

The Live Wire



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FOURTH OF JULY CLOSING—The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4 in celebration of Independence Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, July 5 at 8:00 AM.



SAVE THE DATE!
CHURCH FAMILY CAMPOUT
AT GOLD BAR RANCH
(Kirkland, AZ)

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2011

AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WOMEN (AELW)

JOINT BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY, JULY 16 in the YOUTH CENTER

All women of the church are invited! The lesson will be "Women of Faith," led by Fern Cole and three well-known ladies of AELC, with special guests, Mary Magdalene and Katy Luther. Brunch served at 9:00 AM, hosted by Deborah Circle. AELW is collecting supplies for the Navajo mission school—please visit the AELW bulletin board in the church Narthex to see the list of items requested, or refer to Issue 13 of *The Live Wire*. Contact Karen Stoll if you have any questions: 778-2830. NOTE: Women of Ruth Circle will not have Circle meetings in July and August; Ruth Circle will resume in September. Happy Summer to All!

AELC STAFF

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KATHARINA VON BORA QUILTERS NEWS

This beautiful quilt was pieced and hand-quilted by the Katharina von Bora Quilting Group. It is shown in the photo on a king-size bed. Actual measurements are 86" x 110". The quilt is being offered for sale with an asking price of \$300; it will be displayed in the church Narthex and Fellowship Hall lobby in the coming weeks. Proceeds will go to purchase supplies to make quilts like this and the hand-tied quilts that are sent to those in need.



The Katarina von Bora Quilting Group was started over 40 years ago and has furnished up to 100 quilts per year to various organizations: Lutheran World Relief for third world countries and for other disasters in the U.S. and worldwide; Project Aware Men's Shelter; Stepping Stones; Pioneer Home; Open Door; and the Downtown Prescott Inn, a home for Veterans who are down and out.

Many people have donated yard goods and yarn to make the tied quilts. Sheets are purchased at yard sales and thrift stores for the backs. Funds are needed to purchase thread, batting and cloth, and for shipping of the hand-tied quilts when they are completed.

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GET INVOLVED

Host Families Wanted

Your family can make a difference in a child's life.

15—18 year-old students from South Korea desire to come to the United States to study education and learn about American culture.



KAGE (Korean Academy for Global Education), a Christian Exchange Program, is seeking families who are willing to open their hearts and homes to students for the upcoming school year. A monthly stipend will be paid to the family to help offset costs. The student will come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

This is an opportunity to be involved with missions without leaving home!

Contact Barbara Blythe at (928) 303-8443 or Rebekah Bacoka at (928)897-1738 or e-mail us at KAGE.OECE@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR HOST FAMILIES! Host families are needed for 3 African students in the KAGE exchange program. The two boys and one girl will attend Prescott High School and are due to arrive mid-July, staying through the end of May, 2012. They will have their own spending money, and host families are provided with a \$300 stipend per month. Contact Kate Howell in the church office for more information.

The Live Wire

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point, how often do we say, "I don't have a thing to wear"? Rarely is this statement spoken literally. In a small rural village in Burkina Faso, West Africa there lives a woman who has so few articles of clothing she is ashamed to come out of her home. Having no family—they have all died—she is isolated and alone. One day this woman had an unexpected visitor. It was determined that the widow was among the neediest and poorest in the village, so they delivered to her a beautiful, hand-made quilt. She could have used her quilt in a number of ways, as a bed, a cover, or a room divider. But she did not. Instead, she cut her quilt in half and used one half as a skirt and the other half to wrap around the top of her. Finally, she had clothing good enough to wear out in public, to interact with villagers and participate in community gatherings. It provided her with a new sense of dignity and pride. Now she dances, sings and celebrates with her neighbors. Another woman who received her quilt cut it into four pieces so each of her small children could have something to wear.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)



WORKDAY

at THE ROCK

Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, July 9

8:00 AM—12:00 PM

- General yard work (weeding & trimming)
- A little painting
- Carpet cleaning
- General house cleaning
- Window cleaning
- Electrician needed to add a breaker and split a circuit
- Masonry—repairing a brick wall
- General carpentry—building a shelf

Pizza and beverages will be served at Noon! To volunteer, call Dave Helgeson at 925-9910.

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Dedicated quilters are always needed! Try your hand at hand-quilting, putting together and sewing simple quilt tops to tie, or helping to put together and tie the quilts. The group meets Tuesday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 AM. You may come every Tuesday or every other week. Have a quilt that you (or your mother or grandmother) have not been able to complete? Katharina von Bora Quilting Group would be glad to finish it for you! Contact Agnes Curtis (445-1866).

