

# THE LIVE WIRE

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Here's a question I've been asked more than once...why do you work with students? Here's my answer...I LOVE IT AND I CAN'T SEE MYSELF DOING ANYTHING ELSE! I will also add to that answer with: The best chance someone may have to personally see God is to get a close-up look at the people who follow God. That's why our mission is simple but complicated. We're supposed to do what Jesus did. Show up in the lives of others so they can see God. We are called to do more than simply make a presentation of the Gospel. We are called to engage in the messiness of humanity because of the Gospel. Relationships have to be our priority.

Which brings me to Aaron. Several weeks ago, after youth group was over, one of my newer students, Aaron, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, asked me when he could share with everyone. I didn't say yes or no to him but I wanted to find out why he wanted to talk and what he wanted to say. Aaron has a twin brother Mason and an older brother Logan. On the night he shared, both High School and Junior highers filled "The Rock". Aaron told us he was diagnosed with bone cancer several years ago while he was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and went through 12 major surgeries. They have made more trips to Phoenix Children's Hospital than anywhere else. He's gone from wheelchair to walker to now on crutches. He's currently still rehabbing and has been cancer free for 2 years. The main reason he wanted to share was to let everyone know what happened in his life and why he's on crutches. At this point in his life he is very scared his cancer will return. That's a hard thing for anyone much less a 5<sup>th</sup> grader to wrap their head around. I was so proud of him and the rest of the group. He communicated well and all of the students listened and were on the edge of their seat as he shared his story. Please pray for Aaron and his family as they continue his road to recovery.

*Tony Clark, Director of Youth Ministries*



**THIS FRIDAY, June 11!** Join us for the ALC Family Reunion at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall and Patio.

Sliders(pork/chicken) and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share as we enjoy a bluegrass band, and games for kids and the families. Sign up before or after services on June 6 or call the church office (928)445-4348.



ALC's Drop In Prayer Vigil will be **June 13th** before and after services in the downstairs Activity Center. All church attendees are welcome to drop in for a few minutes to pray.

There will be scripture and prayer prompts to pick up and aid with prayers offered in three categories:

- 1) For the church,
- 2) For personal growth in faith,
- 3) For the world and people in need.

We hope to see you there!

## CALL COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

It is with a great deal of both sadness and excitement that we hear of our beloved Pastor's intention to retire – great sadness as we will sincerely miss his pulpit presence and thoughtful messages, but joy for him as he and LuAnne entire a new and exciting chapter of their journey together. It will be a time of great adjustment for everyone.

I wanted to take this opportunity to assure our members and friends that an in-depth search process has already begun for a successor shepherd. We understand that it will be a difficult task to find just the right person to take on Pastor Jack's role and that's why a representative call committee has already been assembled and they have begun working on this vital assignment.

Their first task will be to fine tune a description of the pastor we are seeking. This description will be based on both the present job description and the projected needs for our future here at American Lutheran Church. This needs analysis is informed by recent congregational surveys and input from members and friends. They will then begin the search with nation-wide searches assisted by our partners in both NALC and LCMC. After a thorough interview and vetting process of viable candidates, a recommendation will be issued for congregational approval and issuance of a Sacred Call.

Their revised job description and search can also be added by input from members and friends. A dedicated email conduit has been established through which folks can provide input for the committee's consideration. This email address is [callcommittee@americanlutheran.net](mailto:callcommittee@americanlutheran.net). The committee values suggestions/input from you as the final choice will be up to the congregational and this individual will be serving us all for some time going forward.

Thank you to Pastor's Jack for his faithful service the past 10+ years and to all our members and friends for your support of Pastor Jack, our call committee and the process to find the new shepherd who God himself has already destined to join us.

In the powerful name of Christ,  
*Tray Schreiber, Council President*



# ROCKY RAILWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

...And we need your help to make this year EPIC!

## HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

### 1. DONATE OR GIVE:

\*Candy donations of individually wrapped candies

\*Financial donations for scholarships to VBS so we can bless children and their families who may not be able to attend otherwise.

### 2. WE NEED TO BORROW:

\*10 Christmas Trees to borrow in a variety of sizes

(Please write your name and phone number on masking tape and place on the bottom of the tree so we can return it to you once VBS is through)

### 3. WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THESE AREAS:

\*3-4 Childcare/Nursery helpers

\*2-3 Preschool Indoor Games Leaders and Assistants

\*Preschool and Elementary Crew Leaders

\*1-2 Photographers for week of VBS

### 4. THE MOST IMPORTANT WAY TO HELP:

\*Would you join me in PRAYING for this event?

Pray for all of the children coming, the volunteers and crew leaders working and the families of everyone

involved at this year's VBS. There are so many moving parts to putting this on and we want God to be here in a big way!

Call Tricia Sokoloski if you can help in any of these areas @ (928)445-4348 or email her at [tricia@americanlutheran.net](mailto:tricia@americanlutheran.net).

To register kids or volunteers online, visit [ALCPrescott.ChurchCenter.com](http://ALCPrescott.ChurchCenter.com)

## BOOK LOOK

The library cart will be in the narthex or outside the fellowship hall on alternating Sundays. During the week it's available in the library. Many donations of both fiction and nonfiction have been received and are available for check out. Some will be on the library cart. Thank you to all

who have returned books and DVDs. However, there are many more still overdue. The library workers would be very appreciative if these were returned so someone else can check them out.

On the cart now are a recommendation via Harriet Mauritsen and a memoir by our very own, Jerene Jacobson.

- **The Rescuer** by Jason Sautel - Each of the 18 chapters is a situation Sautel experienced in his years working as a paramedic and firefighter with the Oakland Fire Department in California. A series of traumatic emergency calls----some successful, others impossible-to-forget failures----drove Jason into deep depression. "In the end, he was forced to confront the truth: only the relentless power of love could pull him back from his own deadly fall. Action-packed, spiritually honest, and surprisingly romantic, **The Rescuer** transports readers inside the pulse-pounding world of firefighting and into the heart of a man who needed to be broken before he could finally be made whole."
- **Life is Fragile, Handle with Prayer** by Jerene Jacobson – What an interesting and blessed life Jerene has lived! Upon reading this I was moved by and appreciated the fact that Jerene interspersed Bible verses throughout her memoir that were directly related to her various life experiences. Also included are photos.

*Reviewed by, Vonna Reynolds*

## PRAYING FOR PRODIGALS AND STRAYS

*"We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way." Isaiah 53:6*

Some of us have the painful experience of grown children who have wandered from their faith in God and chosen a different path and lifestyle. This is a worrisome journey accompanied by fear and questioning. One can become easily discouraged, forgetting that the Lord knows our children intimately and ultimately loves them more than we do.

Our gracious Lord knows our needs and has filled his word with promises of hope. In *Ezekiel 34:16* God promises to "search for the lost and bring back the strays". He reassures us in *Jeremiah 24:7* "I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart." In addition, God offers a generational promise in *Isaiah 44:3*, "I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants."

Rest assured God knows all the concerns we have for our children. He gently reminds us of our own straying and the need to cry out to him in dependence each day. Hold fast to his amazing love and comfort remembering *2 Peter 3:9* "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

A simple prayer from *Ezekiel 36:26*: Lord please give \_\_\_\_\_ (Prodigal's name) a new heart and put a new spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ (Prodigal's name). Remove from \_\_\_\_\_ (Prodigal's name) his/her heart of stone and give him/her a heart of flesh.

*A message of hope, from Sara Porter*