



Monthly Newsletter

February 2022

Community Lutheran Church



PASTOR TIM EIGHMY

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38



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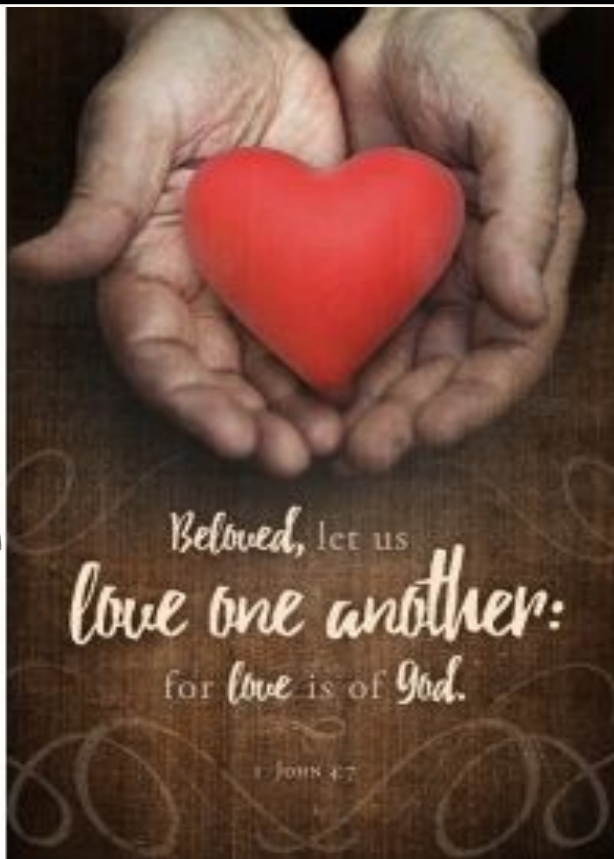
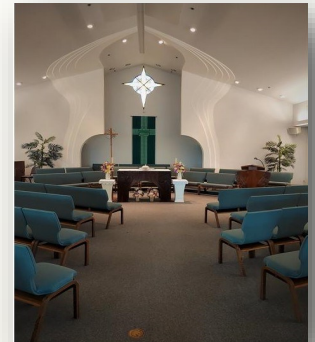
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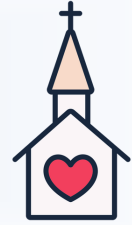
Weekend Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:
Living Christ's love in all we do.

A Message From Pastor Tim
“Church Business is God’s Love”



For the first time ever, I came up with a title for my article before I wrote it. In the month of February, we are beginning our year with a new church council and we hope that we can begin to plan and dream of new ministries as the pandemic diminishes. At the time of this writing, the pandemic is surging quite a bit and I hope we are at its peak so we can ‘get back to business’ as a church and meet together without fear and concern of spreading the virus further. And by God’s grace, this will happen.

During this month, there is Ground Hog Day when we contemplate our hope for a calm winter and nice spring. And there is Valentine’s Day when we celebrate God’s gifts of love and relationships. And there is Presidents Day when our nation celebrates the leaders who have inspired our nation to be better than we often are.

But also this month, we are mourning the loss of three longtime members who died late last month. Albert Lemke had been one of the main volunteer groundskeepers here at CLC for decades. The landscape and trees on our property are a

tribute to the gifts he shared with our community. Ever since I first came, Albert has been asking me to restart a men’s Bible study once more. And perhaps that could still happen. Phyllis Adair joined our congregation because she loved the choir and sang in our cantatas for several years. She was a school teacher and people loved to hear her read the scripture readings during worship. Jan Clayton always pitched in as an usher or a greeter on Sunday mornings. She was very active in our women’s group and was someone whom we could depend on to always help out. Their wisdom, their joy of life, and their faith and love for our congregation is inspiring and will be sorely missed.

And on Sunday, January 23, the congregation voted to continue having two services throughout the month at 9 am and 11 am Arizona Time and we will have a one service Sunday on the last Sunday of every month at 10 am Arizona Time so people of the two different services get a chance to meet each other.

With the Holy Spirit inspiring us through those we have loved and through minor holidays, we are reminded that God is with us in our creativity in furthering Christ’s Kingdom here on earth.

In Christ’s peace,

Pastor Tim





“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands. As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love.” (2 John 6)

WALK IN LOVE

What does it mean to “walk in love?”

The love I’m talking about is the kind of love that God has for us...a self-sacrificing love that endures personal pain and always focuses on others.

