

The Live Wire



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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 and March 3, 17 & 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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Through PayPal, you can give to the General Fund, Building Fund, or Special Fund of your choice, 24/7! **It's secure, easy, and you don't even need to have a PayPal account.** Be sure to include your envelope number (if applicable) during checkout.
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SEDER MEAL



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 10

6:00—8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Presented by Rabbi Pastor Jack Zimmerman of Jewish

Voice Ministries International

RSVP in the church office by Monday,

Ash Wednesday is the Wednesday of the seventh week before Easter and the first day of Lent. The day is named for the practice of imposing ashes, a practice which many Lutheran congregations have found to be a very meaningful part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Using ashes as a sign of repentance is an ancient practice, often mentioned in the Bible (e.g., Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Jeremiah 6:26; Matthew 11:21). The early Christians adopted the use of ashes from Jewish practice as an external mark of penitence.

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. On Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our baptism.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried: "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust."
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

GET INVOLVED



The spring session of **Women of Wisdom (WOW)** is coming! Wednesdays from April 7 through May 26, the

WOW morning begins at 8:15 AM with food and fellowship, followed by a first-hour teaching by Pastor Mary M. Bope, "Becoming Women Who Listen to God." Nine second-hour electives are listed in the WOW brochure, available in the Information areas of the church and on the Adult Ministries page of the church website.

Register by submitting your completed registration form (found in the WOW brochure) *with payment* to the church office, or by visiting the Information table on Sundays, February 21, March 21 or 28. Women may attend the first hour morning teaching only at no charge. Registrations will be taken up to the first day of classes. Scholarships are available, and childcare is provided at no charge. Contact Lynda Kieckhefer at 636-2258 for more information.




HAND IN HAND widow support group will meet Tuesday, March 2 at 11:30 AM at Celtic Crossings Pub. RSVP to Kay Grothe (778 -3387) by February 26.



YOUNG AT HEART (YAH) for seniors meets Tuesday, February 23 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Featured in the program: Bobbi Wilcott, who will present a colorful film display of the beautiful Borchart Gardens of British Columbia; and the Chancel Chimers handbell choir led by Minister of Music, Jim Klein.

Kairos visitation group will meet at 1:45 PM in the Library following YAH.



AMERICAN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011

American Lutheran School

March 1 – Returning Students & Siblings
March 22 – Siblings of Former Students
March 25 – Open Registration

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration.

Tuition fees for 2010-2011 are as follows:
2 day-\$100/month; 3 day-\$135/month; 5 day-\$200/month

Registration forms are available now in the preschool office and on the Preschool page of the church website. Completed forms may be submitted beginning March 1. Contact ALS Director, Lori Barbe at 778-7049 for more information

YOUTH GROOVE



I want to thank you for your generous patience—I am trying to get back into the swing of being the full time Director of Student Ministry here at AELC! The last half of 2009 was rough while I also temporarily took on the position of Director of Contemporary Music, and some things had to go by the way side, like the parent newsletter and a few activities...but now we are back on track, and I am excited for what God has in store for your kids in 2010! Please

“Hmmm? Tackling Some of Life’s Most Difficult Questions.” There are lots of issues students are coming face to face with, and three biggies are the focus in this series: creation, homosexuality and divorce.

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, February 24 by 12:00 PM.

pick up your copy of the February “Parent Link” newsletter at the church, or view it on the Kids & Youth page of the website; a calendar of events is included. In the coming weeks I will also be able to send out a complete 2010 calendar with month-by-month activities and programming. Please pay special attention to these calendars so that your students don’t miss out on anything we have planned for them.

- **Small groups** meet on a regular schedule. If your student isn’t in a small group, please contact me and we can get him/her plugged into the groups that are already meeting!

Last weekend 17 students attended the RAGE Music Festival in Phoenix and had a great time listening to new Christian bands and making new friends. That aside, the most important thing is that we had four of those students trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation. Some were commitments and others really made the first choice of their lives to follow after Jesus! I know that the angels are rejoicing in heaven over this, and I am thanking God for the opportunity to be there when this happened.

