



THE ADVENTURE



August 2022

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Rev. Dr. Gabriele Schroeder

For some a new program year begins in early August, for others it won't begin until September. Teachers are revising lesson plans, parents will soon do school supply shopping, and college students will begin a new academic year sometime soon, possibly moving into new student dorm spaces. For us here at Advent, planning for the next program year has begun as far as getting dates onto the calendar. If you have not yet received your copy of our 2022-23 Annual Events pamphlet, make sure to pick it up on Sunday in church.

As our Church Council President says in her article, the Council members will meet on August 20 for a half-day retreat to lay out their goals for the coming year. As you may recall, the council continued to meet for its annual planning retreats all through the pandemic, either meeting outside our indoors, wearing face masks. Last year's retreat, planned by Pat Johnson and myself, focused on refining our mission and the significance of our tagline ("The Welcome Place"), communicating in more effective ways to the community to outsiders who we are, creating attractive opportunities for community engagement, and setting out

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BETH MORA

Welcome to our New Members! It was so heartwarming to see 12 new faces join our community on Sunday, July 17. Please note their names in this newsletter and be sure to invite them to participate in activities. That is where the fun happens!

Speaking of fun – there's always Dominoes, Zoom Book Club, Social Knitters, and Women's Bible Study... Then again, for those who are musically talented the Choir and the Bell Choir will welcome you. All are welcome to help serve a lunch at St. John's Shelter. Or stop by on Tuesday mornings to help with our Tuesday Crew's efforts in maintaining our grounds and buildings. Check the church Calendar on our website for details or just ask someone!

Council news this month includes Pastor Gabi's work on our updated website which will be live soon. I've seen a draft and it is going to be great! Love the virtual tour!

We have a good start on the Property Inventory list...still needed are Property and Christian Ed's information. After that we will need to put values on the items.

Speaking of values, our Finance Chair, Triss Hoppman is recommending we use the property tax valuation, as that is more "fact based" than our estimate. See the

annual financial report in this newsletter.

Our Personnel Committee, comprised of Lanny Johaneck, Carol Crespo, Beth Mora and Pastor, began meeting on the new Office Manager job description and then posted to Indeed.com. The committee will review applications and we hope to make recommendations on hiring shortly. Meanwhile, thank you again to Naomi Dasari for ably filling in! Council unanimously agreed that our organist, Jamal Karamatov and his daughter, Nargis will present a concert at Advent on Saturday, September 17. Offerings will help Nargis with her college costs. Please invite your friends and family to join us for what I'm sure will be a delightful musical dad and daughter afternoon.

On August 20th the Council is looking forward to our annual planning meeting. We will look at our goals and some strategies around those goals for the upcoming year. As always, your thoughts are appreciated.

Hoping you are having fun and enjoying your summer! I wish everyone cold water bottles and reliable air conditioning! See you in church – we'll leave the lights and the air conditioning on for you!

Beth



ADVENT'S MISSION: THROUGH GOD'S GRACE, WE GATHER, WORSHIP, GROW, AND CARE

Welcome to Advent!

Ron
Adams

Ernie
Leporini

Arlys
Clinton

Ron
Conklin

Sally
Smith

Bette
Squier

Cheryl
Adams

Debbie
Leporini

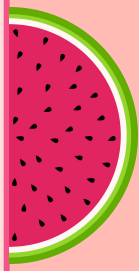
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Ravinder
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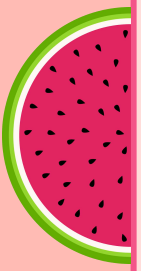


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AUGUST 2022



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FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP CLAIRE S. BURKAT

When I accepted this call two weeks ago as Interim Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, I promised — with the help of God and the support of the Synod Council and the people of the Sierra Pacific Synod — to bring reconciliation, healing, and hope to a synod that has experienced great turmoil. It is my intention to renew trust in the Office of the Bishop.

On Sunday, July 17th, my first Sunday in the territory of the Sierra Pacific Synod, I worshiped with and visited *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina* in Stockton, CA. During my time with *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina*, I offered my sincere apologies for the lack of pastoral care and visitation following a traumatic day for this congregation.

I visited to bring my prayers, deep sorrow for the pain this Community continues to suffer, and intentions for repentance, healing, hope, and reconciliation for the Body of Christ in the Sierra Pacific Synod.

Additionally, upon the congregation's invitation and with accompaniment from the *Asociación de Ministerios Latinos de la ELCA* (Latino Ministries Association of the ELCA), I preached the gospel and presided at communion.

The Rev. Dr. Ruben Duran, Rev. Dr. Francisco Javier Goitía, Roberto Lara, and Lupita Escamilla were present with *Iglesia Luterana Santa María*

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Peregrina and me for worship and fellowship.

Following the worship service, the congregation, leaders from the *Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos de la ELCA*, and I sat together for a time of sincere listening and deep conversation. For my part, I shared my promise to the following actions:

1. There will be an investigation of the circumstances regarding the removal from the roster of the ELCA of the Rev. Nelson Rabell-Gonzalez. I believe this sudden removal of Pastor Rabell-Gonzalez on Dec 12, 2021, denial of appeal, and denial of "on leave from call" status was an unjust action that needs to be thoroughly examined and reviewed. Therefore, this will include a chance for Pastor Rabell-Gonzalez to offer his interpretation of the events leading up to his removal and subsequent difficulties. Furthermore, Pastor Rabell-Gonzalez will have the opportunity he has been requesting for over a year, to publicly address the complaints against him. The members of the *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina*, formerly *Misión*

Latina Luterana, will also be given the opportunity to participate in this investigation. I was distressed to learn this ELCA worshipping community was not included in the interviews or conversations that led to their Pastor's removal.

