

The Live Wire



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

Dear AELC Members and Friends,

You may remember recent bulletin inserts wherein the Call Committee shared that we had prayerfully considered **everyone's** input on AELC's strengths, weaknesses, and the characteristics that should be sought in an associate pastor. We shared the conviction that God is growing AELC into something even more special in God's eyes. The Church Council approved our recommendations to call Pastor Jack Shannon as Associate Pastor and to appoint Pastor Adam Marquardt as the new pastor of Kingdom Building and Outreach Ministries. These two special pastors were sent to us by the Holy Spirit; and between the two of them, our church is better equipped to address the work God has in store for us.

The Call Committee and all members of the Council recognize what a huge step this is, especially during tough economic times. At our joint meeting, someone made the analogy of jumping off a cliff without a parachute. But as one Councilmember reminded us, "Sometimes God provides the parachute before you're

about to fall off a cliff, and sometimes He gives it to you on the way down!" At about this same time, you, the congregation, made it clear during the stewardship campaign that God has blessed us individually and collectively. Thank God AELC's budget for next year accommodates these needs!

As mentioned before, there is not a shred of doubt that God led us to this plan. The Call Committee was unanimous in recommendations. The Church Council was unanimous in agreement. There is also no doubt that as long as our faith remains unshaken, we cannot fail.

Both pastors will return to AELC in the next several weeks. Pastor Jack will preach at all services on Sunday, January 23. Pastor Adam will visit again in February.

So, as we approach our annual congregational meeting Sunday, January 30, the prayer request from the Call Committee and the Church Council remains the same: **that AELC support, as one body in Christ, the plan set forth to accomplish God's work in our church.**

AELC STAFF

- Dr. Dan Storvick.....Senior Pastor
- Rev. Wally Cole.....Visitation Pastor
- James Klein.....Minister of Music
- Kate Howell.....Minister of Parish Life
- Andrew Latulippe..... Director of Student Ministry
- Jake Madlock.. Director of Contemporary Music
- Debbie Smith..... Director of Children's Ministry
- Lori Barbe.....Dir. American Lutheran School
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- Amy Buettner... Asst. Director of Children's Ministry
- Eileen Klein.....Organist
- Larry Lee.....AV Technician
- Gerri Onnen.....Lead Secretary
- Donna Hamrick.....Secretary
- Jeff McReynoldsFood Services Coordinator



**WINTER SESSION:
JAN. 5—FEB 23**

WOW is a spirit-lifting, faith-renewing, life-inspiring program for women of all ages & backgrounds.

ONLY 3 SECOND HOUR ELECTIVES ARE STILL OPEN. REGISTER IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY.

SOUL CAFÉ 2011 WINTER SESSION

January 5 — February 23
Dinner served from 5:00 -5:45 PM
Classes from 6:00-7:30 PM

Courses and leaders on the menu: "Genesis Creation" (Larry Lee); "Boundaries" (George Jaeger); "Loved by God" (Cindy Lazzari); "Islam: Beliefs and Behavior" (Dick Bridgeman); "Digging Deeper" (Harriet Mauritsen); and "The Seven Pillars of Health" (Denise Stevens). Full course "menus" with registration forms are available in the church office, information areas of the church, and on the "Current Events" page of the church website. **Don't delay—register ASAP!**



**NEW SERMON SERIES FOR 2011
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**
Tell Me the Story: 52 Key Bible Stories

AROUND THE TOWN

HAND IN HAND widow support group will meet Tuesday, January 4 at 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden. RSVP to June Poe (778-3771).

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT NAU

Upcoming Events: Join Us!

Sundays at 6:00 PM: Worship at the Campus Ministry Center
January 4-6: Winterfest Retreat — LCM students host a snow retreat for youth groups of the Grand Canyon Synod; visit our website for more information.

February 18: "The Speakeasy" — Dessert Musical
Christ Lutheran Church in Sedona, 6:30 PM

February 19: "The Speakeasy" — Dinner Musical
Flagstaff Federated Church, 6:00 PM

Sponsorships

NOW is the time to sign up to sponsor LCM activities and events. Forms are available on the website or by calling the office.

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PRESCOTT AREA WOMEN'S SHELTER (an AELC benevolence recipient) and the Texas Road House Restaurant at the Gateway Mall in Prescott will partner for a 2-day promotion on January 4 and 5. Customers who present a coupon on those days will have 10% of their meal

cost donated to the shelter. For a coupon or more information, contact Rica at paws.outreach@gmail.com or 778-5933. Coupons will not be available at the restaurant, but can be emailed or picked up at the shelter.