Remember that in Matthew, when Jesus was asked, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. (Matthew 22:36-40)

I know you know Corinthians 13: 4-7 and have heard it many times. It is a very popular bible verse used at weddings. Yet the verse can have such impact for all of us at any time.

I recently read an article where the writer challenged readers to change the word Love in these verses to I. It’s all about what those words can mean...and how they can point out what we need to work on.

After all, the Lord said (as I shared above) that the two greatest commandments are “the love commandments.” Love the Lord your God with all your heart...” and “Love your neighbors as yourself.”

I challenge you to try this yourself, replace the word Love in these verses with I: I am patient, I am kind. I do not envy, I do not boast. I am not proud, I do not dishonor others, I am not self-seeking. I am not easily angered, I keep no record of wrongs. I do not delight in evil but rejoice in the truth. I bear all things, always trust, always hope, always preserve.

Well, I don’t know about you, but I have a few (OK several) areas to work on. I’ll start by praying for God’s help in this process.

I also know that it becomes easier if we just focus on the kind of love God has for us—that sacrificial, unconditional love. Treat others the way we would like to be treated. Love God above all else. And, keep in mind that others will remember us...not for what we did, not for what we had, but for how we made them feel. That will go a long way toward helping us live our lives according to those two greatest commandments.

Walk in love...today, tomorrow and every day!

Always Walk in Love...God’s blessings!

Linda Miller

Love Yourself as Your Neighbor

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

—Matthew 22:37-39



Does this happen to you? When I make a mistake or do something dumb, I mentally beat myself up. But when OTHER people mess up, I'm Mr. Understanding and Forgiveness.

Clearly, I've got work to do, but doesn't everyone struggle to balance love of neighbor and love of self? If we are to be good stewards of our lives, we **have** to get this right. That's the genius of the second-greatest commandment – that we have to love our neighbor AND ourselves if we are to become the people God wants us to become and have the lives God wants us to have.

This "month of love" provides an opportunity to focus on loving ourselves, which is too often the forgotten side of the "love thy neighbor and self" equation.

We live in a culture of criticism, so many of us fall into the trap of downplaying and denigrating ourselves, leaving us restless, discontent, depressed, empty, forever searching.

The secret is learning to love ourselves so we can love everyone and everything else, too. Here are some ideas.

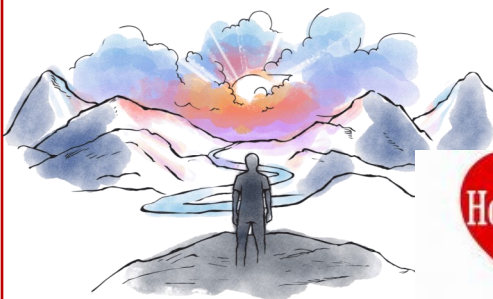
Pray! Ask God to help and guide you (Psalm 139:23-24).

Pray! Ask God for friends who will walk with you (Proverbs 17:17).

Remember that nothing can separate us from God's unconditional love (Romans 8:38-39).

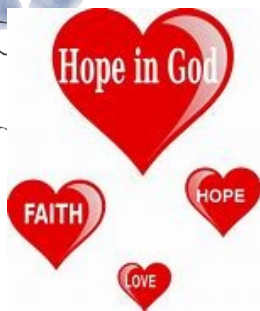
Strive to treat yourself with the tenderness and care you want to give others (Luke 6:31).

Find a counselor who can help you work through past hurts and ingrained ways of thinking.



It may be hard to walk at first, but the prayerful path of greater self-love will enrich your life, open you to new people and experiences, and help you truly to follow Jesus' second greatest commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself.

--Rob Blezard



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Church



Council

PLEASE WELCOME OUR THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED INTO COUNCIL:

LYNDA CRAWFORD
DON DUEKER
CHAD LELM

MEMBERS STILL SERVING ON COUNCIL:

JOANN HOFFMEYER, JAN PARROTT, JAMES SMOCK

VOICES OF THE RIVER SPRING CONCERT: “SING, DREAM, LOVE”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7 PM, ARIZONA TIME

