



VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES



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This involvement brochure is intended to present to members of American Lutheran Church of Sun City, in abridged form, the many opportunities for education, fellowship, worship, and service.

This brochure describes more than two-dozen chances to expand one's world.

A list of the contact person for each of the organizations is included for your convenience.

Members are encouraged to use their God-given talents in ways that would benefit both the congregation and the individual.

It is the aim of our church to provide for its members much more than a "Sunday-only" experience. Share the spirit. Praise the Lord. Expand your horizons.

• SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for sharing one's time and talent. Included are office assistance, (computer help, typing, telephones, mailings, copying, folding) weekly bulletin and monthly the Outreach Newsletter assembly. Please contact the church office to become a part of our volunteer family.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SUN CITY
2018 CONTACT PERSONS**

ALTAR GUILD	Marion Janowski	815-0065
BELL CHOIRS (<i>Christo</i>)	George Zoske	214-2695
(<i>Genesis</i>).....	Faith Gossett	875-7141
BENEVOLENCE.....	Linda Reuer	544-4430
BIBLE STUDIES:.....	Pastor; Men's;	974.2512
.....	Women's Ministry; Beth Moore	974-2512
CELEBRATION CHOIR.....	Tom Ohnesorge	974-2512
CHURCH BUS (<i>Church services & WNA</i>).....	Church Office	974-2512
(<i>trips & outings</i>).....	Church Office	974-2512
COLUMBARIUM.....	Diane Lewis	974-2512
COUNCIL.....	Marty Livingston (President)	444-7695
FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE.....	Madeline Niccore	(303) 652-0266
FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS.....	John Tate	224-1750
(<i>Social Gathering Outings</i>)		
FLOWER ORDERS & DELIVERY.....	Receptionist	974-2512
FOOD GATHERING SUNDAY.....	Receptionist	974-2512
GOOD BOOK GROUP	Beulah Jenson 974-3437 & Cathy Ford	594-4990
GREETERS	Church Office	974-2512
HEARING AIDS.....	Jim/Char Trageser	815-2509
HELPING HANDS-.....	Church Office	974-2512
INTERCESSORS.....	Pete Petersen	214-7472
LAY READERS.....	John Tate	224-1750
LIBRARY.....	Church Office	974-2512
LUTHERAN THRIFT SHOP.....	107th & Peoria, Sun City	815-7061
MEN'S BOWLING.....	Harold Peterson	972-9202
NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS.....	Chuck Louderback	547-5800
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION.....	Pastor Chuck Paulson	974-2512
OUTREACH MINISTRY.....	Pastor Chuck Paulson	974-2512
PRAYER CHAIN.....	Mike Michaelson	815-9068
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.....	Colleen Wecker	602-829-9990
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	Alan Olson	215-2475
SEWING & CRAFTS	Beverly Day (Quilts)	537-7751
.....	Beth Ann Schempp (Head of Projects)	566-2022
STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPPORT	Kathy Ulrich	974-9002
.....	Kay Long	(602) 501-1496
STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING.....	Marlene Cook	(701) 260-9810
.....	Terry Polk	(317) 258-7590
USHERS.....	Dennis Kellar	414-3151
WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE.....	Maryanne Winters	(918) 724-7811
WELLNESS COORDINATOR	Lori Kellar	974-2512
WOMENS MINISTRIES of ALC.....	Marty Livingston	(614) 307-0113

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the communion elements, and maintaining the altar and chancel area. Three persons serve each month. This is a special spiritual service to the entire congregation. New members are always welcome and needed.

- **BELL CHOIRS**

We sing by ringing. American Lutheran Church is blessed with two hand bell choirs that enhance our worship and praise of God. For more experienced ringers, the Christo Bell Choir rehearses on Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 until 5:00 pm. For beginning ringers or those who simply want to brush up on their technique before tackling the Christo Bells, the Genesis Bell Choir also rehearses on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 until 2:30 pm.

BIBLE STUDIES

- **PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY**

Classes meet on Tuesday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Studies include: Books of the Bible, Christian Disciplines, Biblical Characters, Theology, Church History, Contemporary Issues in Society, National and Global Concerns, and Christian Literature. All classes have outline material and ample discussion opportunities. CD's of classes are available.

- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
(Fellowship with God and man)

This Bible study group for men meets at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the church. The scriptures for the following Sunday are vigorously applied to our daily living, the problems confronting God's church, the philosophy of our present world, and what we, as faithful believers, can do to advance the kingdom of God.

- **WOMEN’S MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY**

This Bible study group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. It is open to all women of the congregation. The Bible study lesson presented by the Pastor is the based on the Gather Magazine.

- **BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY**

This Bible study group meets on Friday mornings at 9:00. guided by Dianne Garvey this study welcomes women and men too. This video study premieres Biblical scholars Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, Jennifer Rothschild, and Lysa TerKeurst..

- **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

The Benevolence Committee determines the recipients and the funding amounts of the church’s giving to recipient organizations. Committee members meet monthly from October through February. Our goal is to give a significant amount to fewer organizations to make a real difference to their programs. The Committee looks forward to added insights when new members join us.

- **CELEBRATION CHOIR**

Singing our praise to God is an important part of worship life at American Lutheran Church. The psalmist declares, “how good it is to sing praises to our God.” (Psalm 147) The Celebration Choir, as assisting ministers, helps the congregation to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” (Psalm 100). In addition to Sunday morning worship, the choir also assists with festival services and special occasions. The choir rehearses every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Contact our Director of Music, Tom Ohnesorge, for more information.

• **CHURCH BUS SERVICE**

The bus is available to pick up members who cannot get to church any other way. It is available for Sunday and special services, as well as our Wednesday Night Alive program. The bus is also used for church activities that need transportation outside the Sun City area.

• **COLUMBARIUM**

In 1994 American Lutheran Church of Sun City decided to construct and maintain a columbarium for church members as an alternative, church-affiliated, perpetual home. The Columbarium was built and dedicated October 2, 1995, with 288 niches. Each niche houses two separate, polished, sealed bronze containers with two nameplates affixed to the granite face, all-inclusive in the purchase price. In 2011 the congregation voted to expand the columbarium with 144 additional niches and construct a roof over the portion not included in the gazebo portion of the columbarium. Groundbreaking for the new addition was held on April 10, 2011.

• **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Our Council is made up of 15 members that serve a 3-year term. Each member is a liaison to one or more of our church committees.

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| Finance | Neighborhood Groups |
| Parish Education & Evangelism | Personnel |
| Property & Grounds | Publicity |
| Trusts | Women's Ministries |
| WNA Task Force | Worship & Music |

- **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**
(*Social Gathering Outings*)

This group serves at the coffee hour on Sunday mornings as well as other social events – pie socials, ice cream socials, potluck dinners, special receptions, and special fellowship meal planning for the holidays. They also oversee the Prison Ministry Angel Tree gifts for children at Christmas. They provide an opportunity for all members to make many new friends.

- **FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS**

A small group of members organizes outings and social gatherings, open to all members of ALC, for the sole purpose of getting to know each other while enjoying an activity or entertainment

- **FLOWERS**

The flowers that are used to beautify our chancel for worship services are purchased by our members. If you do not wish to pick up your flowers, they are taken to neighboring care centers so that they can be enjoyed by others. Volunteers are needed each Sunday to deliver one or two bouquets after the 10:30 a.m. (summer 9:30 a.m.) worship service. Call the church office to assist in delivering flowers. To order Altar flowers, simply sign your name on the Altar Flower Chart in the Narthex (in the office during the week) and use the attached Altar flower envelope for vital information and payment.

- **FOOD GATHERING SUNDAYS**

On the first and third Sundays of every month members bring non-perishable food items to be distributed to the Lutheran Social Services Westside Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran

church in Glendale and to Pan de Vida Lutheran Church in El Mirage.

- **GOOD BOOK GROUP**

The Good Book Group meets the second Monday of each month for book and/or author discussions. There is a four-month reading schedule for books and/or authors selected and lead by Good Book Group members.