It is very rewarding to do God's work knowing someone, somewhere has a warm quilt. To that



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO P.J.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

By now you have probably become aware that our worship schedule for the fall has been adjusted slightly. We will have traditional worship in the Sanctuary at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, and contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM. The reason for the adjustment of worship times is to facilitate our move to a "dedicated" education hour, for all ages, between the worship services (9:15–10:15 AM).

That may explain why we needed to adjust the worship schedule, but that still leaves one question unanswered: "Why a 'dedicated' education hour for all ages *between the worship services?*" (as opposed to the former education hour that ran at the same time as the second morning worship hour).

The answer is found in the pages of Scripture and has also been evident in our worship life for the past few years. First off, in regard to Scripture, the Bible is clear that it is important for children to be actively engaged in worship. In Genesis we read that young Isaac was already a regular participant in "worship" even though he was a child. (*Abraham*) said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy [Isaac] go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Genesis 22:5) In Luke's gospel we read that as a young boy Jesus had already established worship as a central component to his spiritual life. (*But why did you need to search?*) [Jesus] asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49)

I opened my article with a verse from the Old Testament Book of Proverbs...words that admonish parents to be spiritual models and examples of righteousness for their children (this includes worship). In the Lutheran Baptismal service parents make this promise to God: They will "faithfully bring their children to the services of God's house."

Worship is one of the central pillars of our Lutheran and Christian walk of faith...along with Scripture study, prayer, evangelism, and service. I'm sure most of you have noticed what I noticed upon my initial worship experience with AELC (when I interviewed back in December of 2010)...there are very, very few children in worship! No surprise, really, since our children are in Sunday School when their parents and the other adults are in worship. The result: Parents, grandparent, and other adults are not mentoring (providing a positive example) for our children on the importance of worship in the life of the believer...and how to be a part of a worshipping community. The irony of this is that we have fifth grade children who complete "first communion" class, but they are rarely in worship to receive the sacrament! To further exacerbate the issue, we have also grown accustomed to having our teenagers worship in a service of their own...instead of with their families and other church members.

After considerable time in thoughtful discussion and prayer, the pastors, staff, and lay leadership of AELC made the decision that we needed to make provision for our children to once again become active participants in the worship life of our congregation. We believe the positives of having our children as regular participants in worship far outweigh the negatives. Our congregation will continue to provide resources for your child's pew entertainment ("quiet books," crayons, etc.) if you should forget to bring something along from home. We want your child's transition to worship to go as smoothly and positively as possible! We also look forward to once again having weekly "children's messages" during the worship service, led by a pastor or lay leader. Additionally, having our children with us during worship will facilitate greater participation by our children in the music programs and worship life of our congregation.

As with all change, we anticipate there will be some bumps along the road. Not everyone will initially welcome the "additional energy" associated with having so many little ones in worship once again. Not every family will be excited about guiding their young children through this transition process. We encourage a spirit of patience and open-mindedness from our parents and church members during this time of transition.

I close with this *gentle warning* from Jesus in regard to just how seriously he took the spiritual care and nurture of our children: "And *whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea...*" (Mark 9:42).

Let us not be a "stumbling block" for our children as they travel the path of discipleship...but rather, let us be examples of righteousness for them *in their worship life...*that they may, like Jesus: grow in "*wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*" (Luke 2:52). That is: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO P.J.

Pastor Jack Shannon



You are cordially invited to the
Thrivent Builds—Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity
Wall-raising Ceremony for the home of Rebecca Richardson.

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2011
 Time: 1:30 PM
 Place: 8420 East Yavapai Road, Prescott Valley
 Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible. R.S.V.P. by
 Monday, July 11 to Christine Mack, 445.8003, ext. 16

MORE UPCOMING SPONSORED EVENTS BY THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS—MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME!

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invite you to a potluck on Wednesday, July 13 at 5:30 PM in the AELC Fellowship Hall. This gathering will celebrate 33 bicyclists with the National Bike and Build organization who will volunteer with Prescott Habitat to work on the 2011 Thrivent Builds house in Prescott Valley. Bike and Build is an organization that empowers young adults for a lifetime of service and civic engagement through service-oriented cycling trips which benefit affordable housing. Participants cycle across the US from coast to coast raising money for affordable housing and raising public awareness of housing needs. Please join us for a fun and engaging evening. RSVP by Monday, July 11 to Gail Martin, PAHH Director of Volunteer Services, 445-8003, x14.

