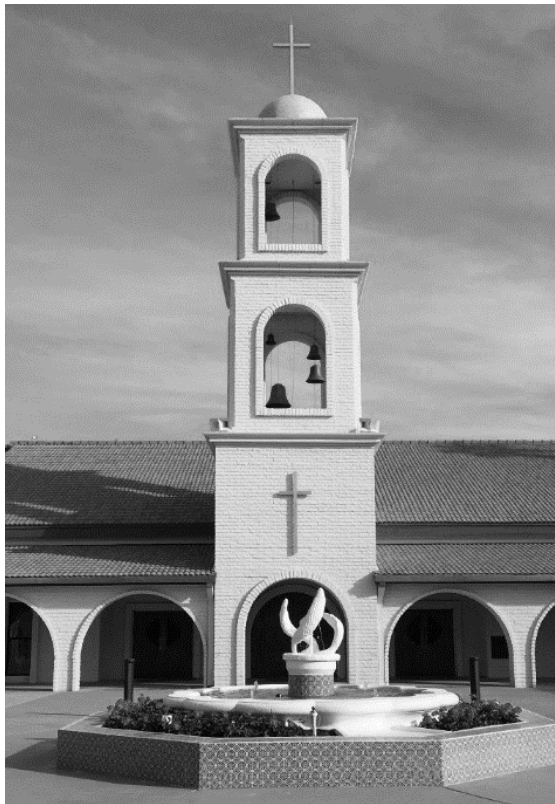


American Lutheran Church of Sun City

**October 2019
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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Dear American Lutheran Church Family & Friends,

Welcome to October, 2019! This month starts our second year of ministry together as Senior pastor & congregation. On behalf of Debbie and myself, we thank you for your warm welcome and the congregational commitment to live out our ALC's mission. We seek to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ, to invite people to join us in ministry and become a blessing in word & deed to our own congregational members pouring out into the community, Synod and World. There are times when I can scarcely believe Debbie and I have the privilege of working with you for the sake of the Gospel message. I'm often the first one in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings and as I behold the beauty of our sanctuary, I almost pinch myself that our house of worship is our spiritual home! Please remember; worship is the key to our spiritual life together. Proclaiming the Gospel is the firm foundation of faith, creating the incentive to invite people into this faith community and amplifies the Holy Spirit's power to bless others in all we do.

This past year has been full of life; the joy meeting new people and forming ministry friendships within the church and making connections with ALC's fine pastors, both actively serving and retired, along with fellow conference pastors and Synod team ably led by Bishop Deborah Hutterer. A full life includes those things that are painful, yet secure in the love of Christ. I am thankful my health recovered from the mysterious and frustrating Valley Fever and I feel so much better to engage in ministry. The death of my father, Pastor Ben Nelson, grieved my soul but I am so thankful for his 96 years of life and for his 60+ years of marriage with my dear mother Evelyn. I am thankful for Mom's care led by my sister Carol in Indiana.

As you reflect back upon this past year in your own life, I pray that it has been full of life- all secure in the love of Christ. We are confident that in all of life's experiences, God promises nothing will separate us from the love of God. This is the Gospel truth we proclaim! Please remember while our Saturday worship remains at 4 pm throughout the year, we will return to two worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 starting this month through May. Debbie and I are thankful we got to know our year-round residents throughout this first summer and with them, look forward to reuniting with our Snowbird partners in ministry over the upcoming months.

At the conclusion of October, we will celebrate the 502nd anniversary of the Reformation. The Reformation understanding of God's work is beautifully articulated as:

A sinner is justified by grace alone (sola gratia) through faith alone (sola fide) for the sake of Christ alone (solus Christus), a truth revealed to us in Scripture alone (sola Scriptura).

What a powerful testimony! I am so thankful to be your pastor in this second year of ministry together and look forward to proclaiming the truth of God's amazing love with you throughout the years ahead!

