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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

All new members are asked to attend the worship service of his/her choice on this day to be recognized and welcomed into the AELC family. If you are not able to attend a service on the 24th, you may be received "In Absentia." *For more information, contact Kate Howell, Minister of Parish Life in the church office.*



HAITI EARTHQUAKE



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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 31—11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

AELC STAFF

Dr. Dan Storvick.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Mary M. Bope.....	Associate 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 928.778.7049
Kathy Bucklein.....	Asst. Minister of Parish Life
Amy Buettner..	Asst. Director of Children's Ministry
Eileen Klein.....	Organist
Larry Lee.....	A/V Technician
Gerri Onnen.....	Lead Secretary
Donna Hamrick.....	Secretary
Mary Ann Snedden...	Food Services Coordinator
Chuck Turner.....	Custodian

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 2010 AELC budget. Childcare will be provided.

Meeting will be followed by...

Chili-Fest 2010

Warm up this winter with good food and fellowship! "Chili-Fest 2010" will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31. Bring a pot of your favorite chili, stew, or hearty soup to share potluck-style. Come sample a variety of offerings (paper cups available!) or choose a bowlful of your favorite.

Crackers, cornbread and beverages will be provided.

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GET INVOLVED / AROUND THE TOWN

PENNIES FOR HUNGER will be collected on Sundays, January 24 and 31 by American Evangelical Lutheran Women (AELW) to fund the Feed the Hungry meals served at the Salvation Army. Volunteers from AELC prepare meals for this program on a quarterly basis. Coins, paper currency, and checks written to AELW will be gratefully accepted; please deposit all donations in the white boxes in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall lobby.

KITCHEN NEEDS include cooks for each Sunday night's *Come Alive!* service and cookie donations for Hospitality. Please contact Food Services Coordinator, Mary Ann Snedden in the church office if you are able to help, or drop off cookie donations in the upstairs kitchen throughout the week.

HAND IN HAND widow support group will meet on Tuesday, February 2 at Coco's Restaurant on Rt. 69 in the Frontier Shopping Center. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM. Please call Dee Finn at 541-0073 by Monday, February 1 to reserve your seat.

YOUNG AT HEART (YAH) meets at Noon on Tuesday, January 26 in the Fellowship Hall. Make-a-Wish Foundation will present its work in fulfilling wishes and bringing joy to children with life-threatening illnesses. The program will include a video of a child who, in response to a "wish," was enabled to visit Hawaii. Visit www.wish.org for more information on the foundation, now in its 30th year.

KAIROS VISITATION GROUP will meet at 1:45 PM in the Library following YAH.

BIRTHLINE, a pro life organization which helps women in crisis pregnancy situations, is in need of volunteers. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 AM - 4 PM. Several two-hour shifts are in need of staffing. Interested women are invited to call 778-5787 if this is a way you would like to be of service.

Become a **GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY HOSPICE VOLUNTEER** and forever change your life! During one of life's most complex passages, no one should walk alone. Hospice volunteers touch the lives of many community members by sharing their time, compassion and expertise. They are gifted with a generosity of spirit that allows them to open their hearts to the terminally ill, their families, and all who care for them. Training at the new Prescott Hospice location on Ruth Street begins January 28.

PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD's Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, January 23 at 11:30 AM at First Congregational Church, UCC (216 East Gurley Street). On the agenda: Board of Directors meeting, installation of Officers and Board members, and a potluck. For more information about "Your Local Hometown Food Bank since 1973" phone 778-4622, or visit online at www.PrescottCommunityCupboard.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

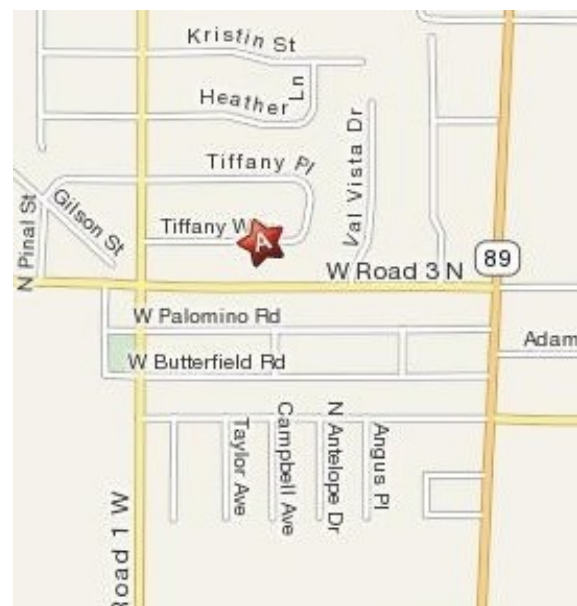
**AELC offers a weekly worship service in CHINO VALLEY?
Sundays at 10:30 AM—948 Tiffany Way**

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 27 by 12:00 PM.

Services are led by Billie Stovall, Betty Gandee, and C.J. Chambers. Holy Communion is typically served on the fourth Sunday of the month by Pastor Wally Cole. Please phone 636-9145 for more information or directions.

Digging Deeper Bible Study also meets at this location on Thursday afternoons at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to participate in this outstanding 2-year "tour" of the Bible, led by Harriet Mauritsen.



IN GRATITUDE

How Habitat for Humanity Impacted My Life

My name is Ashley Spicer, and I am a proud Habitat for Humanity home owner. I cannot even begin to describe the many different ways my life has changed since Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) picked my family for a new home back in 2007.

Before Habitat, my daughter, less than a year old, and I were on every low income housing apartment waiting list in the Tri-City area, and the soonest any of them could get us in was two years. Two years! Thankfully, we were blessed to be invited to live with a co-worker until, unexpectedly, she and her husband moved out of state a few months later.

We were again homeless, but still blessed. An old friend of mine called out of the blue just to say "Hello," and I found enough courage to ask if we could live with her family. At this time I knew Gwen and I were selected for a Habitat for Humanity home so, with my fingers crossed, I explained

how important it was that we stay in one place until our house was complete. To my relief her family took us in with arms wide open. We lived there for a little over a year until our house was complete.

In the meantime, I helped build five homes with Habitat for Humanity. What an experience! I jokingly called working on the job site, "my free gym membership." I gained an enormous amount of home construction knowledge that I will keep with me and use whenever something needs to be fixed on our home. The fifth home I helped build was my own. I wish I could adequately describe the feelings that ran through me as I worked with other volunteers who wanted to help *me* achieve something in *my* life. None of these volunteers knew me or my family, and here they were working themselves to the bone to provide a house for my family.

I will never forget these individuals, and there is no possible way to thank them enough for the kindness they have shown my family. To anyone who has yet to learn what Habitat for Humanity is about, all I can give you is my perspective. PAHH, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the Thrivent Mingus Mountain Chapter, and the congregations of Emmanuel, AELC, Shepherd of the Hills, and Trinity Lutheran churches built a house for my family. Inside the framework that was nailed together by the love of strangers are beautiful rooms painted with inspiration that I could never have felt without their guidance.

This new inspiration has given me the opportunity to go back to college and begin anew on the path to my future. Now, that future very carefully protects the promise of bigger and better things in life. Most importantly, the people that make up Habitat for Humanity are committed to what is found beneath it all, the security that is buried deeply in the rock solid foundation. Habitat has helped me build a house in which I have made my family a healthy, safe, wonderful home. At the end of every day as I walk through the threshold of my front door, I smile and say, "Thank You."

Ashley Spicer

THANK YOU TO NEW ACOLYTES

Five of our young people, 5th through 8th graders, recently trained to become Acolytes for the Traditional worship services. They are excited to join our existing team of dedicated and willing young servants. Please remember to support our youth as they serve faithfully each week. Your expression of appreciation and affirmation will mean so much. **Melva Tibbetts and Suzan Hader, Acolyte Coordinators**



Photo courtesy of Les Stukenberg, photographer for [The Daily Courier](#).

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical organization committed to assisting people in need of adequate, affordable shelter. The three main criteria that are required of homeowners are need for shelter, ability to pay, and willingness to participate as a partner with Habitat.

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity will be holding their new homeowners' orientation on January 30 from 9:00 AM—12 PM. The orientation will be held at the Prescott High School Art Center/Ruth Street Theater. This orientation will provide all the information needed to understand the processes of applying for a Habitat home, and your responsibilities and the eligibility criteria to become involved. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by calling Jasmine at 445-8003 ext.17 to ensure you meet the income requirements. (Childcare provided; please arrive at 8:30 AM if you need childcare.)



Address Update
for
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COUNCIL CORNER


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

Council Vice President—Jack Gifford has been a member of AELC with his wife, Myrna since 2004. They have two sons, James and Vince. Jack has been involved in Tuesday night men’s Bible study, as a volunteer at The Rock, and as a small group member. He is a former electronics engineer, retiring from Tesoro Electronics, Inc. which he founded in 1980. Jack’s favorite hobby is working with vintage stereo equipment and speakers. Confirmed at Augustana Lutheran Church in Phoenix, he also served on the church council there for one year.

Deacon of Outreach—Brant Smith “enjoys being part of a church family” as a member of AELC. Brant is a financial advisor with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and stays busy with Habitat for Humanity, AYSO, NRA, and Pinnacle Forum. His volunteer experience at AELC includes The Rock, teaching youth Sunday school, Walk Through Bethlehem, Thrivent chapter events, and VBS, as well as participating in Soul Café. Brant enjoys travel, Bible study, hunting, fishing, running, canoeing, winter sports, and spending time with family—wife of 11 years, Jennifer; 7-year-old daughter, Riley; 5-year-old son, Gentry, and 1-year-old son, Zane.

Trustee of Finance—Sanford “Sandy” Williams is husband to Laura Robinson and father to daughters Morgan (8) and Emma (5). He is a member of Pinnacle Forum Prescott

and the Christian Scholarship Foundation, and in his pastime he enjoys flying, camping, hiking and reading. Sandy also stays busy at AELC as a Soul Café group leader, a *Come Alive!* cook/server, and as a volunteer with Walk Through Bethlehem. A member since 2005, Sandy values the church’s “excellent adult and children’s programs” and how AELC “provides an opportunity to serve the Lord and the community.” He is honored to be asked to serve on the Church Council.



A 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Tuesday, January 12. Reports of injuries and death tolls are still unknown due to communication problems. But thousands are feared to be dead, while many more remain trapped in collapsed buildings. Their homes destroyed, people are in the streets with nowhere to go. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti is prone to natural disasters and ill-equipped to respond to such disasters.

AELC will be collecting contributions in the coming weeks for Lutheran World Relief’s response to this crisis. **Please make checks payable to Lutheran World Relief with “Haiti Earthquake” clearly marked in the memo line**, and place in the offering plate on Sundays or bring to the church office during the week. You are also encouraged to visit Lutheran World Relief online at www.lwr.org where you can get relief updates and make donations by credit or debit card.

CALENDAR



Monday 1/18

8AM Prayer Group
9AM The Truth Project
10:30AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
5:00PM Men’s Cursillo Group

Tuesday 1/19

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
3:15PM Cherub Choir
5:30PM Glory Ringers
6:30PM Women’s Bible Study
7PM Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 1/20

8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
1:30PM Youth Small Group
2:30PM Tutoring
3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
5PM Soul Café
6PM Confirmation 6PM Digging Deeper
6:30PM Jubilate Choir
8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 1/21

9AM MOPS Spa Day
9:30AM SOS Bible Study
1PM Chancel Chimers
1PM Literacy Meeting
4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
5:30PM Contemporary Worship Rehrls
6PM Celebrate Recovery
7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 1/22

9AM Life Line Screening
4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 1/23

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

Sunday 1/24

8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10AM KidZone
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
11:15AM Youth Choir
11:45AM Hosanna Ringers
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Wrshp

7PM Celebrate Recovery Men’s Stp Stdy

Monday 1/25

8AM Prayer Group
9AM The Truth Project
10:30AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
1PM Alleluia Choir
5PM Men’s Cursillo Group
5:15PM Youth Choir

Tuesday 1/26

8:30AM Katarina Von Bora Quilters
12PM YAH 1:45PM Kairos
3:15PM Cherub Choir
5:30PM Glory Ringers
6:30PM Women’s Bible Study
7PM Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday 1/27

8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
1:30PM Youth Small Group
2:30PM Tutoring
3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
5PM Soul Café
6PM Confirmation 6PM Digging Deeper
6:30PM Jubilate Choir
8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 1/28

9:30AM SOS Bible Study
1PM Chancel Chimers
1PM Literacy Meeting
4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
5:30PM Contemporary Worship Rehrls
6PM Celebrate Recovery
7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 1/29

4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 1/30

7:30AM Promise Keepers
8AM Good Book . . . Men’s Bible Study
4PM ignite Small Group
7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 1/31

8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10AM KidZone
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
11:30AM Annual Congregation Meeting
12:30PM Chili Fest 2010
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Wrshp
7PM Celebrate Recovery Men’s Stp Stdy

