

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER!

American Lutheran Church did it again! We put on the best week of summer July 26th-30th when we hosted almost 300 children and volunteers for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School. We filled this church with joy, crafts, lessons, singing, friendship, Jesus and tons of wonderful memories.

The focus this year was teaching the children to trust Jesus. Every day, we talked about ways we could trust Jesus. If you were in the building, you would have heard children shouting, "Trust Jesus!" all morning long. Along with Bible stories, crafts, real-life scenarios, games and snacks, we sang songs, danced, made up crew cheers, looked for God sightings and tried to be good friends with everyone around us. It truly was a beautiful week together.

In addition to all the fun things we learned and did, we collected donations for Operation Kid2Kid which is an organization through World Vision that helps people in Ecuador by providing them alpacas to raise so they can support their families. Our goal was to raise \$850 for the week. The kids rose to the occasion in a HUGE way by donating over \$1700! On Friday, alone, they brought in over \$600! Can you believe that? God is so good. Of course, knowing that Brandon Bonney would have to go in the dunk tank on Friday if we met the goal was great incentive for them and Brandon played the part so well! He teased the kids playfully all week long, which they loved. And by

Friday, the kids were chanting, "DUNK TANK! DUNK TANK! DUNK TANK!" as Brandon stood in the back of the room.

I am filled with such gratitude and humility to be a part of a church that supports such an amazing outreach to the children in our community. It takes a lot of work to make something like this happen. The preparation, planning, purchasing, training, decorating, designing and building take a tremendous amount of energy and time but so many amazing people stepped up to help out. At our busiest, I noticed that I was surrounded by people who lovingly stepped up to do more, to fill in gaps, to take on more than they signed up for, to help straighten out problems, to talk with concerned parents, to love abundantly and that made me so proud to be a part of this team and our church!

Thank you to all the volunteers and congregants of ALC. VBS impacts all of us. I appreciate every sacrifice that was made to give these kids an adventure of a lifetime. Whether it meant your child got to attend, you served as a volunteer, your office was now in the Rocky Mountains or you had to work with tons of kids screaming outside your office, or you couldn't park because there were no spots left in the lot – I understand the flexibility you had to have to make this week happen for the kids. Thank you for understanding the importance of this ministry. I really do have the best job ever!



THE QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP

The Katharina Von Bora quilters are in need of gently used, or new, solid colored full, queen and king sized bed sheets. The group makes and donates around 150 quilts annually to Good Samaritan, U.S. Vets, Stepping Stones and Yavapai Family Advocacy. We use sheets for the backs and we're running low. Bring your donations to the church office and thank you.



WOW is right around the corner!

Registration tables will be around between and after services on **Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5!**

RESUMPTION OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY!

Please Join us for our First Handbell and Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday August 18, 2021.

Handbells will meet at 5:00 in the sanctuary.

There will be a social time with refreshments for both groups from 6:00 – 6:30 in the Parlor.

Choir will begin at 6:30 in the Music Room.

Please let David Sherman know if you are planning on joining us. david@americanlutheran.net

All are welcome, especially new members!



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HOPE FEST

Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza
ALC's Prayer Team booth will be giving away free children's and adult Bibles as well as scarves, hats, and gloves. Our booth will be open from 10 AM - 4 PM. This is a great opportunity to pray with folks and share Jesus. If you would like to volunteer call Becky Shields at (928)445-4348 or email Carol L. Lake at clake2006@msn.com.

Hope Fest Features:

- 9/11 Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony
- Live music
- HOPE SERVES Family Resource Fair
- HUGE car & motorcycle show
- Fostering Hope Award
- Much more!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR ALC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Dorothy Smith is likely the longest standing continuing member of American Lutheran Church. Dorothy and her now late husband Mac moved to Prescott in 1953 from Pennsylvania. Their pastor back home identified ALC as the congregation which would be most like their former church, and arranged for their transfer of membership. Mac and Dorothy became the 50th and 51st communing members of the church, which met in the old location at 145 S. Arizona Street. In those days, according to Dorothy, all positions except the pastor and a parttime secretary (Bessie Barnett for those who would remember her) were done by volunteers. Mac and Dorothy both taught Sunday School, and Dorothy's parents, who eventually followed them to Prescott were also Sunday School teachers. She remembers when the church built the parsonage for the pastor on Bertrand Street. The work was completed largely by church volunteers. The Smiths thought ALC was a nice congregation and raised their family in it. For years Dorothy was a member of the Mary Martha circle, which met in homes.

When they moved to Prescott, they brought two children in tow, Brent and Candy. Soon after, Patsy and Troy were born (true Prescott natives) giving the family four children under the age of 5! Dorothy cared for the children and the home until the last child started school. At that time, she took a split position as a telephone operator for Mountain Bell Telephone Company located on Marina Street. The hours allowed her to be home when the children needed her. She worked there until Century Link took over. Mac worked as a blacksmith and welder for Mining Supply, forging brands for ranches and all sorts of mining and ranching hardware. Mac was a large man, a presence well recognized in town and one not to be ignored. (Dorothy said he was mistaken for actor Ward Bond from the TV show "Wagon Train.") Dorothy recalls many changes in Prescott over time, including the building of the first Fry's supermarket on West Gurley Street.

Today, at 93 years of age Dorothy still attends ALC faithfully each Sunday. With her you'll see her son Brent and daughter Pat McCullough, along with Pat's husband Kenny at the 10:30 traditional service. They were among the first to return when the church reopened during COVID. To Dorothy we say, "Well done good and faithful servant!"

We often 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.