Love,

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

Pastor Lowell

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

In October we celebrate the Reformation. This was a movement in the 16th century for reforms within the Roman Catholic Church ending in the establishment of Protestant Churches.

So, how does reformation apply to American Lutheran Church in Sun City? Notice this reformation is spelled with a small r not a capital R. ALC like all institutions that intend to continue to exist must constantly examine their mission and processes and procedures to ascertain whether they are relevant to the world as it exists and if they are on a path of sustainability. This is a long winded sentence that basically means change is going to be constant if we want to continue to be relevant.

The past two years have seen significant changes for us. A long time pastor retired and a new one was hired; other retirements occurred as did other personnel changes; significant financial issues were encountered and are being dealt with; new issues such as safety and security are being examined to name just a few.

Change always means there will be some uncertainty. Will this change affect me; make me uncomfortable or does it appear to be a welcome difference from the past? The answer to that is often, it depends. It depends on each person's perspective.

Your Church Council "shall have the general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything done in

accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America” C12.04 of our Constitution.

How do we know what to do? We don't on our own but through prayer we ask for guidance and clarity. There is a prayer that will be used on Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2019, as part of our worship service and I would like to offer it here.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Dick Jorgenson
Congregation President

Worship and Music

The ALC Fine Arts Series Begins *Denotes ticketed event
Friday, October 18, 7:30 pm Phoenix Chorale* phoenixchorale.org
Sunday, November 10, 3:00 pm ProMusica* pmaz.org
Sunday, November 24, 3:00 pm Lorraine Miller Organ Recital

All concerts are open to the public. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to take advantage of the opportunity to experience magnificent music without leaving the Valley. See the full calendar of events on the music bulletin board in the Narthex. *Websites are included for programming and ticket information, if applicable.*

Celebration Choir October signals a return to two Sunday worship services, 8:30 and 10:30, and a return of many who spend summers north of the Valley. As the choir grows week to week keep in mind the open invitation to join us at any point in the season. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 2:30-4:00 and we would love to include you in our music ministry.

The Choir Retreat will take place on our beautiful ALC campus on Tuesday, October 15 from Noon -3:00. This is a time set aside for choir members to get to know one another, deepen friendships, explore the upcoming festival services, read anthems and service music and have fun together. Lunch will be provided for the choir members by Linda and me.

In addition to weekly anthems and service music, the choir is preparing for Reformation Sunday on October 27 and All Saints Sunday on November 3.

Janet MacDonald, Interim Choir Director j.macdonald@alcsuncity.org

Calling all singers and instrumentalists

Would you like to be part of our worship services in any of the following ways?

- Saturday service musical offerings as a singer, pianist, instrumentalist
- as an instrumentalist with the choir or other ensemble
- play or sing in a small ensemble

If so, please let us know-we'll be happy to involve you. Linda, Jan and George

WELLNESS MINUTE

Making the most of eye drops:

Many people feel that a good deal of their eye drop medication, which can be expensive, goes to waste. To make the most of your eye drops and avoid spillage, follow these tips:

- Aim for a proper angle: Tilt your head back and look upward so that you're able to aim properly. Some people find it helpful to lie down and then insert drops.
- Make a pocket: With your non-dominant hand, form a pocket with your lower eyelid.
With the eye drops in your other hand, squeeze the bottle gently to allow one drop to fall in the pocket, not over the eyeball. Release the pocket and gently close your eye. Squeezing the eye shut can force the drop out.
- One drop at a time: Apply only one drop at a time and wait a few minutes between drops.
Multiple drops administered at once may roll out of the eye and be wasted.
- Apply pressure: To promote absorption, put slight pressure on the corner of your eye closest to your nose.

Lori Kellar: ALC Wellness Ministry

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TRUST COMMITTEE

One of the primary functions of this committee is to distribute gains from designated trusts. One of these trusts was established to provide monies for low-income female college students from Pan de Vida church. This year six individuals applied for funds, four females and two males. Although the male students did not qualify for funding under this trust, they were provided for under a non-designated trust. Each of the four female applicants received \$ 500 towards their college tuition.

