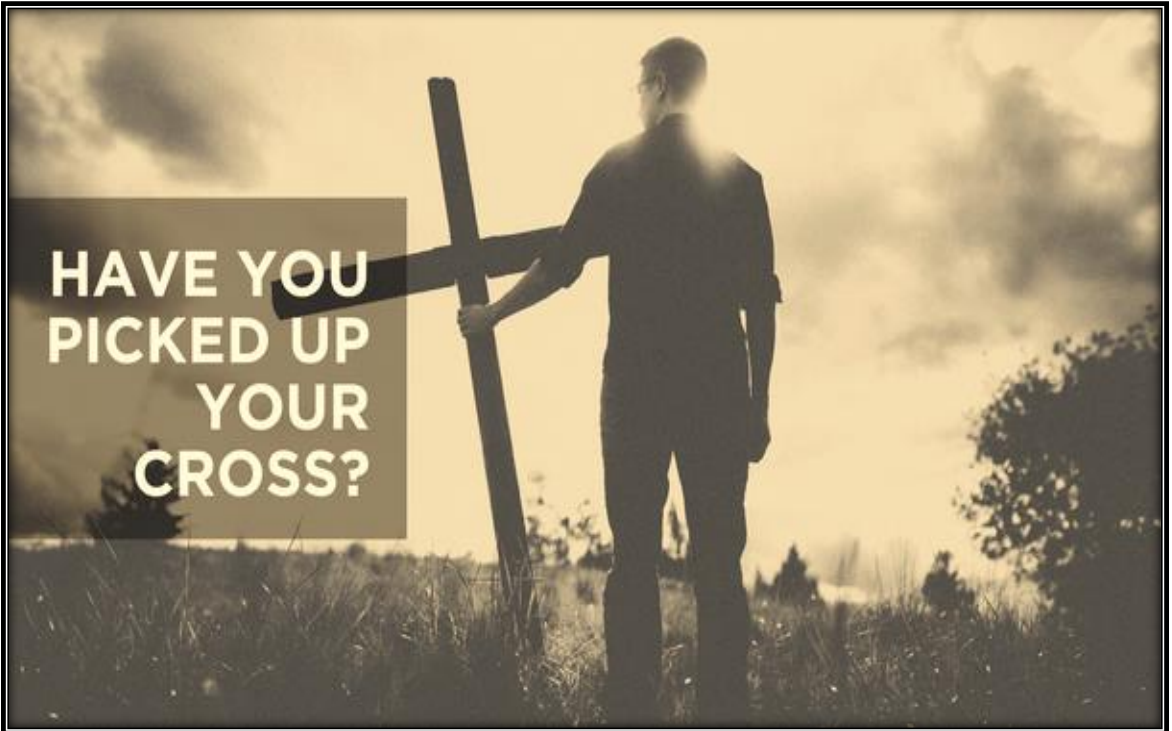


**February 18, 2024
9:00 AM**



**SIERRA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 North Lenzner Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
(520) 459-0444 - email: admin@selcaz.org www.selcaz.org**

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.”

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

SELC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 AM
WATCH AND WORSHIP WITH US LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE

Celebrated each week, including a sermon and communion with those present and at home. We worship in person and online with you from the sanctuary. Go to our website, www.selcaz.org, look for the “Watch Services” ‘button,’ click on it, then click on the worship service that you want to watch. These will remain available to watch for 90 days. Also available for viewing on Facebook at www.facebook.com/selcelca.

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 or for the month of FEBRUARY CJ Abraham to sayson101@gmail.com

SELC GIVING & CONTRIBUTIONS

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



Candle For the Eternal Light provided by
Becky Randall in memory of loved ones.

Curly Willow Branches
A symbol of spring, of renewal, of Christ's death and Resurrection

HAPPENING TODAY

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!

10:30 am beginning in Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH CHOIR FOR KIDS GRADES 4 - 8 -Sunday's at 11:15 in the Music Room

HUNGER MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

11:15 am - Fellowship Hall - All are welcome to be part of the meeting!

PASTOR KURT'S E-MAIL

We are excited to say Pastor Kurt's e-mail is now up and running!

