

The Live Wire



Plug into the
HIGHEST
POWER

WELCOMING BY THE POUND

At long last, a new Organist will be joining ALC's Traditional Music staff: Benita Rose will begin her employment on Monday, June 23. Help us welcome Benita and her husband, Tony Gibbs with a "Pounding" as they relocate to the Prescott area from Connecticut. What is a Pounding, you may ask? A pounding party is where we welcome Benita & Tony with household items, such as a "pound of food," a "pound of cleaning supplies," a "pound of toilet paper," etc. to help them stock their pantry. This age-old tradition's name likely came from staple items which were sold by the pound: sugar, flour, cornmeal, lard, coffee, dried beans...even nails! Gift cards to locations like Fry's, Walmart, Safeway, Home Depot or Lowe's are also a great idea! Please bring your gift items to the church office by **Thursday, July 19** so that they may be presented to Benita & Tony when they close on their new Prescott house that weekend – and help them settle in as Benita begins her ministry here at American Lutheran Church.

FUN IN THE SUN Family Day at the Lake

On June 29 we had a fantastic day at Gold Bar Lake in Kirkland as our first ALC family outing this summer. With 45 parents and kids showing up, we had a wonderful time of fun, food, fellowship, and plenty of laughter! Once we arrived at the lake, Dan Olsen and Kenny James got the barbeque going and provided everyone with a great lunch of hotdogs and burgers, chips, potato salad, and drinks. The rest of the afternoon was spent in total bliss as parents relaxed with each other in the sun and kids played, kayaked, fished, floated, and jumped off the rope swing into the lake. We hope that you are able to join us next time! – *Tricia Sokoloski, Director of Children's and Family Ministry*



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- Kate Howell.....Director of Administration
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- Kenny James.....Director of Contemporary Music
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- Denny Larson.....Custodian
- Ed Carr.....Custodian
- Margie Grimm.....Interim Organist

OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE



- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 3:30 PM Community Meal

KID CONNECT (Sunday School) is on hiatus until August 5. Child care is available for all worship services as follows: Birth through age 2 in Noah's Nursery; age 3 through grade 3 in the downstairs Education Wing.

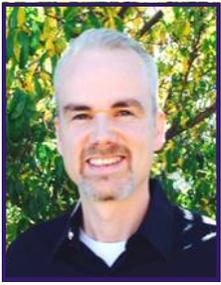
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A WORD FROM PASTOR ERICH

I want to give a big thanks to all those who have offered up their time, talent and energy to serve our church on Sunday mornings as a Connections teacher, Sunday school helper, lay assistant minister, Communion assistant, acolyte, greeter, usher, Scripture reader, or prayer team warrior. Wow! I've never served a church with so many people that are ready to step up and serve our Lord on Sunday! Each of these positions is indispensable to the beauty, order and Christ-centeredness of our worship services at ALC!

As God's Word tells us in Ephesians 4:1-4, "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call." What really jumps out at me in this passage is the word "call."

When we say that someone is "called" we mean that they have been equipped with certain natural and spiritual gifts for a specific purpose for their lives in the building up of His church. Responding to this "call" on our lives takes humility and patience centered on love. Christ-like love is that which everything revolves and is anchored to. Everything we do, as we follow God's calling on our life, aims at selflessly loving one another as Jesus selflessly has loved us.

Oftentimes we think of traditionally "called" individuals, like pastors or missionaries, as only those who are set-aside for God's active ministry. Not so! God gave each of us an official "letter of call" when He saved us from the darkness and brought us into His Kingdom of light. God saved each one of us for His own special purposes to bless His church through serving one another as fellow members of the family of God.

So often we miss out on the joy of living out our purpose in the Body of Christ. So often we sit on the sidelines and wait for some mysterious voice to speak or someone else to step up to meet a need! I remember once a council member of a church Tricia and I attended years ago called me to serve. I said I would pray about it. To be honest, I didn't... because I didn't feel I had much to offer. Looking back, I feel that God was calling me and I passed up that opportunity because I did not understand my responsibility to God's church and the great joy of serving God's church with the gifts that He has so graciously given me.

