

# The Live Wire



Plug into the  
HIGHEST  
POWER

**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.



## MUSIC TO OUR EARS

A warm welcome is extended to the newest member of the ALC staff: **BENITA ROSE** joins us as Organist on July 23. Sunday, July 29, will be her first Sunday "on the bench." Benita holds a Master's degree from the Hartt School of Music. She and her husband, saxophonist Tony Gibbs were top-prize winners in the 2008 International Chamber Music and Ensembles Competition, professional division. Ms. Rose has performed throughout the world as piano concerto soloist and recitalist, accompanist, and chamber musician, and continues to perform in concert series throughout the country. As skillful on organ as on piano, her organ career includes serving as Organist at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Hartford CT, Director of Music Ministries at Avon Congregational Church, Associate Organist at St. Joseph's Church in Shelton, CT, and Organist of the First Congregational Church in Willimantic, CT. She has given organ recitals in CT as well as organ lessons to many who are now church musicians.

Ms. Rose is proud of her Rose International Piano Conservatory, which has just relocated to Prescott, where she has developed the joy and understanding of good music making as well as serious international competition winners.



**THE GOOD NEWS PUPPET TEAM** is recruiting new talent! Ever consider spreading the Good News of Jesus through the use of Muppet-type puppets? It's a blast! Requirements: Love Jesus, want to learn a new talent, want to have fun, and be age 3rd grade through adult. Membership at ALC is not a requirement to join the Good News Puppet Team, so spread the news to family and friends. A planning session will be held on Thursday, August 9 at 3:30 PM at the church. Feel free to contact Coordinator, Dick Morgan for details at [rlmorgan@cablone.net](mailto:rlmorgan@cablone.net) or 237-4054.

### ALC STAFF

- Rev. Jack Shannon..... Senior Pastor
- Rev. Erich Sokoloski.....Associate Pastor
- Rev. Don McMillan.....Pastor of Caring Ministries
- Kate Howell.....Director of Administration
- David Sherman.....Minister of Music
- Kenny James.....Director of Contemporary Music
- Tricia Sokoloski.....Dir. of Children's and Family Ministry
- Kathy Lilley.....Ass't. Director of Children's and Family Ministry
- Lori Barbe.....Director of American Lutheran School
- Larry Lee.....A/V Technician
- Benita Rose.....Organist
- Donna Jackson.....Administrative Assistant I
- Rachel Williams.....Administrative Assistant II
- Rita Brammer.....Receptionist
- Jaime Ortiz.....Food Services Coordinator
- 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.

### KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE



Time to clean out those closets for the popular annual **KIDS CLOTHING EXCHANGE!** Parents, you're invited to 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 per bag. "Early birds" will be welcome at 8:00 AM for a \$5 donation, with proceeds directed to ALC's Mothers of Preschoolers ministry.





# PASTOR DON'S DISPATCHES

## DETAILS

It must have been around 1998 when I first attended the Cowboy Poets Gathering at Sharlot Hall Museum. It was during our vacation and was a wonderful way to relax, be entertained, amused, and be inspired. At that time I was the Associate Pastor at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley, California.

In 1999 I again attended the Cowboy Poets Gathering. In those years I counted "the Gathering" as Continuing Education (CE). The synod bishop, and the Senior Pastor I worked with both looked at those CE hours with raised eyebrow. But I reasoned it was learning and inspiration to make me a better preacher, teacher, and writer. It sparked my creative juices. Ah... but lest I wander too far off topic let me get to the point.

At that 1998 Cowboy Poets Gathering I heard a cowboy musician by the name of Kerry Grombacher. He performed an original song titled, The Devil's in the Details. Pastor Jack is fond of using that expression, but from the time I first heard Kerry Grombacher I started saying, "If God isn't in the details the devil will be."

It might have been something Kerry Grombacher said as he introduced the song or it may be the lyrics I heard that reminded me of the importance of putting God in the details. The song tells of the challenges and risks of the cowboy life whether moving stock, riding rodeo, or just getting by financially. The words to the chorus are:

Luck is just for gamblers.  
Blind Faith will let you down.  
Check the buckles and the ropes, son,  
When you ride that last go round.  
'Cuz the devil's in the details,  
When you ride that last go round.

