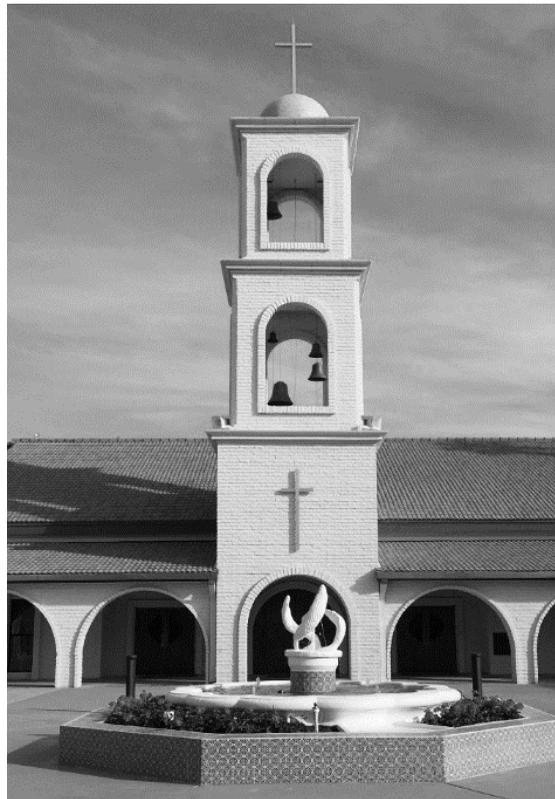


American Lutheran Church of Sun City
December Outreach
Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT:

To proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, invite others to participate in our faith community, and be a blessing to all in word and deed.

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MESSAGE FROM REV. LOWELL NELSON

Dear American Lutheran Church Family & Friends

Welcome to Advent, 2018!

Advent is a wonderful season in our liturgical calendar as we arrive with our Pentecost declaration that Christ is King! A special word of appreciation who brought the “Faith Pledges” to Christ the King weekend services on November 24th/25th. Our initial response shows 215 pledges were made and many others indicated a desire to make their faith pledge. Placing your trust in the Lord’s care & provision for your life and building your generosity on that truth builds the financial vitality for our vigorous congregational ministry in 2019.

With confidence in the LORD, Advent starts the new church year as a time of preparation to renew our faith journey together. I remember the Boy Scout motto; “Be prepared” which was so helpful in wilderness camping with all its uncertainty of weather and for handling first-aid episodes that arise. Being prepared doesn’t mean there are no emergencies, but it is a way of understanding that we will engage in life in all its comforts and challenges. The primary commercial emphasis is gift-giving as a way to stimulate the economy. From a spiritual view, we center on the gift of Christ’s coming into the world 2,000 years ago. The emphasis on teaching children the birth of Jesus means “Immanuel” (God is with us) is vitally important, but so is preparation for Jesus’ second coming. The phrase “already and not yet” describes our faith journey. Jesus’ life, death and resurrection form the basis of what has already happened and his promise to come again leads to Advent as a time of great “ADVENTure”... What a time to be alive! We face our faith adventure with 4 distinctive Advent attitudes:

Hope- December 1/2; Do you remember “Jiminy Cricket” singing “When you wish upon a Star” in Disney’s Pinocchio movie? I find that many people think of hope as a wish for something to happen. Our Christian hope is so much more than a personal wish projected out upon God’s creation. As people of faith, our hope is based upon God’s commitment and capacity to act in powerful ways to redeem this world. Hope is God’s loving action moving towards us; a certainty which will surely happen. This is the foundation of our ADVENTure...

Peace- December 8/9; Pastor Gary will preach this weekend and highlight the spiritual peace that Stephen Ministry brings to our congregation. Caregivers and Care receivers unite to experience Christian community and the powerful lay-ministry movement.

Joy- December 15/26; I will preach on Joy’s power based upon Christ’s commitment to us; so much more than the urge to be happy, joy is securely in the never-waving presence of Christ’s love.

Love- December 22/23; Pastor Chuck will preach and share his love for our congregation with one of his beloved Christmas stories gained from so many wonderful years of active ministry.

