Register for Connections on Sunday, Sept. 1st and for WOW Sept. 8th in the narthex between worship services. Hurry, this is your last chance!

Save the date: Sept. 8

RALLY DAY
COMBINED TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30
CHURCHWIDE LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP FOR THE LUNCHEON
928-445-4348

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
10:30 AM Traditional Worship
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
10:30 AM Chino Valley Worship
3:30 PM Community Meal

NOAH'S NURSERY
7:45—10:15 AM (Birth—5 yrs.)
10:15—11:45 AM (Birth—3 yrs.)

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Rev. Jack Shannon........................................... Senior Pastor
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The church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 2nd for Labor Day!
**Prayer Ministry Presents a Movie Matinee**

**Date:** Friday, Sept. 13  
**Time:** 3:00 PM  
**Place:** ALC Fellowship Hall  

ALL are welcome to attend!  
Free popcorn & drink

**FREE SHOWING**  
**MOVIE:** “I CAN ONLY IMAGINE”

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**Prayers for Our Church**

Father of all provisions, Help us to remember that all that we have comes from you. May we never take our many blessings and transformed lives for granted. As we commit our resources to you through our church home, we ask that you give us a spirit of generosity. Give us new opportunities to be good stewards of all our resources so that we may become true Kingdom builders to the glory of you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Bless us and our church body. Amen

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**Jill Spasaro**  
**Director of Administration**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:6-7 New International Version (NIV)

A little over a year ago we had so much personal change happening in our family. After spending 21 years raising a family in Austin, Texas, our son was marrying his high school sweetheart and moving to Boulder, CO. our daughter was staying in Texas and my husband had just accepted a position in Prescott, AZ.

Anxious was at the top of my list! How was this all going to work out? Are we doing the right thing? How are our kids going to handle this change? What am I going to do?

Fast forward a year. Our daughter has moved to Prescott, our son has settled into married life and my husband works with a great group of surgeons and staff. My journey took on a surprising turn and led me to American Lutheran Church.

This past year at ALC has been full of learning, challenges, meeting amazing people and expanding my faith. I am blessed to work with a staff that continually exceeds my expectations. They are kind, loving and care so much about this church and what they do. We work so well together and have each other’s back as our jobs evolve and challenge us. No matter what the day brings we always manage to share, laugh and truly care how everyone is. This is a true gift from God that fills my heart and manages to temper any anxiety or questions I have about my role in this church. I invite you to come by the church office any time and experience the joy we share.

I look forward to the coming year and the growth, change, and challenges God has in store for me. I look forward to continuing to serve ALC and do the best I can for this community of faith. I look forward to spending more time with the people I work with and watch God work through them!

This last year God has shown me, with faith and prayer, anything is possible. God is always present! He will calm the anxiety and give you peace. He truly has a plan and if you just open your hearts and minds to his journey, life will bring you such unexpected joy!

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**THE NEW BUS IS HERE!!!**

As many of you know, our aging church vans have brought us to a place where we had to proceed with their replacement. Recently Council approved the purchase of a gently-used 14-passenger handicap-accessible bus equipped with a wheelchair lift. These gently used busses (the good ones) go very quickly. So our council needed to move quickly when this opportunity came our way, however it was not a budgeted item for this year. The purchase has been made and the bus has come home to American Lutheran!

We are launching a “bus ministry” that will encourage the use of the bus for:

- Seniors (social events?)  
- Youth Ministry  
- Family Ministry  
- Special Needs Ministry  
- Scouting  
- Passion for Life Tours  
- A ministry in the early planning stage that would provide transportation to folks from neighboring senior living centers (Good Samaritan & Las Fuentes) to our Sunday morning worship just to name a few.

We are excited about all the possibilities that are now available to us by way of the addition of our new bus.

Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider a generous donation toward the purchase of the bus. Any funds collected that exceed the purchase price of the bus ($37,000.00) will go toward the purchase of a second bus. The bus will be available for you to tour on Rally Day, September 8th.

If you would like to make a contribution, please look for the yellow envelopes on the welcome tables or contact the church office. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution toward our Bus Ministry Fund!
A part of our Endowment Fund assets at American Lutheran Church are held in Minneapolis, Minnesota by InFaith Community Foundation. There are a few reasons we use them. They’ve been highly scored by national rating organizations year after year; they have extremely high satisfaction rates with their fund holders and, as a Christian organization, our values align.

InFaith has always worked to innovate and be flexible on behalf of givers and offer a full complement of financial options. From working effortlessly with gifts of stocks and bonds, to will and estate questions, to funding multiple charities with one donor check, to year to year-end tax documents, to working with your own financial planners, they are set up to help each congregant - and our Endowment Fund succeed.

As a result, there’s a powerful and effective permanent charitable fund to benefit our work and mission. And it is one that, fifty or a hundred years from now, future generations will be thankful for our foresight.