This perpetual trust was established a number of years ago. By definition, a perpetual trust preserves the principle and only the investment gains are eligible for distribution. If there are unused gains at the end of the year, they are added to the perpetual amount and are not eligible for distribution in future years. Hopefully this provides some insight on one of the functions of the trust committee.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

OCTOBER LUNCHEON-Women's Ministries is hosting a catered luncheon on Wednesday, October 30, beginning with a social time at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We are so pleased to have Cyndy Warner from Spirit Of the Desert as our guest speaker. Cyndy will share with us her amazing knowledge of the many species of hummingbirds that live in our area. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be sold beginning October 5 after each service and at the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- Beginning in October empty OCC boxes will be available for those of you who wish to fill one with toys, art supplies, socks, etc. It is a wonderful activity to do with grandchildren or friends. The boxes will be available in the narthex and Fellowship Hall after services. (Please use sign-up sheet.) Lists of suggested items will also be available. All filled boxes should be returned no later than November 8th.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PENCILS, SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, AND PENCIL SHARPENERS. All items for the OCC boxes being packed by volunteers must be at church by October 20th.

2019 HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND LEFSE SALE -The annual Lefse Sale/Holiday Bazaar will be held this year on Saturday, November 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this fun morning of shopping, eating, and visiting. We would like all crafters, woodworkers, jewelry makers,

greeting card makers, potters, knitters, quilters, and others to think about possible donations. We hope to have a wide variety of offerings at the Craft Boutique again this year. Donations of house plants and landscaping plants are needed for this year's Holiday Bazaar. Contact Pam Prueter at 623-236-8154 if you are able to help.

GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES - The October meeting to make diapers and bandages for Global Health Ministries will be on Monday, October 28, 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 should be placed on the food gathering table in the narthex.

BIBLE STUDY- The monthly Women's Bible Study will begin on October 2nd at 9:30 in Room 6 (Multi-purpose room). This is our monthly discussion of the Gather magazine. Gather magazines are available in the church office.



Harvest Potluck

Our annual Harvest Potluck will be
Wednesday, October 23
5 pm in the fellowship hall

Entertainment immediately following dinner by Joe Ford

Please sign up
bring a dish to share serving 6 to 8 people.
Look for sign-up sheets before
and after services beginning October 13.
Ham will be served.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE



Our Benevolence Committee encourages the ALC congregation and others to partner in our mission project of providing drinkable water for the church/school and community of Rock Point, AZ. The goal is raising \$30,000 to install a new well delivering safe water for the Navajo people of this area.

For many years the Rock Point Navajo community has traveled 50 miles to haul water for drinking and cooking. Providing a safe water supply on the church/school property will achieve the following:

- Provide drinkable water for the 2,500 in the community
- Provide water for livestock
- Provide water for fire control
- Provide irrigation for farming

How can this be accomplished? A sponsored walk up to 5k/3 miles will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 8:00 am starting in the church courtyard.

What can I do? Go to the church website; alcsuncity.org under the “giving” heading and locate Navajo Water Walk. Download the information and register for \$25. It’s recommended that each walker locate sponsors giving \$100 to \$250 which will greatly assist us in reaching our goal of \$30,000.

Can businesses advertise? Yes! Businesses (\$250 and over) and individuals (\$100 and over) will receive special appreciation in a published recognition booklet.

Matching gifts: The Trust committee is offering matching gifts up to \$5,000. Individuals can also provide a matching gift. Call Bob Rogalski (623) 521-6446 for details.

Non-walkers? If you can’t walk send your tax deductible gift to the church: American Lutheran Walk.

