



A LETTER FROM PASTOR

Dearest Siblings in Christ and the Hollywood Lutheran Church Family,

I praise God and give thanks for my relationship with each of you and for the ministry we share. Even though we are a smaller congregation, we are beautiful and deeply engaged in God's work. As I am writing this letter, we are preparing for a busy couple of months with celebrations and the holiday season. As I am writing this letter, hundreds of community families are eating well because of our Food Pantry that Tom Scott and other volunteers oversee. As I am writing this letter, hundreds of people who are in prison read letters that bring them hope because of our Mariposa Ministry Letter-writing Program, which is led by David Conrad and volunteers. As I am writing this letter, many community children are reading books in their home and learning literacy skills that will last a lifetime through the curbside children's lending

library because of the partnership with the Silverlake/ Los Feliz Kiwanis that Marie Sorenson and Raymond Huff have forged. The list could go on until my typing fingers are sore. Everyone in the community is abundantly engaged in service. You see, we are a smaller congregation in numbers, but we are big in service and love. God bless you with joy, patience, good hope and peace.

On December 1st we begin another church year with Advent, a time of anticipation and waiting. The whole season is basically an anxious waiting room. What are you waiting for? During Advent we wait like a child for a special treat, but for us the end of waiting marks God coming close to us. We wait for a loving God to be born into a world that can feel broken, to become flesh so we never feel alone. We wait for liberation and justice amid chaos and struggles. I know I'm waiting with great expectations, and I ask you to wait with me. Ask others you care about to wait with you. Let's make this a journey of connecting with others in our hopeful anticipation and share our dreams about what can happen when God arrives in the birth of Jesus. I ask you to pray and reflect with intention this Advent. Pray and tell God that you are waiting and carrying hope for what Christmas will bring for you and the world. Reflect upon how the world will look different when God, the innocent child, arrives. Pray for strength and vision for yourself and our community. I am so proud and inspired by the way God is using us in ministry, and I wait to see all that is coming to us through this time of Advent. All my love and God's blessings be with you, Pastor Joseph

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Reformation Day Worship: Always Being Made New

October 27, 2019 @ 10:00AM during worship

All Saints Worship: Ministry Volunteer Celebration and Potluck

November 3, 2019 @ 10:00AM for Remembrance of Saints + Blessing of Ministries
11:30AM for Volunteer Recognition + Potluck Lunch

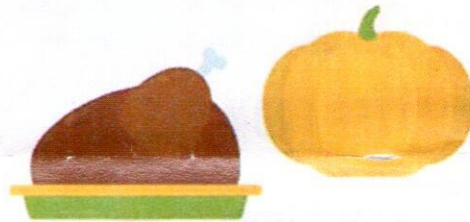
Please email hollyluth@sbcglobal.net with the names of those who have gone before us that you would like read aloud at the memorial portion of our All Saints Service

Worship + Music Committee Meeting

November 12, 2019 @2:30PM

Church Council Meeting

November 14, 2019 @10:30AM



Congregational Meeting Part 1 + Thanksgiving Potluck

November 24, 2019 immediately following 10:00AM worship

World AIDS Day Worship

December 1, 2019 @ 10:00AM with potluck immediately following worship

Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24, 2019 @ 7:00PM



ADVENT BINGO

PRAY 3 DAYS IN A ROW	HUG SOMEONE YOU LOVE FOR 10 SECONDS	CONSIDER HOW GOD HAS COME CLOSE TO YOU	LIGHT A CANDLE + ASK GOD FOR JUSTICE	STOP + SMELL A FLOWER
CLOSE YOUR EYES + BREATHE FOR 3 MINUTES	IMAGINE MARY'S EXCITEMENT AS SHE WAITED	HOLD HANDS WITH A LOVED ONE TO PRAY	THINK OF 5 PEOPLE WHO YOU LOVE	DO A GOOD DEED
COUNT THE DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS	FIND SOMEONE TO THANK FOR A JOB WELL DONE	FREE	GO FOR A WALK + PRAY	EAT A TREAT THAT YOU DON'T OFTEN HAVE
SPOT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON A HOUSE	PRAY FOR AN ENEMY	STRETCH YOUR ARMS OUT FOR 3 MINUTES	TELL SOMEONE AN ADVENT STORY	MAKE A LIST OF 5 GRATITUDES
CALL SOMEONE + SHARE YOUR APPRECIATION	LISTEN TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC	WISH SOMEONE A HAPPY ADVENT	SKIP A SUGARY SNACK FOR A HEALTHY ONE	PRAY FOR RELIEF FROM AN ANXIETY

You are invited to join in the game of Advent Bingo. Any time after December 1st, you can claim a prize during or after Sunday Service by sharing about how you finished a line vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

Matthew 24 We don't know when Jesus will return, but we do know when we celebrate and remember Jesus' birth. The 24 days of Advent are a time to get ready for Jesus' birthday. What will you do to get ready?

FOR
THE
CHILDREN
IN
YOUR
LIFE...

Print names of people you know on each strip and decorate. Cut apart at home to make an Advent chain. Each day the 1st through the 24th until Christmas pray for the person on the strip as you remove the loop.

