

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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CALL COMMITTEE NEWS: COMING SOON!

Time marches on, so what directions need to be taken by ALC as the next years toward 2031 expire? Traditional services are known to be changing throughout the U.S. Contemporary styles may likely change as music and trends progress. It is occurring now. Therefore, it is wise to gather a ministry assessment of our ALC members. Using a professional survey company, the assessment will begin starting September 19. Members will be provided documents designed to gather the collective opinions on matters such as programs, ministries, worship, preaching, changing trends and concerns. The survey forms can be completed “on-line” or by hard copy. Once the survey time period ends on October 3 the results will be collated and the Church Council briefed. The collective opinion of our members

will become a guide helping to identify the directions of ministry as well as the skills and experience to be sought in the new lead pastor. **THE MORE MEMBERS WHO COMPLETE THE SURVEY THE BETTER THE RESULTS SO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE!**

More information will come from a future congregational letter, and pulpit announcements. Reminder: you can email the Call Committee directly at;

callcommittee@americanlutheran.net.

Any concerns will be addressed by the full committee and responses returned following our regular meetings.

Meanwhile, we are working to define details like: *[not all inclusive]*, amending the job description, education minimums and experience factors desirable in the

new pastor as well as, preparing an information package for all interested candidates, dates and time lines for selecting viable candidates, setting up interviews, and a host of related matters associated with the call and the needs a pastor and their family may have to relocate.

A Call Meeting will be set when all conditions have been satisfied and the congregation will select the candidate of choice. The Lord already knows whom He will call to serve us at ALC, so it is our job to prepare, listen and then act as He will direct.

*On behalf of the Call Committee,
Philip Goehring, Chairman.*



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ALC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

An ALC member since 2003, Amy Bonney was recently selected as Prescott’s Chief of Police. She attended the Christian Academy and PUSD schools, graduating from Prescott High School. After graduating from NAU with a major in criminal justice, she advanced her education at the FBI National Academy (an opportunity given to only 1% of law enforcement leadership) and received her Master’s Degree in Public Administration at University of Phoenix. She continues to mentor and instruct youth in the FBI youth leadership program at NAU. She has worked in the Prescott Police Department for 23 years, moving through the ranks to Deputy Chief in 2016 and then Interim Police Chief in February of this year. Amy was selected as Chief for Police following a nationwide search.

Amy and her husband of 22 years, Brandon, found their church home at ALC after recognizing that the values and teachings of the denomination in which she was raised were not aligning with what they read in the Bible. Amy and Brandon, a retired Prescott Valley police lieutenant, both volunteer with ALC youth. Brandon is also on the church safety team and serves on the Church Council as the Coordinator for Children’s Education.

Their daughter, Reagan (age 11), has grown up in the ALC children and youth ministries and is SUPER excited about her first year as a crew leader for VBS. Reagan attends Trinity Christian School. Amy’s parents, Tony and Carol White are also ALC members and are involved in various ministries here.

Amy has shared her musical talents for many years in the ALC handbell choir and in the orchestras for Vespers and Yule Fest, playing the flute. (In handbells, she has been noted for always wanting to UP THE TEMPO, leading to the accepted phrase “Let’s do this Amy speed!”) It’s apparent that she thrives on a fast, pedal-to-the-metal tempo in life as well, in her career, her family life and in her involvement in our community, (Kiwanis and celebrity dancer for Dancing for the Stars benefiting the Boys and Girls club) and at ALC.

Often we don’t know a great deal about the people who worship and fellowship with us. Our members and friends have their own unique stories and testimonies to share. If you or someone you know has a story to tell, please contact the church office or Kris Foster, Coordinator of Member Support.