ATTENTION STEPHEN MINISTERS

PLEASE NOTE: Our final Summer Peer Support Group will meet on OCTOBER 6th rather than on Sept 29th as originally scheduled, so that everyone can enjoy the Pancake Breakfast following the 9:30 service on the 29th. We return to two services on Oct 6th so our Peer Support Group will meet during the Coffee/Fellowship Hour at 9:45 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Our FACILITATOR TRAINING for all current and new Peer Group Facilitators will be on Oct 25th from 9-12 in Edu.C. If you are interested in becoming a Facilitator please contact Kathy Ulrich or Glen Schulz for more details. This is a required meeting for all Facilitators.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Our new year starts on Thursday, Nov 14th. We welcome all active, inactive and potential Stephen Ministers to this New Year Celebration. Please watch the bulletins and Nov OUTREACH for further information and sign-up opportunities.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS & STEPHEN MINISTRY LIAISON

Groups

As our roving ALC members have started returning from their summer trek to cooler climates, we can feel the buzz in the air and see the smiles on the faces of our neighbors.

The energy level is starting to rise and we should all anticipate a new level of activity in our wonderful church of God.

I am still planning a meeting in November with leaders and other members interested in Neighborhood Groups activity at ALC. However, September 14/15 we had an interesting Temple Talk presentation from Kate Adelman Executive Director at Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, in Rock Point, Arizona concerning the need for opening a 'deep well' to supply water to that Navajo community.

The immediate Goal is for \$30,000 to provide machinery and engineering know-how to explore the site of an existing well. ALC is sponsoring a 'Walk for Navajo Water' January 11, 2020.

I therefore challenge each of our 20 Neighborhood groups to sign up your members (and friends and family) for this Walk for Water. The Group which 'walks' the most members and friends could get a special award from me personally (not ALC). Blessings to all our neighbors, Bryan Cooper-Keeble, banddck@aol.com

Stephen Ministry - Liaison

Our Eucharistic Stephen Ministers are assisting the Pastors with Communion at Saturday and Sunday services throughout the Fall and Winter season at ALC.

Bryan Cooper-Keeble, banddck@aol.com

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

First Thursday, October 3

12:00 2L Royal Oaks @ Royal Oaks

First Saturday, October 5

8:30 2H Happy Hour @ Royal Café

9:00 2D Thunderbirds no meeting till fall

Second Saturday, October 12

9:00 3C CCC @Cooper-Keeble home

9:00 3H Jolly Comrades @ Coco's

9:00 3J Joy Joy Joy @ Georges (bell center)

Third Thursday, October 17

8:30 1A Quail Run @ Mercer's

Third Friday, October 18

2A Birds of Pray @ Tivoli's

Third Saturday, October 19

8:00 2C Early Birds @ JiMichael's

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

9:00 5A Westers @ Birt's Bistro

9:30 3A Wanderers in homes

Fourth Saturday, October 26

9:00 2M El Dorado @ El Dorado

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS

Gifts that were given to American Lutheran Church in Memory of:

Eleanor Simons

Johanna, Beth Grosen and Nancy Isaacson

Carol Crain & Jeffrey Telkamp

Peter & Rita Van Stelle

Bruce Leonardi, Eleanor Simons & Hugh Kaste

Helen Rogness

Carl & Hjordis Peterson (Parents)

Connie Carey

Norma Schweim

Ramon & Janet Giordano

Emil Kroepelin

Joyce DeVantier

Judith Sellman

Charlotte Riebe

Gifts were given to ALC in Honor of

Reverend Gary and Dianne Garvey's
20th Anniversary by Sheila Harmell

In memory of husband Robert, and daughter
Trish Teply Markoski by Helen Teply

Gifts were also given by Lois Rice
and an anonymous donor

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the LSS for asylum seekers and refugees. You were very generous in giving to those who are new to our country. Thank you so much...Jackie Huget



Jackie Huget being thanked by LSS Jacqueline for ALC donations

ALC Grief Support Group

A NEW DAY - ALC grief support group meets on **Tuesdays at 10 am** in the Lounge. It's not necessary to sign up...just show up. We welcome you.

