

The Live Wire



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SEDER MEAL

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, March 8.

LENTEN & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

March 3, 17 & 24 - Lenten Worship Services 7:00 PM
Soup Suppers served from 5:30 –6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$4/adult & \$2.50/child, with a maximum of \$12 per family.
March 10 - Seder Meal 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall (RSVP by March 8)
April 1 - Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 PM
April 2 - Good Friday Worship Services 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
April 4 - Easter Worship Services 6:30, 8:30 & 10:00 AM Sanctuary
Easter Worship Services 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM Fellowship Hall
Childcare available (birth–age 5) in Noah's Nursery.

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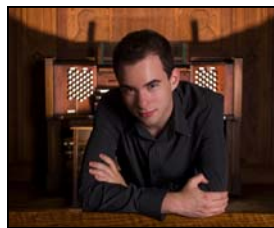
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everyman conference **Saturday, March 6**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at The Adult Center of Prescott—1280 E. Rosser Street
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS LIFE-CHANGING EVENT!
Register today at www.everymanprescott.org or in the church office.

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
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- Amy Buettner.. Asst. Director of Children's Ministry
- Eileen Klein.....Organist
- Larry Lee.....AV Technician
- Geri Onnen.....Lead Secretary
- Donna Hamrick.....Secretary
- Mary Ann Snedden...Food Services Coordinator
- Chuck Turner.....Custodian



COMING SOON IN CONCERT...

Christopher Houlihan, gifted 22 year-old concert organist, will appear in concert at AELC on Sunday, March 14 at 2:30 PM.

Christopher is one of the brightest stars in the new generation of American organists and is booked to perform from coast to coast in his debut season under professional representation. Dubbed "the

hottest rising star of the current generation's organ performers," he has earned various pipe organ awards and competitions in his young career including First Prize in the high school division of the Albert Schweitzer National Organ Competition.

He was so popular with his classmates in his freshman year in college at Trinity College, Hartford, CT that they started a club entitled "Houlifans" which has evolved into a Facebook page embracing a worldwide community of enthusiasts for the art of Christopher Houlihan. Presently Christopher is a graduate student at the Juilliard School in New York, studying with Paul Jacobs, who presented an amazing concert in January 2008 on our 31-rank Schantz pipe organ.

Suggested ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. You can find more information and hear samples of his virtuosity on his website: www.christopherhoulihan.com. If you have any questions or would like further information, contact Jim Klein, AELC Minister of Music.

GET INVOLVED



Choosing Joy

The 2010 AELC Women's Breakaway will be held Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27 at Chapel Rock Retreat Center in Prescott. This year's speaker will be Ruthie Blocker. Overnight and day accommodations are available, with prices ranging from \$45 for day only to \$150 for a single overnight room. All fees include four meals.

Registration will take place at the Information table in the Narthex following Sunday worship services until March 14. More information is available in the brochures in the church's Information areas as well as on the "Current Events" page of the church website: www.americanlutheran.net.

SPREAD JOY THIS EASTER!

Easter baskets will be delivered to shut-ins by AELC's Kairos and Care Corps volunteers, and your help is needed to supply cookies to fill the baskets. You may bring cookies to the downstairs kitchen on Palm Sunday, March 28 by 11:00 AM. If cookies are ready prior to March 28, please clearly mark them "Easter Baskets" and deliver them to the upstairs kitchen or the church office.



SOUL CAFÉ REGISTRATION is now open!

Spring Session: Wednesdays, April 7—May 26

Dinner is served from 5:00 - 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$4/adult, \$2.50/student, with a maximum of \$12/family. Classes begin at 6:00 PM.

On the "menu"...

- ◇ A Life Worth Living (Pastor Mary M. Bope, facilitator)
- ◇ Biblical Creation 101 for Parents (Raymond Buettner, instructor)
- ◇ Study on the End Times (Larry Lee, instructor)
- ◇ Wisdom & Wealth (Brant Smith, instructor)
- ◇ I Second That Emotion (in conjunction with WOW- Stephanie Beneitone, leader)
- ◇ Digging Deeper (Harriet Mauritsen, instructor)
- ◇ Romans (Erroll Dotson, Carol Lake and Scott Peterson, instructors)

Full Soul Café brochures are available in the Information areas of the church and on the "Current Events" page of the church website. Register on Sunday mornings at the Information table or in the church office during the week.

PRESCOTT AGLOW meets at The Hassayampa Inn, 122 East Gurley in Prescott on Saturday, March 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 Tanya Muse, who leads a powerful prayer ministry in our Tri-City area, "Coach Connections." She is an intercessor and prayer warrior who will bring an anointed word from the Lord.

EXPERIENCED SEAMSTRESS NEEDED for a project for the church office. Please see Minister of Parish Life, Kate Howell for details!



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, March 10 by 12:00 PM.



Women of Wisdom (WOW) is taking registrations for its Spring Session, which begins on Wednesday, April 7 and continues through May 26. The morning begins at 8:15 AM with food and fellowship, followed by a first-hour teaching by AELC Associate

Pastor Mary M. Bope, "Becoming Women Who Listen to God." Second-hour morning and evening electives are available (evening classes are held from 6:00 – 7:30 PM, in conjunction with Soul Café).