- **GREETERS**

Greeters make each worshiper feel welcome. Four volunteers are needed for each service. All members are encouraged to become greeters for worship services. Greeting is a great way to become familiar with other members as well as our visitors. Hospitality makes a difference.

- **HEARING AID DISTRIBUTION**

Hearing aids are available for the hearing impaired. This helps those with hearing difficulties enjoy our services. Directions are displayed at the desk. If you have any questions, contact the sound technician or call the church office. These hearing aids are also compatible with the new T-coil hearing system

- **HELPING HANDS**

You can count on Helping Hands!!! This group of volunteers in our congregation provide assistance for those members who are unable to do a particular household chore or who need transportation to a medical appointment. The helping hands coordinator receives the request by telephone, calls a person to assist, sets a day and time for the assistance and then checks back with both the giver and receiver to see that the chore was handled satisfactorily.

- **INTERCESSORS**

Intercessory prayer is simply the act of praying on behalf of other people. We pray for the requests received, for our church, our country and our world leaders.

We have a group, which meets at 3:00 p.m. every Monday in the church lounge. We ask that each request be signed by the person making the request and that they receive permission from the person in need for the request to be published on the prayer list.

- **LAY READERS**

Individuals from the congregation are invited to participate in our Worship Services on Saturday or Sunday by reading the lesson(s) for that day. Anyone who likes to read, can speak clearly and enunciate the words is invited to perform this function during services. A list of readers is drawn up in advance for each service, and the readings will be sent to individuals one week prior to their assigned time so that the lessons can be rehearsed and prepared. Help is available in pronouncing difficult words. Everything a reader needs to say is printed directly on the pages, so it is an easy task to perform. If for some reason a conflict arises, a list of all readers and phone numbers is given to individuals so that a substitute can be found. The only requirement is that the church office be notified of the change by Wednesday preceding the assigned reading time

- **LIBRARY**

Our church library contains material to enrich your spiritual journey and deepen your faith. We have a variety of books, i.e., fiction, non-fiction, historical, autobiographies, devotional and inspirational to enhance and entertain our members. You may enjoy reading in the Library or in the comfort of your home. The Library welcomes donations of hardback books in excellent condition. If we are unable to use them, we will send them to the Lutheran Thrift Shop. The Library is self-service. Simply choose a book, mark it down on

the appropriate paperwork and return it when you are finished with it.

- **LUTHERAN THRIFT SHOP**

The thrift shop is a wonderful way to volunteer and help our community. Donated items are sorted and sold by volunteers from area congregations. Proceeds go to local and state charities. The store is located at 10737 W Peoria Avenue, Sun City, in the Sun Bowl Shopping Center. The store is open daily, 9:00-4:00, except Sunday. Volunteers are needed to assist in this important ministry. Call (623) 815-7061 to offer your help. The Thrift Shop was started as an alternative to having church rummage sales. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop are distributed to needy groups and organizations through grants.

- **MEN'S ALC BOWLING TEAM**

Our team bowls on Friday mornings. The men's bowling team was started in 1976. The members change from time to time, but the team continues. There are fourteen teams of five people on each team in the league, made up mostly of men from various churches in the area.

- **NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS**

Neighborhood groups are divided into geographical areas so everyone is included in a group. The purpose is to become acquainted with neighbors in your area. Some groups meet for breakfast either in homes or in restaurants. Some meet and have selected discussions or whatever each group decides to do. They are a wonderful way to share time together and form new friendships.

- **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES**

These classes are held for persons wishing to join American Lutheran Church of Sun City. The classes acquaint the prospective members with life at ALC. Persons who are becoming Lutherans for the first time become acquainted with Lutheran history and philosophy, our Creed and our order of

worship. Two levels of membership are offered: Associate and Regular. New members are welcomed three times a year.

- **OUTREACH MINISTRY**

Dedicated volunteers make welcoming calls on area residents who have visited our services and encourage them to return to our church.

- **PRAYER CHAIN**

A prayer chain is the alarm system for the needs of the congregation. It makes possible a concentrated prayer effort on any specific concern or issue, including emergency situations. The information is passed along by phone or email and those who receive the information immediately make the concern a part of their prayers and pass it on to the others in the prayer ministry.

