

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”**

John 15:12

Love is God's commandment, and we need to remember when we fail to love, we break a commandment. Our life will be much happier when we love God, ourselves, and others. We must learn to love ourselves so that we can love others. God's love never fails.

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

with Pastor Judith

June 2 [Ministry of Presence](#)



## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

## GROUP STUDIES

**Pastor's Bible Study**

Tuesdays 10 am

**In-Person**

**in Fellowship Hall**

and/or

Conference Call

at 339.209.5700

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 11:30 am

**Fellowship Hall**

## SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Psalms 130

Gospel: Mark 3:20 - 35

# MIDWEEK MESSAGES

June 2, 2021

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL: SYNOD- TOGETHER, ON A JOURNEY

Next weekend on June 12<sup>th</sup>, Sharon and Gary Grambow, Ron and Carol Prekker, and myself will represent our congregation in the Grand Canyon Synod's Annual Assembly. This meeting will be held via Zoom, so we will not have to physically travel to a particular site. I thought it would be helpful to share that the Greek word "Synod" means "Together, on a journey." American Lutheran Church is not alone in ministry!

The Grand Canyon Synod is one of 65 synods in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA is a church of more than 3 million members who actively participate in God's work in the world. We believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. There are approximately 89 congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod, including new mission starts. The territory of this synod is the State of Arizona; the counties of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, and Nye in the State of Nevada; and New Promise Lutheran Church, in St. George, Utah.

The theme of this year's assembly is "Freed in Christ" and uses the text from Galatians 5:13-14 as the biblical foundation for meeting:

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*“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.*

*For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

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The purpose of the Assembly is to hear ministry updates from our Bishop, Deborah Hutterer, and her Synod ministry team and from the Churchwide organization through Rev. Albert Starr. We will vote on openings for the Synod Council, representatives to the Churchwide assembly next year and a variety of Synod Committees. We will enjoy Bible Study together and discuss how we move forward in faith through strategic planning. Please keep us in prayer as we seek to fulfill the mission of the Grand Canyon Synod by communicating the love of Christ; connecting diverse people; and creating new ways of outreach. Together, We're on a Journey!

Love,

*Pastor Lowell*

Pastor Lowell



# DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

## **BIBLE STUDY: THE CHOSEN WITH CHRIS WELDON (BASED ON THE SERIES)**

When: July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Where: Education A & B  
Who: Men and Woman are invited

Join us for an upcoming bible study, "The Chosen". A one-hour video will be shown each week that will coincide with the Bible study book. You can purchase [What Does It Mean to be Chosen?](#) online from [Christianbook.com](#) or call 1-800-247-4784 to order. The book will cost \$15.99 + tax and shipping or, if you prefer, you can sign up at the church office and I can order for you!

## **TREASURE LIES SHOWING**

On Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am in the Choir Room, we will show the award-winning movie, Treasure Lies. It most recently won Best Picture and Best Actor (Caleb Milby) at the Branson International Film Festival. As some of you might know, American Lutheran's own Arvid and Kay Peterson worked on the movie during filming. No, they are not moonlighting on the side in addition to selling homes. They have a connection to the movie: their son, Scott Peterson, is the screenwriter and the producer.



*Synopsis: Sean (Caleb Milby) has always been the perfect "boy next door" -- a good Christian, hardworking, funny, honest, and responsible, but that's all about to change. Sean likes Melissa (Rachel Cameron), but doesn't think she's interested. For one, while she drives a luxury sports car, he doesn't have a car at all. He'll stop at nothing to change that -- including breaking a commandment when he happens upon a winning lottery ticket. Sean realizes that this ticket could change his life and it does, just not in the ways he imagined.*

After the movie, Arvid and Kay will stick around and answer your questions about the making of Treasure Lies, like "How many pallets of water did you go through in the Oklahoma humidity?" or "Did you see any tornados?" and they will share the latest news on Scott's new movie, titled "Seven Grandmas".

Scott recently started a non-profit 501(c)(3)-approved organization to continue the mission of bringing positive messages of hope, healing, life, and right and wrong to a broken society. They want to share faith, the goodness and grace of God, the value of family and positive relationships, and Biblical values.

You can find out more about Scott's ministry at [iiFilms.org](#).  
All the glory to Him!  
Scott

Want to see our latest trailer? [Treasure Lies](#)  
Do you have Amazon Prime? Our first two movies are on there for FREE.  
Watch the trailers here: [Miles Between Us](#) and [The Current](#)  
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