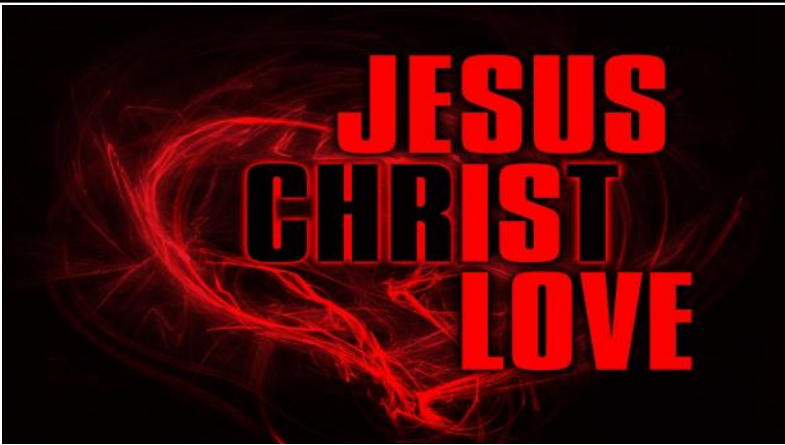



# THE LIVE WIRE

February 2020

PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER



February 26, 2020



## Ash Wednesday SERVICE

12:00 & 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

the  
**CHURCH  
PRAYERS**

### Prayers for the Church

Heavenly Father, we praise you for your amazing love and your perfect design of the family. Lord Jesus, please forgive us where we have fallen short in our own marriages and families. Cleanse us from our sins of insensitivity and disrespect toward those we love the most. Help us to honor you in our roles as family members. Holy Spirit, infuse us with your fruit of the spirit that we may be conduits of your love and grace. We ask all of this in the name of our mighty Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen



**UPDATE YOUR  
CONTACT INFO**

Have you moved or changed your email address lately? The church office would like to know. We like to keep our church database current with correct contact information on our members and regular attendees. Please call the church office at 445-4348 if you have made a change to your contact information. Thank you!

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday February 17 in honor of Presidents' Day.



## Blended

# Worship Service

Sunday, February 23 - 10:30am  
in the Sanctuary

Following the service there will be an all church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet for the potluck in the church office. Please bring food in disposable containers to reduce confusion of returning dishware to the right person.

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE



- 8:00 AM Traditional Worship
- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 9:15 AM Connections Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:30 AM Chino Valley Worship
- 3:30 PM Community Meal

**NOAH'S NURSERY**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

- Mon - Thurs: 8:00AM - 4:30PM
- Friday: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

### 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.....Director of Children's and Family Ministry
- Kathy Lilley.....Assistant Director of Children's and Family Ministry
- Tony Clark.....Director of Youth Ministry
- Lori Barbe.....Director of American Lutheran School
- Rachel Williams.....Administrative Assistant
- Abbie Cornelius.....Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper
- Rita Brammer.....Receptionist
- Larry Lee.....AV Technician
- Benita Rose.....Organist
- Ed Carr.....Lead Facility Coordinator
- Denny Larson.....Facility Coordinator
- Lloyd Cox.....Facility Coordinator
- Doug Book.....Food Service Coordinator
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# A WORD FROM PASTOR ERICH

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to 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—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.  
**Ephesians 4:1–7 (ESV)**

In these seven verses the word "one" is mentioned eight times. Paul's main concern here is "unity" or "oneness" in the Ephesian church. The Ephesian church, at the time that this letter was written, was surrounded by a culture that was hostile to followers of Jesus. It was a terribly fragmented society with various competing moral understandings and religious forms of practice. The church in Ephesus was imbedded in a culture that worshipped wealth, praised and promoted aberrant sexual behavior and became a sanctuary of all forms of crime and violence.

Today there are similar forces at work in our culture. As our culture drifts further and further away from its Judaeo-Christian roots, we will continue to see things unravel. I guy told me the other day that he believed that we were "progressing" as a culture—that things were getting better. I know that there have been some great improvements, in the last century on civil rights and the spread of democracy, but when I consider the terrible social burdens that Americans are now forced to carry in their public and private lives and consider the moral decay promoted by the entertainment world and various forms of media, I can't believe we're really progressing as a culture. There is no longer much of anything under our feet as a society but our own selfish and prodigal pursuit of happiness (the American dream without God). However, we shouldn't be surprised ... we've been warned that things would eventually "progress" in this way.

