

# THE LIVE WIRE

PLUG INTO THE  
HIGHEST  
POWER



## ROSE-GIBBS DUO

**3:00 PM Sunday, November 11  
in the ALC Sanctuary**

The Rose-Gibbs Duo has performed throughout the United States as a sax-piano duo. They were top prize winners in the 2008 International Chamber Music and Ensembles Competition, professional division, held in Boston. They are frequent recitalists, presenting beautifully varied sax-piano programs. Tony Gibbs, saxophonist, performed with the U. S. Coast Guard Band from 1980-2000, delighting audiences around the world with his virtuoso solos and sultry sounds. His audiences have included four United States presidents as well as other dignitaries, National Public Radio and Radio Free Europe audiences. During this period he also performed at international saxophone symposiums. Mr. Gibbs was also a music teacher for Coventry Public Schools for many years. He holds degrees from Northwestern University and the University of Connecticut. Concert pianist Benita Rose is in demand not only as half of the Rose-Gibbs Duo, but also as a soloist. Recently relocated to Prescott, she is organist/pianist at American Lutheran Church and piano soloist on the Prescott Chorale and Arizona Philharmonic Concert Series. She gives recitals often and has received acclaim as soloist with orchestras, performing concertos from Mozart, Liszt, Schumann, and

Gershwin. She has been heard on over two-hundred radio stations on Martin Goldsmith's "Performance Today." Upcoming performances include Minneapolis and Arizona. Ms. Rose ran a successful piano studio in Connecticut, "Rose International Piano Conservatory," where she enjoyed many prize-winning students. She has served as organist/pianist at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Hartford where she gave annual organ recitals; Assistant Organist at St. Joseph's Church in Shelton, and Director of Music Ministries of Avon Congregational Church. She holds degrees from the Hartt School and the University of Connecticut.

## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

It's time to sign up for this year's production of **Walk Through Bethlehem**, ALC's Christmas gift to the community. Each year

thousands of people attend and experience the sights, sounds and smells of the town of Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago through 30-minute interactive, guided tours. A free-will offering is received. 400+ volunteers are needed in many different areas to make Walk Through Bethlehem a success. Volunteer forms and sign-ups are available after worship on each Sunday leading up to the event, as well as in the church office throughout the week. Additional needs for the event include animals

(donkeys/mini horses, goats, chickens, and rabbits) and food (coffee, cookies, cases of 8 oz. bottled water). Monetary donations are always appreciated and put to good use as well; please make checks payable to ALC with "WTB" in the memo line. **Important Walk Through Bethlehem dates are as follows:** COSTUME FITTINGS: Sundays, November 18 and 25

9:30 AM-Noon; Tuesday, November 27 5:00-6:00 PM. ORIENTATION: Tuesday, November 27 6:00-7:00 PM; December 8 6:00-8:00 PM. For more information on Walk Through Bethlehem, contact the church office at 445-4348.

## WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM



### EXPANDED PERFORMANCE DATES

Wednesday, Nov. 28  
1:30-3:30 PM  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
6:00 8:00 PM  
Friday, Nov. 30  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Thursday, Dec. 6  
6:00-8:00 PM  
Friday, Dec. 7  
1:30-3:30 PM  
Saturday, Dec. 8  
6:00-8:00 PM

## ALC STAFF

- Rev. Jack Shannon..... Senior Pastor
- Rev. Erich Sokoloski.....Associate Pastor
- Rev. Don McMillan.....Pastor of Caring Ministries
- Jill Spasaro .....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
- Tony Clark.....Director of Youth Ministry
- Lori Barbe.....Director of American Lutheran School
- Donna Jackson.....Administrative Assistant I
- Rachel Williams.....Administrative Assistant II
- Rita Brammer.....Receptionist
- Larry Lee.....A/V Technician
- Benita Rose.....Organist
- Jaime Ortiz.....Food Services Coordinator
- Denny Larson.....Custodian
- Ed Carr.....Custodian
- Cinda Kasun.....Bookkeeper

## REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

### NOAH'S NURSERY

- 7:45-10:15 AM (Birth-5 yrs.)
- 10:15-11:45 AM (Birth-3 yrs.)



The Women of Wisdom (WOW) 2019 Winter Registration is now OPEN! You can send your registration to the church office or register in person between worship services on December 9 or 16, or January 6, 2019. Don't delay - classes are already filling fast!





