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MID-WEEK MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL

Two dear members of the church passed away in the past few days; Rosemary Johnson (Saturday, 5/16) and Gene Hersrud (Monday, 5/18). Thank you, God, for Rosemary and Gene, for lovingly calling them to heaven.



In supporting Gene's son, Russ, it is a privilege to partner with Gene's pastor, prayer partner, and Senior Pastor for so many years here at ALC, Rev. Lloyd Wallace. I look forward to proclaiming the Gospel with him as we plan for a small inurnment service here in our columbarium. It sometimes frustrates me on the restrictions placed on how many folks can gather, but then I realize that Gene's vibrant ministry with choirs and organ in years gone by still resonates in the heavenly realm. God, help us to keep an eternal perspective in mind in these challenging days of pandemic concern. Each life is precious in your name.

I'm so excited to be back in the Sanctuary to record worship services! I would love to set a date for public worship, but our Grand Canyon Synod is focusing on clinical metrics to ensure maximum safety for all participants. The metric for restarting worship is a sustained decline in the number of COVID-19 cases in Maricopa County for a minimum of two straight weeks. God made us for community worship, so please know that I am eager but also cautious as we don't want to harm anyone. Please continue to use our website (alcsuncity.org), YouTube and Facebook as your tools for worship. We have plenty of room for Bible studies with Pastor on Tuesday's at 10 a.m. and the Men's group on Thursday's at 8 a.m. You can access these studies by simply calling 339-209-5700. Stay tuned for more Bible studies to come for the summer!

Love, Pastor Lowell

WHAT A SUCCESS!



Thank you to all of you who sewed masks and donated food and hygiene products to the Navajo Nation. We collected several trunkloads and were able to deliver them to Christ the Lord Church in Carefree. They will then be delivered to the Navajo Nation.

For those who still want to contribute food and hygiene products, we would be happy to collect them. The easiest way to do this is for you to drop them off during the Sunday Parking Lot Drive-Thru between 10—10:30 a.m. on Sundays, of course. If you can't drop off, Judie and Larry Stage (623-337- 7747) will pick them up from your home and deliver them.

One of the local food banks (St. Mary's) posted an interesting fact on their web page. "The number of people going to the "Get Help" page on our website has increased 700% comparing the first half of March (before we were hit with our "new normal") and the last half of March. From March 1 – 12, we had 3,500 people go to our "Get Help" page. From March 12 – 26, we had 25,000 visitors to this page."

Valley View Community Food Bank posted this: "Most needed items are soups, tomato sauces, stews; peanut butter and jelly; fruit juice and bottled water; oatmeal and other healthy cereals; canned fruits and vegetables (including low salt and low sugar); baby food and diapers; personal care products, including adult diapers and feminine hygiene products."

Thank you again for all you do and your continued generosity to others who are struggling through this pandemic.

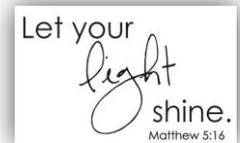
With grateful hearts; Terri Polk, Wally Brambilla, Larry Stage & Judie VanDevere-Stage, Alan & Susan Olson, Colleen Wecker, Marty Livingston, Bob Bouldin

OUR FIRST NOMINEE FOR HEROES AND HEROINES

Caroline Woodruff has been nominated as our first heroine of American Lutheran Church. Caroline was nominated by Dee Trask-Lawrence. Dee nominated Caroline because she does so much for the church and is always willing to come and help out. Dee got to know Caroline's helpfulness first-hand when Caroline helped Dee get connected with a doctor to get cataract surgery.

Let me tell you a little more about Caroline. She has been a member since April 2012. Caroline and her husband, Bob (now deceased, 2015) moved to Sun City in December, 2011. It didn't take long for them to join the church. Caroline said they visited several churches in the area but "felt right at home with the members and the worship service". Caroline has volunteered in several different areas/committees at ALC: Women's Ministry, Altar Guild, Fellowship (as needed), Wednesday Night Alive, Pew Crew, Neighborhood Groups (where she is a leader of Jolly Comrades), Salvation Army Bell Ringer from ALC, Global Ministries (rolling bandages) and Stephen Ministry. Whew! Caroline's favorite memory of ALC was when she was initiated into Stephen Ministry. Caroline wanted the congregation at ALC to know "this is a wonderful church with incredible people. Being a member at ALC has made such a difference in my life."

Caroline is originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, but she lived in at least 12 states growing up. Caroline worked as a secretary (she says they now call them "administrative assistants"). Caroline has 2 sons. Clark and his wife, Alicia, live in Gilbert, AZ and Clark works at Chase Bank in Tempe. Will is living in Columbus, Ohio where he is an ER doctor. Caroline's daughter, Alison, died 3 years ago. Caroline's favorite color is blue, her favorite food is rice and gravy (Southern heritage) and her favorite hobbies are golf (although she doesn't golf anymore) and reading. Her favorite Hymn is "The Man is well with My Soul". Caroline's favorite scripture is from Revised King James Version, Matthew 5:16 : "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven". Caroline certainly is shining at ALC and we are blessed to have her. Thank you for all you do, Caroline, and Congratulations!



BIBLE STUDY WITH DEBBIE NELSON

Hello Ladies of American Lutheran Church,

How I miss you! I pray that you are all staying healthy and doing well. Since this virus started, Pastor Lowell and I have learned to Zoom with our family and friends, enjoying conversation, games and fellowship. Now that I have a handle on the art of "Zooming", I would love for us to come together for a bible study!

The Gather Magazine's website has free bible studies as well as articles that would make good conversation for us to stay connected and encouraged. Take a look at gathermagazine.org, click on "Bible Studies" and then "Free Bible Studies". You will see a tab for articles, too.

Please let me know if this appeals to you. I was thinking of Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Don't worry if you don't have Zoom. It is easy to set up and use. You can phone in, too, if your computer does not have a camera. If the idea of Zooming with others isn't your cup of tea, you might email your comments/suggestions to the group and be a part of the conversation that way.

I so look forward to seeing your smiling faces and appreciate your feedback on this idea!!

Peace and Love,
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