*But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. 2 Timothy 3:1–5*

When I think of our society's lack of outrage with Planned Parenthood, with what musicians, actors, and athletes (the gods of our society) can get away with on national television and the horrific forms of nightmarish violence fictionalized in entertainment and eerily acted out in our neighborhoods, you can't help but to feel that just maybe we're in the last days of the "last days."

The Church really is to be the light to our nation. Wherever God plants His Church it is to be a living force for the expansion of His Kingdom. We are the people of God who are to live lives that change the world around us ... as those who have been rescued from the darkness and brought into the light ... as those who share the hidden treasures of God with those who are spiritually poor, blind and naked. America is spiritually sick. If we want the Good Physician to heal her we must let Him have his way with us! We must live what we believe and speak with love the truth we know, and with Jesus' help we will draw people to His healing light. Jesus never waffled on the truth and at times people left Him overcome with conviction, but still the crowds never let-up and followed Him for years across the countryside. He never had any problem drawing crowds of people into His mission.

God has so blessed American Lutheran Church with those who deeply love God and have great big hearts for serving Him. It is such a pleasure having the opportunity to serve along side so many people that want to make a difference in our society. We mustn't give up on our wayward country or our friends and family members caught up in this present "spirit of the age." What a time to blaze for Him and show the world around us that we are one body, in one Spirit, saved by one faith, serving together under one Lord Jesus Christ, who has graciously drawn us to one calling. This one calling is to be His disciples.

To be His disciple means to live my life as He would live my life if He were I. Though this calling is a very personal calling to be lived out between ourselves and Jesus, it cannot be properly lived out in isolation. We are called by Jesus to be His disciples together in the fellowship of His Spirit.

As we kick-off this year's plethora of ALC ministries, let's join together to serve and make a difference in the lives of those around us. As we live for Him together ... together we can help one another reach those in our families, our neighborhoods and those on the fringe of society with the humility, gentleness, patience and Christian-love that Jesus beautifully showed us when He courageously walked this earth.

To live is Christ,

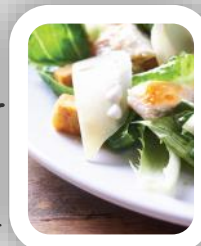
Pastor Erich



**HAND IN HAND WIDOWS'** group luncheon will be on **Tuesday, February 4** at 11:30 AM at Casa Sanchez Restaurant, 1459 W. Gurley St. Prescott, 86305. RSVP to Mary Drake at 928-778-7430.

Terrific Tuesday Lunch (TTL - a time of fellowship for adults of all ages) will host members of the Yavapai Jeep Posse Search and Rescue team. They will be speaking about planning for evacuations in cases of fires, floods, and more. They will share with us how to be more conscious and aware, and they will let us know what to do if we become lost, or stranded somewhere. Posse members will also have some information available for interested volunteers.

*terrific*  
**TUESDAY**  
**Lunch**



**February 25**  
**Noon in the**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Our lunch will be held in the ALC Fellowship Hall. It is open to all adults regardless of age. Come and take a break from the routine. If you are working, how about a break from the usual and join us for fellowship. Invite a friend, and **RSVP** to the church office **928-445-4348**.



*Yavapai County Jeep Posse*  
*Arizona Search & Rescue*  
*Fire Evacuations*



*Serving Yavapai County Residents Since 1952*

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Celebrate Recovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED Recovery Program



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** is a biblical and balanced program that helps “regular people” 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.

**Thursday, Feb. 6** This week we will hear a grateful believer tell us how it was possible to achieve victory over destructive personal issues by trusting Jesus.

**Thursday, Feb. 13:** This week we will unpack a lesson on Hope. “For I can do everything...with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and the power.” (Philippians 4:13) Where are **you** looking to find hope?

**Thursday, Feb. 20:** It takes enormous courage to stand in front of a group and reveal your own personal hurts, hang-ups and habits. God uses these difficult testimonies to work miracles of healing and inspiration in other people’s lives - people you many never even know.

**Thursday, Feb. 27:** Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting a different outcome, is the definition of insanity. This Thursday we will discuss the gifts we can expect to receive when we realize that Jesus Christ has the power and the will to restore us to SANITY.

