



Community Lutheran Church

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38



Pastor Tim Eighmy



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Weekend Worship

Sunday, 9:30 am

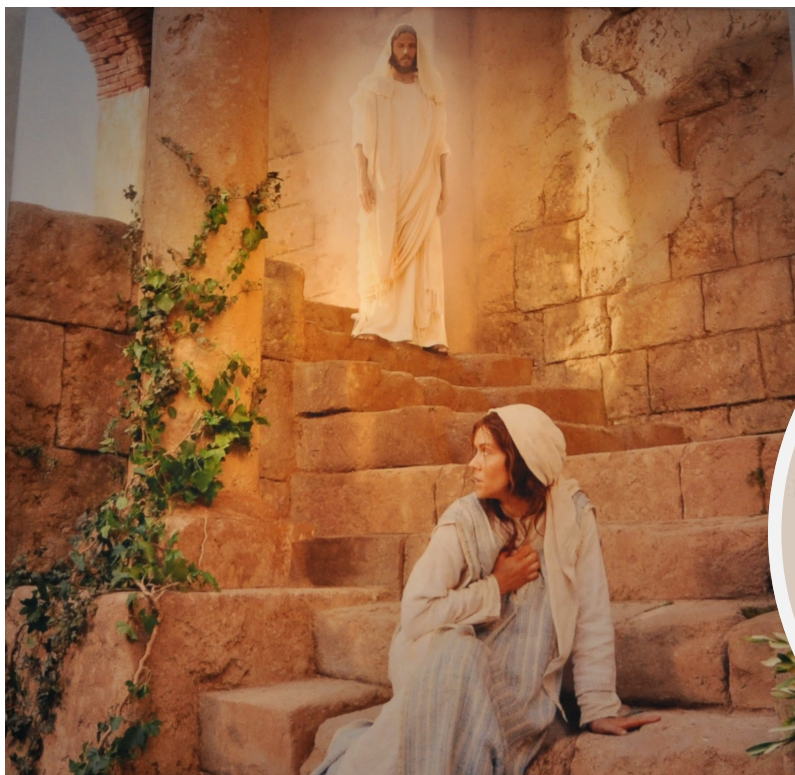
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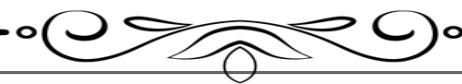
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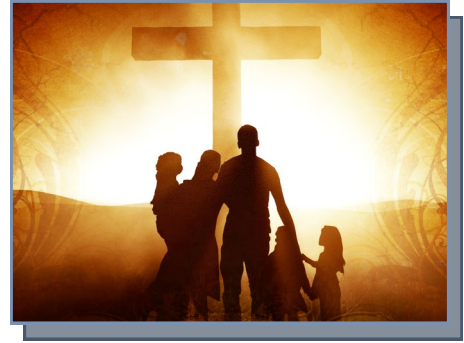
AUGUST 15, 2021 – MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD SUNDAY



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:

Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



“He has told you, O mortal, what is good: and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

“To the weak, I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I became all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.” 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

For the last year and a half during this pandemic, I have been working very hard not to be in the middle of most controversies because I truly believe in being humble before the LORD; that is, not be so full of myself. And I try to listen to where people come from and try to empathize with their concerns even when I may not share them; like Paul tried to do as he said to the Corinthians. But it is hard to walk that line in order to love God and love others all the more.

And sometimes I wonder if I am the only person who is trying.

This last year, I heard it from all sides.

“People are just overreacting to this virus. Just stop panicking!”

“People are actually dying from this virus and hospitals are filling up. We need to take this more seriously!”

“I hate it when people refuse to wear masks and not even try to stop the spread of the virus!”

“I hate it when people force me to wear a mask. I can’t breathe in those things!”

“Vaccines are finally here! We can relax now.”

“I just don’t trust those vaccines. They might cause more problems. You just don’t know.”

And now, over half of our nation’s population has been vaccinated and want things to go back to “normal”. And the Delta variant of the Covid virus is surging among unvaccinated populations in our nation and state.

And everyone (including myself at times, to my frustration) is convinced that they are right and don’t trust what “the other side” says.

If there is ever a time when the world needs the church to “walk humbly with your God” and to “become weak” for other’s salvation (in other words, swallow your pride and be there for those whom you roll your eyes at), it is now. Over and over again, the Scriptures tell us that being humble is the first step in seeking justice and mercy for others in God’s name. Over and over again, we are commanded to not judge one another and reach out to one another in loving forgiveness.

Maybe it is time for the people of the Church to take leadership in showing the world the gospel of Jesus Christ and God’s love by helping each other deal with this pandemic in their own different ways and to help build our society in a way that mirrors the love that Christ shows us.