The Live Wire

The Live Wire is the bi-weekly newspaper of American Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prescott, AZ. It is made available to members of the congregation and others upon request. *The Live Wire* is also available online at www.americanlutheran.net. Subscriptions by mail are \$15 annually. If you have material for or questions regarding *The Live Wire*, please contact Minister of Parish Life, Kate Howell at kate@americanlutheran.net. The deadline for articles and graphics for the next issue is Wednesday, January 12 by 12:00 PM.

PRESCOTT AREA LEADERSHIP (PAL) is accepting nominations for the 2011 Prescott Area's Man, Woman and Youth Leaders of the Year. Each year, PAL solicits leadership nominations from the public in its search for qualified candidates, seeking one man, one woman, one male and one female youth leader. Nominees should demonstrate significant visionary leadership and community service in the Prescott area communities. Applications are available at the three area Chambers of Commerce offices, and online at www.prescottarealeadership.org. Submittal deadline is Jan 31; however, it is encouraged that applications be submitted as soon as possible. Winners will be recognized at an Awards Banquet on April 6, 2011 at the Prescott Resort. The Youth Awards offer a \$1,000 scholarship towards continuing higher education. PAL is celebrating its 21st year of developing and inspiring individuals to contribute to the vitality and leadership of Central Yavapai County. Info is available at the website, or contact Marilyn Yetter at 776-2307 or marilyn.yetter@yc.edu.

IN GRATITUDE

Thanks are extended to those who contributed to the Christmas baskets for shut-ins: Dorothy Foster for procurement and creative preparation of the baskets; Signe Ruppert for organizing the distribution of 40 baskets by members of AELW/Deborah Circle; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for project funding; and all who donated cookies. The baskets were greatly appreciated by persons in care centers, hospitals, and homebound situations. **Pastor Wally Cole**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 30—11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

All confirmed members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to participate. Included will be a presentation of the annual reports, voting for Church Council, Endowment Board, and Nominating Committee positions, and adoption of the 2011 AELC budget. Childcare will be provided.

The annual meeting will be followed by...

Chili-Fest 2011

Warm up this winter with good food and fellowship! "Chili-Fest 2011" will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30.

Bring a pot of your favorite chili, stew, or hearty soup to share potluck-style.

Come sample a variety of offerings or choose a bowlful of your favorite.

Crackers, cornbread, dessert and beverages will be provided.



WHAT'S UP?

Thanks for a Wonderful Christmas Celebration

Thanks to God the Father for sending his Only Son Our Lord, whose birth we celebrate—light for our darkness, hope for those in despair, forgiveness for sinners, grace for all, especially those who feel like they don't measure up.

Thanks to God for the uplifting worship experiences through Advent and Christmas.

Thanks to a terrific staff whose diligence and excellence in so many ways inspired us to bow our hearts before the Christ Child.

Thanks to all whose faithful support in 2010 enabled us to carry on our wide-ranging ministries of worship, witness, nurture and caring.

Thanks to those who upheld this church and its leaders in prayer.

Thanks to those who remembered your pastors and staff with cards, cookies, and other gifts.

Call Committee

I have never encountered a group of folks who are as prayerful and open to the Holy Spirit as the members of our Call Committee. At every step of the way, they have been willing to pray and watch and obey—pray for the Holy Spirit's leading; watch for the direction He gives; and follow that leading with courage. How else could they have made the bold and visionary recommendations they have put before our Church Council . . . and the members of AELC. Read about the Call Committee recommendations to bring not one but *two* new pastors on board on page 1 of this issue.

Tell Me the Story--New Sermon Series in 2011

One of my favorite Sunday School songs from childhood was "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

This coming year we will engage a year-long series of sermons called *Tell Me The Story*. Sunday's sermons throughout the year will focus on 52 key Bible stories: 26 from the Old Testament and 26 from the New Testament. The main point(s) of the Bible story and its practical application to daily Christian living will be shared.

As a guide for the selected stories, we will use a 14-page pamphlet called *52 Key Bible Stories*. We have ordered a supply of these full color pamphlets to help worshipers follow along through the series. They will be available for purchase as soon as they arrive. The pamphlets will be especially helpful as we will

be teaching the stories in a sequence that fits the Church Year (Lent, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, etc.). I encourage you to pick one up.

Forty Warriors

Forty faithful people hold your pastors and church leaders before the Lord in prayer on a regular basis. They are called "Pastors' Prayer Partners." Each month the pastors create a prayer calendar, listing key events and topics for which we need prayer support. With new pastors coming on board soon, we will need even more prayer warriors—I would like to have at least double the number we have now. If the Lord is tugging at your heart to pray for your pastors, give me a jingle and I'll sign you up.