AQUARIUS CASINO RESORT, LAUGHLIN, NV



Voices of the River, the community’s premier choir, returns after a five-year absence with “*Sing, Dream, Love*,” a show full of happy, snappy, noble and tug-at-your-heartstrings songs with enough of that magical love-stuff for everyone! And because love knows no boundaries when it comes to generations or music styles – pop, classical or country – you’ll find them all captured in songs like “Blue Moon,” “You Raise Me Up,” “Bless the Broken Road,” and the

many John Lennon-Paul McCartney tune “When I’m 64!” among others. The evening also includes the stirring “Nella Fantasia” from the film “The Mission,” and bring-down-the-house songs from Hugh Jackman’s musical hit, “The Greatest Showman!” Join director Shawn Bristle and the Voices of the River Choir in this

musical salute to all the necessary and nice things that make life worth living and loving. Voices of the River serves

as a fundraising auxiliary organization supporting the Mohave Community College Foundation. Proceeds from the performance will fund MCCF scholarships for local residents of the Tri-State area.

Tickets are \$25; children 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, receive free admission. Tickets are available online at foundation.mohave.edu, or you can check with your church choir members, many of whom are part of the VOR family of singers.



Two years ago, the Community Lutheran Church choir began preparing for a Good Friday cantata. Dozens of individuals were involved! Rehearsal schedules were printed, the complete musical program was developed, and music was distributed. Props were made by Dean Leuthauser--and have been stored in the

Leuthauser garage since then. (Thanks for your patience, Barbara! :-)) Guest choristers were recruited, soloists and speakers were identified, sound technicians made adjustments to the equipment, and publicists started to spread the word.

You know where this is headed, don't you? Yes, indeed. Robert Burns famously said it best in "To a Mouse." "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley." Thanks to M. COVID, the choir suspended their work before any performance. The group is resilient, though, so they dusted off their plans this January and once again began rehearsing "Upon This Rock: The Passion, the Question, the Call." Brad Hoffmeyer will narrate, and Kelly Buth will impress the congregation with some significant solo work. Dean's props will find their way once more to the sanctuary to enhance the cantata experience.

The cantata revisits Peter's experience and challenges listeners to answer questions: What is your passion? What is your call? Who do you live for? Arranger Pepper Choplin stated the following about the cantata: "I reflected on Peter's boldness and passion.

I identified with his imperfections and found hope as Christ forgave and restored him after his failings." The message of the work is reflected in straightforward lyrics:

*And so our love, our love for Christ
Will be the cause, the reason why we live our days
To walk in faith,
Faith in the rock, the solid rock.*

"Upon This Rock" will be presented at 3:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 10. A second presentation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 15. As always, new choristers are encouraged to join rehearsals on Wednesday evenings.

By Shawn Bristle, Choir Director

CHOIR NOTES

PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



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.



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!

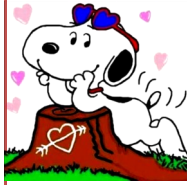


Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers:



- Cathy Cornell, Dec 20, 2021*
- Albert Lemke, Jan 13, 2022*
- Phyllis Adair, Jan 14, 2022*
- Greg Larson, Jan 20, 2022*
- Jan Clayton, Jan 20, 2022*

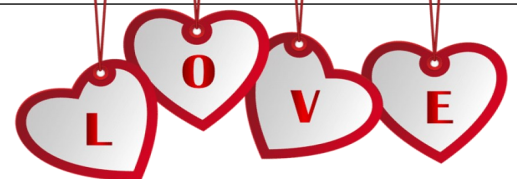
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			6pm Cantata Rehearsal, followed by Choir practice	2:00 pm Bible Study		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 AM & 11 AM Worship Service	Office Closed		6pm Cantata Rehearsal, followed by Choir practice	2:00 pm Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting		10 am Memorial Service for Jan Clayton
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 AM & 11 AM Worship Service	Office Closed 		2 pm : Memorial Service for Albert Lemke 6pm Cantata Rehearsal, followed by Choir practice	2:00 pm Bible Study		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 AM & 11 AM Worship Service	Office Closed		6pm Cantata Rehearsal, followed by Choir practice	2:00 pm Bible Study	VOR (Voices of the River) Aquarius Resort at 7 pm AZ time	
27	28					
10:00 AM Worship Service	Office Closed					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3—Evelyn Karr
- 4—Ed Melendez
- 5—Virginia Sorby
- 9—David Brusby
- 9—Max Salem
- 14—Rickie Melendez
- 21—Joyce Rye



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7—Tom & Jean Thompson (41)
- 12—Monty & Geline Ostgaard (28)
- 14—John & Karen Miller (12)
- 17—Larry & DiAnne Kaul (32)
- 22—Charles & Virginia Sorby (64)

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