**Come join Pastor Don for some food & fellowship!**  
The ALC’s Widower’s lunch bunch meet the 3rd Wed. of every month at the Prescott Junction Restaurant at 11:30AM, 1121 E. Sheldon St., Prescott. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19.

**WIDOWERS’  
Lunch  
BUNCH**



## Senior Connection Speakers Bureau Presentation

This month’s speaker is Lyn Cloward from In Your Space Consulting. You will learn benefits to decluttering your life. You will get to know your Clutter Personality, identify your Clutter magnets, receive room-by-room decluttering tips, learn how to sell your unwanted items using the “FAST” method, and how to set achievable goals.

Seniors and Family Caregivers are invited to attend this FREE, non-commercial educational presentation, where you may ask questions in a respectful, caring environment.

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2020  
TIME: Noon—1:00 PM  
PLACE: ALC Activity Center (downstairs)



## Vacation Bible School

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Dates: June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Times: 9am – Noon**

**Ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**

## WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM UPDATE

The volunteers of WTB pulled off another wonderful event in December! We faced many challenges dealing with dates and the late Thanksgiving, but the miracle workers of the WTB build and take-down were able to accomplish their tasks with vigor and efficiency! WHERE would we be without this hardy band of builders?

Once again, American Lutheran has continued to gift this beautiful event to our community. The gift of the birth of the Savior to all of us is something to be shared, and I know our entire WTB committee and hundreds of volunteers have been committed to that end.

The response of our church, friends, and neighbors to the amended schedule and all that it entailed has been nothing short of awe-inspiring and miraculous. Many thanks to our corporate friends - Affinity RV, Olsens Grain, and The James Family YMCA. Our committee members included Tony Zembik, Lannis Mills, Earl Carpenter, Raelyn Simonson, Eva Janckila, Tricia Sokoloski, David Sherman, Carol L. Lake, Debbie Smith and Kathy Lilley... and special thanks to Denny Larson, Ed Carr and Cyndi Carr, our outstanding ALC office (Rachel, Rita and Abbie)... and the R & R Team and many others for their tireless and above and beyond efforts on the building and taking down of Bethlehem.

We have received cards and calls thanking us for bringing the miracle of the Savior to them. We had several families who schedule their visits to Prescott to specifically visit WTB. So exciting! Our performance numbers were:

Wednesday, Dec. 4:	322
Thursday, Dec. 5:	417
Friday, Dec. 6:	493
Saturday, Dec. 7:	313
Sunday, Dec. 8:	449
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,994</b>

Wishing you all a Blessed and Jesus-filled Happy and Healthy New Year! *Lindsey Mills*, WTB Chair

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

9:30 - 11:30 AM

ALC - ACTIVITY CENTER



ALC is offering Stop The Bleed FREE training class for church staff, ushers, greeters and members of the congregation. Instructors are from ICSave, an Arizona-based charitable foundation created by volunteer professionals from throughout the state who are dedicated to the prevention of traumatic events through education, preparedness training and community outreach programs. The course will cover basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding that might result from emergencies and man-made and natural disasters. Contact the church office 445-4348 to confirm your registration; course is limited to 40 participants.



Saying *thank you* to the Katharina Von Bora Quilters does not seem like enough for the generous gift of their time and talent. Recently they provided us with two outstanding quilts, one for the celebration of Christmas and the other for our Lord and Savior’s baptism. We want to express our sincere appreciation for their willingness to serve our church with their God-given talent and time. Their quilts enhance our worship experience, and we are so blessed to have them in our congregation!



# CALENDAR (subject to change)



NO Activities **Saturday 2/1**

**Sunday 2/2**  
**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9:15AM Connections Adult Education Hour  
10:15AM ALC Kids  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:45AM Youth Choir  
3:30PM Community Meal

**Monday 2/3**  
8AM Prayer Time  
10AM Women's Cursillo  
12PM Ignite Discipleship Group  
1PM Moms in Prayer Group  
4PM Beautiful Signers  
5PM Men's Cursillo  
5:15PM CR Leader's Mtg.  
5:15PM Monday Night Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday 2/4**  
8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilt Group  
9AM Book Club  
9:30AM Leadership & Program Staff Meeting  
12PM Hand in Hand Widows Group - Casa Sanchez  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
2PM Worship in the Park Meeting  
6:30PM Tues. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/5**  
8AM WOW Winter Session  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Women's Cursillo  
5PM Peals of Praise  
6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock  
6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 2/6**  
5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
8:30AM MOPS Meeting  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
1PM Worship-Music Advisory Committee Mtg.  
2PM Library Volunteers 3PM Good News Puppets  
4PM Heavenly Chimers  
4:45PM Friendship Bible Study  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
6PM ALC Jr. High at the Rock  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Group Meetings