If you or your kids have not added yourself to our texting updates service, please do so. This has by far proven to be the quickest and most successful way to communicate with students and parents alike! We usually send out one text per week (standard texting rates apply). To add your phone, simply text *ignite it* to 68398.

- IT Youth Gathering continues on Saturday nights from 6:00—8:00 PM for students grades 6-12. A new series begins on February 13 entitled,

God’s Grace and Peace to all your families,
Andrew Latulippe, Director of Student Ministry

THE CHURCH MOUSE

FIVE ATTITUDES THAT TURN VISITORS AWAY

It takes everyone in a church congregation working together to make visitors feel welcome and eager to return. Check out these tips from Master Greeter Rich Liedtke.

#1—"Visitors are only temporary so I won't bother to meet them." Yes, many visitors are only temporary. But that does not mean that your influence on them is temporary. Nor does it mean they will not help your church—your visitors are your biggest advertisers. In the next week they will tell 5-10 people of their experience. They will either promote you or punish you depending on how you have met them. If you've met them with openness and love, it can impress them for a lifetime and they will say good things about you. Their presence may be temporary, but your love can go forth in them for many years.

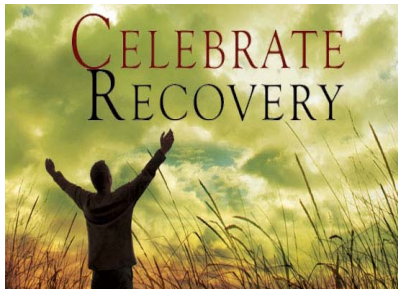
#2—"Visitors want to be left alone." This is the opposite of what visitors really want. They want to feel wanted and accepted. Before accepting your gospel they want to accept you as a friend. The most impressive thing you can do for them is to meet them and learn their names. Put aside your need

for friendship and reach out to fulfilling a new person's need for friendship. Go to them and say, "Hi my name is..." Then let them tell you their name in return. Follow on by saying, "I'm so glad to meet you. I'm glad you are here."

#3—"I'm comfortable the way things are." Christ didn't come to make us comfortable. He came to stretch us. He wants us to stretch out our lives to include new people. He has brought them into our fellowship. Remember, each new person is sent by God. Our part is to accept and love what He has sent our way.

#4—"I have enough friends. I don't need to meet any more." You may have a lot of friends. But people who have many friends will tell you, "There's always room for another friend." Besides, one of the kindest things you can do for a new person is to introduce him to others. Help him to enlarge his circle of friends. It makes him feel honored and important. It makes him want to come back.

#5—"Someone else will get to know them." Passing the buck only passes up an opportunity to reach into someone's life. Be the first to reach out your hand. Be the bridge that connects two people as friends so that Jesus can become their friend, too. You may be the one person who makes the difference between their staying and hearing the gospel or their moving on without knowing the gospel.



Celebrate Recovery has just started a new Women's Mixed Issues Step Study which meets every Tuesday night, 7:00 - 8:15 PM in room A-7 downstairs. We have six ladies signed up at this time and would love to have more women join us. We will be accepting new members for several weeks. The step studies help people deal with all kinds of life-related issues, including addiction, loss, co-dependency, abandonment, dysfunctional family setting, and plain ordinary struggles with life. It is through working the steps and applying the biblical principles that we begin to grow spiritually and we become free from our hurts, hang-ups and habits. The step studies are life changing. Please contact me at 778-3771 to register or to ask questions. **June Poe**



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY. THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 8:00 AM.

COOKIE & COFFEE DONATIONS are needed on an ongoing basis for the Sunday Hospitality table. Please bring any items you are able to provide — clearly marked "FOR SUNDAY" — to the church office or upstairs kitchen throughout the week.

GIVE A MOM A BREAK—Are you available to help with childcare one or two mornings a month (1st & 3rd Thursdays)? Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) desperately needs YOU! Contact Assistant Director of Children's Ministry, Amy Buettner in the church office ASAP.