It's Flower Planting season again. Our courtyard centerpiece needs your donations. The "Flowered Bucket" will be displayed in the courtyard on the following dates: October 5th and 6th and October 12th and 13th. Please help in the beautification of our courtyard!

ALC CAMPUS BIBLE STUDIES

Pastor's Bible Study ~ Tuesdays, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Study ~ Thursdays, 8 am (see calendar) Lectionary study.

Aging with the grace of God, Fridays at 9:30 am Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

This study will encourage us to attack aging head on. In a culture that considers aging a curse and denies it at every opportunity, Christians are encouraged to accept aging as a vital and positive stage of our spiritual journey—a time in which God continues to fit us for his kingdom and develops within us the character of his Son. This is not a time to merely exist but a time to grow and bloom, aging in grace. Come join the adventure!

- Education A/B
- \$5 for booklet materials
- Call Debbie Nelson with any questions. (402) 651-3635
- Sign up in the Narthex

Mark your calendars!!!

Friday Morning Bible Study will begin again on **November 1 at 9:00 am**. The study will be “Seamless” by Angie Smith. “Seamless” covers the people, places, and promises of the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. Whether you've grown up hearing Bible stories or you're exploring Scripture for the first time, the full story of the Bible can be overwhelming. See you then!...Dianne Garvey

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 **Wednesdays, 6:00 pm** in Education Room C. For more information, call Judie at (623) 337-7747.



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 Education Room A/B. For more information, call Claire at (507) 288-6353 or Nancy at (858) 735-7456.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE!



Greetings from your WNA Committee! Plans are gearing up for the 2019-2020 WNA kick-off Gala on **NOVEMBER 13, 2019**. We are looking forward with excitement to the program and dinner. Information about the Gala is on the ALC website. For those of you who do not have access to the website, here are the details:

4:30 pm

Presenting the Reverend Dr. Peter Perry of St. John's Lutheran Church, Glendale, Arizona. He will be speaking about how he discovered that the book of Revelation really tells the story of hope in a changing culture and seductively comfortable lifestyle. Come hear and discuss how Revelation applies today and gives us hope in Christ.

5:30 pm Catered dinner

6:30pm

Presenting Sam and Josh Stefanski in concert entitled "The Classics The Stefanski Brothers celebrate the timeless music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s!" Everyone will be thoroughly entertained with brothers who are musically gifted in piano and voice.

Tickets for the 2019 WNA Gala this year will be \$10 and your ticket is your reservation. They will go on sale the third weekend in October. As in the past, tickets will also be available in the church office and after each worship service over the weekends, beginning October 18.

If you would like to sign up to help with any of the weekly dinners, please contact Lori and Dennis Kellar, WNA dinner chairpersons. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church office. We welcome all who would like to contribute their helping hands for this ALC Outreach.

In the meantime, a WNA brochure will be published in mid-October that highlights the 2019-2020 programs for the year. It will be available in the church office and in the Narthex. We hope that you will participate in the WNA fellowship in the upcoming season. It promises to be a good one! Maryanne Winters, Chair WNA Committee

Directory Changes – for the OCTOBER outreach

We express our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

Wally & Marge Eklund on the death of Wally's brother, Roger

Centenarians

Carol Howland (107)

Mary Graybiel (104)

Norma Carlsson (104)

Dorothy Noren (102)

Dorothy Hootman (101)

Milan Susina (101)

Florence H. Johnson (100)

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REMOVED FROM ROLLS BY DEATH

Maxine E. Kaiser (08/25/2019)

Nelson, Carole (09/16/19)

David K. Danielsen (09/22/19)

James D. Blair (09/21/19)

MOVED OUT OF VALLEY

PERMANENTLY

Bob & Lola Hagen

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