# PASTOR DON'S DISPATCHES

## LCMC Annual Gathering – 2018

Each Fall, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) holds its annual Gathering. From October 7-10, 2018, I attended as ALC's delegate to the 18th Annual Gathering, held in Des Moines, Iowa. I am thankful to our church council for allowing me to attend and represent ALC. This marked my eleventh time attending and there were approximately 900 participants. It is a joy to attend this truly international gathering.

Highlights of the Gathering included worship, daily Bible study to begin the day, a business meeting that lasted all of 12 minutes (just long enough to receive the treasurer's report, pass a budget, ratify the welcome of some new congregations, and to install a new LCMC staff member since last Gathering.

Best of all was the teaching from keynote speakers Rev. Dr. Kent Hunter and his colleague Tracee Swank. They, and others who spoke, reminded us of the dual mission Jesus had when he came to be among us. First, his mission was to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Second, Jesus was about growing God's kingdom by making and growing disciples. We know about the first and believe that is true. The second, discipleship, isn't so easy.

Hunter and Swank gave us a three-part approach: Finding them; Training them; Sending them. Each piece is packed with a great deal of information, but under each piece there is encouragement. Dr. Hunter says there is a revival coming. It has begun in England and when that happens, the Americas follow about a generation later.

**Finding them** is about us and our desire and gifts to make disciples, and that brings revival. Revival is slow to come because, even though many of us suffer from "Holy Discontent," we don't know what to do with it. "Holy Discontent" is described as, in general, in the big-picture, being unhappy about the direction of the church as a whole (not specific to any one congregation) and being ready for a change. I am a "Holy Discontent". Maybe you are too.

In **Training them** we struggle with making disciples of others because we ourselves are not likely to have been discipled. But we can do it, and we have a ready source of people we might reach. Those people are in our phone's contact list, or in our address book. It is not just sharing information, but it is invitation and imitation that makes disciples.

**Sending them** is about those trained, including us, going out to repeat the process; doing evangelism. Studies show only about 10% have the gift of evangelism, but all of us have the role of witnesses. This is where having a Kingdom Culture comes in. Too often we get caught up in doing things in our lives and in the church that are not about Jesus. LCMC Service Coordinator, Mark Vander Tuig, gave a great example of not doing Kingdom stuff in the church. He says, "How often do we argue about things like the color of the carpet? What does that have to do with Jesus dying on the cross?" We can examine our lives the same way.

It is difficult to pack hours of learning into a few sentences here, but the good news is there is training material available. As I traveled to the Gathering, and during and after the Gathering I have been reading Dr. Kent Hunter's book called, Who Broke My Church. It addresses much the same things he said during his and Tracee Swank's keynotes, and the book gives strategies for renewal.

I have come away energized, but also with a brain so full it aches because of so much that can be done. But this is a good thing. I am excited!!! I am praying about how this information might be shared and embraced here at ALC. Again, thank you to our Church Council for allowing me to attend.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Don McMillan

P.S.– I traveled by air from Prescott's airport to Denver with a connection to Des Moines. The Prescott to Denver leg (and return at the end of the trip) was impressive. The city's choice of Skywest as the carrier under the United Express banner seems good; they are very efficient, and the Canadair Regional Jets are very comfortable.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

*Don't Miss Out!*

**Moms market**

Join us Saturday  
November 3rd  
for fun, shopping, and raffles!  
All vendors are local moms!  
10am-3pm

American Lutheran Church  
1085 Scott Dr  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
Fellowship Hall

*The Good News Puppets present.*

**Jumpin' Jungle Safari!**

**Sunday, November 4 1:00 PM**  
**in the ALC Fellowship Hall**

**This event is rated "F" for FREE, FANTASTIC, FUN for all ages!**

**Save the Dates!**

- Acker Night: Friday, December 7, 5:30-8:30 PM  
ALC's Joyful Bells and Peals of Praise at the Springhill Suites Marriott Hotel (200 Sheldon Street) Prescott
- ALC's Yule Fest: Friday, December 14 at 7:00 PM
- Yule Fest: Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 PM

*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](http://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](mailto:donnae@americanlutheran.net). Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, November 8 at 12:00 PM.

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** is a biblical and balanced program that helps “regular people” to overcome hurts from the past and negative habits in order to live in freedom with Christ. The Beatitudes are our roadmap. Meetings are every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall with Meet, Greet & Eat at 5:30 PM followed by worship and teaching at 6:00 PM.

- November 1 – Everyone has a story; hear how the Lord showed one believer that his attachment to negative behaviors could be broken through faith in Jesus Christ. *All are welcome!*
- November 8 – This week we will discuss the importance of maintaining “an attitude of gratitude,” thanking God for His love, grace and perfect forgiveness.

