

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

November 19, 2021

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday
December 3, 2021
at 7:00 PM

Sunday
December 5, 2021
at 3:00 PM

Yule Fest
Lost In Wonder, Love, and Grace

The 2021 Yule Fest, *Lost in Wonder, Love and Grace*, will join choir, handbells, organ, chamber orchestra, and the congregation to create the most beautiful selections of Christmas music you will hear this holiday season.

Make Yule Fest an annual Christmastime tradition for your family as we proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth in word and song!

Seating is open, so arrive early. Free admission, with a freewill offering received.

LOOKING FOR MISSION-MINDED PEOPLE

Are you a man or a woman, young or old, who has a heart for missions and evangelism? We are looking for you!

When you hear the words "missions" or "evangelism," what do you have in mind? Typically, most of us think of missionary efforts and church-planting efforts in various nations of years past and today, here in the United States and around the world. Many of us have heard of one or several well-known missionaries of various denominations over the centuries, such as Saint Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland, David Brainerd who was a missionary to the Native Americans, William Carey who ran a mission in India and did Bible translations,

or J. Hudson Taylor who worked in China. People we admire but whom we do not necessarily want to emulate in terms of moving to other parts of the world.

So how do you and I fit in? Consider that the heart of God produced the very first mission when He sent Jesus Christ, God's Son, into the world, and He is communicating His desire for us to be part of that mission through the pages of God's Word, the Bible. John Stott, a Christian theologian and a leader of the worldwide evangelical movement, once wrote: "Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God." Are you a man or woman in a relationship of faith and trust to our God? Then you are part of that mission and part of sharing the Gospel through evangelism!

Elke Speliopoulos has been tasked by Council to explore how ALC fits into God's broader mission and how we can become part of that outreach of God, whether here in Prescott, in Arizona, in the United States, or around the globe. If you are ready to join in to plan for ALC's approach to mission and evangelism, please contact Elke (pronounced Elka) at speliopoulos@gmail.com or (484) 885-9085. We will be preparing for a 2022 launch!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat a huge success! It was our biggest year yet with about 500 people attending. So many people donated candy and volunteered their time, creativity and man-power to make our church shine. I'm so blessed to be a part of a church of doers. Thank you so much!

Tricia Sokoloski, Director of Family & Children's Ministry



In observation of Thanksgiving the church will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th. The church will resume normal office hours starting Monday, November 29th.

WE ARE HIRING!



Sunday's ALCKids, MOPS and WOW need Childcare Workers! If you are Sundays, available 2 Thursdays a month, 8:15-11:30 AM or Wednesdays, 7:30-11:30 AM please contact Tricia Sokoloski tricia@americanlutheran.net

BLANKET 4KIDS

UPDATE: What a blessing you are to our diocese! We are overwhelmed with your generosity and the work of Blankets 4 Kids, Inc. We cannot imagine a more impactful gift for our hurricane-battered community, especially as the winter months are approaching. The blankets and precious animals will be loved by many. We are working with our volunteers to adopt Ida children and be sure each of them have Christmas presents and partnering with an organization who is providing mattresses for kids to add the blanket with the mattress delivery. This is huge, because hundreds of homes had roof and water damage destroying the contents of their homes and the kids will now have a toy and blanket. I hope to have some pics of the kids to send you soon as well.

We very much enjoyed visiting with Tony and David. We hope they enjoyed sharing valuable fellowship time with us yesterday morning as much as we enjoyed them. We were able to get most of our office involved with this special delivery. It was a highlight of our day as we gathered for the "Blessing of the Blankets". Fr. Simon Peter, Fr. Glenn and Bishop Fabre were in attendance for our special blessing along with many of our staff.

Know that each one of these gifts will provide the literal and spiritual "warmth and comfort" of your hearts and hands. Your mission is truly putting your Faith into Works. Thank you for your incredible mission and generosity.

Amy Ponson, Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation for South Louisiana



COUNCIL

C Well, we hopefully are seeing the waning days of the Covid years. We are thankful to a loving God for His grace to those who have fought the battle with this disease and for those who have thus far avoided it. However, we also are saddened by the loss of those who succumbed to this devastation, while taking comfort knowing that they suffer no longer but bask in the eternal glory of our heavenly Father. In all, we recognize that our God is an awesome God.

O With the worst of this time hopefully past, we are seeing the faces of many we have missed over this extended "down-time." AND ... we are seeing the faces of many folks new to our community of faith, and what a joy that is. Isn't the recent group of new members just a GREAT blessing for our congregation! I hope that our ongoing members are each taking time to meet the new folks and help them get involved in the many activities at our church.

R You might be interested to know that throughout this interesting period, your church council has been quite active. Not only have we had to constantly adjust our programming - dependent upon what was happening with the pandemic - but we were making plans for reopening of our many ministries and the start-up of some new ones. You'll see more details on many of these activities and ministries as other members of the council take their turns with Live Wire articles. I would like to echo Pastor Jack's frequent appraisal of our current council as the most dedicated and inspired group of Christian individuals and leaders. They are always seeking AND FINDING new ways to engage our members in active participation.

N I am hopeful with Pastor Jack's encouragement that more people will be "included" in ACTIVE "investment" in our ministries. There truly is a place and role for every single member of our church family. We know and celebrate the financial generosity of all those who call American Lutheran their church home. In any well-functioning "home," each family member has appropriate and vital tasks or responsibilities. What roles have YOU chosen? Speak to one of our council members responsible for an area that might interest you. I'm willing to bet they can find a spot that can benefit from your God-given spiritual gifts.

E The community of faith that we call American Lutheran Church is far more than a Sunday morning gathering. Our mission to reach near and far with the all-saving power of the Gospel never "sleeps" or "rests." There are always those whose hearts have not yet experienced the healing touch of Christ that you can share. *Tray Schreiber, ALC's Council President*

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