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Wednesday Evenings
JANUARY 6—FEBRUARY 10

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MEMBER DIRECTORY NOW ONLINE! The AELC church directory can now be accessed 24/7 on the "Membership" page of the website (www.americanlutheran.net). Click on the link at the top of the page and enter the password "1085scott" when prompted. Family photo submissions are welcomed on an ongoing basis; please contact Geri Onnen in the church office.



Wednesday Mornings
January 6—February 24
8:15—11:15 AM

First Hour Bible Teaching
Second Hour Electives
Scholarships & Childcare Available

GET INVOLVED

MEMBERSHIP AT AELC

Membership in the congregation of AELC means you become partners with others in the mission and ministry of this congregation. While all people are invited to participate in the life of AELC – members and non-members alike – we believe responsible church members have made a commitment to the body of believers at AELC. All who are not members are invited to attend one or both of the following opportunities. Light lunch will be served, and childcare is available with your registration in the church office. PLEASE REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.

"What Lutherans Believe About the Sacraments" on Sunday, January 10 (immediately following the 10 AM services) is for all who want a better understanding of the Lutheran sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, but especially for those planning to join the congregation in January and are from another denomination.

"New Member Orientation" on Sunday, January 17 after morning worship services is for all who plan to join AELC in January.

New Member Sunday is scheduled for January 24. All new members are asked to attend a worship service on this day to be recognized and welcomed into the AELC family.

For more information on membership, contact **Kate Howell, Minister of Parish Life in the church office.**



Prescott AGLOW meets at The Hassayampa Inn, 122 East Gurley in Prescott on Saturday, January 16. A breakfast buffet will be served at 9:00 AM. Call Judy at 713-0984 for breakfast reservations, or you may just come to the meeting at 9:45 AM. No reservation is needed for the meeting only. Ronna Cohen, Director of Church Relations for Jewish Voice Ministries International (pictured) will be leading worship with the message, "Hebraic Roots to the Christian Faith." Ronna came to know Yeshua/Jesus as her Savior and the Jewish Messiah while pursuing a music career in Hollywood, California. Ronna's dramatic testimony has inspired thousands nationwide. All women of AELC and friends are invited to come and be blessed. For more information, contact AELC member, Becky Shields (445-4262). Learn more about Jewish Voice Ministries International at www.jewishvoice.org.

PRAYER ROOM TRANSFORMATION UNVEILED!

Come and see the newly appointed Prayer Room, located at the end of the hallway to the left of the Fellowship Hall entrance. Open House for the congregation will be held after worship services throughout the month of January. The Prayer Team invites everyone to "Come and See" what the Lord has done. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



Kind and generous people provided gifts that make this a holy refuge of solace and peace. Of particular note are the two beautiful 100-year-old stained glass windows given by Ann Brand and the two new Queen Anne wing chairs given by Joe & Debbie Reitz of Joe's Furniture. Thanks are also extended to Nyla Paulsen, Jerene Jacobson, Agnes Curtis, Gertrud Motzek, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and all who gave their time and talents to make this possible.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Begin the new year with a mission for prayer. The prayers of people CAN make a difference, and there are many needs for our people, our country, and the whole world. You're invited to participate in any of AELC's Prayer Ministries:

- PRAYER CHAIN—by phone or email
- PRAYER TEAM—Prayers at the altar or in the Prayer Room after worship services
- PRAYER TEAM monthly meetings
- PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Contact the church office for more information about any of these opportunities.

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 13 by 12:00 PM.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

WHAT'S UP? *Notes from the Senior Pastor's Chair*

"RTB"

Those letters stand for "Read Through the Bible," the one-year adventure on which I've been inviting people to embark beginning January 1. By reading just a few chapters per day in the Old and New Testaments, you will have read the entire Bible in a year. The Bible encourages us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:18 (NRSV).

You can start NOW by picking up a copy of the reading schedule from the church office, Sanctuary Narthex, Fellowship Hall lobby, on the church website, or from the *Daily Texts* devotional book. Then sign the RTB covenant to receive Bible book introductions, insights and reflection/discussion questions from other readers, plus encouragements to stay with it.

The benefits are many: Discover the sweep of the Bible; begin to get the habit of regular Bible reading, knowing that you are pursuing the goal of biblical literacy with many others from AELC; let God's word speak to you personally; and anchor your faith with personal knowledge of God's word. Start today!

ARE YOU A "SHAMASH"?

On Christmas Eve I spoke about the "shamash" candle on the Hanukkah Menorah—the ninth candle which is used to light the eight other candles. It is the servant candle which stands taller than the others and gives its light to them. Even though it is taller, it is still there only to serve. It brings to mind the words of our Lord, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16 (NRSV). By our acts of charity, kindness, hospitality, service, forgiveness, and forbearance, we become the shamash candles that shed the light of Christ on others. One of our members told how he and his wife stopped on their way home from Christmas Eve services and shared the Christmas scriptures and carols with a shut-in. They even lit the "Light of the World" candle that all worshipers received on their way out of the service that evening. Truly, these two were shamashes—servants bringing life and light to others. How about the rest of us? Can we each resolve to be a shamash in 2010? Touched by the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, I'm sure we can. The opportunities are all over the place.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CADE BUETTNER

Cademon Buettner (named after the God rock group "Cademon's Call," which means "Peaceful Warrior") was born just over 7 years ago and brightens lives every day. Cade is in first grade at Taylor Hicks where he recently received an award for demonstrating "Outstanding Character" in and out of the classroom. At school, he enjoys recess, reading, and math. Cade also participates in the Cherub Choir and is in Cub Scouts. One of Cade's favorite things to do is play with his three brothers - older brother Toby and younger brothers Micah and Eli. Cade is also big into sports and really likes golfing with his dad, brothers, and Papa Buettner. Cade regularly demonstrates great "attitude and effort" in all that he does, which makes his parents very proud. He is a fantastic little boy!