Thank you to all of my AELC friends who have remembered me with cards, notes, visits, phone calls, and prayers during the past six months. My journey with cancer is not

yet over as I now begin another three months of chemotherapy. In Christ, **Virginia Knowles**

Thank you to the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and scout parents for shoveling sidewalks on Sunday, February 7. We appreciate your efforts to help keep the congregation safe. Blessings to you! **The AELC Staff**

RECENT BENEVOLENCE RECIPIENT THANK-YOUS:

- Pat Boehland, The Master's Institute
- The Rev. Dr. James McDonald, Bread for the World
- Pastor Dale Moe, Light the Way Church (LCMC Mission Church)
- Vicki Hassessian, Hannah's Home
- Fritzi Mevis, People Who Care

Note: AELC benevolence giving for the fourth quarter of 2009 totaled \$75,694.28 to 32 recipients. This total includes the contributions to the Hope 4 Kids/Wells for Life project. Your generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of many, here in Prescott and around the world.

Congratulations!

Rich Longfield
Granted Professor Emeritus status, Yavapai College

Anne Gordon-Lorentzen
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Volunteer of the Year

**Come experience a new and fresh outpouring of God
through music and ministry!**



**Worship Experience:
The Beginning of "Everything New"
Saturday, February 27
7:00 PM—Fellowship Hall**

AELC Director of Contemporary Music, Jake Madlock and his band, "Everything New" in concert.
FREE ADMISSION

In John 4:23 Jesus tells us, "But the hour is coming, and is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him."



**SOUL CAFÉ SPRING SESSION
APRIL 7—MAY 26**

Courses include: A Life Worth Living, Wisdom & Wealth, Creation 101 for Parents, I Second That Emotion, Digging Deeper, Romans, and Study on the End Times.

**STAY TUNED FOR FULL COURSE MENUS
AND REGISTRATION DATES!**

everyman conference

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus – Colossians 1:28

**Saturday, March 6
The Adult Center of Prescott**

Cost: \$55.00 (includes a conference workbook, a copy of the book *Every Man, God's Man*, and a men's group study curriculum from the *Every Man Bible Study Series*.)

Speaker: Kenny Luck, President and Founder of Every Man Ministries.

**MEN, DON'T MISS THIS LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!
REGISTER AT www.everymanprescott.org
or in the church office today.**

CALENDAR



Monday 2/15
Office Closed

Tuesday 2/16

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

Wednesday 2/17

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 11AM Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
- 4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
- 6PM Youth Small Group Meeting
- 6:30PM Jubilate Choir
- 7PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- 8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 2/18

- 9AM MOPS Meeting 9:30AM SOS
- 12PM Pastors Prayer Partner Luncheon

- 12:45PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
- 6PM Contemporary Worship Rehrsl
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 2/19

- 9AM ALS 4H Rabbits & Stories
- 9:30AM Thrivent Fin. for Lutherans Mtg
- 12PM Truth Project
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 2/20

- 7:30AM Promise Keepers
- 8AM Good Book . . . Men's Bible Study
- 8:45AM Mountain Spinners & Weavers
- 4PM ignite Small Group
- 6PM "it" Youth Meeting
- 7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 2/21

- 8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
- 10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
- 10AM KidZone
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:15AM Youth Choir
- 11:15AM First Communion Instruction
- 11:55AM Hosanna Ringers
- 5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Wrshp
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Stp Stdy

Monday 2/22

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

Tuesday 2/23

- 8:30AM Katarina Von Bora Quilters
- 12PM YAH
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 1:45PM Kairos
- 3:15PM Cherub Choir
- 5:30PM Glory Ringers
- 6:30PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 2/24

- 8:30AM WOW (Women of Wisdom)
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
- 4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
- 6PM Confirmation
- 6PM Youth Small Group Meeting
- 6:30PM Jubilate Choir
- 7PM Lenten Worship Service
- 8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 2/25

- 9:30AM SOS
- 12:45PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 4:30PM Heavenly Chimers
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6PM Church Council Meeting
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 2/26

- 12PM Truth Project
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 2/27

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

Sunday 2/28

- 8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
- 10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
- 10AM KidZone
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:15AM Youth Choir
- 11:15AM First Communion Instruction
- 11:55AM Hosanna Ringers
- 5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Wrshp
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Stp Stdy