Put on your walking shoes and join Thrivent for a tour of the Highlands Center for Natural History on Walker Road, Friday, July 15 at 9 AM. A naturalist will be the guide for an informational and educational tour. A box lunch will be served at 11 AM. RSVP to Nancy at 777-9526 by July 8.

IN GRATITUDE

I give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for such a wonderful, caring family in Christ. Thank you so much for your loving thoughts, prayers, support and cards during the illness and passing of my sister Stella. I cannot imagine going through the trials of life without the support of my church family. A special thank you to my sisters in Christ for the generous gift from Watters to get a special tree or plant in memory of my sister. May God bless each of you in a very special way. **Lynda Kleckhefer and Family**

Thank you to Tom & Terry Pritchard for donating time and materials to repair the ceiling at The Rock, which caved in from a water line leak. **Dave Helgeson and Tom Stears**

PROMISE KEEPERS will now meet at 8:00 AM on Saturdays in the downstairs Youth Center. All men of the congregation are invited to participate!

AROUND THE TOWN

PRESCOTT AGLOW will meet Saturday, July 16 at the Hassayampa Inn, Prescott. Breakfast buffet (\$11) is served at 9:00 AM. Call Judy at 713-0984 for reservations, or just come to the meeting at 9:45 AM—no reservation is needed for the meeting only. Speaker: Kathy Wright, who will present the message, "Hearing God's Voice." Come and be blessed!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY (FLAGSTAFF) SUMMER NEWS

You're invited!

- Worship on Sundays—light meal at 5:30 PM, worship at 6:00 PM.
- Meal and book study on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.



Not to be Missed: Third Annual Chili Cookoff and Cookie Chilloff—Mark your calendars and bring your best! Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (1601 N. San Francisco Street, Flagstaff), Sunday, September 25 from 3:00-5:00 PM. We challenge your congregation to decide who the best cookie bakers and chili makers are and then put them up against their equals in other congregations! We're talking smack-talk here... whose is best and what is it worth to you to claim the boasting rights? In addition to great tasting food, we'll have musical entertainment, activities for the kids, student labor and silent auctions. Contact us if you have a good or service you'd like to donate! Winners will be determined by independent (but persuadable) judges and people's votes. Mark your calendars, dust off your cookbooks and recipes, and get those taste buds going...this is something not to be missed!

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CALENDAR



Monday 7/4
Office Closed

Tuesday 7/5

8:30AM Katharina von Bora Quilters
9AM Book Discussion
9:30AM Music Start
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
1:30PM AELW Board Meeting
5:15PM Columbarium Committee Meeting
6:30PM Women's Bible Study
7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 7/6

9:30AM Music Start
5PM Celebrate Recovery Leaders Meeting

Thursday 7/7

9:30AM Music Start
4:30PM Open Hearted Praying
5:45PM Celebrate Recovery
6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday 7/8

9AM Charity Knit/Crochet Group
9:30AM Music Start

Saturday 7/9

7:30AM Good Book...Men's Bible Study
8:00AM Promise Keepers
7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 7/10

8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship

Monday 7/11

8AM Prayer Group
9:30AM Music Start
9:30AM Thumb Butte Quilters Guild
10:30AM Women's Cursillo Group
6PM Men's Mixed Issues Step Study
7PM Prescott Valley/Dewey-Humboldt Bible Study

Tuesday 7/12

8:30AM Katharina von Bora Quilters
9:30AM Music Start
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
4PM Board of Education Meeting
5:15PM Columbarium Committee
7PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday 7/13

9:30AM Music Start
4PM Cursillo
5PM Potluck for Thrivent Builds/Bike & Build

Thursday 7/14

9:30AM Music Start
4PM Deacons Board Meeting
4:30PM Open Hearted Praying
5:45PM Celebrate Recovery
6PM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Friday 7/15

9:30AM Music Start
9:30AM Thrivent Fin. for Lutherans Chapter Mtg.

Saturday 7/16

7:30AM Good Book...Men's Bible Study
8:45AM Mountain Spinners & Weavers Guild
8:00AM Promise Keepers
9AM AELW Joint Bible Study & Brunch
7PM A.A. Group

Sunday 7/17

8:30 & 10AM Traditional Worship
10AM *Changes* Contemporary Worship
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
5PM *Come Alive!* Contemporary Worship