PRAYER IS CLIMBING INTO THE HEART OF GOD. - MARTIN LUTHER

BENEVOLENCE

C	Total 2nd Quarter	\$ 36,524.13
	Amazing Grace	\$ 2,191.45
	Children of the Nations	\$ 1,826.21
	Coalition for Compassion and Justice	\$ 1,826.21
O	Community Cupboard	\$ 1,826.21
	GracePointe Sedona	\$ 1,095.72
	Granite Creek Feed	\$ 1,460.97
	Hope Medical Center	\$ 3,287.17
	Hungry Kids Chino	\$ 1,460.97
R	Hungry Kids Humbolt/PV	\$ 1,095.72
	Hungry Kids Prescott	\$ 365.24
	LCMC	\$ 1,826.21
	Light the Way Church	\$ 1,095.72
	Mission Aviation Fellowship	\$ 1,826.21
N	NALC	\$ 5,478.62
	OneHope	\$ 1,826.21
	Peace Lutheran Church	\$ 1,095.72
	Habitat for Humanity	\$ 1,095.72
	PV Food Bank	\$ 1,826.21
E	Servant Partners	\$ 2,191.45
	10/10 Ministries	\$ 1,095.72
	Northern AZ Dream Center	\$ 730.48

THANK YOU

The family of Charles Ernest McAvoy wishes to thank you and acknowledge with great appreciation your kindness and words of sympathy. It is during this time of sorrow we learn how much our friends and family mean to us. Your kindness and sympathy will always be remembered.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Precept Upon Precept

2 Peter—How to Be Kept From Falling

In a day when false teachers are leading countless people astray, to live effectively for Christ we need to know the truth. Learn to live effectively and grow in spiritual discernment.

A 6 week study beginning Aug. 2 from 5PM-7PM.

Please sign up by July 20 as materials will need to be ordered. Cost: \$15.00

Contact the church office to sign up (928)445-4348.

A REMINDER: WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!

Putting a name to a face can be difficult, (especially when that face has been so long covered by a mask!) Please locate and wear your nametag each Sunday. If you find you don't have a nametag, please notify the office and they'll make one for you.

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Support ALC by following/like us on Facebook and Instagram! Stay informed on all events, news and weekly encouragement. We invite you to like, share and comment on our posts. This helps us increase our visibility and promote all the great things that happen at our church. Get connected now as we will be having a fun giveaway soon that you don't want to miss!



THE DAMAGE OF GOSSIP

A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. —Proverbs 16:28

An old proverb relates the story of a person who repeated gossip – some rumor about a neighbor. Soon, the whole community had heard the rumor. Later, the person who spread the gossip learned that the rumor was untrue. The person was very sorry and went to an elder in the community who had a reputation for great wisdom to seek advice. The elder told the person, “Go to your home and take a feather pillow outside. Rip it open and scatter the feathers, then return to me tomorrow.” The person did as the elder had instructed. The next day, the person visited the elder. The elder said, “Go and collect the feathers you scattered yesterday and bring them back to me.” The person went home and searched for the feathers, but the wind had carried them all away. The person returned to the elder and said, “I could find none of the feathers I scattered yesterday.” “You see,” said the elder, “it’s easy to scatter the feathers but impossible to get them back.” So it is with gossip; it doesn’t take much to spread hurtful words, but once you do, you can never completely undo the damage.

Gossip is one of those areas of the Christian life that is so important for us to work to restrain—because of the potential damage it causes—but so difficult for so many of us to get under control. It is so easy for us within the Christian community to gossip about others, often within our own community of **faith**, because we do so under the banner of “sharing”. We “share” with others about a friend’s “problem” because we want others to pray for them. (Wink. Wink.) The reality is, however, that it’s just plain gossip. Gossip feels good. It feels good to know something about someone else and to share that something with another. Yet, even under the best of motives, “sharing” easily turns into “gossip” and we do damage like the proverb points out, that we can’t completely undo.

Nothing is more deadly to relationships than spreading false rumors and gossip. The wise person keeps their tongue in check. The next time you are tempted to gossip remember the proverb of the feathers and how your words, once they do damage, may never be completely undone. Ask God to give you the wisdom and strength you need to resist the urge to gossip. **It indicates hypocrisy in the church.** James puts it this way: the tongue is a “world of unrighteousness” (3:6), a “restless evil, full of deadly poison” (3:8). When the same tongue blesses God and curses others—including through gossip—hypocrisy is in the room (3:10-12).

This devotional was written by Jim Liebelt in HomeWord on Crossward.com June 25, 2021