2. Based on the results of that investigation, there will be a careful and prayerful evaluation of what the proper next steps are to address Pastor Rabell-Gonzalez's roster status.
3. Continued conversation with the Sierra Pacific Synod Witness Discipling Team and Churchwide Mission Start Leaders regarding renewing financial support for this Lutheran mission, pending mutual agreements.

I strongly believe that many apologies must be given to the community of *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina*, and that my apology was just the first.

In a July 19, 2022, press release from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America discussing the upcoming 2022 Churchwide

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Assembly, it was stated that, “a day will include a non-legislative session to offer a public apology to *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina* and a public commitment to anti-racism. This is in response to recent events in this church that have caused harm to people, communities and the whole body of Christ.”

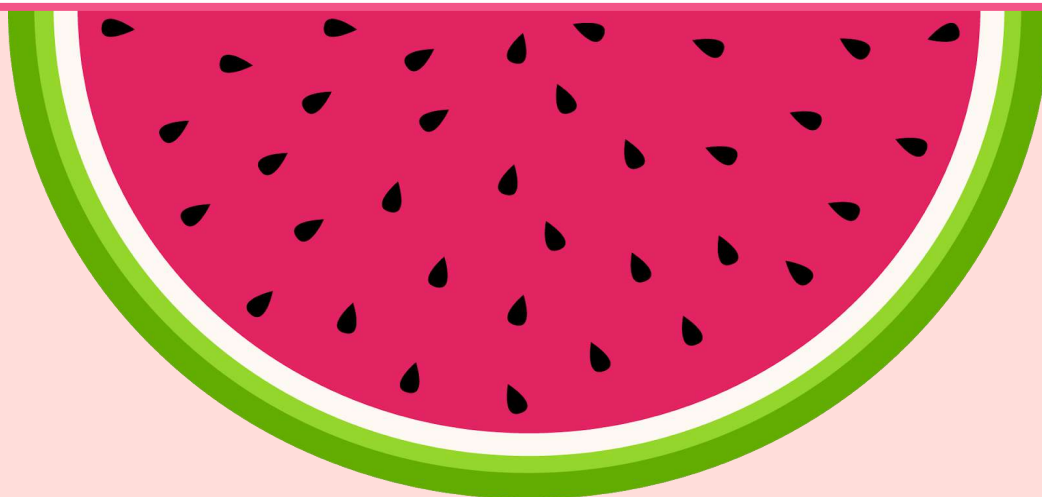
My hope for the community of *Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina* is that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this will be the beginning of reconciliation and healing, knowing that the spirit of hope rests ultimately in Christ.

For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And God who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love God, who have been called according to God's purpose. - Romans 8:24-2

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Claire S. Burkat

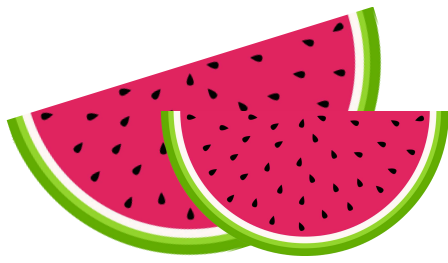
Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod



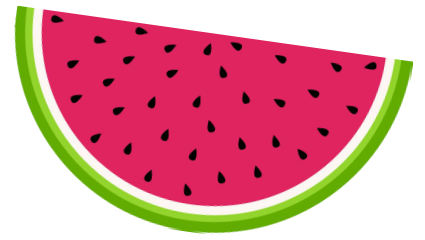


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AUGUST WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS



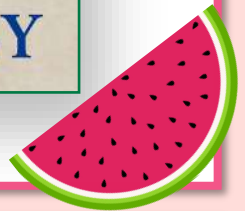
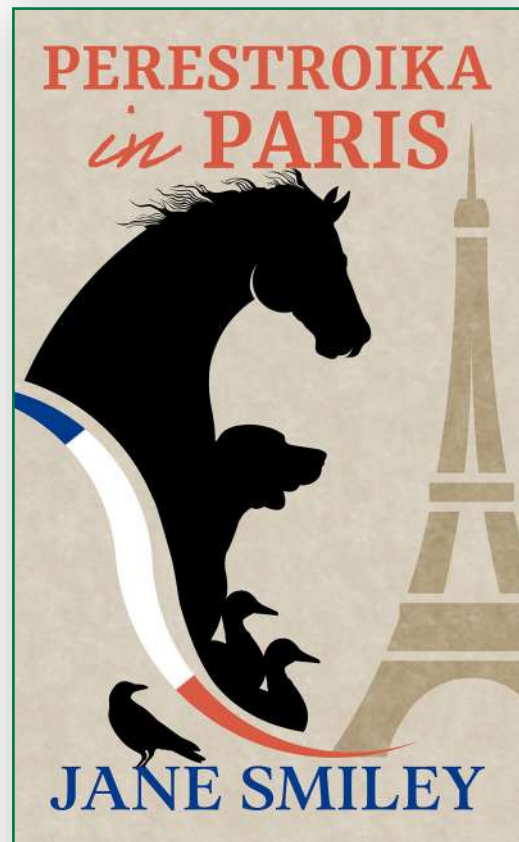
DATE	8/7	8/14	8/21	8/28
GREETER	Lanny Johaneck	Richard Robinson	Kris Heath	Dixie Schneider
PASTOR	Pastor Gabi			TBD
ASSISTING MINISTER	Luke Patterson	Pat Johnson	Melanie Chancellor	Charbel Zgheib
LECTOR	Bev Harris	Cornelia Chancellor	Bill Bevier	Linda Belchem
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild Member	Altar Guild Member	Altar Guild Member	Altar Guild Member
ALTAR FLOWERS	Available	Kathy & Ken Johnson	Available	Available
AV TECH	Nolana Doaust	Natalie Jones	Marley Jones	Tom Werth
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Kumar Dasari			Available
USHERS	<div>Ken Johnson</div> <div>Bill Bevier Don Rinde Jim Armstrong</div>			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM C: Anna Lee Bjork Jenny Stern Pat Johnson Karyl Cimini			

BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Our book club meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **August 15th**

The book club has selected the following book for August

Perestroika in Paris
by Jane Smiley

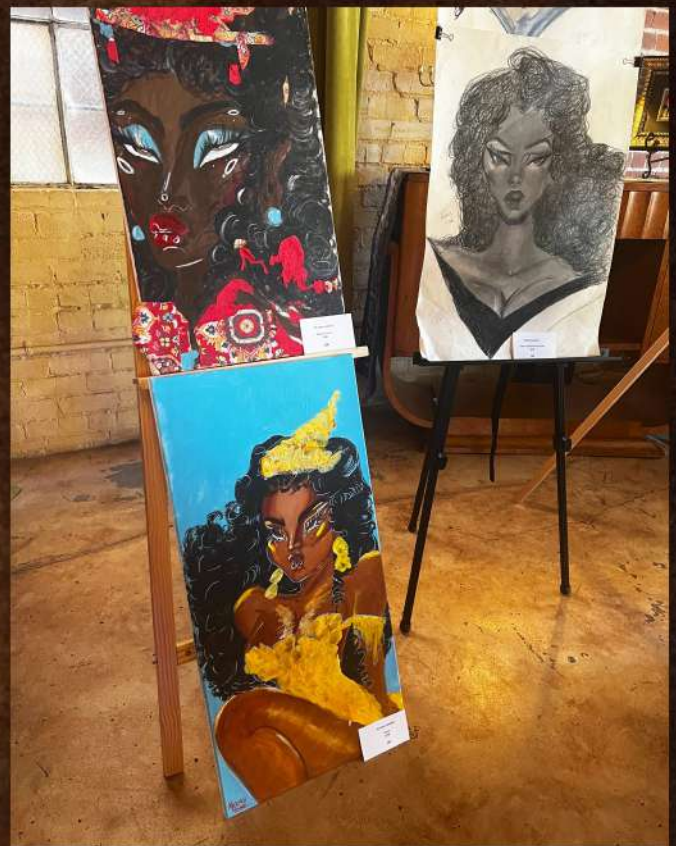


BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES AUGUST

Maddie King	2	Elaine Montag	11
Dante Simmons	2	Tamara Payseno	12
Barbara Olson	7	Emily Presto	20
Charlotte Hemker-Smith	8	Winnie Parish	24
Carol Whyte	8	Anna Dasari	26
Rick Hermanson	9	Gabriele Schroeder	27
Carol Kent	9	Karen Franz	28
Ericka Shepherd	9	Naomi Presto	28
Chuck Urban	10		
Charles & Rebecca Williams	4	Tom and Carol Kent	23
Troy & Melinda Malaspino	9	Ray & Jill Olsen	29
Kenneth & Kathy Johnson	17	Tony & Amy Gariano	31
Robert & Suzane Henderson	21		



LSS Clients' Art Show June 26th Sacramento



PASTOR'S ARTICLE CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

concrete and achievable goals for the year.

In result of last year's retreat, we

- created a new logo and letterhead,
- joined the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and attended chamber functions (which eventually led to our placing first in the "churches and houses of worship" category of the Chamber's "2022 Best of Citrus Heights" contest),
- continued to improve our internet infrastructure, phone system, and live-stream equipment,
- revised our constitution to adapt it to current Advent needs and practices,
- redesigned our church website, and
- offered meeting space to the Citrus Heights Navigator.

In addition to these new measures, we continued to offer activities and events that make it easier for people to check us out – craft events, music performances, wellness programs, and the annual pet blessing.

The Council hopes to build on these accomplishments during its upcoming planning retreat and during the 2022-23 church year. One question that we will be asking ourselves will be: Of all the many things we do as a congregation, what is the most important facet that

we hope to be known for? Another way of asking the same question is, "What can we claim as our particular niche among faith communities in the area?"

The religious landscape in our society has changed. Once, it was enough for churches to open their doors, and people came. That is no longer the case, witnessed by the many smaller ELCA congregations in Northern California that are barely hanging on for dear life.

The responsibility of our elected church leaders today includes, among other things, to help Advent to be resilient, vital, and thriving for many years to come. I strongly believe that there is a need for our loving, welcoming, grace-filled, theologically-sound, intellectually vibrant, expression of Christianity, a need that fundamentalist big-box churches cannot fill.

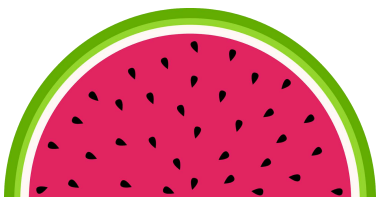
The fact that 12 individuals recently joined our congregation, is an encouragement that we may be heading in the right direction and that our expression of the Christian faith resonates with others. The 12 include: Arlys Clinton (who accompanied us on the piano and organ twice), Joan & Ron Conklin (who have been singing in the sanctuary choir), Sally Smith (who joined the Women's Bible Study and the bell

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choir), Bette Squire (an Ole who used to be an Advent member long ago), our organist Jamal Karamatov and his wife Nasiba Salieva, Debbie & Ernie Leporini, Ravinder Kumar, and Cheryl & Ron Adams. Please welcome the 12 and help them feel at home in our community!

I invite all of you to pray for these 12 new members, for our Church Council and their deliberations, and for our entire church that we continue to be a vital presence of the Body of Christ in Citrus Heights and surrounding communities. Just as a reminder, our current Church Council includes Beth Mora (P), Pat Johnson, (VP), Karyl Cimini (Secretary), Tom Werth (Treasurer), Melanie Chancellor, Linda Belchem, Nancy King, and myself.

Pastor Gabi



well! I couldn't have done it without all of his help. He was so gracious with his time and took great care in answering all of my questions.