Contact Coordinator, Dale Sams at 420-6480 for more information on ALC’s Celebrate Recovery ministry.

**WHAT WE BELIEVE**—On Sunday, November 4 at Noon in the Parlor, Pastor Erich Sokoloski will present ALC’s Confession of Faith. A light lunch will be served. RSVP to the church office by Thursday, November 1.



**HAND IN HAND** widow support group meets Tuesday, November 6 at 11:30 AM at Applebee’s (1881 E. State Rt. 69).

Please RSVP to Mary Drake at 778-7430.

**TEENS’ CLOSET** is a non-profit local volunteer organization dedicated to clothing teens in need. Teens’ Closet’s Mission is to provide free clothing and accessories to the quad-city area teenagers (ages 13-19) who are in need in an effort to boost self-esteem and self-confidence. Teens’ Closet provides new and like-new, trendy clothing and accessories for teens (guys and girls) ages 13-19 in the Prescott quad-city area. Teens’ Closet is a ministry of American Lutheran Church and relies on the generosity of the community, accepting monetary donations, **(they no longer accept clothing)**. Your support is greatly appreciated in the future success of this organization.

**MOMS’ CLOSET** closed it’s doors in the fall of 2017. Thank you Pam Braniff for your many years of dedication and talent in providing a warm and inviting “shopping” experience to the women of the quad-cities.



**IRA DONATION TO ALC** - If you are 70½ or older by the end of 2018, if you have a traditional IRA, if you cannot itemize your deductions on your tax return, and if you have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), consider making 2018 donations via the qualified charitable distributions from your IRA. The new tax laws for 2018 will affect whether it is advantageous for you to itemize or use the standard deduction.

Such distributions are made directly to the church from your IRA and the amount of the contribution is neither included in your gross income nor deductible on your tax return. However, the amount of the qualified charitable distribution reduces the amount of your RMD, resulting in tax savings. Seek additional information from your tax advisor/investment advisor before year-end.

**Dueting Divas**

Join us November 27 at Noon for the next Young at Heart (YAH) for a festive holiday meal & delightful program of music!

Merlene Neil & Susan Powell, Pianists

**God's People Called to Pray**

Lord God, today, on this Reformation Sunday, we thank you for those you have poured your spirit into who then set about reforming your church. We thank you that you are still at work in the life of the church reforming us, reshaping us, and remaking us into your image.

Amen



## HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

the Women’s Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding it’s 12th Annual Holiday Craft Show & Bake Sale. The event will be held at 3950 N. Valorie Drive in Prescott Valley on Saturday, November 4, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. All proceeds from the event will go towards various charities and service projects in the area. For more information call Arlene at 928-445-8279.



With Veterans Day just around the corner, we honor our vets for their brave service to our country. One ALC member, John Murphy, has a mission to make all of us healthier. On Monday, November 12, he is hosting a “Victory Garden” Gala Charity Fundraising event to kick off a national effort to help fellow Americans grow 1,000,000 *Victory Gardens* in five years or less.

The event will be held on Monday, November 12 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at The Club at Prescott Lakes. One of the highlights of the event is a “farm to table” dinner prepared by the club’s renowned chef, Matt Smith. The keynote speaker is legendary “Gardener of Destiny,” Daniel Blake, who will share his secrets of how he has helped more people get food to their table than anyone on earth. He was honored by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, NPR, World Vision and others for his teachings and writings.

As you may know, “*Victory Gardens*” were all the rage back in WWII. It was a patriotic duty to have a backyard garden. But today, there’s a 40% obesity rate and a diabetes epidemic. A new “Victory” is needed for our health!

To commemorate this “*Victory Garden*” theme, we will pay respect to America’s heroic veterans; one of the honorees is long-time ALC member, George Morse, who will represent all veterans and will be saluted for his duty to our country. He will also christen the “*Victory Garden*” campaign.

The entertainment for the Gala will feature “The Michael Somma Project.” They will also be filming a documentary on the life of Daniel Blake called “*Gardener of Destiny*.”

Tickets for the event are \$100 and are tax deductible, but through the generosity of our sponsors, there are a limited number of half-price tickets for ALC members. Just mention code “Victory” and you can support the cause for half price.

For more info and to purchase your tickets email [info@make100healthy.com](mailto:info@make100healthy.com) or call John Murphy at 908 309 7046

Together we are making a difference. Thank you in advance for your support. God Bless.

# BOOK LOOK

Are you leading a Bible Study or studying the Bible on your own? The library has many resources to assist you, available for checkout or in the Resource section whose books are for use in the library only (not for checkout).

