

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace"

Luke 1:78-79

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am



Wednesday Night
Alive!

AMERICAN LUTHERAN SUN CITY

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

4:30 Sun City Stomperz!



5:15 CATERED DINNER*

Beef Stroganoff on Noodles, Broccoli, Salad, Brownies

6:00 Tom Swenson as Mark Twain

*To better serve our caterer, **please purchase your tickets by noon the Monday prior to the program.** You can purchase tickets in the church office, after worship services in the courtyard, or online at www.alcsuncity.org/WednesdayNightAlive by midnight the Sunday before the program.

SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
Psalmody:
Luke 1:46b-55
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

December 15, 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL



Lutheran Disaster Response

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



U.S. Tornadoes

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Dear Members and Friends of American Lutheran Church,

The following letter was written by Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of the ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response fund. Our church is a generous church as demonstrated by the nearly \$4,000 raised during Thanksgiving for the West Valley Food Pantry housed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Glendale. Please take time to read it, and together let's make a generous gift to support those in need:

On the night of Dec. 10 and early morning of Dec. 11, an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states. So far, 94 people are reported dead across five states, more than 80 of those in Kentucky. For those unaccounted for, search-and-rescue operations are underway. Homes and businesses were destroyed, and over 300,000 people were without electricity.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery.

The season of Advent is a time of hope as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Right now, we have an opportunity to share hope with our neighbors in their time of greatest need. Please join me in prayer and consider giving if you are able.

PLEASE GIVE NOW
In Christ's service,

Daniel Riff

Thank you, Rev. Daniel and God bless this relief ministry; here are 2 ways ALC members can support our fellow Americans:

- 1) Make a donation to American Lutheran Church specifying "U.S. Tornadoes", and we will gather all gifts to make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response from our generous members;
- 2) Or you may give directly by going online for a variety of giving options at:

<https://community.elca.org/USTornadoRelief>

God bless you!

Love,

Pastor Lowell

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEFSE SALE

DECEMBER 18, 4:45-5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 19, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

IN THE ALC COURTYARD

Women's Ministry will be selling Lefse the weekend of December 18th & 19th in the ALC Courtyard. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve
3, 5, & 7 pm

Christmas Day
9:30 am

Special music will be offered at the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. services with 20-minute preludes and selections presented by our Choir and Christo Handbell Choir.