And a special thank you to Richard for all of his hard work. I appreciate his efforts in tending to the details of our set-up and taking the extra time to communicate information I needed. A job well done!

Blessings to you all
and Thank You!

Sharon Juwell & the Carolyn
Brian family

Pastor Gabi,

Just a note to say thanks so much.

On behalf of the whole family I want to thank you and the staff at Advent for making my mom's birthday a special one.

I appreciate the warm welcome and support you provided throughout all of the pre-party planning.

Mark was a gem as

CITRUS HEIGHTS HART PRESENTS

SPAGHETTI FEST 2022

Fundraiser



PURCHASE *Tickets*

ADVANCE TICKETS \$25
DOOR \$30 (IF AVAILABLE)



Tickets must be purchased by September 9th, 2022. This year we are using Eventbrite for all tickets. If you are purchasing a table (seats 8), please click the table option

and send us an email to let us know who will be at your table.

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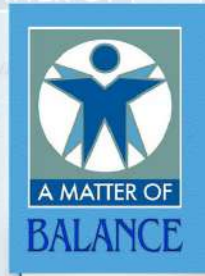
For the safety of everyone, we'll be following local health and safety guidelines at that time. If you are exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms close to the event, please stay home.



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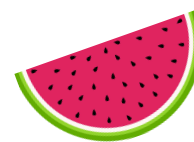


Next
Workshop
Starting in
September



THERE ARE GOOD PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD!

WRITTEN BY JOYCE MONTAG



Keith and I recently returned from a long-awaited trip where we visited 10 islands in the Mediterranean including Malta, Sicily and 8 Greek Islands. It had been a while since we have traveled overseas, and we were happy to re-discover the goodness in people in another part of the world. After over 2 years of not much tourism, the locals welcomed us with open arms. Here are just a few examples.

On the Greek Island of Naxos, we stayed for 4 nights at a lovely small village guesthouse owned by a local farmer. Upon our arrival, he presented us with a bottle of wine from his vineyard and homemade marmalade. He was very proud of his products and generous in sharing. Two mornings he brought us fresh eggs from his chickens for us to enjoy with the breakfast we were cooking. One day he gave me a lovely rose. He was also enthusiastic with advice on things to do in the area.

Keith and I both know that a trip of 2 months to foreign countries will have some mishaps, leaving us with stories to tell. This trip was no exception. Our independent traveling style usually includes researching, exploring sites on our own, and renting cars. It was our first evening on Naxos when we

ventured out in our car to see the sunset. Even though we knew where we wanted to go, we missed a turn and the GPS led us to a quiet, narrow unpaved road that was going in the right direction. We were following a farm truck ahead of us when we encountered a stream crossing. Since the truck had easily crossed and the water appeared to be just a few inches deep, we drove on. Unfortunately, under the water was soft sand and our small tires sank deep into the sand below. We were stuck! Like I mentioned, we were going out to see the sunset, so it would be dark in an hour or so. We tried phoning the rental car office and the guesthouse owner but could not get anyone to answer. Since we were about 2 miles away from our guesthouse, our only option was for Keith to walk back to the village for help.



Meanwhile, I sat in the car as it got dark. I was not worried as I knew he would be coming back shortly. Suddenly there was

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a sound in the distance, and I soon saw lights approaching on the other side of the stream. It was a farmer on a tractor, going home from his day's work. He didn't speak much English, and I didn't speak any Greek, but he wanted to help. About this time Keith returned with the rental car owner, and after some assessment, the farmer tied a rope to the car. With Keith steering, and forward wheels spinning, the high-torque tractor slowly backed up, pulling our car out. We were very grateful to be saved from a time-consuming situation and added the expense of towing the next day. Even though he did not expect it, the farmer received a

good payment from us for his tow service. The rental car owner called it 'beer money.' The next morning our innkeeper told us that we were the talk of the town as news had spread overnight about our rescue!

One other story comes to mind. On our first week of the trip on the small Island of Malta, we took a boat to the smaller Island of Gozo for the day. There are numerous old towns and archaeological sites on the island, so we rode around on the Hop-On Hop-Off Bus to see the island. It turned out to be a very, very windy day, but we enjoyed sitting in the open-air top of the double-decker bus to have better views of the scenery. Before we left home Keith had purchased a new Tilley Hat since his old one was worn out. You guessed it--in spite of the under-chin tie, his almost new hat blew off in a gust of wind. The bus driver slowed down on the return trip to that spot, but the hat was nowhere to be seen.

Now the next part is heartwarming. A couple days later, we received a text on our phone from a man in Great Britain asking if we were the people who had lost a hat. Keith's name and our mobile number were written inside the hat. Of course, we texted back, wondering how the hat had gotten connected with someone from Great Britain. Turns out his wife, a British geologist who was working on a geological survey in the