IN CHRIST,

PASTOR TIM EIGHMY

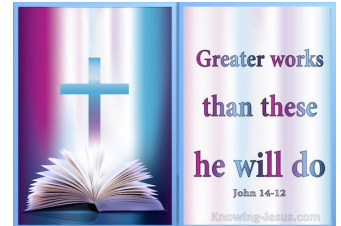




**A MESSAGE FROM
LINDA MILLER**

Miracles from above...
John 14:12

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do and greater works than these will he do because I am going to the Father.”



When things go wrong in our lives or the lives of those we love, we very often pray for a miracle... we just need to have something “fixed,” someone live, someone be found OK, something to work for us rather than against us.

When we see (or even hear about) an amazing miracle... someone being found alive when there was very little hope left. Or, you’ve probably heard about those who tell stories of being dead and coming back to life—including telling about what they’ve seen and heard. Then there are stories like the woman who was revived after 45 minutes with no pulse... someone with end stage cancer being healed when there really was no hope... and there are others. You may have one (or more) of your own.

That’s all great! Yes, it does strengthen our faith. But, let me ask you a question... what about the amazing miracles we experience every day? That person who comes into our lives at just the perfect time... the phone call that gives us good news (and we were sure it was never going to come)... a loved one somehow getting access to a doctor that is one of the best and you were told “no one” gets to see... a beautiful butterfly sitting beside you as you are pondering things... even feeling an unexplained wisp of breeze next to your face... a gorgeous sunrise or sunset, a rainbow... and more.

There are miracles all around us every day. We just need to be aware, have faith and trust God.

Too often we are disappointed when we believe that God did not provide what we expected... a miracle based on what we think we need... or that things went a completely different way. But remember, we are not the ones with the answers, we don’t know what is best for us or what He has planned for us. His way is always the best and right way. We need to ask God to “Let His Will Be Done.”

Watch for those special little miracles each day and know that He is gently guiding your life in the direction you are meant to go.

Don’t lose hope... keep your faith strong... and know that God’s got this! He already has your life planned—all without your help!

Let us pray that we may be more attentive:

*“Dear Heavenly Lord. The world pulls at me,
And tempts my mind with worry and chaos.
Protect me from these lies. Free me from
The deceit of the enemy.
May Your Kingdom to me.
Bring your order,
Establish your peace...
...Keep me alert oh Lord,
Give me the eyes, ears and heart of Christ.
May your will guide me,
You alone are the owner of grace.
In His holy name,
AMEN*

***A Miracle
Every Day***



**BLESSINGS ALWAYS,
LINDA J MILLER**

Stewardship of our bodies

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. -Genesis 2:7

If not for the breath of God alive within each of us, our physical bodies would be just 100-plus pounds of dead water and minerals. Intricate vehicles that carry us through our years, our bodies teem with the holy life that God gives us.

As sacred vessels of life, our bodies deserve the best care and attention we can possibly give them. As a culture, though, we aren't doing a very good job of it.

Though the United States spends more on medical care than any other nation, we consistently rank low in overall health. Bloomberg's 2020 Global Health Rankings put us at Number 35. (The top five: Spain, Italy, Iceland, Japan, and Switzerland. Canada was 16.) A prime reason is obesity, which affects 43 percent of Americans and contributes to a wide range of chronic health conditions.

Of course, genetics plays a big role in everyone's health, and it's one of the factors over which we have no control. But there are a lot of variables we can work with to increase our health and take care of the sacred life-bearing vessels God has given us.



For the month of July, pray for God's guidance to help you care for your body. Consult your doctor and read up on diet, exercise, and stress reduction. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight and wisdom to learn what to do, and then the courage and discipline to follow through.

--Rob Blezard

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Picture Directory!

Our new 'Instant Church Picture Directory' is in the making! If you have any pictures you are fond of and would like to use— they can include all your children, pets, etc.—please submit them to the office. Make sure you write your family and first names on the back.... The good news is, it being an instant directory, you can change you picture at any time!

AUGUST 8TH IS "WELCOME BACK SUNDAY!"



There sure is a lot of "welcoming" going on at Community Lutheran Church the second Sunday in August. Not only will we welcome our new Director of Music, Shawn Bristle, we're also looking forward to seeing friends and members who may have been gone for over a year, due to a pandemic that never seemed to end, and the church shuttered for worship. August is also near summer's end (someone please tell the temperatures,) and a time when many of our Snowbirds start reappearing on Sunday mornings. In short, it's a great time for celebrating.

There are two more reasons why August 8th will be a very special day: For the first time since early Spring 2020 there will be a social hour following worship, with all of us once again practicing the ancient art of holding both a cup of coffee and a plate of cookies at the same time, while also holding a conversation. Lutherans are talented that way. On a more serious note, that Sunday marks the day when we'll be returning to a more traditional communion setting, something we all have been waiting for, with open hearts.