Our church needs every one of us to join in the mission to grow God's fellowship by making ALC a place where God's love, joy and peace can be experienced every Sunday and all throughout the week! Every one of us is here to not only

receive spiritual nourishment but to give of ourselves to build up the faith of others. To miss this is to miss a huge part of our purpose in Christ. As Paul says, "Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." (Romans 15:2) Sunday worship is not about us. It is about Jesus and the people we meet as we get out of our cars, enter the church and take our seat! Let's not put off the call any longer and seriously seek the Lord and listen. He will answer and show us where He wants us to serve His church and experience His joy!



Mothers of preschoolers, you and your little ones are invited to a **SUMMER PLAY DATE** on Wednesday, July 18 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at Mountain Valley Park (8600 E. Nace Lane, Prescott Valley). Come, bring a friend, and have a good time in the summer sunshine!

BOUND 4 GLORY – Enjoy the sounds of a good old fashioned gospel quartet on Sunday, July 15 when Prescott's own Bound 4 Glory lifts voices in joyful praise at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Traditional worship services in the Sanctuary.



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? Keep up with ALC's Sunday sermons and worships services online while you're away: Visit www.americanlutheran.net for audio links to all sermons (under "What's New/Audio Messages") or video links to Sanctuary services and Fellowship Hall sermons (under "What's New/Worship & Event Videos:"). If you visit another church during your time away, we're always interested in learning what's happening with other congregations—so feel free to bring back a bulletin to share with the church office!

Save the Dates **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF**

KID CONNECT

NEW SEASON KICKOFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

RALLY DAY FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

AT GRANITE CREEK PARK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 11:00

Worship in the Park

The Live Wire is the bi-weekly newsletter of American Lutheran Church in Prescott, AZ, made available to members of the congregation and to others upon request. Subscriptions by mail are \$12 annually. *The Live Wire* is also available for viewing online at www.americanlutheran.net. If you have material for the next issue of *The Live Wire*, please contact Donna Jackson in the church office at 445-4348 or donnae@americanlutheran.net. Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, July 18 at 2:00 PM.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH Family Picnic at Granite Creek Park (654 N. 6th St., Prescott), is Friday, July 27 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. All families are invited to come enjoy BBQ, kickball, games and other fun! Contact Tricia Sokoloski or Kathy Lilley in the Children's and Family Ministry department at 445-4348 x318 for details.

KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE is next month — time to clean out those closets! Drop off your gently used children's clothing (birth through teen) or maternity clothing in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, August 24 from 4:00–7:00 PM. Please make sure your items are in good condition, with no holes, tears, or repairs needed. For each bag you drop off, you will receive a voucher. Return on Saturday, August 25 from 8:30–10:00 AM to shop, with vouchers or for \$5/bag. "Early birds" will be welcome at 8:00 AM for a \$5 donation, with proceeds directed to ALC's Mothers of Preschoolers ministry. ***Pre-sort your clothing into Boys/Size and Girls/Size to receive an additional voucher!***

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a biblical and balanced program that helps participants overcome hurts, hang-ups, and habits. This Christian 12-step program meets in the Fellowship Hall most Thursdays, with Meet, Greet & Eat at 5:30 PM followed by worship and teaching at 6:00 PM. Upcoming schedule:

- July 12 — Hear the story of someone who overcame the past by trusting Jesus for the future. Told openly, this sincere message may speak directly to many in the room.
- July 19 — Are you ready to shed useless hang-ups, crippling compulsions, obsessions and harmful habits? Human weaknesses are unavoidable, but God is ready and able to remove them all.
- July 26 — There is such power in personal testimony! At this meeting of CR, a Christian 12-step program, we will hear the story of someone who was falling away, but with the help of Christ was able to make a complete U-turn. You will be inspired.

GOLDEN GOALS: ACHIEVING QUALITY AS WE AGE is a free Senior Connection Speakers Bureau presentation which will be offered on Thursday, July 26 from 12:00 — 1:00 PM in the downstairs Activity Center at

ALC. Presenter Dr. Sam Downing, Director of Outpatient Palliative Medicine at Yavapai Regional Medical Center, will provide practical ways to identify, prioritize and advocate for specific goals focused on quality of life as we age, and manage life's challenges — both physical and emotional. Medical issues and physical maladies often occupy large amounts of time, energy and economic resources as we accumulate years of experience. Planning for a high quality life experience as we age is not always predictable but, like estate planning, can reduce stress and avoid conflict in our later years. Local palliative care options will also be defined and explored. RSVPs are appreciated to Debbie@SeniorConnection.us or 778-3747.