For more details on the Endowment Fund and how to work with it or specify it in your will or estate plan, contact the ALC church office (445-4348) or an Endowment Board member, or you can call InFaith directly at 800-365-4172.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a biblical and balanced program that helps “regular people” to overcome hurts from the past and negative habits in order to live in freedom with Christ. The Beatitudes are our roadmap. Meetings are every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall with Meal, Greet & Eat at 5:30 PM followed by worship and teaching at 6:00 PM.

Thursday, Sept. 5: Christ walks each of us along unique paths. Maybe you grew up in an ideal, perfect family; maybe your childhood was not so happy but dark and painful. This week we will hear the personal story of an overcomer who found victory over hurts, hang-ups and negative habits through Jesus Christ.

Thursday, Sept. 12: This week we will be discussing how we must receive and model Jesus Christ’s freely given gift of grace. We are able to forgive others because He first forgave us. “How rich is God’s grace?” (Ephesians 1:7)

Thursday, Sept. 19: Join us this Thursday to hear a moving story - a story about how this powerful, Christ-centered ministry profoundly transformed one person’s life. You will be blessed.

Thursday, Sept. 26: “Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord.” (Lamentations 3:40). In this program we have learned forever tools that are much more than maintenance steps! We have a clear idea of how we want to live the rest of our lives: free of hurts, hang-ups and habits.

The Flexibility of how our Endowment Fund at ALC works...

The War Room - what is this “war room?” It has nothing to do with battles fought with guns, but rather about battles fought with prayer. When a family’s world is crumbling all around their seemingly perfect life, delightful and wise Miss Clara comes into the life of wife and mother, Elizabeth, and challenges her to establish a “war room” and a battle plan of prayer for the family. This compelling faith drama filled with humor and heart became a #1 movie that received rave reviews from all ages. Pastor Jack gave this a favorable review in a recent sermon.

The Choice, Embrace the Possible - by Dr. Edith Eva Eger - More than a memoir, this is an inspirational and unforgettable story from a remarkable woman who weaves her personal account of surviving the Holocaust and overcoming its ghosts of anger, shame, and guilt with the moving stories of those she has helped heal.

On a recommendation from Harriet Mauritsen, I read this book, in turn recommended it for ALC Book Club, and now heartily encourage those interested in learning how one can survive and respond to suffering which is inevitable and universal to check it out from the ALC library. (Or you may wish to just read a good story. However, don’t be surprised by the way you think and are changed after having read it!) We have the power to effect change in ourselves when we understand that our thoughts determine our beliefs, our beliefs determine our feelings, and our feelings influence our behavior. To change our behavior we must change our feeling and thoughts. It all boils down to our willingness and desire to make a choice. Aside from Dr. Eger’s amazing will to live and survive Auschwitz, I was intrigued by and learned much from the examples of people she has helped in her life’s work as a psychologist. At age 92, Dr. Eger maintains a busy clinical practice in La, Jolla, California and holds a faculty appointment at UCSD. She also serves as a consultant for the military in resiliency training and the treatment of PTSD.

“The Choice’ is a gift to humanity. One of those rare and eternal stories that you don’t want to end and that leave you forever changed.” DESMOND TUTU, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

Reviews by: Vonna Reynolds

My Mops Prescott Presents
MOM’S MARKET
Saturday, October 26th
9am-1pm
American Lutheran Church 1085 Scott Drive

Walk Through BETHLEHEM
Save the Dates for WTB 2019
Build dates: Tuesday, November 26th 8am-noon

New Performance Dates:
Wednesday, December 11 1:30-3:30pm
Thursday, December 12 6:00-8:00pm
Friday, December 13 1:30-3:30pm
Saturday, December 14 5:30-8:30pm
Sunday, December 15 1:30-3:30pm
### September

**Sunday 9/1**
- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:30AM ALC Sr. High at The Rock
- 3:30PM Community Meal

**Monday 9/2**
- Church Office Closed

**Tuesday 9/3**
- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilt Group
- 9AM Book Club
- 9:30AM Leadership & Program Staff Meeting
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups
- 6:30PM Tues. Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday 9/4**
- 8:30AM WOW Fall Briefing Mtg.
- 5PM Peals of Praise
- 6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock
- 6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 9/5**
- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book…Good Men” Bible Study
- 2PM Library Volunteers
- 5PM Building Committee Meeting
- 5:30PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6PM ALC Jr. High at The Rock
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups

**Friday 9/6**
- 8AM WOW Fall Briefing Mtg.
- 1PM Sound Check—Contemporary Rehearsal

**Saturday 9/7**
- 1PM Free’d-Up Financial Living Seminar

**Sunday 9/8**
- WOW Registrations before & after worship services
- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:30AM Cursillo Meeting
- 11:30AM Rally Day Luncheon
- 3:30PM Community Meal
- 4PM Scout Troop 7106 at The Rock

