



Community Lutheran Church

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



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OFFICE HOURS:
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Last Sunday of every month: 10:00 am

*9:00 am only during summer months starting May 7th

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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

“The Gift of the ELCA”



On June 9th & 10th, I am attending the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley in the Tucson area. This reminds me that something that I probably don't talk about enough as a pastor is about how much of a gift the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (the ELCA) truly is for me.

In 1987, three Lutheran church bodies merged together: the Lutheran Church in America (the LCA), the American Lutheran Church (the ALC), and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations (the AELC). When the process of merging was taking place, I was active in a Lutheran Campus Ministry at my university that was run jointly by those three church bodies. And my home congregation in

Bruce, South Dakota voted to not go into this new ELCA.

My home congregation feared that this new church would be too authoritarian (giving too much power to bishops and church hierarchy), too liberal on social issues (eventually endorsing homosexuals as pastors), and not literal enough in its understanding of the Bible. At my campus ministry, I had friends who came from churches that were more traditional in their practices than my church was, and friends who were more liberal than I was about social issues, and friends who were more conservative than I was on biblical issues. I found the variety of differing of opinions exciting and helpful in my growth in faith.

So I joined the ELCA in order to be a part of this new church.

The ELCA has a more unique mission than any other Lutheran churches in the U.S.: it insists on having more dialogue and outreach to other churches that were not Lutheran, it insists on giving a voice to both liberal and conservative members of the church so we can discern together how to respond to social issues as a church, it insists on having more inclusivity in our clergy by having women and people of color serving as ordained pastors, and it insists on having more professional lay leadership in the church by people who are not ordained pastors. Not only that but the ELCA has a unique structure that no other Lutheran church body has in our country in which the ELCA's churchwide structure, the local synods, and the local congregations all have autonomy as their own churches, but work together

nevertheless. When I first learned what this structure was in 1987, I was convinced that it would never work. And now 36 years later, it is still working.

And the ELCA has some of the most effective social and outreach organizations that there is; including Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Family Services, ELCA Disaster Relief, Lutheran Immigration Service, Lutheran Refugee Service, ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Lutheran World Relief, ELCA Outdoor Ministries, ELCA Campus Ministries, ELCA Global Mission, the Women of the ELCA, and the Lutheran Men in Mission. All of these organizations are very effective in reaching out to people in varying situations. And every month a percentage of our

offerings go to help these organizations through our local synod (the Grand Canyon Synod).

During the last 36 years, the ELCA has had its share of controversies and scandals. But having grown up in a large family, I have come to expect this in groups where diverse people are coming together and trying to share Christ's love in different ways together. These scandals and controversies are just growing pains.

In 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul insisted that the church can have diverse views among its membership and still serve the one Christ as one body with many diverse members. And the ELCA is living the apostle Paul's vision of what being a church is.

And personally, I find this to be exciting. The Church is definitely growing spiritually if not in numbers. And with growth comes change that is often frustrating and scary and filled with remarkable gifts.

That's how the Holy Spirit works among us.

So I encourage you not to be so negative in your attitudes toward the church. There are a lot of good things happening, and we are a part of it. Give thanks to God for this precious gift and our calling to be a part of it.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Tim



Notes from Church Council

In May we said farewell to Church Council Member James Smock and his wife Carol. They are relocating to Washington state where they will be closer to family. This was James' third year on the council. He served one year as the treasurer and was instrumental in replacing and maintaining our church sign along Ricca Road. He also dealt with our water issues through communications at the city, state and local planning levels. He suggested the transition to a Water Committee to continue pursuing satisfactory solutions to our continuing water supply concerns

Carol shared her talent and experience with our children's program. We will miss them both and wish James and Carol safe travels and God's blessings.

At the last Church Council meeting in May we decided to ask the next highest "vote getter" from the 2023 election ballot to fill the remainder of James' term. With unanimous Council

support, David Brusby has agreed to fill this Council vacancy with the term ending with the next election in January, 2024. His installation is expected to take place at the service on Sunday, June 4.

Thank you Dave. We will gather at the next Church Council meeting on Friday, June 16 at noon.

Jan Parrott
Church Council President



Stewardship of our bodily health

Paul writes, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?” -2 Corinthians 6:19

God has given each of us a physical body that, like an automobile, is a masterfully engineered, complex vehicle that carries us along our road of life. Like our cars, our bodies need attention and care to function optimally and bring us smoothly down the road of life.

Of course, many of us have health problems for factors beyond our control, such as genetics, environment and misfortune. With so many variables over which we have *no control*, we need to do our best with the variables we *can* control.

For June, dedicate yourselves to being a better steward of your body. Here are some ideas:

Get a physical. A doctor can evaluate you and advise you on optimizing your health.

Move it! Even small amounts of exercise improve health and wellbeing. Ask your doctor how to get going.