**Friday 2/7**  
9:30AM ALC Safety Team Interviews

NO Activities **Saturday 2/8**

**Sunday 2/9**  
8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
9:15AM Connections Adult Education Hour  
10:15AM ALC Kids  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:30AM Prayer Team Mtg.  
11:45AM Youth Choir  
3:30PM Community Meal  
4PM Scouts Troop 7106—The Rock  
5PM Cursillo Dinner

**Monday 2/10**  
8AM Prayer Time  
10AM Women's Cursillo  
12PM Ignite Discipleship Group



1PM Moms in Prayer Group 4PM Beautiful Signers  
5PM Men's Cursillo  
5:15PM Monday Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Girl Scout Troop—The Rock

**Tuesday 2/11**  
8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilt Group  
9:30AM Leadership Staff Mtg.  
9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
6:30PM Hope Circle  
6:30PM Tues. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/12**  
8AM WOW Winter Session  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Women's Cursillo  
5PM Peals of Praise  
6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock  
6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 2/13**  
5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
8:30AM MOPS Leadership Meeting  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
2PM Library Volunteers  
4:45PM Friendship Bible Study  
5PM Confirmation Class  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
6PM ALC Jr. High -The Rock  
6PM Scout District Mtg.  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Group Meetings

**Friday 2/14**  
9AM Charity Knit/Crochet Group

No Activities **Saturday 2/15**

**Sunday 2/16**  
8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship  
9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship  
10:15AM ALC Kids  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:45AM Youth Choir  
3:30PM Community Meal

**Monday 2/17**  
President's Day—Church Office CLOSED

**Tuesday 2/18**  
8:15AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
9:30AM Leadership Staff Mtg.  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
6PM Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Banquet  
6:30PM Tues. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/19**  
8AM WOW Winter Session  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Women's Cursillo  
11:30AM Widowers Lunch Bunch-Prescott Jct. Restaurant  
5PM Peals of Praise  
6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock  
6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 2/20**  
5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM "Good Book...Good Men" Bible Study  
8:30AM MOPS Meeting  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
2PM Library Volunteers 4PM Heavenly Chimers

4:45PM Friendship Bible Study  
5PM Confirmation Class  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
6PM ALC Jr. High -The Rock  
7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Group Meetings

**Friday 2/21**  
9:30AM Safety/Security Meeting

**Saturday 2/22**  
8AM Stop the Bleed Training

**Sunday 2/23**  
8 AM Traditional Worship  
9 AM Contemporary Worship  
10:30AM BLENDED WORSHIP—Sanctuary  
10:30AM Chino Valley Worship  
11:45AM Youth Choir  
12PM All Church Potluck  
3:30PM Community Meal  
4PM Scout Troop 7106 at The Rock



**Monday 2/24**  
8AM Prayer Time  
10:30AM Women's Cursillo  
12PM Ignite Discipleship Group  
1PM Moms in Prayer Group  
5PM Men's Cursillo  
5:15PM Monday Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Girl Scout Troop 764-The Rock

**Tuesday 2/25**  
8:15AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters  
9:30AM Leadership Staff Mtg.  
12PM Terrific Tuesday Lunch  
1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time  
7:30PM Tues. Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday 2/26**  
8AM WOW Winter Session  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Women's Cursillo  
12PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
5PM Peals of Praise  
6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock  
7PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service



**Thursday 2/27**  
5:45AM Crossfire Men's Ministry  
8:15AM Good Book ... Good Men Bible Study  
9:30AM ALS Chapel  
11:30AM Sr. Connections Speaker Bureau  
4:45PM Friendship Bible Study  
5:30PM Celebrate Recovery  
6PM ALC Jr High at The Rock  
7PM CR Small Group Meetings

**Friday 2/28**  
5PM ALS Movie Night

**Saturday 2/29**  
5PM Parents Night Out