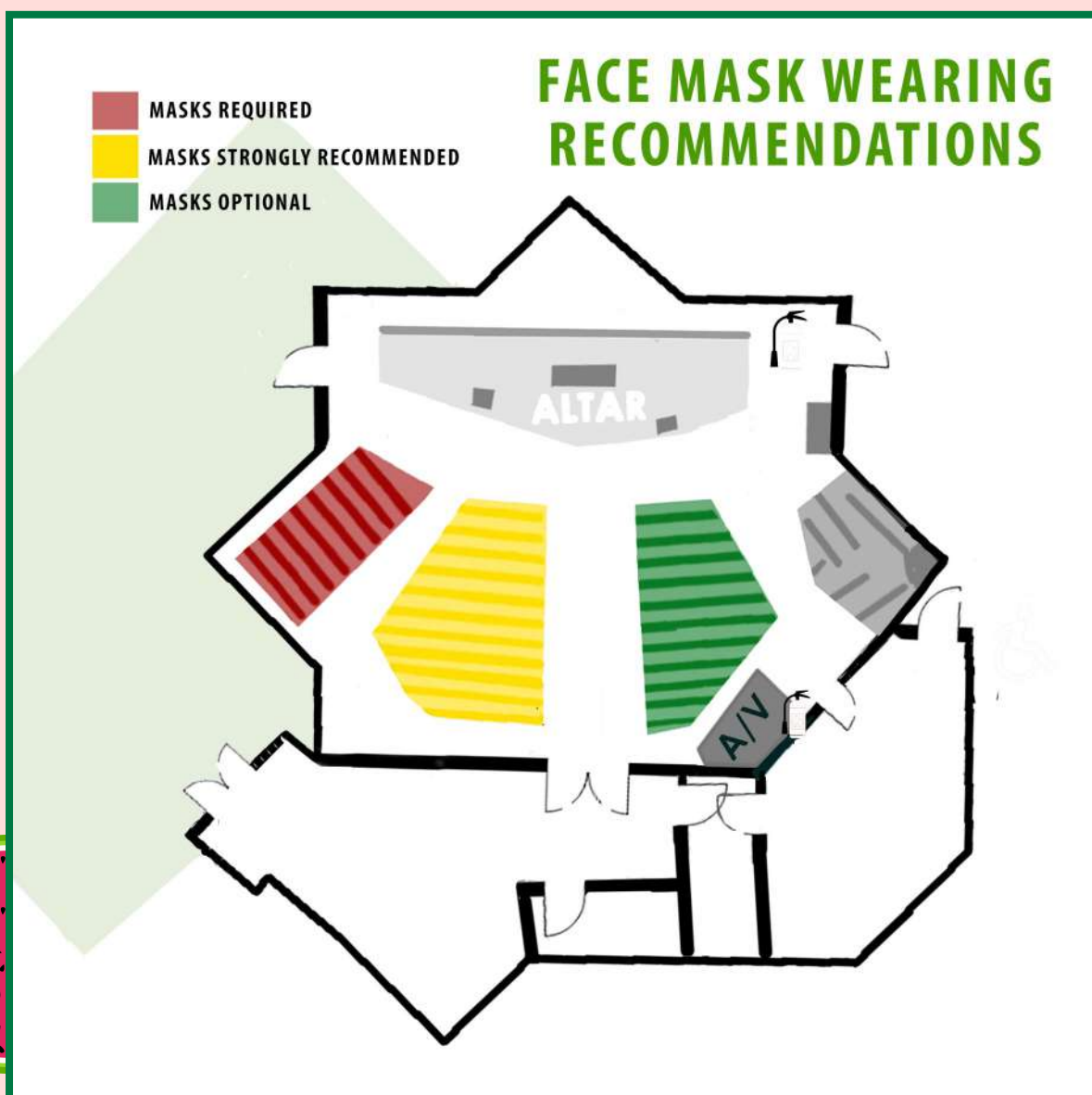
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area on Gozo, had found the hat. A Tilley hat owner herself, and knowing the value of the hat, she called her husband in Great Britain to investigate who the owner might be. After several texts and phone calls, we were able to link up with Rhian, the finder of the hat, as she was relocating her work to main-island Malta on our last day there. We planned to meet in front of the Cathedral in the village of Rabat, and enjoyed a nice visit with Rhian,

our new friend. She said she wanted no reward. She just wanted to meet the hat owner. Once again, we were very grateful.

It sure left us with an understanding of chance encounters and a delightful feeling about the good people in this world.

Joyce Montag



Advent Lutheran Church Presents

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FAMILY PERFORMANCE

September 17, 2022  Baroque to Modern





**OUR BEAUTIFUL
SANCTUARY**



FEATURED LOCAL LSS PROJECT LAVENDER COURTYARD

by Pastor Gabi

We have heard a lot lately at Advent about the work of Lutheran Social Services (LSS). **The bold mission of LSS NorCal is to end homelessness for good.** The organization seeks to do this by providing safe, stable housing for individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds who have experienced homelessness throughout Northern California. LSS provides compassionate, caring, nonsectarian services that assist individuals in getting their lives back on track. This article was occasioned by the recent opening of a innovative project LSS NorCal is involved with - Lavender Courtyard in Sacramento.



Why Should We Support the Work of LSS?

The reasons for homelessness are varied and often complex: unemployment, chronic illness, lack of education, generational or long-term poverty, mental illness, substance use, lack of affordable housing and surviving a disaster, such as the wildfires that have devastated large regions of Northern California. This is why it can take months, even years, to regain one's confidence and dignity after becoming homeless, even for a short time.

LSS of Northern California is part of the solution to end homelessness in our region. The organization currently assists nearly 4,000

individuals – from birth to 102 years old – in staying safely housed while they address the reasons for their past homelessness. This means 4,000 fewer people are not living on the streets or in shelters and are not forced to use expensive emergency services.

What specifically does LSS do?

LSS guides individuals in rebuilding their lives after they have experienced homelessness. They serve formerly homeless adults, seniors, former foster youth and families living in seven Northern California counties. First they ensure that each person entrusted to our care has a safe place to call home, then they connect them with relevant services, such as health care, food, counseling, financial management, transportation, childcare, and education. LSS partners with many nonprofits, community colleges and universities throughout its large service region, which stretches from San Luis Obispo to Oregon.

How will this make a difference?

Safe, stable housing is an important aspect of one's health. That's why LSS considers stable housing the blueprint for success. Having a place to call home makes it easier for a formerly homeless individual or family to focus on other aspects of their life. Many people the organization serves also need assistance in navigating the bureaucracies of our healthcare and social services organizations, so they assist each person in accessing the care and support needed to get their life on track.

How is LSS different from other charities?

LSS of Northern California is not a homeless shelter. The organization seeks to be part of the critical next step when a person or family leaves a shelter or temporary housing program. On average, year over year, 97% of those served by LSS remain in stable housing, even if they leave the program.