Diet. Not just eating to lose weight, but also eating for healthy living. Learn about the nutritional value of the foods you now eat, and explore choices that are more healthful.

Stop smoking. The number one preventable health risk, smoking causes cancers, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc. Enough said.

Sleep. Eight hours of shuteye does wonders for body and mind.

Pray and meditate. Spiritual disciplines lower your stress, which improves physical health, too.

God gave us wonderful bodies to carry us through our life’s journey of discipleship. The better we care for it, the more fruitful our journey will be.

--Rob Blezard

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Women’s Group

Next Women’s bible study is on sabbatical until September.

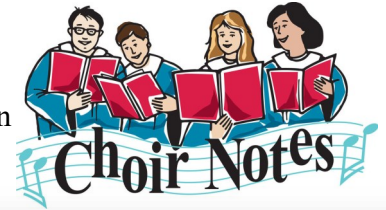
A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned for October 21st.

Their mission is to send cards to people who are ill, people who can’t come to church for whatever reason and people who have not attended in a long time. So if you know someone in these categories, let Toni Wold or the office know.



CHURCH CHIOR Notes

The choir will be on hiatus until September. You are still invited to join when they convene again. Something to think about.!



A 5th grade Christian school teacher asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results.

God is like

Bayer Aspirin. He works miracles.

A Ford. He's got a better idea.

Coke. He's the real thing.

Hallmark Cards. He cares enough to send His very best.

Tide. He gets stains out others leave behind.

General Electric. He brings good things to life,

Wal-Mart. He has everything.

Alka-Seltzer. Try Him, you'll like him.

Scotch Tape. You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

Delta. He's ready when you are.

All State. You're in good hands with Him.

VO 5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather.

Dial Soap. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish
Everybody did?

The US Post Office. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will
Keep you from him.

Chevrolet. The heartbeat of America.

Maxwell House. Good to the very last drop.

Bounty. He is the quicker picker upper/Can handle tough jobs.



BOTTLED WATER

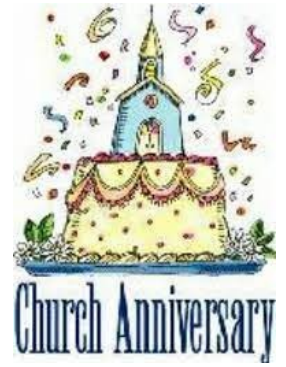
We are running low on bottled water. A donation would be very appreciated. The water is used for the church's use and for the Agape bags.

Church Anniversary

On May 28th, we celebrated the 35th anniversary of Community Lutheran.

Cake was served after the service.

There were 6 charter members present. Ron & Jan Parrott, Murl & Gail Shaver, Rich Ireland & Marvin Leonhardt. Such memories they must have!!



Happy
CHURCH
Anniversary



**Our Church's
Anniversary**



June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship Service	5 Office Closed	6	7	8 9:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	9	10 Synod Assembly
11 9:00 am Worship Service	12 Office Closed	13	14	15 9:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	16 12:00 pm Council Mtg	17
18 9:00 am Worship Service Father's Day	19 Office Closed	20	21	22 9:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship Service <i>Noisy Offering</i>	26 Office Closed	27	28	29 9:00 am Pastor's Bible Study	30	

July

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 am Worship service	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship service	10 Office Closed	11	12	13	14 Council Meeting 12:00 noon	15
16 9:00 am Worship service	17 Office Closed	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 am Worship service Noisy Offering	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship service	31 Office Closed					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

- 1—Peggy Boone
- 1—Joan Cumberland
- 4—Theon Hoffmeyer
- 16—June Dirks
- 19—Luther Johnson
- 19—Zachary Luna
- 22—Delman Eastes
- 27—Frank Gonzales



June Anniversaries

- 4—Dennis & Carole Gallagher(30)
- 7—Brad & Christina Hoffmeyer (15)
- 9—Murl & Gail Shaver (67)
- 11—Ray & Bev Christopherson (24)
- 12—Delman & Teddie Eastes (12)
- 19—Dean & Barbara Leuthauser (58)
- 23—Rick & Lynne Swiston (12)
- 23—Mary Weyant & John Casson (17)



Mark your Calendars!

Women's Group:
Women's Bible Study:
Resuming in September

Women's meetings:
Tuesdays, at 10:30 am.
Dates to be announced

Wednesday
No Choir Practice until September

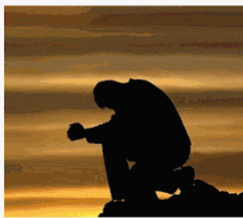
Pastor's Bible
Thursdays at 9:00 am

Friday, June 16th
Council Meeting at 12 noon.

Sunday, June 18th
Father's day

Wednesday, June 21
First day of summer!!

Prayer Corner



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.

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



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!



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HAPPY ★★★★★
Father's
DAY



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