Details... we live through in details of life and the details make us who we are. But is God ALSO in the details of our life? It is easy to say, "Let's not bother God with the details." But we should, because it's about having a personal relationship. Our Lord God cares about the hairs on our heads, why wouldn't God care about the seemingly miniscule details in our life? If God cares about even the sparrows, or the lilies of the field, then we also matter.

I think of relationships I have with friends. And with friends we certainly share the details of our lives. So, too we can with God. That's what having a relationship with God is about. If something matters enough to us, then it matters to God. If something brings us joy, God will share in that joy. If something brings us challenges, God will journey with us

in the challenge. If something brings us down, God holds us; holds our hand and lifts us up to overcome. God will wipe every tear from our eyes and love us. God watches over our going out and our coming in.

As we read the stories of Jesus, we find people who came to him for help, but we also find Jesus approaching and ministering people. Jesus clearly cared about the details of their lives. He urged them to repent and do something different. He told them their faith matters. The details are important to Jesus, not in judgment but as a way to show people a better way; His way.

The Bible gives us many reminders of how to live the faithful Christian life. My favorite verse on prayer is 1 Thessalonians 5: 17 - *"Pray without ceasing."* Just three words, but they are powerful to us to build and maintain our relationship with God through Jesus. By letting God into the details of life we practice prayer without ceasing.

I pray and hope you will give God every detail of your life. But I know from experience it is not always easy. But when I do allow God into my details, life seems to go so much better.

Blessings,

*Pastor Don McMillan*



## THE FLEXIBILITY OF HOW OUR ENDOWMENT FUND AT ALC WORKS

— A part of our Endowment Fund assets at American Lutheran Church are held in Minneapolis, MN by InFaith Community Foundation. There are a few reasons we use them. They've been highly scored by national rating organizations year after year; they have extremely high satisfaction rates with their fund holders; and, as a Christian organization, our values align.



InFaith has always worked to innovate and be flexible on behalf of givers and offer a full complement of financial options. From working effortlessly with gifts of stocks and bonds, to will and estate questions, to funding multiple charities with one donor check, to year to year-end tax documents, to working with your own financial planners, they are set up to help each congregant — and our Endowment Fund — succeed.

As a result, there's a powerful and effective permanent charitable fund to benefit our work and mission. And it is one that, fifty or a hundred years from now, future generations will be thankful for our foresight.

For more information on the Endowment Fund and how to work with it or to specify it in your will or estate plan, contact the church office (445-4348) or an Endowment Board member; or you can call InFaith directly at 800-365-4172.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE



**WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW)** is ALC's spirit-lifting, faith-renewing, life-inspiring program for women of all ages and backgrounds, where studies and classes are designed to meet the needs of today's busy woman. The Fall Session marks WOW's 19th anniversary of "Growing Women in Christ" and will run September 12 through October 31, with meetings on Wednesday mornings from 8:15–11:15 AM. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones! Childcare is provided (space is limited) and scholarships for class fees are available. Registration opening day is August 3 through the church office, with registration available on Sundays, August 12, 19, and September 9 after worship services.

**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 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.
- August 2 – We will celebrate victory over our own weaknesses, flaws and failings. In this effective, Christian 12-step program we have learned to stop trying to change things by ourselves. We must rely on His power to change us. "So get rid of all that is wrong in your life ... for the wonderful message we have received is able to save our souls..." (James 1:21)

**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](mailto:Debbie@SeniorConnection.us) or 778-3747.

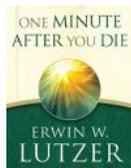


## CROSSFIRE MEN'S MINISTRY

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.

## "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.



For the past two years Margie Grimm has served faithfully as ALC's Interim Organist. Having accepted the position with a servant's heart, she lovingly gave beyond what was expected. Margie has been a blessing in so many

ways, and the ALC family is thankful for her time, talent, and gift of ministry through music. Following worship on July 23, join us in the Narthex for a small celebration and take a moment to share your gratitude with her.