Accomplishments

Thanks to the organization's strong management and client outcomes, LSS has grown to oversee 30 supportive housing programs that assist nearly 4,000 individuals and families in Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Solano, Shasta, and Yolo counties. LSS encourages innovative development of services, including collaboration with property management companies, childcare providers, in-home therapy providers, and other organizations providing important services.

How Donations are Used

The adults and youth in LSS programs have little or nothing in the way of personal belongings when the organizations begins its work with them. Funding that LSS receives from state, county and federal sources support staffing and housing, but no equipment or items to furnish the efficiency apartments in which LSS's clients live. Your donations make a difference by helping to purchase essential household items and furnishings, as well as clothing.

Items LSS Accepts

- Cars
- Clothes
- Trucks & Vans
- Dining tables and chairs, side chairs, lamps, end tables
- Bed frames and headboards (twin, double or queen only; must fit in a small apartment
- No mattresses
- New or very gently used linens, kitchen utensils, cookware, dishes
- Unused cleaning and laundry supplies
- Bus or BART passes, taxi or ride sharing vouchers

Lavender Courtyard

The latest project LSS has taken on is to provide case management services for 24 residents who will be living at the new Lavender Courtyard affordable housing project in the Midtown

neighborhood of Sacramento, at the corner of 16th and F Streets, smack in the middle of the Lavender Heights neighborhood.



Lavender Courtyard offers affordable 1 and 2 bedroom apartments serving seniors age 62 and over. It includes a spacious community room, onsite laundry facilities, bike storage, and welcoming outdoor courtyard with a relaxing fountain. Construction began October 2020 finished May 2022. Residents started moving into the apartments in May, and organizers say there is already a waitlist.

LAVENDER COURTYARD
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>>> Apply at www.lavendercourtyardmutualhousing.com/

>>> Contact the property management office Monday to Thursday 9AM-5PM and Fridays 9AM-2PM to pickup an application

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LGBTQ Senior Housing

Lavender Courtyard is the Central Valley's first LGBTQ-welcoming affordable senior housing community. Studies have shown that throughout American society, LGBTQ elders have suffered discrimination and abuse, as well as social isolation, when the circumstances of their lives force them into senior living communities. Oftentimes they are forced to (again) hide their sexual orientation when moving into assisted living residences or nursing homes, despite having been the vanguard generation of the international pride movement.



LSS @ Lavender Courtyard

Lavender Courtyard was conceived by a local non-profit housing developer, Mutual Housing. For over 30 years, Mutual Housing has been developing sustainable housing solutions for low-income renters in the Sacramento Area and beyond. As it typically does, the organization lobbied for the project, acquired the building site, and secured funds from federal, state, county, and city agencies and private foundations.

in partnership with Sacramento County, 24 of Lavender Courtyard's 53 units are reserved for seniors coming out of homelessness. The organization that provides case management services for those 24 units is LSS.

Unique Circumstances

Having lived on the streets, in their cars, in tents, in temporary situations for so long, most of them are bringing little more than the clothes on their backs into their new apartments.

LSS is working diligently to fulfill each of these new resident's basic needs: a new bed, bedding, a new chair and table, towels, cooking and eating utensils, and more. A wish list with items that LSS could use is available on Amazon at https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1ISVPEBYUPF7W/ref=smi_cl_ls_lol_ls

Jessie Wagster

One of the first residents whom LSS helped to move into her new apartment was Jessie Wagster. Now 65, Jessie had come out as a transgender woman at the age of 55. Before moving into her apartment at Lavender Courtyard, Jessie was living in her car. For the past five years, Jessie had to hide who she really was. While living in her car, she even gave away all her women's clothing to feel safe.



The day Jessie proudly showed her new apartment to a KCRA reporter, she rejoiced, "I get to be me all the time. 24/7 I get to be myself. ... I feel very safe. They've made it affordable to people like myself coming off the street, to have a sense of normalcy again. For Jessie, that sense of normalcy involves paying \$289 per month for her apartment, wearing clothes that express her gender identity, and getting to know her new neighbors.

With the help of LSS, Jessie was able to buy clothes, furnish her apartment, and acquire essential household items.

Will you be able to help others like Jessie to move into new housing and rebuild their life?

Support Seniors Exiting Homelessness into Lavender Courtyard by Mutual Housing



Help make their new apartment into a home!

Items Needed:

Pots & Pans Set



Dust Mop

Drinking Glasses

Dinnerware

Towels & Oven Mitts

Bathroom Essentials

Silverware



Cooking Utensils



Broom & Dustpan



Follow the QR Code above to our Amazon Smile List and help support the new Lavender Court residents with essential home items!

Seniors moving into their first apartments after experiencing homelessness often have little more than the clothes they are wearing—no bed, no furniture, no cooking utensils, no bathroom items. Your welcoming gifts help them settle in and bolster their ability to turn their modest apartments into comfortable homes.

**Cash Donations
also accepted!**

<https://www.lssnorcal.org/donate>



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PRAYER CHAIN INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

DEATHS

Arlys Clinton's extended family as they are mourning the senseless murders of her sister's nephew, Tyler Schmidt (age 42), Tyler's wife Sara, and their 6-year-old daughter Lula, while tent camping at Maquoketa Caves State Park, Iowa. Let us pray especially for the family's 9-year-old son, Arlo, who survived the brutal attack. Let us say prayers of comfort for her family and ask that God's loving arms will be wrapped around this young boy who has lost his family as a result of this senseless violence and sustain him as he learns to live without his parents and sister.

The family of Darlene Baker who two months after losing Bill now also lost Darlene. A worship service will be held at some point in August, but the family has not yet shared any details.