Register early, as classes fill up quickly! Pick up a WOW brochure in the church Information areas or download it from the church website; then complete the registration portion and return it *with payment* to the church office. You may also register at the Information table on Sundays, March 21 and 28. Registrations for available classes will be taken up to the first day of Spring session. Women may attend the first hour morning teaching only at no charge. Class fees apply for all elective classes, with scholarships available. Childcare is provided at no charge. Contact Lynda Kieckhefer at 636-2258 for more information.

The Light at the End of a Tunnel

"My son, Sean, is my hero," observed Chris Sobel, the single parent of the 2010 Thrivent Builds/Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (PAHH) family.



Sean, who is 17 and attends Prescott High School, experiences life from a wheelchair. He has Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and to accommodate his special needs, PAHH will construct its 2010 *Thrivent Builds* house in Diamond Valley, AZ, to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities) accessible.

Sean's disease has given him a unique perspective on life and, according to his dad, it has contributed to Sean's deep spirituality and close relationship with God. The motivating force behind Chris' intent to become a Habitat for Humanity homeowner is

his wish to spend more quality time with Sean and Sean's 5-year old sister, Cheyenne. He will be able to accomplish this due to the affordability of his PAHH house. Locally, the cost of decent, safe, affordable ADA-accessible housing is prohibitive, and a sizeable amount of his paycheck goes toward rent. With the considerable financial savings that will occur when the family moves into their Habitat home, the family will be able to have an array of experiences that are now unavailable to them.

Chris moved to Prescott to go into treatment for drug and alcohol addiction. While in recovery, he obtained custody of Sean and Cheyenne. He had a spiritual awakening in the course of his recovery, and he reports that "life has been awesome ever since." He believes that if he could have written a plan for his life's journey, he would have sold himself short. As Sean and Cheyenne continue their schooling in Prescott, Chris is studying for his Associate of Arts Degree and working full-time. His long term goal is to earn a Master's Degree in Counseling.

Chris worked on the Wilson's house last year, during which time he learned about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He feels deeply grateful to Thrivent for their partnership with PAHH that will result in his family's home by late summer 2010. He appreciated working with friendly volunteers on the '09 Thrivent/PAHH build and looks forward to working with them on construction of his house, where he will be hard at work each Saturday this spring and summer. To all those at Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Thrivent's Mingus Mountain Chapter, and the four local Thrivent Builds participating Lutheran congregations, Chris would like to say an enthusiastic, "Thank you!" for creating the light at the end of a tunnel of life's challenges. To Chris we say, "May the light burn long and bright!"

OPEN DOOR FOOD DRIVE NOW UNDERWAY

The Board of Deacons invites and encourages the AELC congregation to participate in the Open Door Food Drive to benefit homeless and low-income families in the Prescott area by collecting non-perishable food and donations. The food drive is part of a nationwide campaign sponsored by the Feinstein Foundation to fight hunger in the United States. Through giving to local agencies such as Open Door, the Feinstein Foundation allocates a proportional amount of \$1 million for local hunger needs. In addition, the Mingus Mountain Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has agreed to match local giving up to \$1,600.

The AELC congregation is asked to bring a non-perishable food item (or \$1.00) each time you come to the church for any reason – whether it's for worship, choir rehearsal, Bible study, quilting, prayer, or a meeting – now through Sunday, April 11. Collection boxes are located at the main entrances of the building for your donations. This year's congregational goal is to collect a total of 6,000 items or dollars. Monetary donations may be given in the envelopes provided at the collection boxes.

It is suggested that instead of giving up something for Lent, share your resources with those less fortunate and donate food and/or money to the Open Door Food Drive.



AMERICAN LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011

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

Tuition fees for 2010-2011 are as follows:

2 day-\$100/month; 3 day-\$135/month; 5 day-\$200/month

Registrations are now underway! Please submit completed registration forms to the preschool office. A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration. Contact ALS Director, Lori Barbe at 778-7049 for more information

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the seven Eagle Scouts who were awarded this distinction at the AELC Court of Honor on February 23. Pictured: Brenden Howell, Jacob Huffaker, Braden Hicks, Colin Howell, Michael Huffaker, Ryan Lane, Phillip Bucklein.

IN GRATITUDE

Why should we be constantly reminded of how good our God is? This was proved again to us during Karen's recent knee replacement surgery. God put the right doctor in place and Karen came through the procedure/recovery with amazing results. There were many prayers from our friends at AELC, and this was comforting to both of us. We thank God for guiding us to this church and for the friends we have made from this congregation. Thank you to each of you! God is good!!! **Gerald & Karen LaVoie**

WHAT'S UP?

SEDER—Doubtless you've read about a special event taking place here on March 10: a Passover Seder, conducted by a Messianic Jewish Rabbi, Jack Zimmerman. Four things make the event special. Through the leadership and insight of a Messianic Jew—one who believes in Christ Jesus as Messiah—we will see just how Jesus celebrated the Passover, and where it was in this ceremonial meal that he spoke the words, "This is my body, given for you . . . This is my blood, shed for you." Second, the Seder will be in place of our Midweek Lenten service—a meal *and* worship *and* teaching, all rolled into one event. Third, it is part of the instruction of our fifteen Confirmation students. And fourth, our Fifth Grade First Communion class members will receive their First Communion at this time.