*The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord.*

2 Chronicles 5:13 (NIV)

*Thank You!*

# 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:** Bring about Your plans for them – plans to prosper them and not harm them – plans to give them a hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

**Labor:** May they cast all their cares on You so You can sustain them. May they know You as refuge and strength and every present help in trouble. (Psalm 55:22; 46:1)

**Emotional:** May their home know no limit to love's endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

**Social:** May they seek You first above all things. May the light of Jesus shine into any darkness in their lives. (Matthew 6:22-23, John 1:4)

# BOOK LOOK

*The Well Women* by Ladine Housholder – The woman at the well, a familiar story from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke, is given fresh insight in this novel about former members of an international Bible study group in Rome who are reunited on a tour to the West Bank city of Nablus, the historic site of Jacob's Well, where Jesus encountered the Samaritan "woman at the well." Beneath their stylish veneer of accomplishment and comfortable affluence, each woman has been deeply hurt and nearly broken by their lives. As each woman shares her journey to recovery through the healing power of Living Water from Jesus Christ and through the love and support of the study group's members, they truly meet each other. The reader is treated to a rich tapestry of details about the people, sights, shops and foods of the Middle East. This book was an IndieFab finalist in the Foreword Book of the Year Awards for 2013.

*Bus to Corinth* by Ladine Housholder – In this sequel, five of the original "Well Women" retrace the footsteps of Paul the Apostle during his ministry in Athens and Corinth. While traveling and sharing I and II Corinthians, they realize that as Paul was a change agent for quarrelsome Judeans in Corinth, they too are changed and transformed. New insight into the Apostle Paul leads the reader to see the relevance of his message for the twenty-first century.

The author of these two books, Ladine Housholder, has traveled numerous times to the settings of these two books. In addition to living in the Middle East for eighteen years, she has completed a Certificate in Biblical Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; thus she knows well of what she writes. A friend of mine from our days as music majors at the University of Arizona, Ladine is a professional pianist now living in the Bavarian Alps.

—Reviewed by Vonna Reynolds

These two books are available on the book cart outside each of the worship areas on alternate Sundays. If you've read a book that you thought others might enjoy, send your review to [vonnareynolds@icloud.com](mailto:vonnareynolds@icloud.com) and it will be published in "Book Look."

## ALC BENEVOLENCE RECIPIENTS Second Quarter 2018

- Amazing Grace Christian Church, Glendale, AZ (LCMC)
- Children of the Nations
- Coalition for Compassion & Justice
- Community Cupboard
- Granite Creek Hunger Potluck
- Hope Clinic, Guinea, W. Africa
- Hungry Kids Program (Prescott, Chino Valley, Humboldt)
- LCMC
- Light the Way Mission Church, Cortraro, AZ (LCMC)
- Mission Aviation Fellowship
- NALC
- Navajo Lutheran Mission School
- OneHope
- Peace Lutheran Church, Holbrook, AZ (LCMC)
- Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity
- Prescott Valley Food Bank
- Servant Partners to the Urban Poor



**TOTAL GIVEN THIS QUARTER: \$34,708.14**

The new season of **KID CONNECT**  
Sunday School kicks off Sunday, August 5 in the downstairs Education Wing. All children are encouraged to wear their favorite super-hero costume.

**IT'S A SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION!**

Families with children through 5th grade are invited! Sunday, August 5 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM downstairs lawn

CARNIVAL GAMES FELLOWSHIP  
FUN HOTDOGS FACE PAINTING  
POPCORN BOUNCE HOUSE

For more information about these events contact Dir. of Children's & Family Ministry, Tricia Sokoloski at [tricia@americanlutheran.net](mailto:tricia@americanlutheran.net) or Ass't. Dir. of Children's & Family Ministry, Kathy Lilley at [kathy@americanlutheran.net](mailto:kathy@americanlutheran.net).

## CALENDAR (subject to change)

### Sunday 7/22

8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9AM - 12PM Margie Grimm Reception  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
3:30PM Community Meal



### Monday 7/23

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 7/24

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
5PM Beginning Bells  
6:30PM Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday 7/25

10:30AM Hymnal Assembly Meeting  
6PM ALC Youth @ The Rock

### Thursday 7/26

5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
11:30AM Senior Connection Speakers Bureau  
2PM Library Volunteers  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
6PM Church Council  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

### Friday 7/27

5PM Back to School Bash Family BBQ @ Granite Creek Park

### Saturday 7/28

### Sunday 7/29

8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9 & 11:30 AM Benita Rose Welcome Reception  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
3:30PM Community Meal

### Monday 7/30

8AM Prayer Group  
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 7/31

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
5PM Beginning Bells  
6:30PM Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday 8/1

4PM Stewardship Meeting  
6PM ALC Youth @ The Rock

### Thursday 8/2

5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8AM Men's Task Force  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
2PM Library Volunteers  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

### Friday 8/3

### Saturday 8/4

