Mary Alexander, and Fran Russell.

**Long-term prayers:** Momi Aossi, Mary Alexander; Cindy Allen, Tim Allen, John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Frankie Appelin, Duke Burford; James Cox (Dena's brother); Dean, Beth Dechant, Barbara Denniss, Don and Jan Huthoefer; Dan Knauss, Eric Lewis; Mae Markstrom (Terry's mother); Terry Markstrom, Silius Merk, Zane Mitchell, Sue Mount, Anne Nowak, George Pohlman, Nathan Raysor and children, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's father); Dee Rowley, Richard Schellentragar, Bill Spivy, Linda Tossy; Ellie Unruh, Edward VanDetti, Pam Williams, Israel and Palestine, The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; everyone experiencing mental health issues; military personnel everywhere.

Kurt Fangmeier, Pastor  
Deb Koltveit, SELC Council President  
Cindy Wiste, Director of Faith Formation  
Cindy Allen, Administrative Assistant  
Sunny Fichtl, Music Director  
Ministers: The People of SELC

**August 4-11, 2024**

SUN 8/4	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Breakfast & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
MON 8/5		
TUE 8/6	9:00 AM	Shepherd’s Fold Chapel – Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
WED 8/7	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	3:00 PM	Grace Group – Music Room
THUR 8/8	9:00 AM	Stitch In Time Quilters – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
FRI 8/9		Church Office Closed Fridays
	6:30 PM	Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
SAT 8/10		
SUN 8/11	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	G.I.F.T.
	11:15 AM	Stewardship Team Meeting – Meeting Room