Please note for your records: pastorkurt@selcaz.org



SELCA LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday's - February 21 - March 20 at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm

Join us each week for this Lenten season's theme, "How To Become Church In The Secular Age. Week 1 we ponder, "Is the Church in Decline? How Secularism gets you to question whether God and angels are real."

PLAN TO ATTEND LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS!

Our simple suppers for Lent will be held each Wednesday

February 21 and continue through March 20 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Various committees are volunteering to bring soups and bread but if you would like to help and are not on a committee, please contact any member of the fellowship team or the church office and volunteer! Those of you who will be bringing soup, please remember to include the recipe for your soup so those with dietary concerns can be safe. In the interest of better stewardship, please bring your own table service; however, if you happen to forget this, there will be dinnerware available so please **join us** anyway to share fellowship, to give thanks for all the blessings we have, and to remember what we can give up in grateful response to Christ's giving His life for us. Thank you for your help in making this annual event a special time of observance. In support of our drive to raise \$2500 to provide a well with ELCA Good Gifts, a basket for donations will be available. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Sandy Hall at 520-895-8376.

CURLY WILLOW BRANCHES

During Lent, the bare curly willow branches are placed in the sanctuary as a symbol of spring, of renewal, of Christ's death and Resurrection. What appear to be dead sticks on Ash Wednesday take root in water as Lent progresses. By Easter Sunday, the branches have leafed out so that we are reminded of the Resurrection.

A 2ND GIFT IN FEBRUARY!

On February 25 our GIFT will center around anti-racism. The RIC team will be serving breakfast casseroles that morning. If you would like to donate a breakfast casserole, please feel free! It is so much fun to have all the ministry teams working together to make SELC a better place to serve our God!

2024 KINO CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING

March 2, 2024 - from 8:30-3:30 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Tucson

Please be sure to have your Kino Conference Spring Gathering Registration form to Sherry Bougie no later than February 29th. Her address and contact information are on the registration form.

The topic for this year's gathering is "Hope for Our World: Healing/Family/Community." The guest speaker will be Annie Liss-Tucson to Lebanon and Back. In-kind donations will be collected to support Lutheran Social Services Immigration and Refugee program. They need diapers (sizes 3-5), Fry's gift cards (\$25 increments), and household supplies (such as hygiene and cleaning products). Registration form and agenda can be picked up in the Narthex or church office. Questions: email or call Sherry Bougie at slbougie@hotmail.com or 520-578-3396.

MESSENGER & BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSION

With the change of hours for our Administrative Assistant and the church office we are needing to "tighten up" our submission deadlines for announcements and articles.

- The weekly Messenger: submissions need to be into the church office no later than 9:00 am on Monday's.
- Sunday Bulletin: submissions need to be into the church office by Wednesday morning 9:00 am.

Send submissions to admin@selcaz.org or 520-459-0444 (or for more information.) Thank you for your patience and understanding.

SELC OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Friday - Closed

2024 SELC CHALLENGE

Safe water access - ELCA Good Gifts \$2,500

In support of ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary



Can we as a congregation boldly reach toward raising \$2,500 together?

We have matching funds up to \$2,500 from our Trust Fund for a “Safe Water Access” gift through ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA World Hunger. That means our gift could double to \$5,000. More information in the Monday Messenger and in the narthex. Questions: Please ask Becky Randall or Cindy Wiste.

SYNOD REGION 2

40-40-40 LENTEN CHALLENGE

In honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th year in mission and ministry, the 5 synods in ELCA Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The challenge: Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, 2024. The synod with the most participants wins! For details: www.LentenChallenge.org

- Click on “Register” (not on “donate”) and fill out the form so our Synod gets credit!
- If you chose “Daily Donation” for ELCA World Hunger for a Lenten practice, please donate to 2024 SELC Challenge so we get matching funds from our Trust Fund. Donations to our challenge counts as a donation to ELCA World Hunger.

SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Becky Randall

Greeters: Joanne March, Debra Brown

Lector: Dallas Raysor

Lay Euch. Minister: Anna Bratlien

Altar Guild: Wilma Bell, Donna Bryan

Organist: Billie Hayes

AV Techs: CJ Abraham, Carl McCourt

Ushers: Glen Sanner, Gary Peterson

First Sunday on Lent
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

GATHERING

(= Please stand as you are able.)*

- Prelude** "Music of Thomas A. Dorsey" *(Billie Hayes)*
- *Welcome**
- *Confession and Forgiveness**
- *Gathering Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" **ELW #834**
- *Greeting**
- *Kyrie** **ELW p. 147**
- *Prayer of the Day**

WORD

- First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17** Pew Bible p. 6
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22** Pew Bible p. 985
- *Gospel Acclamation** "Open Our Eyes Lord"
- *Gospel: Mark 1:9-15** Pew Bible p. 812
- Children's Message**
- Sermon** **Pastor Kurt Fangmeier**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Anthem

“It Is Well”
Presented by Sierra Ringers

(Bliss & Raney)

***Apostles’ Creed**

ELW p.105

***Prayers of the People**

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

(When you come forward to receive Holy Communion, please bring your offering and Connect Cards and place them in the offering plate before you kneel at the communion rail. For those of you who do not come forward, there will be an offering plate in the narthex as you leave today. If you give online, continue to do so, and bring your Connect Card to place in the offering plate. This is a wonderful reminder that, as we receive the gifts of body and blood of Christ, we also glorify the mission of Christ with our gifts. Thank you for your patience and grace!)

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Dialogue**

ELW p.152

***Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p.153

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

Communion

(We will gather/kneel around the rail to receive Holy Communion. Have your hand open to receive the bread. Once you have received the wine, wait for the Pastor to dismiss you as a group. If you would like to remain kneeling for a few minutes before returning to your seat, please fold your hands so the servers will know you have already received the bread and wine. Once everyone has returned to their seats, the pastor will bless everyone before the Post Communion Prayer).

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2024

SUN 2/18	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation - Fellowship Hall
	11:15 AM	Hunger Ministry Meeting - Fellowship Hall
MON 2/19		Office Closed in Observance of President's Day
	10:00 AM	Optional Choir Rehearsal
TUE 2/20	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel - Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	G.N.A Meal Prep at location
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	6:30 PM	Shepherd's Fold Board Meeting - Music Room
WED 2/21	10:00 AM	Mid-Week Lenten Service - Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Mid-Week Lenten Service - Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
THR 2/22	9:00 AM	Stitch In Time Quilters - Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Trust Fund Meeting - Meeting Room
	10:00 AM	Bell Rehearsal - Music Room
	11:15 AM	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal - Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
FRI 2/23		Church Office Closed on Fridays
	7:30 PM	Square Dancing - Fellowship Hall
SAT 2/24		
SUN 2/25	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	GIFT - Fellowship Hall

Please pray for - Amber Brenner, Cindy Allen, John Wickizer and his brother Charles, Dave Dechant, George Abraham.

Please continue to pray for: George Pohlman, Swanberg Family, Amy Janssen, Reilly Howard, The May Family, The family & friends of Tracey (Ann Loud's daughter), Jim Durst, Virginia Barber, Iris Denlap, Larry Rewis and Family, Kimberley Witt & Family, Frankie Appelin, Tom Paez, Laurie Overson, Greta Swasey-Hadlock, Gary Graham, Silas

Long-term prayers: Momi Aossi, Mary Alexander; John and Mary Alexander (Mary Alexander's son and wife); Duke Burford; James Brunk, Catherine Collins, James Cox (Dena's brother); Dean, Beth Dechant, Barbara Denniss, Don and Jan Huthoefer; Jeannette Johansson, Dan Knauss, Eric Lewis; Mae Markstrom (Terry's mother); Zane Mitchell, Zane Mitchell Jr., Sue Mount, Anne Nowak, Nathan Raysor and children, George Renbeck (Kim Renbeck's father); Bob Reiner, Dee Rowley, Richard Schellentrager, Linda Tossy; Faye Toto; Ellie Unruh, Pam Williams, Israel, and Palestine, The Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission at Rock Point; everyone experiencing mental health issues; peace for our nation; military personnel everywhere.