Please join us in worship so our faith community builds momentum for our ADVENTure. Looking ahead, I’m pleased to announce that we will add Advent services to our wonderful Wednesday Night Alive programming in December 2019. I’m looking forward to our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services; but first, I’m ready for an ADVENTure with you!

Love,

Pastor Lowell

PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION

I love the season of Advent. I mean I really, really love Advent! Those who know me, know that I am usually not a patient person. I tend to be a doer and a “fixer”. However, during Advent I love the 25 days of patient waiting for Christmas and the arrival of the Christ child. Even as a child, I savored the days before Christmas as times for family activities at home and at church. I continued many of the same things with my own children when they were young, and I look forward to sharing them again with my grandson. The Advent wreath was always ready with 4 new blue candles, the German Advent calendar was hung, and Wednesday Advent services were marked on the calendar. As a family, we shopped for gifts for children that had been selected from our church’s Angel Tree. Parts for the Sunday School Christmas program were memorized, and songs were practiced. All of these activities helped us to wait, knowing that God the Father promised to send His Son to us!

During Advent, our church services also encourage us to wait patiently for God’s wonderful gift. Hymns, such as “O Come, O, Come, Emmanuel”, “Prepare the Royal Highway”, and “Wake, Awake For Night is Flying” fill our hearts with joy and gladness. Readings from the Bible such as Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” remind us of what the prophet told the Israelites. The four Sundays of Advent help us to remember WHY Jesus was sent to us. We realize that with His coming, we’ve been given so very much. In Isaiah Chapter 11 is a prophecy telling us exactly why He came to us. “Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear.”

As we wait during Advent, please think of Isaiah’s words. Take the opportunity to help others here in Sun City by baking cookies for our shut-ins, putting a few dollars in the red kettle, taking food to one of the food pantries, buying a gift for a child. Two years ago, a group of my friends and I tried a reverse Advent calendar. We placed an article of clothing, a personal care product, or a food item in a bin each day in advent. We had quite a collection to deliver to the West Valley Food Pantry. Give it a try!

I wish for all of you a thoughtful, joyous, and patient Advent!

FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

The budget process has begun! We are getting input from the committees and will have the completed budget ready next month. 2019 is our transition year; and with your help it will be a great year!

We have continued to bring monthly costs down, and we will be getting a new printer next month for a lower lease price. There was a spike in our water bill and the property committee is looking into that. I am currently working on reconciling the designated and undesignated gifts. These funds are in the savings account (not the general account) and available for use.

We are keeping the stewardship envelopes in the finance office. Please do not include a check in these envelopes, as we are not opening them.

Wishing everyone a blessed and happy holiday season,

Carol Weber
Financial Consultant

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!

All Council Committees are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining a committee, please notify the church office, the Committee chair, or a Council member. Many hands make light work!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: As we move into the Advent season of the church year, some of our nicest preparations for welcoming the Christ child into our hearts includes the many concerts and events scheduled for the month of December.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 7:30 p.m. PROMUSICA ARIZONA returns with a program entitled, “It’s Christmas.” Hear “The Twelve Days of Christmas” like you’ve never heard it before as ProMusica Arizona takes you on a musicological journey through this holiday favorite! Traditional, classical, contemporary and even whimsical pieces make a unique Christmas concert with something for everyone. Tickets are available on their website, www.pmaz.org or by calling their box office at (623) 326-5172. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the program.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 7:00 p.m. The **ARIZONA MASTERWORKS CHORALE** presents, “Christmas Through the Ages”. Always delivering a delightful program, the Chorale is a wonderful way to greet the Christmas season with beautiful music. Call (602) 350-8261 or email them at Chorale@ArizonaMasterworks.com for ticket information. Tickets will be available at the door as well on the day of the program.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 at 3:00 p.m. The Handbell Christmas concert has been a yearly tradition at American Lutheran for the past 10 years. This season’s show will feature a double-bell tree with two ringers malleting an ostinato change ring sequence, while the 26-member handbell choir enters. The processional concludes with the Prelude on “Divinum Mysterium”, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”. Among other Christmas favorites include “Silver Bells”, “Tidings of Great Joy”, and a double-choir arrangement of “Greensleeves”. Libbie Randels returns with her baton and Bob Carlson will be their narrator. This show is sure to get you into the Christmas spirit. Tickets are \$5 at the door or from any member.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 at 6:00 p.m. The **SUN CITY CHORALIERS** will present their 2018 Holiday Concert, “Christmas Café”. Enjoy a “menu of delicious selections” of the season prepared just for you! Directed by Jane Brambrilla and featuring several ALC members, you’re sure to enjoy this concert of holiday musical “treats” as we kick off our 39th season!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 7:30 p.m. The **PHOENIX CHORALE** returns for a very special Christmas event, “A Chorale Christmas”. It just isn’t Christmas until you hear the Phoenix Chorale sing! Join them this holiday season when internationally renowned conductor of the St. Olaf College Choir, Dr. Anton Armstrong, leads the Chorale in their annual holiday concert. Tickets are available on their website, www.phoenixchorale.org or by calling their box office at (602) 253-2224. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the program.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 – A DOUBLE-HEADER!