The family of Eunice Krieger, who passed into life eternal on July 21; she was a good friend of Kris & Terry Heath and Kathy & Ken Johnson

ACUTE PRAYER CONCERNS IN THE ADVENT COMMUNITY

Joel Blaylock, as he continues to see specialists for his ongoing medical conditions. Joel hopes to return to in-person church soon, but in the meantime would welcome calls from his church friends; if you do not have his current phone number, please contact Melinda.

Tanya Bowers, that her blood sugar levels will be at healthy levels; prayers that she may find safe and affordable housing near Advent some time soon.

Edric Cane, a good friend of Beth Mora, Keith and Pat Johnson, Herum and AnnaLee Bjork, and Miss Delta, that he be treated successfully for his leukemia.

Inge Clarke, recovering from shoulder surgery. Please hold Inge in your prayers for a successful outcome of the surgery and for better mobility afterward.

John Espegren, brother of former Advent Associate Pastor Frank Espegren, prayers for the improvement of his declining health and that he may feel well enough to venture out for the group home in which he lives.

Landon Franz, who had a severe seizure, subsequent to a concussion that he suffered. The family is waiting to get a neurology appointment to get testing and answers. Let us all join his brothers and parents in their prayers for healing and peace.

Keith Johnson, prayers for the full restoration of his eyesight after the complications following his cataract surgery.

Tom Kent, prayers for the proper treatment of his heart condition and for Tom to be able to gradually resume his previous level of activity.

Bob Mathews, who has returned to his own home to continue rehab there; prayers that Bob may continue his rehab at home, without any renewed falls.

Pr. Ray Olsen, who is living with a hole in his lung. Unfortunately, treating the fungal infection of that hole is not a viable option due to the debilitating side effects of the medication. Please pray for Pr. Ray and his wife Jill for courage and strength. Please also pray for their daughter Sarah and her fiancé who are preparing for their wedding on April 1, 2023.

Diane Peterson, who recently fractured her left wrist. Let us pray that the fracture will heal quickly and without complications.

Jody Presto, who had her cyst drained repeatedly. This procedure is necessary as Jody can barely talk due to the size of the cyst pressing on her vocal cord. The cyst will be removed and the tissue biopsied on August 25. Let us pray that the draining of the cyst will bring relief to Jody and make it easier for her to talk.

Mary Toutonghi, who had her surgery (geared at removing her localized stage 1-cancer spot). Mary wants her Advent community to know that that surgery was a complete success. The surgeon got every bit of her cancer and she will not have to have chemo or radiation. Mary also wants us to know how immensely grateful she is for our enduring prayers.

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for our brothers and sisters of Matimba Parish in Rwanda, as they are preaching God's word and bringing in growing numbers of new workers into God's kingdom. We also thank them for their prayers for us.

Prayers for all who suffer increased breathing problems during the wildfire season.

Prayers for humanity to find ways to reverse our climate crisis. Prayers for all who suffer from the excessive heat, drought, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires. Prayers that this year's wildfire season won't be as severe as during recent years.

Prayers for all who have fallen recently or experienced dizziness or vertigo that they may be safe and learn to improve their balance.

Prayers for all who are directly or indirectly affected by mental illness that they experience God's love, receive support when they need it most, and experience long stretches of wellness.

Prayers for all suffering from the effects of "Long Covid" that they may regain their full mental and physical strength.

Prayers for all who are travelling (domestically or internationally) that they be safe from infection and from flight interruptions and delays.

Prayers for all teachers, students, and school staff as they are getting ready for a new academic year.

❧ Thank You, Advent Family ❧

Thank you so much for the many cards and prayers after the loss of my brother. We were so thankful to be able to return to Minnesota for the service. Advent is such a wonderful extended family.

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Johnson

Please notify the church office to add or remove your prayer request. Thank you.

E-mail: advent1@adventcitrusheights.org

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2022

Revenue	Jun 22	Monthly Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Remaining	
				FY Total	Annual Budget Budget - Actual
Budgeted Offerings	15,636	22,391	(6,755)	259,688	268,691 9,003
Other Revenue	1,789	1,032	756	12,502	12,389 (113)
Total Revenue	17,425	23,423	(5,999)	272,190	281,080 8,890
Expense					
Personnel	14,104	11,620	2,484	137,435	139,436 2,001
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	3,812	1,953	1,859	23,184	23,435 251
Administrative	264	369	(105)	9,325	4,428 (4,897)
Ministries	2,181	967	1,214	8,810	11,600 2,790
Property	1,822	6,500	(4,678)	46,722	78,002 31,280
Communications	211	442	(231)	5,078	5,305 227
Benevolence	1,639	1,573	66	20,215	18,874 (1,341)
Total Expense	24,033	23,423	610	250,768	281,080 30,312
Net Income	(6,608)	-	(6,608)	21,422	- (21,422)
Designated and Restricted					
Revenue	(1,250)	-	(1,250)	10,630	- (10,630)
Expense	(450)	-	(450)	7,407	- (7,407)
Net Change	(800)	-	(800)	3,222	- (3,222)
Total Change in Net Assets	(7,408)	-	(7,408)	24,645	- (24,645)

End of Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1101 · SAFE CU Checking	\$ 121,968
1121.1 · SAFE CU Money Market 0002-01	128,698
1121.2 · SAFE CU Money Markey 0002-04	3,004
1130 · ELCA Credit Union Savings	25

Total Checking/Savings	<u>253,695</u>
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Total Current Assets	<u>253,695</u>
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Fixed Assets

1600 · Advent Lutheran Church Property	<u>2,000,000</u>
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Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,000,000</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,253,695</u></u>
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

2000 · Accounts Payable	\$ <u>6,379</u>
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Total Accounts Payable	<u>6,379</u>
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Other Current Liabilities

2100 · Payroll Liabilities	<u>876</u>
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Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>876</u>
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Net Assets