Surely there will be a call for cookie bakers, fruit bringers or something else easy to whip up for the sharing. But more than anything, the best thing you can bring is yourself, along with a warm smile and a handshake, or even a hug.

Peggy Boone



CHOIR IS BACK!

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

By the grace of God, church choir is once again returning, now that a sense of normalcy exists after last year's pandemic. And as though one blessing weren't enough, Community Lutheran welcomes Shawn Bristle, our new Director of Music, whose offer to lead our music ministry following former director Karl Thompson's unfortunate need to resign, came as an unexpected answer to our prayer.

Shawn, who also directs the area's celebrated *Voices of the River Choir*, is no stranger to Community Lutheran Church. Many of you who have attended both Christmas and Holy Week cantatas will recognize him as a member of the cantata choir, as tenor soloist, and as guest conductor. His immense talent for music comes naturally. A graduate of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, with a B.A. in Vocal Music Education, Shawn also holds a Master of Music's Degree in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from Northern Arizona University. Along with directing church choirs in both Iowa and Arizona, Shawn has taught various courses in music education from grade school through college, most notably Mohave High School and Mohave Community College.

Speaking of his decision to help continue CLC's music ministry legacy, Shawn said, "Under the guidance of former director Dean Leuthauser, Community Lutheran developed a reputation for its musical outreach activities ... My good friend Dean also sang with VOR, and he would often invite us to participate in Community Lutheran cantatas. The congregation welcomed us with such warmth that they quickly felt like family. When I learned they were searching for a new director, it just seemed right for me to apply." And apply he did, being hired on the spot!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 8 when Shawn will be formally introduced to our congregation, followed by a "Meet and Greet" social hour. You might also consider joining our choir and, as the Psalmist David would say, help "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" (David *didn't* add "and have fun singing," but he would have been 100% right.) Choir resumes Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 pm. Sopranos, altos, tenors, basses, and even those "merrily in-between" are welcome!

Peggy Boone





Prayer Request

We believe in the power of prayer.

Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.



Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers:

ED ECKER, MAY 15, 2021

ETHEL HARRISON, MAY 31, 2021



VADA MERCER, JULY 13, 2021

KENNETH RYE, JULY 15, 2021



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2—Charles Sorby
- 2—Gwen Gonzales
- 5—Reva Sparks
- 8—Karen Miller
- 13—John Casson
- 14—Kyle Schuh
- 15—Lynda Crawford
- 17—Geline Ostgaard
- 17—Gail Shaver
- 17—Chuck Wickersham
- 19—Janelle Redmann
- 23—Jean Oman
- 26—Mort Kent
- 26—Pastor Tim Eighmy
- 28—Dawn Redmann
- 28—Colin Bixenman
- 29—Sandy Sockwell
- 29—Trinity Schuh
- 31—Grant Nelson



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3—Chad & Tory Lelm (8)
- 4—Doug & Vicky Dyrdaahl (44)
- 7—Ed & Rickie Melendez (2)
- 18—Mack & Peggy Boone (42)
- 20—James & Carol Smock (55)
- 21—Grant & Betty Nelson (66)



AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Worship Service	2 Office Closed	3	4	5 9am Bible Study 10:30am Worship Committee Meeting	6	7
8 9:30 Worship Service Fellowship & Choir Director welcome	9 Office Closed	10 Celebration of Life for Ethel Harrison	11	12 9am Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting	13	14
15 9:30 Worship Service	16 Office Closed	17	18	19 9am Bible Study TBA; Colorado River Conference Pastors meeting	20	21
22 9:30 Worship Service	23 Office Closed	24	25	26 9am Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30 Worship Service	30 Office Closed	31				

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need Volunteers to help out with worship services! And quite frankly, it's fun to be a volunteer.

Do you know how to smile? Then you are qualified to be a greeter and welcome people to our worship as they come in. And if can figure out how to talk to people, then you can even take on the task of the greeter to ask people if they are willing to read one prayer in the Prayers of the People.

Do you know how to count? Then you are qualified to either be an usher or to count the money that we receive in offerings. Ushers count the number of human beings who are present in the worship service for our records. They also hand out bulletins and direct people to the offering plates (or basket) and to go up for communion.

After the service, we need 2 people (who are not related) to count the money received during the worship service.

Are you sort of a ham

and like to read things out loud? Then you are qualified to read the Scripture readings for our worship service. And when you come across names that are hard to pronounce mumble it quickly and boldly as if you are right!

Do you like to sing? Then you are qualified to sing in our choir that is starting up in September. And if you want to sing more solos, then you are qualified to be a cantor who chants part of our worship service.

People always treat volunteering in worship as if it is difficult. But most of us already know how to do the jobs that we have. So just have fun with it. And if you make a mistake, we can laugh about it together.

God has not called us to be perfect in all we do. We are called to strive to be more perfect in loving God and loving our neighbors. So that gives us quite a bit of leeway by God's grace.

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