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS with the **VALLEY CHAMBER CHORALE**.

At 4:00 p.m., join the Valley Chamber Chorale (in what has now become an American Lutheran Church Christmas tradition) presents the annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols. Patterned after the world-famous Service of Lessons and Carols from Kings College in Cambridge, England, this beautiful worship experience serves as our regular 4:00 Saturday worship service. The Valley Chamber Chorale, directed by Dr. Christopher Samuel, accompanies the reading of the Christmas prophecy and the birth of Jesus in a way that will truly make your Christmas celebration one of joy and peace.

MESSIAH with the **PHOENIX SYMPHONY**. At 7:30, after your Christmas worship of Lessons and Carols, return to the church for a special presentation. An annual holiday favorite, Handel's *Messiah* returns to The Phoenix Symphony. The acclaimed "Hallelujah" chorus highlights these performances featuring some of the most glorious sacred music ever written. Join the Phoenix Symphony, The Phoenix Symphony Chorus, and world-class soloists in Handel's masterpiece in churches and venues throughout the Valley. Tickets are available on their website, www.phoenixsymphony.org or by calling their box office at (602) 495-1999 or 1-800-776-9080. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the program (unless sold out in advance.) PLEASE NOTE: Run time for this performance is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 3:00 p.m. It just isn't Christmas until the **PHOENIX BOYS CHOIR** sings their special Christmas program for us – the "Halle Holiday Concert Series". Hop on the sleigh with the Phoenix Boys Choir as we listen to the most endearing holiday songs and carols from around the world and pay tribute to the famous reindeer, Rudolph! You will be filled with holiday spirit as the angelic voices of the PBC perform a delightful array of songs from Latin America, England, France, Germany, Austria and Poland. The choir will pay tribute to Johann Sebastian Bach with excerpts from his beloved Christmas Oratory; and of course, it wouldn't be the holidays without the boys singing the Vienna Boys Choir version of Silent Night and Handel's famous Hallelujah Chorus! Bring all your friends and family to this holiday extravaganza for all to enjoy! Tickets are available on their website at www.boyschoir.org or by calling their box office at (602) 264-5328. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the program.

Finally, a special thank you goes out to everyone who supports and helps make our Music Outreach "reach out" to our members and our wider community of neighbors and friends. Whether you simply attend the concerts and events or tell your friends and neighbors about the wonderful opportunities we enjoy, you are part of the success of this ministry. ALC is blessed with a beautiful campus that should be a blessing to all who enter our gates. Thank you.

THE WELLNESS MINUTE

Helping a Friend in Grief

Family Connections often play an important role in helping with grief. But friends have something special to contribute as well. Help friends in grief by:

*Understanding grief is normal: Grief is an expected response to death or tragedy, with feelings such as intense pain, sadness, disbelief, fear, anger and guilt.

*Allowing friends to mourn in their own ways: Features of grief, such as tears, preoccupation with the deceased, or social withdrawal are unique, variable and fluctuating.

There are no predictable stages of grief. The amount of time needed to cope with the loss can vary, as well.