**Monday 9/9**
- 8AM Prayer Time
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 12PM Ignite Group
- 1PM Mom’s Prayer Group
- 4PM Beautiful Signers
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo
- 5:15PM Monday Women’s Bible Study
- 5:30PM Girl Scout Troop 764–The Rock

**Tuesday 9/10**
- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilt Group
- 9:30AM Leadership & Program Staff Meeting
- 9:30AM Mary/Martha Circle
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 4:30PM Joyful Ringers
- 6:30PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups
- 6:30PM Hope Circle
- 6:30PM Tues. Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday 9/11**
- 8AM WOW Fall Session
- 11:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 5PM Peals of Praise
- 6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock
- 6:30 PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 9/12**
- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book…Good Men” Bible Study
- 8:30AM MOPS Meeting
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:45AM Youth Choir
- 12:30PM Spaghetti Dresseti Luncheon
- 3:30PM Community Meal
- 4PM Scout Troop 7106 at The Rock

**Friday 9/13**
- 9AM Charity/Knit Group
- 3PM Prayer Team Movie Matinee “I Can Only Imagine”

**Saturday 9/14**
- 1PM Free’d-Up Financial Living Seminar

**Sunday 9/15**
- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:45AM Youth Choir
- 12:30PM Spaghetti Dresseti Luncheon
- 3:30PM Community Meal

**Monday 9/16**
- 8AM Prayer Time
- 9:30AM Care Partners Meeting
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 12PM Ignite Discipleship Group
- 1PM Mom’s Prayer Group
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo
- 5:15PM Monday Women’s Bible Study

**Tuesday 9/17**
- 8:30AM Katharina Von Bora Quilt Group
- 9:30AM Leadership Staff Mtg.
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 4PM Deborah Circle
- 4:30PM Joyful Ringers
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups
- 7:30PM Tues. Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday 9/18**
- 8AM WOW Fall Session
- 11:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 4PM Executive Committee Mtg.
- 5PM Peals of Praise
- 6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock
- 6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 9/19**
- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book…Good Men” Bible Study
- 9AM MOPS Leadership Mtg.
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:45AM Youth Choir
- 5:30PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6PM ALC Jr. High at The Rock
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups Meetings

**Friday 9/20 & Saturday 9/21**
- No Events

**Sunday 9/22**
- HEALING SERVICE—DURING ALL SERVICES
- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 9 & 10:30AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:15AM ALC Kids
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:45AM Youth Choir
- 3:30PM Community Meal

**Monday 9/23**
- 8AM Prayer Time
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 12PM Ignite Group
- 1PM Mom’s Prayer Group
- 4PM Beautiful Signers
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo

**Tuesday 9/24**
- 8:15AM Katharina Von Bora Quilters
- 9:30AM Leadership Staff Mtg.
- 12PM Terrific Tuesday Lunch
- 1:30PM Miracle Prayer Time
- 4:30PM Joyful Ringers
- 6PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups
- 7:30PM Tues. Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday 9/25**
- 8AM WOW Fall Session
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 11:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 5PM Peals of Praise
- 6PM ALC Sr. High at The Rock
- 6:30PM Sanctus Choir

**Thursday 9/26**
- 5:45AM Crossfire Men’s Ministry
- 8:15AM “Good Book…Good Men” Bible Study
- 8:30AM MOPS Meeting
- 9AM ALS Picture Day
- 9:30AM ALS Chapel
- 11:30AM Sr. Connections
- 2PM Library Volunteers
- 3:30PM Good News Puppets
- 5:30PM Celebrate Recovery
- 6PM Church Council
- 6PM ALC Jr. High at The Rock
- 7PM Celebrate Recovery Small Groups Meetings

**Friday 9/27**
- 9AM ALS Picture Day
- 9:30AM ALC Safety Mtg.

**Saturday 9/28**
- No Events

**Sunday 9/29**
- 8 & 10:30AM Traditional Worship
- 11AM Contemporary Worship in the Park
- 10:30AM Chino Valley Worship
- 11:45AM Youth Choir
- 3:30PM Community Meal
- 4PM Scout Troop 7106 at The Rock

**Monday 9/30**
- 8AM Prayer Time
- 10:30AM Women’s Cursillo
- 12PM Ignite Discipleship Group
- 1PM Mom’s Prayer Group
- 5PM Men’s Cursillo
- 5:15PM Monday Women’s Bible Study
- 5:30PM Girl Scout Troop 764-The Rock

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The Friendship Bible Group service project for the summer made 7 blankets for the Blankets 4 Kids organization. Mandy Diehl, Stephanie Brahm, Chris Mountain, Scott Graham, Tracy Wills, Peggy Neil and Terry Andress took the blankets to their headquarters in Prescott.