3000 · Beginning Net Assets	2,221,795
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Net Income	<u>24,645</u>
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Total Net Assets	<u>2,246,440</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,253,695</u></u>
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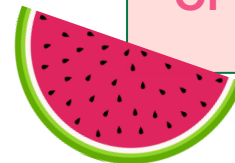
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Marie Buhler
Cornelia Chancellor
Maggie Ciak
Karyl Cimini
Shirley Cleveland
Carol Crespo
Pat Johnson
Kathy Johnson
Jann Knutson
Linda Mathews
Dorothy Michaelis
Jackie Michehl
Joyce Montag
Lorna Mymka
Leslie Scheurer
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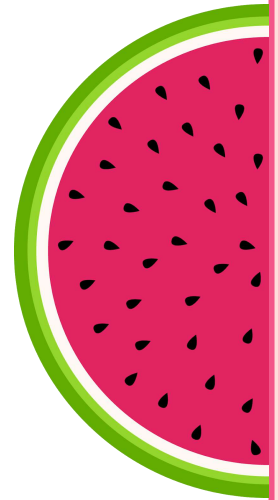
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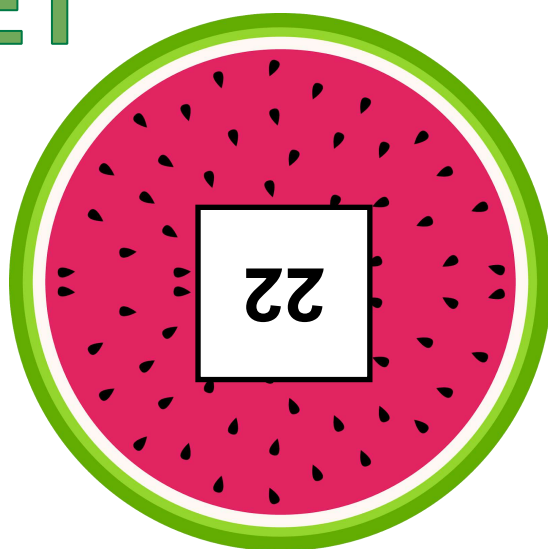
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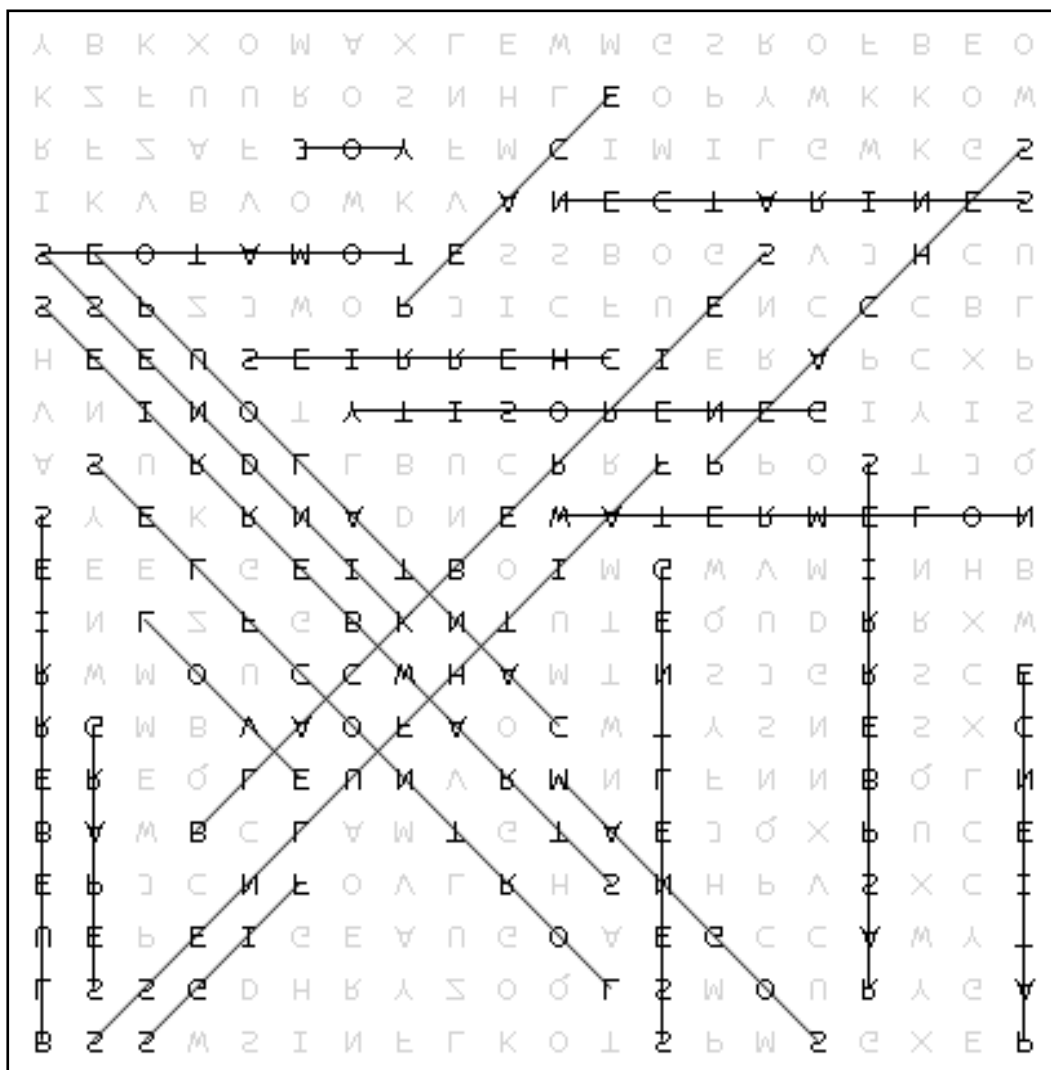
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Do You Know Your
Altar Guild?

1. Anna Lee Bjork
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17. Karen Strom
18. Lorna Mymka
19. Dorothy Michaelis
20. Lois Sellars
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