

SLC BEACON

Services now at 9 am and 11 am—reserve your seat now at
<https://bit.ly/SLCSaveASeat>

WANDERING | STORIES FROM THE DESERT

The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. There are many rich stories that come to us from their time of wandering. As we now enter the 40 days of Lent, we enter a kind of wilderness, and living through COVID-19 is certainly a wilderness experience. This Lent, we will hear powerful stories from the book of Numbers, the book that in Hebrew is called “Wilderness.”

These stories will enroll us in a kind of “wilderness school” and help us through our current wanderings. We have much to learn in the wilderness.

Each Wednesday we will have a worship service at 7pm that will include the story of the week, a reflection on that story, and music that is simple and meditative. We will also include an activity to help families with children participate. The service will be Livestreamed and recorded similar to our Sunday morning service.

February 24th	The Pillar of Cloud & Fire	Numbers 9:15-23
March 3rd	Manna, Quail, & Nostalgia	Numbers 11:1-23
March 10th	Temptation, Fear, Spies & Giants	Numbers 13
March 17th	Water from the Rock & Moses Doesn't Cut It	Numbers 20:1-13
March 24th	Sin & Solution - Where to Look	Numbers 21:1-9

Please see the Page 2 for recommended Lenten Devotionals

Sundays & Wednesdays | Kids do Worship!

As you enter the Narthex and take a bulletin and beacon, please grab a kids tool kit! Look for the colorful plastic clipboards. These kits are filled with supplies to help make Worship a bit more interactive for our elementary-aged kiddos.



*Moreover, we are very grateful to Julie Enebo,
who is creating an image for each of the Wednesday services
based on the reading for that day.*

Lenten Devotionals

Recommended Devotionals for Lent

<https://silverdalelutheran.org/lent-recommendations/>

Also available on the SLC App

VIDEO

Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of Mark

One chapter every 2-3 days will get you through the whole Gospel in the 40 days of Lent

ONLINE DEVOTIONALS

Luther Seminary (ELCA) Online Lenten Devotional

From Ashes to Easter Lenten Devotional (NALC)

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LCMS) Online Devotional

DEVOTIONALS RECOMMENDED FOR YOU TO BUY:

Finding Christ in the Straw Lenten Devotional

Sinner/Saint Lenten Devotional During the forty days of Lent, we explore the gift of repentance that turns us back to Christ and his finished work.

According to Your Mercy, Martin Shannon (Paraclete Press) *Praying with the Psalms from Ash Wednesday to Easter 2017*

Fr. Martin Shannon, is an Episcopal priest, liturgist, and writer of materials for spiritual formation at his home, the Community of Jesus on Cape Cod where he has prayed the Psalms for years. He holds a PhD in Liturgical Studies from the Catholic University of America.

All Shall Be Well, Various Authors (Orbis Books) *Readings for Lent and Easter 2015* Fifty-four inspired readings by classical and contemporary writers.

The Book Of Faith—Lenten Journey Kathryn A. Kleinhaus (Augsburg Fortress) *The Seven Wonders of the Word 2010* Explores how God's Word creates, calls, commands, serves, sustains, shapes, and sends us and the church.

A Story to Tell, David L. Miller (Augsburg Fortress) *A Story to Tell* focuses on texts from the Gospel of Mark that show Jesus' journey from baptism to the cross.

Community News



Our Community Connector and our Family and Military Outreach Connector are teaming up to do a wonderful outreach event. We will be providing Welcome Home "Take Out Bags" for the families of sailors returning home on the Nimitz. The Bag will include a gift card for a take-out dinner, snacks for a movie night, a family craft to do together, a dessert, a family game, an invitation to SLC, and appreciation cards from SLC members. Our goal is to connect with 80 families.

How can you help?

First, by making a financial contribution to this special project by visiting: <https://bit.ly/slcsplash> Just choose "MILITARY OUTREACH" on the subsplash giving menu.

Second, take some time to fill out a thank you card for the sailors and their families. Cards are located in the narthex.

Finally, prepare to join us (date TBD) with flags or posters as we line the drive-through for a physically distanced package pick-up.

Let's show these families how we are Grace Filled, and Spirit Led!

Youth News

First Communion Class is beginning soon....

Starting March 1st, all our First Communion kids will gather, rain or shine, under the outdoor entry of the Gathering Place from 4:30-5:30pm. We'll explore this gift and sacrament from God and how it is real for us, how God makes a place at the table FOR YOU! Please dress for outside weather, mask up, and self-screen, and then join us for 3 Monday classes, March 1st, 8th, and 15th. We'll work out our First Communion in worship with each family who attends.