Merry Christmas (until January 6). And may New Joy in the Lord be yours in the New Year,

Pastor Dan Storvick



Just for KIDS

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



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Answer: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

COUNCIL CORNER

The following are some of the nominees for terms on the Church Council:

Council Secretary—Lindsey Mills has been a member of AELC with her husband, Lannis since 2004. They have three children, Michael, Kristie and Tim, and two grandchildren, Liam and Jeffrey. Lindsey has previously served as Council Vice President and as a facilitator for Soul Café and Women of Wisdom classes, as well as participating in the women's Tuesday night Bible study. Membership at AELC is important to her because of the "wonderful ministries and opportunities to fellowship, grow in my faith, and learn more about God's Word." She is an active member of the Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies, a 501(c)(3) charity that supports Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Sharlot Hall Museum. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, photography, and creating photo books. Lindsey is employed as a Show Secretary for the National Cutting Horse Association.

Trustee of Stewardship—Dr. Tray Schreiber and his wife, Carol Ann joined AELC in 2009. Their son, Chris and his family reside in Idaho; their daughter, Heidi and her family currently live in California—although Tray and Carol Ann are hopeful that they will be relocating to Prescott in the near future. Tray values the warm reception given by the church,

which lets him know that AELC is very serious about incorporation and reaching out to new people. He has participated in Bible classes, Soul Café, and on the Stewardship Committee, in addition to spending many volunteer hours attending to facilities maintenance and repair. Active with Habitat for Humanity, Prescott Antique Autos, Mile High British Car Club, Prescott Racquet Club, the Kingswood HOA, and the Highland Center, Tray also enjoys woodworking, fly-fishing and golf as hobbies. He received initial training in Lutheran ministry at Concordia University Chicago and holds an M.A. in biology and a doctorate in administration. Tray is a retired school administrator, having worked in both Lutheran and public schools.



TREATS NEEDED for Sunday Hospitality! Help others feel welcomed at AELC by taking your turn to bring baked goods or coffee (decaf is especially needed) to share. You may drop off items in the upstairs kitchen or church office on Thursdays or Fridays, marked "Hospitality." Freezable items that can be enjoyed at a later date are also much appreciated.

CALENDAR

Monday 1/3

8:00AM Prayer Group
10:30AM Women's Cursillo Group
12:15PM Women's Cursillo Group
5PM Men's Cursillo Group

Tuesday 1/4

8AM Care Corps
8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
9AM Book Discussion
9:30AM Friendship Quilters
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
5:15PM Columbarium Committee Meeting
6:30PM Women's Bible Study
7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 1/5

8:15AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
12PM YCMA Meeting
4PM Cursillo
4PM Seraphim Choir
5PM Soul Café
6PM ignite D Groups
6PM Confirmation

Thursday 1/6

5:45AM Crossfire
9AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
4:30PM AELW Bible Study Leaders Meeting
4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
5:45PM Celebrate Recovery
6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
9AM SOS Bible Study

Friday 1/7

Saturday 1/8

7:30AM Good Book...Men's Bible Study
7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 1/9

8:30AM Promise Keepers
8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10AM "it" Youth Service
10AM KidZone
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
11:15AM Hosanna Ringers
11:15AM Promise Keepers
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship

Monday 1/10

8:00AM Prayer Group
9:30AM Thumb Butte Quilters Guild
10:30AM Women's Cursillo Group
12:15PM Women's Cursillo Group
5PM Men's Cursillo Group

Tuesday 1/11

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle
1PM Ruth Circle
1PM Thrivent Annual Audit
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
3:15PM Cherub Choir
5:15PM Board of Education Meeting
5:15PM Columbarium Committee
5:30PM Glory Ringers
7PM Hope Circle
6PM Deborah Circle
7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 1/12

8:15AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
11:15AM Women's Retreat Committee Meeting

3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
4PM Seraphim Choir
6PM Confirmation
6:30PM Jubilate Choir

4PM Cursillo
5PM Soul Cafe
6PM ignite D Groups
8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 1/13

5:45AM Crossfire
9AM MOPS Leadership Meeting
9AM SOS Bible Study
9:15AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
1PM Chancel Chimers
4PM Deacons Board Meeting
4:30PM Open Hearted Praying
5:45PM Celebrate Recovery
6PM Church Council Meeting
6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 1/14

9AM Charity Knit/Crochet Group

Saturday 1/15

7:30AM Good Book...Men's Bible Study
8:45AM Mountain Spinners & Weavers
9AM AZOSA with Frank Sherwin
7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 1/16

8AM Congregational Budget Q & A
8:30AM Promise Keepers
8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10AM "it" Youth Service
10AM KidZone
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
11:15AM Promise Keepers
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship