

# The Live Wire



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## BHAP TIME IS NOW!

What, you ask, is a BHAP? I am so glad you asked. BHAP stands for Big, Hairy, Audacious Prayers, and the time has come for all of us to start trusting and believing the promises of God and praying them into reality! **Every Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Prayer Room we will be gathering for Miracle Prayer Time.** If you have a BHAP—either for yourself or for someone else—we want you to come and join us. If you can't come but need those of us who are there to pray, just let me know about it and we will be sure to pray the biggest and largest of prayers. You can contact me at 445-4348 or [mary@americanlutheran.net](mailto:mary@americanlutheran.net). "Pray the largest prayers. You cannot think a prayer so large that God, in answering it, will not wish you had made it larger. Pray not for crutches but for wings"! God Bless You. **Pastor Mary**

## LENTEN WORSHIP

**ASH WEDNESDAY—February 17**  
 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
 Childcare available (birth—age 5) in Noah's Nursery.

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP & SOUP SUPPERS

**Wednesdays, February 24—March 24**  
 Soup Suppers served from 5:30 – 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$4 per person with a maximum of \$12 per family. Worship begins at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Childcare available (birth—age 5) in Noah's Nursery.

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## COUNCIL CORNER

*More about some of the 2010 Council members...welcome and thank you for your service!*

**Jacqueline Wadzeck (Church Council President)** has been a member of AELC since 1998. Membership is important to Jacque because she has "found a church home that made worship, fellowship, and growth in my journey with the Lord a vital part of my life." Her involvement includes MOPS, WOW, Alpha, Church Council offices of Secretary and Financial Secretary, and she attended the LCMC Conference in 2008. Outside of AELC, Jacque is currently chapter Treasurer of the PEO Sisterhood and has served 2 years as chapter President. A homemaker whose hobbies include golf, reading, and doting on her grandsons, Jacque's family includes husband, Comer; a son, daughter, daughter-in-law, and 2 grandsons. She looks forward to working with the council on updating the by-laws and keeping AELC a vital, growing congregation.

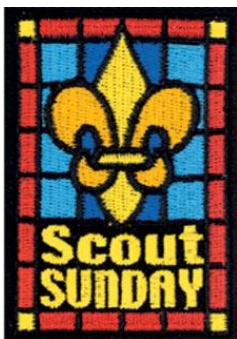
**Jerry Emery (Financial Secretary)** — A member since 2005, Jerry can be recognized as a friendly face greeting and ushering during worship services. He feels that membership at AELC has increased his faith and Bible knowledge and provides great fellowship. Jerry is retired from IBM Corp. and currently keeps busy golfing, traveling, reading, and cooking. He and Kay, his wife of 53 years, have 4 grown children.

**Melissa Scott (Board of Education)** — "AELC has been important to me because I have enjoyed getting involved in the Christian community, networking with other believers, and my family has a church home with a support system with

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# GET INVOLVED/AROUND THE TOWN

**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.



**SCOUT SUNDAY** is February 7. AELC Cub Scout Pack 6 will be at each worship service to collect food for Prescott's hungry. They will also be giving a flag presentation at the 10:00 AM traditional service in the Sanctuary. Please bring your non-perishable food items and help the Scouts help those in need in our community.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

CHELSEA MINNICK

Chelsea Minnick is a 13-year-old 7<sup>th</sup> grader who has been a part of the AELC church family since 2004. Besides her involvement in bells and choir, she attends confirmation, helps out with *Come Alive!* dinners, attends "it" services and youth events, and works in Noah's Nursery. Her favorite activity this past year was being a guide for Walk Through Bethlehem. When not at the church she can be found either in club volleyball or playing clarinet for the Granite Mountain Middle School Advanced Band. Chelsea's life bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."



**PRESCOTT AGLOW** meets at The Hassayampa Inn, 122 East Gurley in Prescott on Saturday, February 20. 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. Speaker will be Sue Ann Robinson, licensed by Faith Christian Fellowship International ([www.fcf.org](http://www.fcf.org)) as a minister of the gospel. Sue teaches Bible classes, serves on prayer teams, and is involved in prayer seminars; she will bring a spirit-filled message.

**NEW CLASSES FORMING** for The Truth Project—Monday or Tuesday evenings (day to be determined based on interest) and Fridays at Noon. Please contact Kate Howell in the church office for more information or to sign up.

## YOUTH GROOVE

The Middle School Encounter Retreat originally scheduled for February 5-7 has been postponed. Thanks to all of you who let me know your availability, but we did not have enough students committed to make this event happen. We will reschedule as soon as possible.

I would also like to thoroughly encourage you to bring your teens out to the movie theater this week to see "To Save a Life" while it is playing. This is a PG-13 rated movie because of the themes that students deal with in the movie. You can view the "Plugged In" (Focus on the Family) review at [www.pluggedin.com](http://www.pluggedin.com) to see if you find it suitable for your teen.

Thanks for letting me be a part of your students' lives. I consider it an honor.

Andrew Latulippe, Director of Student Ministry

## 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](http://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](mailto:kate@americanlutheran.net). The deadline for articles and graphics for the next issue is Wednesday, February 10 by 12:00 PM.

The Rock, AELC's high school student outreach, completed the first half of the 2009/2010 school year serving lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as being open after school on Mondays and Wednesdays weekly. We have about 300 or more kids showing up each of those days.

There are currently 42 folks volunteering that make The Rock's outreach possible. We want to thank our newest volunteers: Cheryl Minnick, Gene Mengarelli, Kylee Womack and Bernice Larson. THANK YOU ALL!! We also want to thank Blair Distributing, Maytag Appliance & TDK Comfort Systems for their ongoing support and donations.

We can still use a few more volunteers (it only takes 2 hours per week). Please contact any of us through the church office

**The Rock Management Team**  
Tom Stears, Roger Rock, and Dave Helgeson

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

## Crossfire Hosts "Everyman" Conference

A newly inaugurated men's ministry at AELC is called "Crossfire." We're excited to co-sponsor the Everyman Conference on March 6 with other Christian leaders and churches. Our goal is to help men change into the men they want to be—and the men God intended them to be. Go to [www.everymanprescott.org](http://www.everymanprescott.org) to get information. Dozens of men from AELC (the primary sponsor) and other Prescott area churches are working and praying and inviting and investing themselves in this kingdom enterprise. I've heard the seminar leader Kenny Luck speak. He is dynamite!

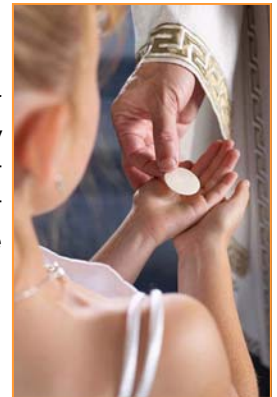
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Giving to Benefit Everyman

The Board of Deacons has designated the Everyman Conference as the recipient of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Giving for the month of January. Make a 2<sup>nd</sup> mile gift to help Crossfire present the conference and you may help a man meet Jesus or grow in his faith.

## First Communion Instruction

Each year it is my pleasure to conduct a series of classes for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and other youngsters who have yet to receive instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This year the classes will be held on Sundays, February 21, 28 and March 7, right after morning services (at about 11:15 AM). All 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids (and older who have not yet attended) are invited to attend with their parents. We'll serve a light lunch and have a great time learning and growing together. Sign up by calling the church office (445-4348).

First Communion will be offered in conjunction with a Seder meal at the Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 10.



## Columbarium

What is the first thing that greets you as you walk up to an old country church? A cemetery. It is a time-honored custom to have cemeteries surrounding church buildings (in Europe, many old saints are interred within the very walls and floors of churches). It is a lovely custom reminding us of both the shortness of life and of our connection to the Church Triumphant—the members of the Communion of Saints who have gone before us to be with Jesus.

Plans have been under way for several years to add a columbarium – a place to lay cremated remains to rest – here on the grounds of AELC. Thanks to the hard work of members of our memorial Gifts Committee and landscape architect Peter Bourgois, a very lovely site plan was developed which would allow for this addition to our facilities. While the drawings had been on display in the past, the project was put on temporary hold. We are now ready to begin moving forward again. If you have questions, desire further information as to costs and eligibility, or wish to serve on the columbarium committee, please contact Judie Dempster (776-9229), the committee chair. I would be happy to visit with you as well.

Yours in Christ,  
**PASTOR DAN STORVICK**

## IN GRATITUDE



I wish to thank my church family for the many prayers, cards, calls, gifts and also for visiting me. I would like to thank the Pastors for keeping in touch. I am doing fine now. My therapy is about done. Praise be to God for his healing presence. **Dorothy Greseth**

## A SUCCESS STORY

I joined the Literacy Volunteer Program in March of 2008. I have tutored a 25-year-old lady in Chino Valley since that time. She has been progressing slowly but steadily. She recently shared with me the benefits of what she has learned so far. She works at Jack in The Box. She began as a helper, preparing food. The

supervisors and staff have weekly meeting to discuss what is going well and what needs improvement. She said that in the past she would sit in the meetings but would not participate because she could not speak English. She now participates and is able to share. Her supervisor complimented her on her input, saying that she never used to talk in the meetings before. She has since been promoted to the drive through window with a pay increase. The owner of the establishment came to visit and he said he couldn't believe that she was the same young lady who didn't speak a word of English when she first started to work there. I thank the Lord for the Literacy program that gave me this opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life. **Helena Spier**

whom we are accounted for and are also accountable. I have met/gained fantastic friends." Melissa has participated and/or served with Sunday School, VBS, Walk Through Bethlehem, Youth Group, Mexico mission building trips, WOW, Soul Café, and Alpha, among others. She is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Yavapai Reading Association. Melissa, husband Ben, and children Colin and McKenzie have been AELC members for 12 years.