This is one ministry you can do in the quiet of your home. One of the unseen activities in our congregation is the important work of praying for those in special need. If you have a need for prayer, call the church office to have your prayer request put on the prayer chain. The names of our members that are hospitalized and/or have requested a prayer for a loved one will be emailed by the church office to the Prayer Chain Coordinator. The Coordinator will in turn email the prayer list to the people that have volunteered to pray on that day (Mon. thru Fri.). You can be a member for just one day or all 5 days. There are more and more reports of the positive effects of people praying for our members or others. We can also accommodate you if you do not have email access via a telephone call.

- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry includes those who knit or crochet prayer shawls at home or on Mondays at ALC with Sewing and Crafts. Priority distribution is done by our Pastors to those hospitalized.

- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE/SETUP CREW**

This is a wonderful opportunity to help our custodians prepare our facilities for the many activities and programs of the church. Members of the setup crew can give whatever amount of time they feel they can in helping to set up and arrange tables and chairs or take down the set up from a previous program. Call the church office to offer your help.

- **SEWING AND CRAFTS**

The sewing and craft group meets each Monday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to join the group at any time for making quilts, lap robes, etc., which are sent to missions, charities, and other charitable organizations or are sold and the money donated.

- **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry consists of trained leaders and trained caregivers. A Stephen Minister learns skills of Christian helping through training sessions and personal study. One is required to make a two-year commitment to the ministry. Stephen Ministers also commit to peer support groups on the first of each month year round. Many graduates remain in the program as long as they are able.

The educational part of the program involves learning how to minister to those experiencing personal or family difficulties. The caregivers acquire listening skills that enable them to become confidential listeners. Mutual friendship and trust develops from this relationship. The giver's rewards are as great as those of the receiver.

- **USHERS**

Men and women are always needed to join those who now serve as ushers. Eight ushers are required for each service. They assist in distributing bulletins, seating people and receiving the offering. Part-time residents also find this a meaningful way to serve. One of the joys of being an usher is making new friends.

- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE (WNA)**

The mission of the Wednesday Night Alive program (WNA) is to offer, free to the public, events and activities that educate, edify, inspire, and entertain, furthering the fellowship of all participants. By not being limited to members of the congregation, WNA's goal is to further serve the mission of American Lutheran Church by blessing our wider community and drawing friends and neighbors into our faith family through invitation and publicity.

WNA operates from the fall to the spring each year, beginning with a Gala Opening Night on the first Wednesday of November and continuing until the Wednesday of the week before Easter. With the exception of a slightly different schedule on the Gala Opening Night, the weekly schedule of events is the same: from 4:30 until 5:15 pm, participants are offered three choices of programs to attend. These consist of an almost endless variety of subjects, including artists, musicians, theologians, scientists, presenters for various agencies and organizations, health care providers, legal advisers, private corporations and businesses, and governmental employees.

From 5:15 until 6:00 pm, participants enjoy a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall. There is a nominal fee charged for this meal and tickets must be purchased in advance so that we may anticipate the number of meals required each week. Meal tickets are available the week prior in the Office on Thursday & Friday 8:00-4:00, and Mon 8:00-noon and after weekend worship services. Deadline for purchase of weekly meal tickets is noon on the Monday prior to each Wednesday. Dinner tickets are \$7.00. **No phone reservations will be taken**

At 6:00 pm, participants enjoy a final larger session of programs, presenters or performers held in the church sanctuary. All of the events and programs are free and open to the public. Participants are only charged for their meal, if they choose to eat with us. Anyone is more than welcome to come and enjoy the programs and presentations without any cost if they so choose. A cup of coffee and a warm welcome are always free at American Lutheran Church.

- **WELLNESS SERVICES**

The Parish Wellness Coordinator is a member of the Care Ministry Team at American Lutheran Church, who is responsible for all ongoing health programs, which include Blood Pressure Screenings, which occur on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Annual training for CCC/AED. Wednesday night alive (WNA) health topic programs. Information for Health and Home services are available per request per the wellness coordinator.