- Helping your friends take care of their health: Encourage your friends to take care of their health needs by inviting them on a walk, sharing a meal with them, or inviting them along on an activity. Encourage them to keep up with doctor's visits or to have a medical checkup.
- Being there, listening and using touch: Don't underestimate the importance of attending the funeral or memorial, writing a personal note, sharing a story of the deceased, or any act of being there for a friend. Listen attentively, hold a hand, or offer a warm embrace.
- Being specific and practical with help: For example, say, "I'll bring dinner over tomorrow, if that's ok."
- Remembering the long-term: Anniversaries and holidays are good times for a visit, phone call, or thoughtful note.

Lori Kellar, ALC Wellness Coordinator

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Have you noticed the little blue pin some of our ALC family members have on their name tags? Have you wondered what that pin signifies? Simply put, the pin acknowledges that the wearer has completed 50 hours of training and has been commissioned as a Stephen Minister at ALC. But what does the pin itself really represent? The depiction on the pin represents a Care Receiver's journey from brokenness toward wholeness through the cross of Jesus. In this way, it illustrates "Christ caring for people through people," which is the STEPHEN MINISTRY motto. Learn more about STEPHEN MINISTRY at our annual STEPHEN MINISTRY WEEKEND on Dec. 8-9 here at ALC.

STEPHEN MINISTRY, QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Have you ever thought about becoming a Stephen Minister? Have you ever wondered just what this Stephen Ministry is really all about? Have you wondered how one becomes a Stephen Minister? Would you like to help someone who is lonely or hurting or grieving but are not sure just how to go about it? Have you ever wished that you felt more comfortable when confronted with a situation that required a caring response? Do you know someone else who is wondering these very things?

If you or someone you know has ever pondered these or similar questions, you will find many of the answers at our annual Stephen Ministry Weekend here at American Lutheran on December 8-9. On that weekend, you will hear a special message and a temple talk during the services; and there will be a table in the courtyard where Stephen Ministers will be available to answer many of your questions. For further answers to your questions, we invite you to participate in the Stephen Ministry Training sessions where all of your questions will be answered and where you will learn how to feel comfortable relating to someone who is hurting or grieving or lonely, in a caring way.

The Stephen Ministry Training sessions for 2019 will begin January 10. The classes meet from 9-12 each Thursday for 11 weeks. On Dec 8-9, The Stephen Ministers at the tables will be able to answer any questions you might have regarding the training sessions and to help you sign up for the training.

We invite and encourage you to consider getting all of your questions answered and becoming a part of Stephen Ministry here at American Lutheran Church.

STEPHEN MINISTRY ANNOUNCES DECEMBER PROGRAM SUN CITY CAN

Sun City CAN what? This question will be answered at our continuing education meeting on Thursday, December 13, at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sun City CAN (Community Assistance Network) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity whose mission is to connect people with resources to enhance their standard of living. Mr. Jack Leyse will introduce us to the many and varied resources and services available to all of us in our community. These resources include benefits assistance, free legal consultations, free income tax preparation, food stamps assistance, utility bill discounts, free respite care, and many more. Mark your calendars for this informative program.

ALL MEMBERS OF ALC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. At 10 a.m. we will enjoy a refreshment break, after which Stephen Ministers will adjourn to our Peer Support Groups. THIS IS A REQUIRED MEETING FOR ALL ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS. For further information about this and all continuing education programs you may contact Diane Kohler at 623-826-6890.

American Lutheran Church Grief Support Fall and Winter, 2018-2019

Welcome to A NEW DAY at American Lutheran Church. We are here to offer support and assistance as you journey through a very difficult time in your life. Grief comes as a result of losing someone you love. The changes that occur are many; and include the loss of a life companion, financial and living situation changes, and countless others

We are here to provide leadership and support to those who join with us on Tuesday mornings, 10:00 in the church lounge. We believe that every day is A NEW DAY, and we can join together with the Holy Spirit to move toward healing. Love for the one you lost never ends. Likewise, the loss and sadness you feel will stay in your heart along with the memories you shared. We hope that by sharing, understanding, and seeking comfort through our spiritual life, we can lighten our burdens as we heal.

