

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and Redeemer. "*  
Psalm 19:14

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am



### Arizona Broadway Theater

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner at 5:30  
Show at 7:30

If you missed signing up for this show in 2019, a few tickets will be available!

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## SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson:  
James 5:13-20  
Psalm 19:7-14  
Gospel:  
Mark 9:38-50

# MIDWEEK MESSAGES

September 22, 2021

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL

Dear friends in Christ,

### It is so good to be together!

After an extended vacation to welcome granddaughter Evelyn into our family, it was great to return to ALC last week for pastoral work and worship. There is nothing like singing the Lord's Prayer together during communion as the people of God. It is so good to be together!

I love worshipping God with you, and please remember we have one week remaining of our summer schedule. For this last weekend in September, we have our Saturday 4 pm service and our Sunday 9:30 am service. At Sunday's service, we have 16 new members joining us in mission which brings great delight. It is so good to be together!

I am thankful our bus is being repaired and likely ready for this weekend's Sunday morning transportation to/from worship for our members requiring additional support. My frustration arises from the antics of men who vandalized and stole the catalytic converter from underneath the bus. What right does someone have to disrupt our worship? But we will not be discouraged and will work together to find a safe option for bus storage and continue our transportation ministry because...it is so good to be together!

Choir practices began last week, and you are invited to attend Thursday's 2:30 pm practice in the Sanctuary. We are practicing safe distancing standards in this time of pandemic concern, so please come join the choir to receive excellent guidance by our choir director, Janet MacDonald, and inspired musical support from our skilled organist, Dr. James Gerber. It is so good to be together!

Starting the first weekend in October, we return to 2 Sunday morning services at 8:30 & 10:30 am. As the temperatures moderate, I look forward to our Snowbird members returning for the upcoming fall/winter season because... it is so good to be together! 😊

Together, let us proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, invite others to participate in our faith community, and be a blessing to all in word and deed!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pastor Lowell'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Lowell



## MEET JILL LEON --- ALC'S NEW FINANCIAL COORDINATOR

### An Article By Terri Polk

I would like you to meet Jill Leon, our new Financial Coordinator at ALC. Jill has been at American Lutheran Church for about 5 weeks now. She was born in California, Missouri, (not far from Jefferson City, Missouri's capitol). She lived most of her childhood life in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When her parents retired, they moved to Glendale, Arizona, and Jill and her siblings moved here as well. Jill had just completed studies at the Community College in Iowa. When Jill got to Arizona, she worked and then continued her studies at University of Phoenix receiving her bachelor's degree. Another 10 years went by, and Jill received an Accounting Certificate from ASU-West.

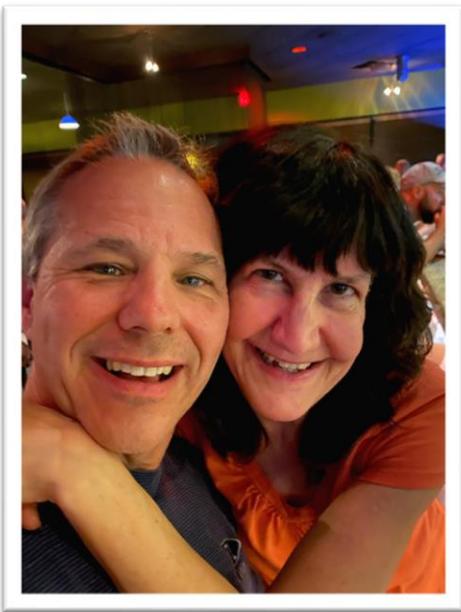
Jill says that she credits her parents with teaching and modeling the importance of work, honesty, trustworthiness, and respect. She goes on to say, "God was the biggest influence in my life" and that she was able to develop a personal relationship with God. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13:

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*"For I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength".*

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She finds that if she has a challenge or a particular need, she usually turns to this verse.



Jill met her husband, Kurt, at a Sun City Singles Dance. Jill and Kurt married in their later years. They have been married 9 years and have no children or pets. Kurt proposed to Jill in a hot air balloon (very romantic), and it was always Jill's dream to get married on October 27. That date had a special meaning for her since it was her parents' anniversary. They set the date for their marriage on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and it also happened to be her sister's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! (Kurt, you now have 3 reasons why you had better not forget your anniversary date!)

Jill and Kurt are both runners. They both hope to participate in more races this year. They are also involved and volunteer in a car club and are looking for a "MOPAR" car (Dodge). Jill has volunteered with "POW WOW" (Produce on Wheels Without Waste) based out of Tucson and likes to read mostly true stories and biographies as well as reading the Bible daily.

She enjoys experimenting with cooking and says she likes ALL kinds of food, "German" food is a favorite, but she also enjoys Italian and ice cream. She enjoys taking leisurely road trips and has traveled abroad.

Jill has been enjoying her work at ALC. She says a challenge is to "learn the workflow", but that will come with time. She enjoys the staff and volunteers she has met and looks forward to meeting more members of the congregation. PLEASE WELCOME JILL TO OUR ALC FAMILY!