If your kids are already communing but have never had a class, this is a great way to help them connect even deeper to this amazing meal.

Sign up **Contact Pastor Jonathan at jsansgaard@gmail.com**



New Devotions for youth on the SLC App!

Simply download from the App Store or Google Play, search for the "Silverdale Lutheran Church" app.



Middle & SLY Sundays

February 21st - The Gathering

February 28th - Word Power

March 7th - Let's Eat

March 14th - Confess: Faith

****March 20th - Saturday Zoom Worship with Rock City****

March 28th - Confess: Convictions

****Holy Week Worship (please attend all in person or via livestream)****

April 1st - Maundy Thursday (Last Supper) Worship - 7pm

April 2nd - Good Friday Worship - 7pm

April 4th - Easter Sunday

Middle & SLY Wednesdays

February 24th— No Place to Hide - **Zoom** at 6 and 7:30pm (PJ in worship)

March 3rd - God, Nature, and Lutherhaven -in person 6 and 7:30pm

March 10th - God Cares - Zoom (PJ in worship)

March 17th - God Keeps - in person

March 24th - God Knows - Zoom (PJ in worship)

March 31st - Faith Talk - in person

April 1st - Last Supper Worship - 7pm

April 2nd - Good Friday Worship - 7pm

April 4th - Easter Sunday

SLC News

The Early Birds



Need a Greeter!

As we move toward 2 services beginning February 21, we will need greeters for the early service.

Not only is this vital role the first point of connection for visitors and regular churchgoers alike, these days it's the first point of safety where we can encourage social distancing while still connecting.

If you can greet before and after the first service, please contact Kim Grasmick at:
grasmick@silverdalelutheran.org.

No experience required and families are encouraged to greet!

A great big thanks to everyone who joined us on zoom for Fat Tuesday!

We hope you enjoyed catching up with other families and devouring pancakes!

Thank you to Pastor Jonathan for leading us in a fun game of trivia, and Carissa Robideaux for helping with the awesome bags. As we walk through this season together, put those Lenten tools to good use in your homes. Don't forget to stay tuned for exciting family events!

-Jessica Voigt, Child and Family Connector



Our next Women's Ministry event

Bible Study | Monday, March 1 at 7:00 pm.

We will do some Zoom team work to enter ourselves into 4 or 5 stories of key women who Jesus encountered.

We'll dig into their culture, homelife, personality and what they might have experienced as 1st Century Palestinian women meeting this incredible man. And, if we had a similar encounter today, what might our experience be like?

More information and a signup will be coming soon.

Survey Says:
Bible Study!



Community News

SAVE THE DATE!

Generations of Care Virtual Auction & Gala Celebrating 130 Years of Caring for Children & Seniors

Date: March 20, 2021

Time: 6:00pm

All proceeds for this year's event benefit Martha & Mary KIDS

Join us for a lively evening of fun and games as we celebrate our 130th anniversary! Order our anniversary-themed meal, win prizes for trivia, bid on fantastic live auction items, and help us serve additional families in our community. Watch for the link to the live event and our online silent auction in early March.

To donate, become a sponsor, or for additional information, please contact auction@mmhc.org or call 360.394.4065



Looking for Girl Scout Cookies? Not finding them?

GSWW has taken extra precautions to protect our girls during the continued Pandemic. They have set up multiple ways to purchase cookies while maintaining social distancing. Each Girl scout will have a digital cookie website where you can choose “girl delivery”, pay for cookies online and have the girls do a “contactless porch delivery”. Cookies will be in our area February 20th through March 21st.

Do you want to support one of our SLC girl scouts?

Visit their cookie pages and learn about why they are selling cookies.

Emma Johnson <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/emma19770>

McKenzie Riffner <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/mckenzie709764>

Eryn Pitts <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/eryn950871>

Please contact either Kathleen or Jo if you have questions.

