

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world." Philippians 2:14-15

The Bible repeatedly tells us to stay away from complaining. Some people like to complain to get attention. How much of what people say focuses on complaining about the situation instead of trying to improve it? Are we caught up in complaining because we are in a group-think mode? Insight can shed light on our ways of being. What do we need to change about our attitudes that will reflect our obedience to this verse from Philippians? If we are willing to face the truth about our attitude and do something about it, our life will start to improve.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AN AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING, 11/25/20

Our Thanksgiving Eve service will only be offered online at [alcsuncity.org/servicesanddevotions](http://alcsuncity.org/servicesanddevotions). Please Join Us!

### LEFSE SALE

Nov. 21, 9-11 a.m., 4-5 p.m.  
Nov. 22, 10-11 a.m.

### TAIZÉ ADVENT SERVICES

Join us for Taizé Advent services on Wednesday evenings, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

### WEEKLY VIDEO SERIES

Thursdays at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall  
Register at

[j.rainforth@alcsuncity.org](mailto:j.rainforth@alcsuncity.org)

### MEDITATION GROUP

Fridays at 9 a.m. in the Chapel  
Register at

[j.rainforth@alcsuncity.org](mailto:j.rainforth@alcsuncity.org)

### FRIDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER

Nov. 20, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16.  
Fellowship Hall  
Email [digagarvey@gmail.com](mailto:digagarvey@gmail.com)

# MIDWEEK MESSAGES

November 18, 2020

## ANGEL TREE

COVID Procedures 2020

All guidelines of ALC regarding COVID-19, which adheres to CDC and AZ guidelines, will be used to keep everyone safe and healthy during the distribution of Angels for the Angel Tree Ministry. Everyone must wear a mask and keep a physical distance of 6 feet from others at all times.

We plan to have three tables out by the fountain before and after service both Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22 and November 28 and 29 if necessary. There will be volunteers to help you to obtain an Angel of your choice. Only the volunteers who will be gloved will be allowed to handle the Angels until the process is complete.

Approach a volunteer, one person or couple at a time, and indicate if you have preferences for an Angel (boy/girl/age), and the volunteer will find one on the appropriate table. The volunteer will take you and the Angel to the sign-up table where another volunteer will take the Angel, make out the information tag, and then give you the Angel and instructions.

### ANGEL TREE GIFT GUIDELINES

- Each gift should cost between \$20.00 and \$25.00.
- Clothing gifts must have a gift receipt attached in case an item does not fit and needs to be returned.
- It is suggested that gifts be purchased at Wal-Mart or Target if possible.
- Please, NO candy or edible "goodies" and NO note or cards of any kind.
- Put your gift in a Christmas bag which can be purchased at a dollar store. Attach the Angel tag to the bag. NO SANTA CLAUSE BAGS PLEASE and NO WRAPPED GIFTS PLEASE!
- To attach the Angel tag, fold the tag at the base of the "Angel", peel the top part off and adhere to the bag. The bottom part of the tag may be disposed.

This year, all gifts must be returned to the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 6, 2020.

Please place your gift in the Narthex on or under the table with the Angel Tree sign.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN  
ANY GIFTS BEFORE  
THANKSGIVING!

Questions? Call Ann Skidmore  
[623-606-7464](tel:623-606-7464).

## SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SERVICE

Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

## THE STORY BEHIND THE QUILT

Do you happen to remember seeing the beautiful quilts that our quilters have made? Well, during the pandemic they have continued making them as they can. They are not able to gather at the church on Monday mornings and sew, tie, cut, enjoy fellowship, as they had been doing before the pandemic; but, they have continued to work on their own. One of the projects they just completed was the "All Saints' Quilt". If you happened to be in church the weekend of October 31-November 1, you saw the "All Saints' Quilt" displayed, as well as a few other quilts.

So, what makes this "All Saints' Quilt" so special? Well, several of the quilters came up with this idea, and the sewing group voted on their favorite design. Several quilters made a presentation to the Church Council and the Council approved. Nancy Filipa applied for and received a grant for \$250.00 toward the materials needed to make the quilt. Several of the quilters went to a local store and were given a discount for the material they bought. The quilt would have a huge cross in the middle. The quilt would be on display in Fellowship Hall, and any member who died from American Lutheran Church (our saints) during the year would have their name listed on the side panels of the quilt for the year. At the end of the year, the names would be taken down and we would begin again in the next year. The quilt was worked on and put together in quadrants. Marty Livingston, Andrea George, Linda Shirck, and Moneita Kalas individually worked on each quadrant. Nancy Filipa finished putting the quilt together. It is beautiful, and now we need a wood hangar or large decorative curtain rod so we can display it. And, we need a dedication. We don't know when that will happen yet, but we must celebrate this beautiful work.

Meanwhile, the quilters are still collecting donations of fabric, batting, yarn, crochet cotton, etc. They are still selling their quilts. If you are interested in purchasing one, or several of these beautiful quilts, please call Marlene Hoffenbrodel at 623-297-5175 or Marty Livingston at 614-307-0116 and make sure you leave a message which includes your name and phone number. This purchase helps to support WELCA.

Thanks to all who worked on this quilt and the other quilts that are purchased or donated throughout the year. We will announce a dedication as soon as we can. Thanks for all your talents, and Thanks Be To God!

Terri Polk, ALC Council President

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

I am pleased to announce an in-person Advent Bible Study on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in Education A/B and will be limited to a 45-minute session. We will be limited to 10 people. Please be advised that no food/drink can be served/shared, but you may bring your own. Please remember to bring and wear your mask during this time. For those who prefer a Zoom session, I will hold the same study on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. The study will be like a "Lessons and Carols" format. We will study the scripture and listen to music as it applies to the prophecy and birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Overlapping this will be our Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Should more than 10 be interested, I can hold a second Wednesday session at 1:00 p.m. on both December 2<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know by either email or phone if you are interested in attending this in-person study and what time. If the Zoom session is preferred, please let me know that, as well. Thank you. It will be so good to be together in person or by Zoom!

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