BRINGING LIGHT BY BUYING WELLS

Thanks to the passion God put into the heart of one of our shamash members, this wonderfully generous congregation, and some very generous members of our community, have given gifts in excess of \$50,000 to the Wells for Life Project. This is enough to purchase FIVE wells and the clean water they provide through Hope4Kids International. We probably won't see the benefit of our generosity on this side of heaven. But in eternity, I am confident there will be many Ugandan children who will thank those whose gifts made their lives better and longer with the simple gift of clean water.

GRATITUDE

As this year comes to a close, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for all the ways God has allowed me to grow, serve with, and enjoy the wonderful people of AELC. It is truly a privilege for me to be your pastor. I thank God for you. And I pray that God gives you many things for which to thank and praise him, both as you look back on 2009 and forward to 2010.

Blessings on Your Christmas, New Year, and Epiphany,
Pastor Dan Storvick



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Newness in Christ! *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28 (NLT) Let us rejoice in the newness of Christ. *And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.* 1 John 5:20 (NLT)

We celebrate our Savior's birth every year and each year there is the hope of a new beginning, a new life; shedding the old self and starting anew. *For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!* Ephesians 5:8 (NLT) Because of Jesus Christ we are already new. *For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.* Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT) The greatest story ever told, the story of Jesus Christ's birth, has been told throughout the centuries. It is shared with new believers for the hope of a new life in Him, and, as a reminder of greater things to come, which is everlasting life with the Father. *So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.* Romans 10:17 (NLT)

God's gift of grace has made us new in Him for all times. *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.* Ephesians 2:8 and 10 (NLT) As good stewards of the time and talents God has blessed each of us with we spend more and more time in prayer, reading the Bible, and worshipping Him. We grow in Christ and he in us.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Son Jesus Christ. Teach us your way, Lord, that we may be humbled to grow in you and serve you through our daily life. Amen

For more on stewardship and giving at AELC, please contact W. Scott Peterson, Trustee of Stewardship through the church office.

IN GRATITUDE

Matthew 25:14-17 — Thanks to Kari, Christine, Dave, Kate, Pam, Cindy, Susan, Tracy and Ann for ordering pies to help me increase my investment to \$125.00 to benefit Wells for Life. Give God all the glory for the pies and the project.
Agnes Curtis

Forty Christmas baskets were delivered in mid-December by members of Deborah Circle to the homebound and to nursing home residents. The baskets contained cookies donated by AELC members and included a few other Christmas items of interest. Each year the baskets are beautifully crafted by Dorothy Foster and financed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. A hearty thank you to all who helped bring Christmas cheer to many people.
Pastor Wally Cole

"Let us come before Him with thanksgiving..." Psalm 95:2

Thanks are extended to AELC from the following for our generous recent gifts:

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| Joyce Showron
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Light the Way Lutheran Church |
| Manny Cruz
Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry | Christine Mack
Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity |

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Hubbard
Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission

Complete thank-you letters and cards received are available to read in the church office for those interested.

CALENDAR



Monday 1/4

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 11AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
- 4:30PM Hosanna Ringers
- 5:00PM Men's Cursillo Group

Tuesday 1/5

- 8:30AM Katarina Von Bora Quilters
- 9AM Book Discussion 11AM Cursillo
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Men's Bible Study
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

Wednesday 1/6

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 12PM YCMA 1PM Tutoring
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 5PM Soul Café 6PM Confirmation
- 6PM Digging Deep
- 6:30PM Jubilate Choir

Thursday 1/7

- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 4PM Deacons Board Meeting

- 4:30PM AELW Bible Study Leaders
- 5:30PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery

Friday 1/8

- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 1/9

- 7:30AM Promise Keepers
- 8AM Good Book . . . Men's Bible Study
- 4PM ignite Small Group
- 6PM "it" Youth Meeting 7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 1/10

- 8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
- 10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
- 10AM KidZone
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:30AM What Lutherans Believe Class
- 5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study

Monday 1/11

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 9:30AM Thumb Butte Quilters
- 11AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
- 4:30PM Hosanna Ringers
- 5:00PM Men's Cursillo Group

Tuesday 1/12

- 8AM Care Corps
- 8:30AM Katarina Von Bora Quilters
- 9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle
- 11AM Cursillo 1:30PM Ruth Circle
- 3:15PM Cherub Choir
- 5:30PM Glory Ringers
- 6PM Deborah Circle
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Men's Bible Study
- 7PM Hope Circle

Wednesday 1/13

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
- 4PM Seraphim Choir
- 5PM Soul Café 6PM Confirmation
- 6PM Digging Deep
- 6:30PM Jubilate Choir
- 8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 1/14

- 9AM MOPS Leadership Meeting
- 1PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 5:30PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 1/5

- 9:30AM Thrivent Fin. for Lutherans Mtg.
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 1/16

- 7:30AM Promise Keepers
- 8AM Good Book . . . Men's Bible Study
- 8:45AM Mountain Spinners & Weavers
- 2PM "I am Terrified" Concert
- 4PM ignite Small Group
- 7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 1/17

- 8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
- 10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
- 10AM KidZone
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:30AM New Member Orientation Class
- 5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study

Young at Heart and Kairos will resume on Tuesday, January 26th.