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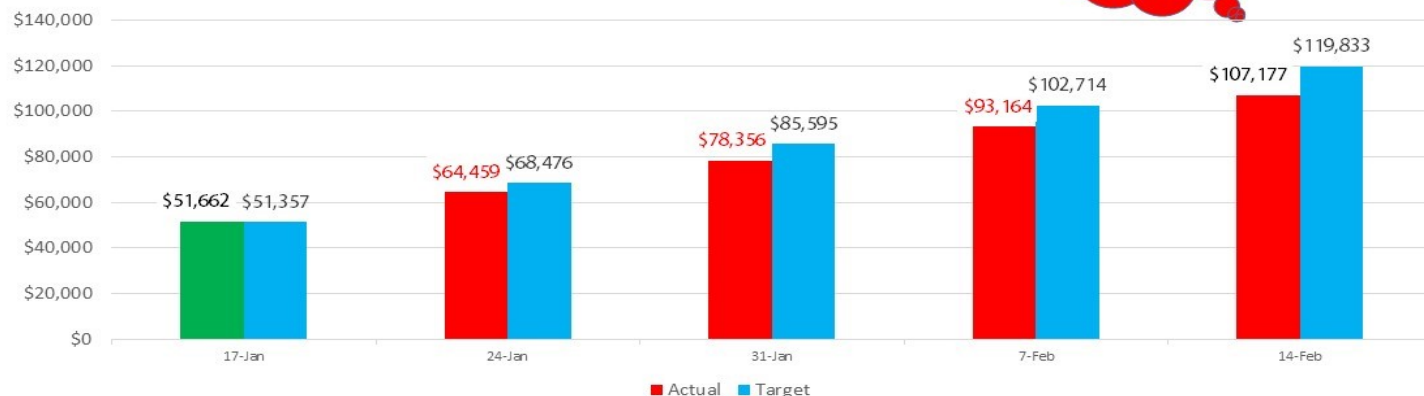
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Financial News

OFFERING GIFTS

Actual vs Target

SLC CUMULATIVE OFFERING GIFTS



Actual = offerings received to date (General/Restricted Funds)
Target = offering goals (execution based on 95% of approved congregation budget)/52 weeks
 The above shows us falling short of our offerings target **(\$-12,656.00)**



Below is a 3-year financial comparison through January 31st of each year.

Overall giving for January 2021 was \$72,983, exceeding expenses by \$7,568. Lower than usual January ministry and operations expenses was a factor in the positive net income. Also, having five Sundays for the first month of the fiscal year skews the financial picture, resulting in contradicting indicators of a positive net income and at the same time lower than necessary weekly offerings to meet expenses. This will be a matter to monitor closely in the coming months. Current assets equal \$444,467.

Looking ahead, the mortgage for SLC is due for a rate review by June 1, 2021. We will begin to explore refinancing options in the coming month. SLC is on schedule to pay off our mortgage in November, 2024, so the upcoming rate review will be last time we need to secure financing for this particular loan.

FINANCIAL COMPARISON ON January 31, 2021

	2019 - 4 Sundays	2020 - 4 Sundays	2021 - 5 Sundays
General Fund Income	\$ 71,647	\$ 61,968	\$72,983
9% Benevolences	\$ 6,448	\$ 5,577	\$6,568
Ministry & Operations Expenses	\$ 63,784	\$ 65,353	\$58,847
Total Expenses	\$70,232	\$70,930	\$65,415
Net Income	\$ 1,415	\$ (8,962)	\$7,568

AVERAGE PER WEEKLY COMPARISON THROUGH JANUARY

General Fund Income	\$ 17,912	\$ 15,492	\$14,597
Ministry/Operations/Benevolence Expenses	\$ 17,558	\$ 17,733	\$11,769
Net Income	\$ 354	\$ (2,241)	\$1,514

Celebrations

Dennis Enebo	Feb 21	Gabriel Fee	Feb 23	Kimmi Rupp	Feb 26
Michaela Feola	Feb 21	Marcia Anderson	Feb 24		
Ken Dahl	Feb 22	Joanne Nelsen	Feb 24		
David Ferber	Feb 22	Jeffrey Ottenbacher	Feb 24		
Stephanie Schaeffer	Feb 22	Karen Miller-Swift	Feb 24		
Hilma Bridges	Feb 23	Debbie Marsch	Feb 25		
Jenna Kramer	Feb 23	Kelsey Crane	Feb 25		



Happy Anniversary

Leticia and Reussell Fee Feb 21 (17 yrs)

Susan and Tighe Carvey Feb 25 (54 yrs)



For SLC Moms by SLC Moms: That time of the month...

A monthly chat about relationships, parenting, and beating the stresses of pandemic life...

February 25th @ 7 pm

We will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm on zoom!

Questions? Email Jessica Voigt at jvoigt@silverdalelutheran.org.

PB's Thursday Bible Study Is Lent in the Old Testament?

February 25 Is Lent in the Old Testament?

March 4 The Final Judgment

March 11 Exodus and our Meal

March 18 Covenants and THE Covenant

March 25 Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