Gail Wightman-Bouldin
623-583-2729 (home phone)
1-585-808-7746 (cell phone/text)

MEETINGS\ANNOUNCEMENTS\ACTIVITIES

Yuletide Potluck

Our annual Yuletide Potluck will be
Wednesday, December 12, 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Please sign up to bring a dish to share serving 6 to 8 people.
Look for sign-up sheets before and after services beginning December 1.
Pork loin will be served.

The Good Book Club

The book selection for our December 10 meeting is "Two From Galilee" by Marjorie Holmes.

Nola Mellstrom will be leading the review of this timely book which tells of the great love story of Mary and Joseph. We will meet at 10:30 at El Dorado for the discussion; following that, we will be served lunch at 11:30 in the dining room.

Please make your luncheon reservation with Nola (651-334-5806) or Connie Archer (623-214-7832) by December 1.

El Dorado is located at 10330 W. Thunderbird Blvd and parking is permitted in the visitor's lot directly across from the front door. Please feel free to join us.

Fellowship of Friends!



Visit the Desert Botanical Gardens

LAS NOCHES DE LAS LUMINARIAS

Monday, December 17

\$36 per person

Variety of dining opportunities available in the park
Bus departs at 4 p.m. Return approximately 9 p.m.

Sign up clipboard in the Courtyard Saturday
and between services Sunday.



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### Arizona Broadway Theater Tuesday, March 26

\$67 per person includes show and dinner

Seating begins at 5:30 p.m.

Sign up will begin in January!!!!

For more information

[623-224-1750](tel:623-224-1750)—OR—[JohnVickiTate@gmail.com](mailto:JohnVickiTate@gmail.com)

# WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

During Advent each year, the women of American Lutheran Church prepare boxes of freshly baked **cookies to deliver to our shut-ins**. This year, the boxes will be filled prior to our December 6th **Bible study and Christmas Brunch**. Extra cookies will then be offered for sale at our second annual **"Cookie Walk"** which will take place at the party. It will be a wonderful opportunity to purchase delicious Christmas cookies and other treats. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be donated to charities supported by our Women's Ministries. Please leave your cookie donations in the Fellowship Hall by noon on December 5. If you have volunteered to deliver cookies, you can pick them up on December 6th at the Christmas Brunch.

Please don't forget the WoMIN's Ministry **Christmas Brunch** on Thursday, December 6. Tickets are \$7 and will be sold December 1-2. Social Time at 10:00 a.m. will be followed by devotions with Pastor Lowell, brunch, and sing-along. A highlight of the event will be our annual **Cookie Walk!** Bring a friend and come enjoy some good old-fashioned fun!

The next meeting to make diapers and bandages for **Global Health Ministries** will be on Monday, January 28th at 1:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please continue to donate white T-shirts of all sizes and white sheets. All donations can be placed on the food-gathering table in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations to our 2018 Holiday Bazaar. You are the best!

## SAVE THE DATES!

- Thursday, January 31, 2019, 11 a.m. the WoMIN's Ministry will hold a tea, "Fill My Cup". Our guest speaker will be "Katie Luther." You won't want to miss this fun event.
- February 16, 2019: The 2019 Cactus Conference Spring Gathering will be held here at American Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 16, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!

*Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) Ministry of American Lutheran Church combines congregational fellowship with community outreach to inspire, educate, motivate and entertain.* (New Mission Statement for WNA)

The 2018 Gala was a resounding success! The sanctuary was filled for both programs! Thanks to George Zoske and the Sun City Chamber Orchestra and Pastor Steve Marshall for the inspiring and beautiful program they presented. Congratulations to the winners of the two paintings that Pastor Marshall created. The meal served by our caterers Jane and Rod Coughlin was delicious, and the second concert with Mark Baker and Friends was smashing!

A big “thank you” to Lori and Dennis Kellar and the Dinner Committee that made serving over 500 people such a smooth undertaking.

Thank you to the Gala decorating committee for creating decor and making the tables so festive. Appreciation also goes to Rita and Pete Van Stelle, Shirley Monogham, and Gail and Chuck Weden for selling Gala tickets each weekend leading up to the Gala.