This will be Rabbi Zimmerman's second visit with us. He spoke to our Confirmation Class in November and was *very* popular with kids and parents alike. We look forward to Zimmerman's visit. Just one thing: Be sure to call the church office to reserve a place, as we want to know how much lamb and chicken to prepare for the meal.

LENTEN OFFERINGS: TWO WAYS TO GIVE, TWO RECIPIENTS—Again this year, there will be dual recipients of our Lenten offerings. The Board of Education's AELC Scholarship Fund will get a much-needed boost, as the Board members seek to support young people from our church in their college studies. Offerings received through the Midweek Lenten worship (or in your purple Lenten offering envelopes) will be designated for the scholarship fund. Offerings received through Lenten coin folders (available in the office and at the entrances to both Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall) will be used to support the ministry of Compassion International, a Christian organization which ministers to kids in developing countries.

STAFF ON THE READY—Last Tuesday, members of the AELC staff underwent training for CPR and the use of the AED (automatic external defibrillator). This was the first of two planned classes for the staff. Next month we will have general First Aid training. Many thanks to Jeff Jones and AELC's Jeff Knotek of the Prescott Fire Department for providing us with this instruction.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

To grow in Christ Jesus: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John 1: 1 (NIV) *All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.* 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 (NIV) *Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.* Colossians 4: 5-6 (NIV)

Dear Heavenly Father, you brought me into this world for your purpose and you love me, forgive me, show mercy and comfort me. You have provided for me all that I have and you promise me eternal life with you. As your steward, I pray that as I grow in you and you in me, my life will reflect the love you've shown me. I pray that your Light that shines through my life will bring light to the darkness in the world. To brighten the darkened areas of the lost and draw them to you, to the Light. As it is written, *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8: 12 (NIV).

For more on stewardship and giving at AELC, contact W. Scott Peterson, Trustee of Stewardship through the church office. "The Stewardship Corner" is a monthly feature of *The Live Wire*.

PUBLISHED AUTHORS—What do these people—Julie Darr, Brian DeVries, Char Diehl, Noel Fletcher, Tim Fletcher, Joan Gustafson, Beverly Houston, Richard Alley, and yours truly—all have in common? They are all published authors of the "Read Through the Bible" project. They have written the informative, interesting, and inspiring commentaries you've read so far if you are participating. In addition to these nine, there are forty-three others lined up to share their insights with you as we continue to read through the Bible, through 2010. Join in by picking up a reading schedule and the current commentary at both upper level entrances of the church, or by going to www.americanlutheran.net; click on "Current Events."

Yours for a Lively Faith in a Lively Church,
Pastor Dan Storvick

CALENDAR



Monday 3/1

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

Tuesday 3/2

- 9AM Book Discussion
- 9:30AM Friendship Quilters
- 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 Women's Mixed Issues Step Study
- 7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 3/3

- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
- 4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
- 5:30PM Digging Deeper & Romans
- 6PM Youth Small Group Meeting
- 6PM Confirmation
- 7PM Lenten Worship Service

Thursday 3/4

- 9AM MOPS Meeting
- 9:30AM SOS Bible Study
- 12:45PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery

Friday 3/5

- 12PM The Truth Project
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 3/6

- 7:30AM Good Book...Men's Bible Study
- 8AM Every Man Conference (Adult Ctr.)
- 4PM Ignite Small Group
- 7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 3/7

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

Monday 3/8

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 9AM The Truth Project

- 9:30AM Thumb Butte Quilters Guild
- 10:30AM Cursillo Grouping (Women)
- 1PM Alleluia Choir
- 5PM Men's Cursillo Group

Tuesday 3/9

- 8:00AM Care Corps
- 9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 3:15PM Cherub Choir
- 5:15 PM Bd. Of Education Meeting
- 5:30PM Glory Ringers
- 6:30PM Women's Bible Study
- 7PM Women's Mixed Issues Step Study
- 7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 3/10

- 10AM WOW Art Class
- 1:30PM Youth Small Group
- 3:30PM Joy Bell Choir
- 4PM Cursillo 4PM Seraphim Choir
- 5:30PM Digging Deeper & Romans
- 6PM Confirmation
- 6PM Youth Small Group Meeting
- 6PM Seder Meal/First Communion
- 6:30PM Jubilate Choir
- 8PM Peals of Praise

Thursday 3/11

- 6AM Crossfire Men's Ministry

- 9AM MOPS Meeting
- 12:45PM Chancel Chimers
- 1PM Literacy Meeting
- 4PM Deacons Board Meeting
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
- 7PM Sanctus Choir

Friday 3/12

- 12PM The Truth Project
- 4PM Youth Band Rehearsal

Saturday 3/13

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

Sunday 3/14

- 8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
- 10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
- 10AM KidZone
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 2:30PM Christopher Houlihan Organ Concert
- 5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Men's Step Study