CROSSFIRE MEN'S MINISTRY continues through the summer months with Bible Storying through the Scriptures, where a "Leader of the Week" chooses his own Bible verse. Crossfire meets on Thursday mornings, with breakfast and fellowship from 5:45–6:15 AM, storytelling from 6:15–6:30 AM, and interactive table discussion from 6:30–7:30 AM. Men of all ages are welcome to join at any time...no need to sign up, just show up! Questions? Contact Crossfire Coordinator, Dan Olsen at 713-2428.

PRESCOTT AGLOW INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE PRESCOTT meets on Saturday, July 21 from 10:00 AM–Noon at the Elks Theatre (117 E. Gurley St., Prescott). Additional parking is available one block south of Gurley Street on Union Street and in the Union Street parking garage. Speaker is Michael W. Smith from Arizona Deliverance Center, who will present "Keys to Spiritual Breakthrough." Michael holds a Bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation and a Master's degree in Counseling; he has worked as a Certified Counselor in Maricopa County. For more info, visit www.hardcorechristianity.com or contact ALC member, Becky Shields at 445-4262.

"HEAVEN: WHAT HAPPENS 1 MINUTE AFTER YOU DIE" is a special video presentation by Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer which will be shown Sunday, July 29 at 6:30 PM in the Social Room at Las Fuentes Resort Village (1035 Scott Drive, Prescott). Doors open at 6:00 PM; free popcorn and soda will be served. The event is sponsored by Prescott Men's Forum. Dr. Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of The Moody Church, where he served as the Senior Pastor for 36 years. He earned a B.Th. from Winnipeg Bible College, a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, an M.A. in



Philosophy from Loyola University, and an honorary LL.D. from the Simon Greenleaf School of Law. A clear expositor of the Bible, he is the featured speaker on 3 radio programs heard on more than 1,000 outlets in the U.S. and around the world: *Running to Win* — a daily Bible teaching broadcast; *Moody Church Hour* — The Moody Church's Sunday morning worship service; and *Songs in the Night* — an evening program that's been airing since 1943. Dr. Lutzer is also an award-winning author of numerous books, and his speaking engagements include Bible conferences and seminars, both domestically and internationally,

God's People Called to Pray

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

Use the acronym **BLESS** to remind yourself of five important areas when praying for others:

Body: physical needs, health, energy

Labor: work, income, job satisfaction

Emotional: inner life, joy, peace

Social: family relationships, friends

Spiritual: repentance, faith, holiness

Lord, I ask you to bless (name each individual or family member by name) . . .

Body: May they be given sufficient food to eat and living water so they may never thirst. (Matthew 23:35; John 4:10)

Labor: Give them a sense of fulfillment in their work and home responsibilities. (John 10:10)

Emotional: May they have happy hearts and cheerful faces so their inner joy can shine today. (Proverbs 15:13)

Social: May they not only speak love in words but be able to put love in action and make it real (1 John 3:18)

Spiritual: May they grow to love You with all their heart, all their soul, and all their strength. Deuteronomy 6:5)

BOOK LOOK

Some of you might remember “way back when” a missionary would come to your church and share what her/his life was like back in Africa, China, or another far away country. Perhaps you were fascinated with their life and wanted to learn more and maybe become a missionary yourself; or maybe you didn’t think you could survive without good food, running water and a bathroom. The ALC Library has 26 books written by or about missionaries in many parts of the globe. The Dewey Decimal number 266 is relegated to Missions, which is where you will find these books. China, Sudan, the Philippines, Zululand, the Congo, the Taiwan, Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Iran, India, Mexico, Rumania, Tibet, Bolivia, in addition to the Apache and Navajo in the United States are featured in the many books found in the 266 section. However, during the month of July they will be on the book cart.



Ruth, A Portrait (920) – The biography of Ruth Bell Graham by Patricia Cornwell tells of her years growing up in China, the daughter of a medical missionary.

Randy Alcorn’s novel, *Safely Home* (fiction) is a riveting and challenging account of modern-day life for Christians in China.

If you’ve always wanted to visit a foreign country, here’s your chance from your favorite armchair with book in hand – no tickets to buy, no lines at TSA or long flights – to experience life in a faraway place. Just choose the country and mission you want to know more about and settle in for an adventure.

For your convenience, all of these books are available on the book cart outside each of the worship areas on alternate Sundays for the month of July. At a later date they may be found in the 266, 920, and Fiction shelves of the library.