In the 220s (on the shelves to the left as you enter the library) are various translations (including a chronological Bible), dictionaries, commentaries (both the Barclay and the Sawyer series on specific books of the Bible), concordances, and encyclopedias. Different takes on the Bible include The Book of God: the Bible as a Novel by Walter Wangerin, The Story: the Bible as One Continuing Story of God and his People, by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, and Max Lucado's Devotional Bible: Experiencing the Heart of Jesus. Other interesting books in this section include: Don't Know Much About the Bible: Everything You Need to Know About the Good Book But Never Learned by Davis, What the Bible is All About by Mears, God's Secretaries by Nicholson, The Bible for Dummies, and bios on Moses, Job, Paul, Elijah and Joseph.

The Resource section (found straight ahead as you enter the library with red identifying labels) contains concordances for the KJV, NIV, and RSV translations, parallel Bibles (side by side different translations which make it easier to compare verses), atlases, dictionaries, encyclopedias, commentaries, and volumes both on Luther and worship.

Personally, many of these resources have enabled me in my study of the Bible. If you need assistance I am willing to meet you in the library to help you do research. Feel free to contact me at vonnareynolds@icloud.com or 928-771-9923 and we'll set up a time to meet.



**NEARLY FIVE CENTURIES AGO** (1517) in Central Europe, an unknown Augustinian monk decided to nail 95 theses to a church door, sparking a religious revolution felt to the present day. An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time, becoming the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Ephesians 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms, and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. Reformation Day, the anniversary of when Martin Luther began the Protestant Reformation, is an observance remembered by hundreds of American churches in the modern day. As we consider his importance this Reformation Day (October 31), let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world, and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture. **Those attending worship services on Reformation Sunday at ALC are asked to wear RED in commemoration of this special day.**



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## CALENDAR (subject to change)

### Sunday 10/28

8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9:15AM Connections Adult Education Hour  
10:30AM Kid Connect  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:45 Youth Choir 11:45 AM Scout Chili Feed  
3PM The BIG Sing 3:30PM Community Meal

### Monday 10/29

8AM Prayer Group 10:30AM Women's Cursillo  
12PM Ignite Discipleship Group  
1PM Sprouts Choir 5PM Men's Cursillo  
5PM Monday Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday 10/30

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
4:30PM Chancel Chimers/Joyful Bells  
6PM Celebrate Recovery Men's/Women's Groups  
6:30PM Boy Scout Troop 7006 @ The Rock  
6:30PM Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday 10/31

8AM WOW Fall Session 9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Women's Cursillo  
11:30AM WOW Class Leader Debriefing Meeting  
3PM Children's Min. Trunk or Treat  
5PM Peals of Praise 6:30PM Sanctus Choir  
6PM ALC Youth at the Rock

### Thursday 11/1

5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8AM Men's Task Force  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
9AM MOPS Meeting 9:30AM ALS Chapel  
2PM Library Volunteers 3PM Good News Puppets  
5:15PM Friendship Bible Study  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

### Friday 11/2

### Saturday 11/3

10AM MOMS Market

### Sunday 11/4

8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9:15AM Connections Adult Education Hour  
10:30AM Kid Connect  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:45AM Youth Choir  
12PM Good News Puppet Show  
12PM What We Believe Class/Luncheon  
3:30PM Community Meal

### Monday 11/5

8AM Prayer Group  
10AM Worship Advisory Committee Meeting  
10:30AM Women's Cursillo Group  
11AM Walk Through Bethlehem Meeting  
12PM Ignite Discipleship Group  
1PM Sprouts Choir 4PM Beautiful Signers  
5PM Men's Cursillo  
5PM Monday Night Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Girl Scouts at The Rock

### Tuesday 11/6

8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
9AM Book Club  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
4:30PM Chancel Chimers/Joyful Bells  
6PM Celebrate Recovery Men's/Women's Groups  
6PM Cub Scouts at The Rock  
6:30PM Boy Scout Troop 7006 @ The Rock  
6:30PM Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday 11/7

9:30AM ALS Chapel 4PM Executive Committee  
4PM Stewardship Mtg. 5PM Confirmation Class  
5PM Peals of Praise  
6PM ALC Youth @ The Rock  
6:30PM Sanctus Choir

### Thursday 11/8

5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
8:45AM MOPS Leadership Meeting  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
2PM Library Volunteers 3PM Good News Puppets  
4:30PM Heavenly Chimers  
5:15PM Friendship Bible Study  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

### Friday 11/9

9AM Charity Knit/Crochet Group

### Saturday 11/10