Thank you to Tom Ohnesorge, Rolf Blaess and Dave Tigges for all their hard work with sound, video and set-up.

Above all, thanks to the WNA committee for their hard work in making the 2018 Gala one of the best Galas yet!

Lastly, thanks to all who contributed to the Free-Will Offering at the end of the 6:30 concert. All monies collected will go into WNA programming for future use. Because WNA will basically be self-sufficient in 2019, we will be raising the dinner prices in **January to \$8 per ticket**. There will once again be free-will offering baskets at the end of each week’s 6pm program. On behalf of the WNA committee, we are grateful for your generosity.

We look forward to the 2019 WNA programs and hope you will participate. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and we wish you a very blessed New Year!  
Maryanne Winters, WNA Chair

# ALCSC CAMPUS BIBLE STUDIES

**Pastor's Bible Study ~ Every Tuesday, 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.**  
Pastor Lowell Nelson will begin this study Oct 2.

**Men's Bible Study ~ Every Thursday, 8 a.m., Ed C.** Lectionary study.

**Women's Bible Study** ~The monthly *Gather* Bible Study will be held December 3, 9:30 a.m.in the Multi-Purpose Room led by Pastor Lowell Nelson. Copies of the *Gather* magazine study are in the church office. Please plan to join us.

**Fridays with Dianne Bible Study ~ Every Friday, at 9:00 a.m., in Ed. A/B**  
—a 5-week, video-series study facilitated by Dianne Garvey

## CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Carol Howland (106)  
Dorothy Noren (100)

Mary Graybiel (103)  
Dorothy Hootman (100)

Norma Carlsson (103)  
Milan Susina (100)

Glenn Mobraten (101)

### LOCAL ADDRESS CHANGES

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19022 N Signal Butte Cir  
Sun City, AZ 85373  
Phone: 507-288-6353

**Neighborhood Group 3C**

Ms. Kay Long  
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Sun City, AZ 85351-6109  
Phone: 602-501-1496

**Neighborhood Group 2L**

Burton & Marlene Jacobson  
10741 W El Cortex Apt 1187  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
Phone: 623-215-4898

**Neighborhood Group 3A**

### PHONE CHANGE

Sharron Schueman 208-659-3690  
Rich & Karen Bergfeld 623-230-3868

### ADDRESS CORRECTION

### REMOVED FROM ROLLS BY DEATH

William A. Goblirsch (10/29/18)  
Betty Lou Hammer (11/06/18)  
Wendell Clements (11/07/18)  
Ruby D. Kolstad (10/24/18)  
Frank A. Marks (11/23/18)  
Vivian S. Ridenour (11/23/18)  
Forrest R. Hand (11/25/18)  
Rex Fischer (11/22/18)

### MOVED OUT OF VALLEY

#### PERMANENTLY

Garth & Maria Gould  
12912 378th St  
Menahga, MN 56464  
Phone 623-670-1418

# GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

## SPECIAL GIFTS and MEMORIALS

A Gift to the Capital fund:

In memory of Odis Elinghas been given by Helen Teply

In memory of Donald Nelson has been given by Geneva Nelson

A Gift to ALC

In memory of Jeff Leidall by Margaret Wilson and Mary Anderson

In memory of Bill Goblirsch by James Becker

In memory of Roger Plugge by Jeane Armer

In memory of Rose Kroeplin by Joyce DeVantier

In memory of Barbara Kochka by Mark & Crystal Cooper-Keeble

In memory of Evone & Steve Loch anonymously

In memory of Beverly Baldwin by David & Kay Kallenbach

In memory of Fern Jacobson by Marie Amble

A Gift to the Music fund:

In memory of Irwin Kilstofte by Anne Kilstofte

A Gift to Pastoral Care:

In memory of Carl & Hjordis Peterson by Constance Carey

***PLEASE REMEMBER!***

**THE DEADLINE FOR OUTREACH ARTICLES IS  
THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH.**

**When you submit your newsletter article please use**

**“TIMES NEW ROMAN 12 font”**

**and limit your article to no more than 400 words.**

***Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.***

# NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

## First Saturday, DECEMBER 1

8:30 **2H** Happy Hour @ Royal Café

9:00 **2D** Thunderbirds @ ALC

## First Thursday, DECEMBER 6

12:00 **2L** Royal Oaks @ Royal Oaks

## Second Saturday, DECEMBER 8

9:00 **3C** Care, Chatter, Comfort –9

9:00 **3J** Joy, Joy, Joy @ JB's SC

9:00 **3H** Jolly Comrades @ Coco's

## Third Thursday, DECEMBER 20

8:30 **1A** Quail Run @ Mercer's

## Third Friday, DECEMBER 21

**11:00 2A** Birds of Pray @ 5 & Diner

## Alcoholics Anonymous

The AA Group meets at American Lutheran Church. These are referred to as "closed meetings." Closed meetings are for AA members only or for those who have a drinking problem and desire to stop drinking. Meetings are Mondays, 7:00 pm, and Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm, in Education Room C. For more information, call Judie at 623-337-7747.

## Third Saturday, DECEMBER 15

8:00 **2C** Early Birds—Ji Michael's

8:00 **5C/5E/5F** Grand West @ Memo's

9:00 **5A** Westers @ Tivoli's

9:30 **3A** Wanderers in homes

## Fourth Saturday, DECEMBER 22

9:00 **2M** El Dorado @ El Dorado

## ALC NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP

is looking for anyone interested in becoming a group leader for their group. Contact Chuck Louderback at 623-547-5800 or Diane at the church office 623-974-2512 if you are interested.



## Al-Anon

Al-Anon is a worldwide 12-step fellowship, which offers hope, support, and self-care information to anyone concerned about the drinking or drug use of a friend or family member. It has one purpose: To help loved ones of alcoholics by practicing the 12 steps. Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Ed. Room A/B. For more information, call Claire at 507-288-6353, or Nancy at 858-735-7456.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all my friends at ALC for all your caring love, cards and gifts while I was laid up from my fall. It was so encouraging to hear from you. I think my ribs, lungs and head are almost healed. Don't Fall!!! God Bless you all. Corine Whinnery

Thank you to everyone for all the thoughts, cards, and prayers during the recent death of my son-in-law, Derrick Neverman. Your expression of sympathy during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Best Regards, Judy Gilmore

Thank you for your offering donations and for the non-perishable food at the Wednesday service. These donations help us buy staples that are used in our weekly food boxes. Your turkey donations helped us fill 125 Thanksgiving boxes and extra turkeys to hand out. We appreciate your continued support. Judie V and Larry Stage

## MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Help beautify the sanctuary this season with a bright, colorful poinsettia. Envelopes and sign up sheets will be in the church courtyard between services. Cost is \$12 per plant.

# ALC VARIETY SHOW

## Variety Show II

Last January's variety show was a huge success, receiving rave reviews and many requests to do it again. So let's! The date is set for **Sunday afternoon, January 20 at 3:00**. If you missed out last year -- or if you had so much fun participating and have another act to share -- here is your chance to join in. With an emphasis on *variety*, we're looking for vocal and instrumental, solos or ensembles, dance, comedy, poetry reading, skits, magic, whatever you've got to entertain and delight our audience.

The Visual Arts display was also very well received, so get ready to show your projects of woodworking, painting, pottery, quilting, etc. This year we will expand the display space, plus you can choose to offer one or more of your pieces for silent auction. Proceeds from the auction and a free-will offering for the show will go to the Capital Campaign fund.

We are not auditioning to choose the best talent (you're ALL the best!), but we do need to limit the program time, and include a variety of acts. **Please come to the Choir Room on Tuesday, Nov 27 at 1:00 OR Tuesday, Dec 4 at 1:00** so Tom and I can hear your entry. If that time is not convenient for you or if you have questions, please contact me at [lshirck70@gmail.com](mailto:lshirck70@gmail.com) or **623-308-4032**.

If you are displaying visual arts, contact me by phone or email. Let's have some fun!

Linda Shirck, Coordinator



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