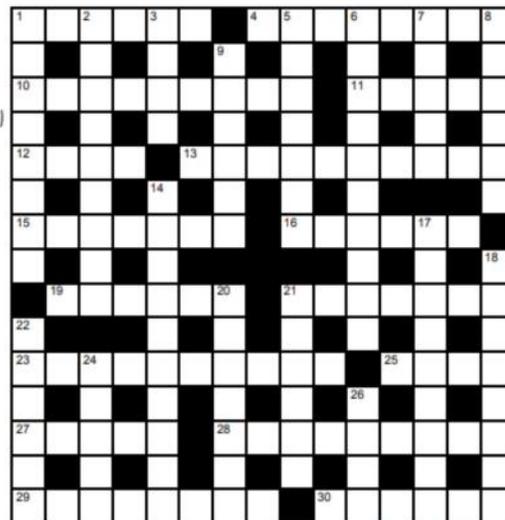
BIBLE CROSSWORD I

Across

- 1 An ancient weight (6)
- 4 Seemed (8)
- 10 New Testament book (9)
- 11 Unit of length (5)
- 12 ‘...it is a ___ thing the king requireth’ (Dan 2:11) (4)
- 13 Contemplation (10)
- 15 Abigail supplied David with one hundred clusters of these (7)
- 16 A son of King David (6)
- 19 Concurred (6)
- 21 Light sources (7)
- 23 Propitiation (10)
- 25 A false god (4)
- 27 Gather (5)
- 28 Abimelech was hit by this (9)
- 29 Instructors (8)
- 30 Hastily (6)

Down

- 1 Skilled animal workers (8)
- 2 Inspiring (9)
- 3 Compass point (4)
- 5 Intense emotion (7)



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- 6 The words of Jeremiah said not to listen to these (10)
- 7 Jewish leader (5)
- 8 ‘He is proud, knowing nothing, but ___ about questions and strifes of words...’ (1 Tim 6:4) (6)
- 9 Bread makers (6)
- 14 In this year of King Nebuchadrezzar’s reign, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem (10)
- 17 Ancient city of Og, King of Bashan (9)
- 18 Stringed instrument (8)
- 20 Joseph, perhaps? (7)
- 21 Tiny amount (6)
- 22 Jesus did this with authority (6)
- 24 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 26 Province of the Roman Empire (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Shekel, 4 Appeared, 6 Passon, 7 Rare, 8 Doting, 9 Bakers, 14 Nineteenth, 15 Meditation, 15 Raisins, 16 Nathan, 17 Ashtaroth, 18 Psaltery, 20 Dreamer, 21 Tittle, 22 Taught, 24 Omega, 25 Baal, 27 Glean, 28 Millstone, 29 Teachers, 30 Rashly.

CALENDAR (subject to change)

Sunday 7/8

- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 3:30PM Community Meal

Monday 7/9

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo Group
- 12PM Ignite Discipleship Group
- 4:30PM Friendship Bible Study
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo Study
- 5PM Monday Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday 7/10

- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 5PM Beginning Bells
- 6:30PM Hope Circle
- 6:30PM Tuesday Night Men’s Bible Study
- 6:30PM Celebrate Recovery Men’s Step Study
- 6:30PM Celebrate Recovery Women’s Step Study

Wednesday 7/11

- 9AM Library Meeting
- 6PM ALC Youth @ The Rock

Thursday 7/12

- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book...Good Men” Bible Study
- 2PM Library Volunteers
- 5:30PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

Friday 7/13

- 9AM Charity Knit & Crochet Group

Saturday 7/14

Sunday 7/15

- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 3:30PM Community Meal

Monday 7/16

- 8AM Prayer Group
- 9:30AM Care Partners Meeting
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo Group
- 12PM Ignite Discipleship Group
- 4:30PM Friendship Bible Study
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo
- 5PM Monday Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday 7/17

- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 5PM Beginning Bells
- 6:30PM Tuesday Night Men’s Bible Study
- 6:30PM Celebrate Recovery Men’s Step Study
- 6:30PM Celebrate Recovery Women’s Step Study

Wednesday 7/18

- 4PM Executive Committee Meeting
- 6PM ALC Youth @ The Rock

Thursday 7/19

- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book...Good Men” Bible Study
- 2PM Library Volunteers
- 5:30PM Celebrate Recovery
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

Friday 7/20

- 9:30AM Safety & Security Team Meeting

Saturday 7/21