**Rick Reidhead (Deacon of Worship)** joined AELC in 2004 with his wife, Gail. Membership has provided him the foundation for his religious education through classes like Alpha, Bible study, and sermons. Rick has been a leader of Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study, an usher for Contemporary worship, and has helped with the setup and tear-down of Walk Through Bethlehem. He is a business owner who enjoys travel, golf, and time with family. Rick and Gail have two children and four grandchildren.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS** are invited to join in the \$3 million Helping Haiti effort. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of four Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. To participate, visit [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) and make a contribution to one of the following: Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Disaster Response, LCMS World Relief/Human Care, or WELS Committee on Relief. Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million plus from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial. For questions or alternative ways to donate through this program, please call 800-236-3736. When promoted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

# STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Our individual role as God's stewards:** A woman I know, very dear to my heart, was recently taken to the emergency room; then, once diagnosed and stabilized was admitted to the hospital for observation. After three nights she was discharged to a rehabilitation hospital in the area. Although she is in good spirits, smiles, and sometimes laughs, she also tears up, her lips quiver from what I can only guess is sadness. Things have changed, her life has changed, and she is reminded of her aging body. This experience would be difficult for most if not all of us. She is a Christian woman and she is my mom. On one of my visits she was overtaken with grief, somewhat controlled but driven to tears. I haven't seen my mother cry very often. I think it is the heritage and culture that emotions of this kind are kept to oneself. I asked her what Bible verse comes to mind. After a brief moment she said, "Ephesians 4:6." I looked it up and read it aloud: *"and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all."*

*"One God"* (there is no other God) *"and Father"* (there is no other Father). One God who is the Father of everything. That means everyone's God and everyone's Father. No one is left out. *"who is over all"* (ruler, controller, emperor, king over every living thing and every non-living thing, everything seen and unseen). There is nothing greater than He. *"and in all"* (God is in everything, which means inside every nook and cranny, every cell, every molecule, atom, nucleus, proton, electron and neutron—everything) *"and living through all"* (God is life, the living God, not dead). From all the Bible verses she has read and studied over her young life she picked this one at this time. She knows her Father, her God, her Jesus Christ. Amen Mom, I love you.

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.* 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 (NLT) For more on stewardship and giving at AELC, please contact Scott Peterson, Trustee of Stewardship through the church office.

## CALENDAR

### Monday 2/1

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 9AM The Truth Project
- 10:30AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
- 1PM Alleluia Choir
- 5:00PM Men's Cursillo Group
- 5:15PM Youth Choir

### Tuesday 2/2

- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
- 9AM Book Discussion
- 9:30AM Friendship Quilters
- 11AM ALS Conferences
- 1:30PM AELW Board Meeting
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 3:15PM Cherub Choir
- 5:30PM Glory Ringers
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Men's Bible Study
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery

### Wednesday 2/3

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 12PM YCMA Meeting
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 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 2/4

- 9AM MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
- 9:30AM SOS Bible Study
- 1PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 2:30PM Tutoring
- 4:30PM AELW Bible Study Leaders
- 4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
- 6PM Contemporary Worship Rehrsl
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

### Friday 2/5

- 11AM ALS Conferences
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

### Saturday 2/6

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

### Sunday 2/7

- 8AM AELW Coffee & Tea Sales
- 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 Worship

7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study

### Monday 2/8

- 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 2/9

- 8AM Care Corps
- 8:30AM Katarina Von Bora Quilters
- 9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle
- 1:30PM Ruth Circle
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 3:15PM Cherub Choir
- 5:15PM Board of Educ. Meeting
- 5:30PM Glory Ringers
- 6PM Deborah Circle
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Hope Circle
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday 2/10

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 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 2/11

- 9AM MOPS Leadership Meeting
- 9:30AM SOS Bible Study
- 12:45PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 2:30PM Tutoring
- 3PM Tiger Scouts
- 4PM Deacons Board Meeting
- 6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

### Friday 2/12

- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

### Saturday 2/13

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

### Sunday 2/14

- 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 Worship
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study