



# Saron's Weekly Messenger

June 21, 2018

## Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly by Delores Grabow

The 31<sup>st</sup> Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly was attended by Pastor Sheri, Ann Shaddix, and Delores Grabow. The theme this year was: We Are Church Together: This is Our Neighborhood. The assembly was challenged not to talk about community until we know who we are first. When we truly see ourselves we are more open to seeing who our neighbors are.

Often we feel set apart because our love for our neighbors is in response to undeserved love from Jesus Christ. Because of this love, when asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The answer is, "It doesn't matter... just be a neighbor to anyone who needs you..." God's love is not dependent on us getting it right.

Often we are challenged with questions and it is important to think through these:

How do we as a synod claim the neighborhood we are planted in?

How do we love God out loud?

How do we love our neighbor?

How do we struggle?

The worship service on Friday evening was started with music from The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus and a presentation by Bishop Tracie Bartholomew of New Jersey. We heard powerful conversations on the ELCA draft Justice for Women Social Statement.

In 2019, Synod Assembly will be a one day session in Lodi. In 2020, we will be electing a new Bishop.

## Thank You

We asked for help making the sign more attractive at the front of the church, and Laurence Peters made one so that it can be clearly read by those passing by or coming to the church. Thank you so much Laurence as the sign is both attractive and easy to read. Take a look at the work of one of our Saron family members if you haven't noticed his excellent work.

## C.A.R.E.

Please make donations this month of **box mixes (pancakes) and eggs**. They welcome canned fruit juices or any monetary fund. Help because we can.

## Traveling Mercies

Our blessings go with our youth as they leave for the ELCA Youth Gathering early Tuesday morning. The cake at the celebration on Sunday said "Traveling Mercies" means our prayers for blessing and protection for those about to take a big journey. Please keep Julie, Katie, Tommy, Grace, Konnor, Teresa Olson and Shane Spears in your prayers.

## Learning Tree

It is a blessing to have the Learning Tree at our church and daily listening to the laughter of children is a true joy. We are grateful to Maria who is rolling out the garbage cans on Sunday afternoon, so that they are ready for the new pick up time early Monday morning. We have had so many comments from parents that they feel peace and the joy when they are here.

## Invited

You are invited to attend the Sierra-Central San Joaquin Valley Conference Get-Together on July 29 from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm at Mount Calvary in Sugar Pine. Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we can RSVP by July 22 and give you more information about the event. This is a day of fun and games and stretching our circle of friends.

# Vacation Bible School 2018



*Come Join Us!*

**WHEN?**

July 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**WHERE?**

Saron Lutheran Church  
1742 North Street, Escalon, CA.

**WHAT TIME?**

9am - Noon

**WHO'S INVITED?**

Everyone! Ages 4-7

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

Nothing!

**WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?**

Fill out Registration Packet\* & Turn into Church office by 7-15-18

**WHO CAN I CALL FOR MORE INFO?**

Saron Lutheran Church Office @ (209) 838-7695



*\*Registration Packets available in Church Office*

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## UBS Community Outreach Program

*We will be assembling Blessing Bags once again for Summer needs.  
Blessing Bags are filled with basic necessities & then distributed in our community to those in need  
Below is a list of all items needed for Summer Blessing Bags -  
Please Donate as much or as little as you can – All is Welcome!*

*This year at VBS we are requesting Blessing Bag donations in lieu of monetary offerings*

### CHECKLIST FOR BLESSING BAGS

#### NECESSITIES:

- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAG
- HAND WARMERS
- BOTTLED WATER
- BAND-AIDS
- BABY WIPES
- HAND SANITIZER
- NAIL CLIPPERS
- WASH CLOTH – tan or brown
- TRAVEL SIZE FIRST AID KIT

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOODS:

- GRANOLA BAR
- BEEFJERKY STICKS

#### TOILETRIES:

- TOOTHBRUSH
- TOOTHPASTE
- SOAP
- COMB
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR WOMEN
- SUNSCREEN
- CHAPSTICK

#### PERSONAL ITEMS:

- NEW SOCKS

#### EXTRAS:

- NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT – BIBLE VERSE
- LIST OF LOCAL RESOURCES



## Those Who Serve

Serving	June 24	July 1
Altar Guild	K Gonzalez	K Linn
Flowers	J Ervin-Gade	
Greeters	C Holck	A Shaddix
Organist	S McGowan	B Dahlin
Usher	M Olson	K Trautwein
Lector	E Scholz	M Cole
Acolyte	Volunteer	Volunteer
Assisting Minister	K Reestierna	D Grochau
Communion Assistants	K Gonzalez R Scholz	K Linn M Olson
Money Counters	J Pinol D Grabow	D Grabow D Kershner

## Future Events

### **July 2**

VBS Meeting - 9:00 am

### **July 12**

Worship & Service - 9:00 am

Finance Meeting – 11:00 am

Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

### **July 16**

VBS Meeting – 9:00 am

### **July 25-27**

VBS

### **July 28**

Sierra-Central San Joaquin Valley Conference

10:30 am – 3:00 pm

### **July 29**

John Nielsen's Piano Concert

Methodist Church – 1:00 pm

### **August 7**

National Night Out

### **September 7**

EMA Christmas Bunco Night

### **November 3**

Kris Kringle

### **November 18**

Thanksoffering

### **December 2**

EMA Christmas Service (Location to be announced)