

# THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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## SLOW DOWN

Are you frazzled yet? Is your schedule so full, you can't fit one more thing in? In our culture (especially our students), we have swallowed hook, line, and sinker the lie that busyness equals importance. The problem is...busyness will not only distract, it will infect. Your busyness will damage your soul.

Psalm 46:10 has only eight words and twenty-four letters, but it is one of the most difficult things to do: "BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." For most of my life, I've been great at busyness and lousy at stillness.

Your ministry will take all you give it. Your church will take all you are willing to give it. Ministry demands will always exceed your capacity. There is a great line from the movie "Jurassic Park". Jeff Goldblum is talking about the creation of these dinosaurs..."Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn't stop to think if they should." Just because you can doesn't mean you should. It's a mistake to chase after every opportunity.

So, what do you do? Most of us live with a constant low-grade guilt. We know we need a better rhythm and we often talk about cutting back. I don't have all the answers to this huge problem, but I do know you won't gradually merge into the slow lane. You (we) need to really meditate and think on Psalm 46:10.

In the trenches,

**Tony Clark, Director of student ministries**



## FOOD DRIVE



Salvation Army is preparing to set the table for hundreds in our community with their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Donations of: Canned green beans, boxed stuffing mix, mashed potato flakes, canned cranberry sauce, canned black olives, bottles of ranch dressing, large bags of trail mix and M&M's, canned peanuts, and grocery store gift cards (for turkeys) are all needed and greatly appreciated.

ALC has a relationship with Prescott Community Cupboard going back to 1973 as one of the six original churches to come together to secure food for families going through difficult times. Last week they ran out of food for the first time. Please consider donating canned and dry foods to Prescott Community Cupboard, especially as they prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday.

At this time we will only be collecting donations on Sundays and at Crossfire and WOW during the week. Donation boxes are available in both welcome areas of the church.



## WATER BOTTLES

ALC's Community Meal would like to ask the congregation for their help in donating cases of water bottles that will be given out at the meals each Sunday.



### **STAY CONNECTED**

See what's happening throughout the week on our Facebook page: [American Lutheran Church](#)

Watch daily devotionals from our Minister of Music, David Sherman, on his [YouTube channel](#).

Both our Traditional & Contemporary online services are easily accessible via our [website](#).

If you have a prayer need, please e-mail Abbie at [abbie@americanlutheran.net](mailto:abbie@americanlutheran.net) and your request will be passed on to the prayer team.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER:**

- 7: Rita Brammer, Thomas Haley, Linda White
- 8: Gary McParland, Benjamin Nave,  
Mary Omelich
- 9: Dottie Frey, Carol DeFore, Axel Funke,  
Lois Longfield, Mark Nietupski
- 11: Laura Markel
- 12: Sherry Pena, Marietta Wilson

### **3 WAYS TO GIVE**



**Envelope:** Ask for a box of personal numbered envelopes from the church office or mail in your tithes

**Mobile:** Download the Tithe.ly App to give a one-time gift or to schedule ongoing giving using your checking account, debit or credit card. Or text GIVE to (928) 756-0099 and follow the prompts.

**SimpleGiving:** Request an automatic withdrawal form for recurring once a month giving, available in the office, M - TH 9 - 3 PM; F 9-12 PM.

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## DRIVE-THRU BETHLEHEM

### INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YOU WHERE WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

1. **\*DATE CHANGES\*** COSTUMES: Moving costumes Monday, November 23. WE WILL NEED HELP! Call me at 928-710-3834 for details.
2. **\*DATE CHANGES\*** Distribution of costumes – Costumes will be distributed prior to each performance down in the Activity Center. Come early and prepared in your warm clothes so we can pick a costume that will fit over your layers. WE WILL NEED HELP!!
3. Week of Thanksgiving – set up of the parking lot. MORE DETAILS TO COME.
4. BOOTHS - We will have four booths plus the manger and the census entry – carpentry, weaving, baskets, food. PLUS WE WILL NEED HELP DECORATING! We will arrange it so people can maintain social distance and masks won't be noticeable. WE ALSO WANT TO HAVE A CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOODBANKS. AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HAVE A PRAYER STATION.
5. We will need angels, Holy Family (but no baby) beggars, centurions, wise men, and villagers. If you have a patio heater or a generator you can lend us we would be grateful!

Creating something like this is a challenge but we are excited at how it's coming together. I hope you see this as a wonderful opportunity to proclaim the joy of the Savior's Birth and to remember all that God has blessed us!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28!**

Gates Open 5:30 p.m. Close 8:00 p.m.



Reminder that this Sunday, **November 8th** is celebration Sunday. We ask if you have not done so already to bring and drop off your estimated giving card. Together we will celebrate, seeing the support from our congregation in our mission to further God's Kingdom to all nations.

Estimated giving cards will be available if you have not yet received one.

All for His Glory!