# Monthly Newsletter

# October 2023

# **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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**Pastor Tim Eighmy** 



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 Thru Oct 29th

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

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

#### A Month of Discipleship



During our worship service at this time of year, all of our Gospel readings are about the disciples following Jesus in his ministry as told by Matthew. We too are disciples of Jesus and we too are learning from him and participating in Christ's ministry every day.

During this month of October, we continue this ministry here at Community Lutheran Church. This month, we are restarting a practice in our worship services that we stopped when COVID first came; we are reading the Gospel Reading in unison. This congregation is the first Lutheran congregation I personally experienced that does this. It is a way for us to be reminded that each of us is called to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, so all of us get to read the Gospel Reading during our worship service.

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we are having our annual Pet Blessing Service in the Memorial Garden at 2 pm. We always have this service on the first Saturday in October which is close to the Festival of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was surprised by a question a journalist asked me last year about the service; "Why do Lutherans celebrate St. Francis of Assisi?" St. Francis lived several centuries before Martin Luther was born and Francis insisted that God's unlimited love is extended to all of creation and not just to the human part of creation. And this is why we bless our pets every year trusting in God's love for them.

And speaking of God's never-ending love, there will be a memorial service for Cliff and Ethel Tomlinson on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the Memorial Garden. Cliff and Ethel were longtime members of our congregation. Cliff passed away a couple of years ago during the COVID shutdown and Ethel passed away this summer. The family intends this memorial to be a way that together our congregation can share our love for them and say, "Rest well in God's grace." The last Sunday in October (Oct.29<sup>th</sup>) is Reformation Sunday when again we celebrate Martin Luther's message that we are saved only by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We encourage the congregation to wear red on that Sunday. Following the service, our fellowship time will have an Octoberfest theme to it. So bring German type foods for our potluck.

Throughout the month of October we have only one worship service at 9 am. This will change on November 5<sup>th</sup> when Daylight Savings Time ends in Nevada and California. On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will to having two services again at 9 am and 11 am Arizona Time.

Hope United Methodist Church will be having their Trunk or Treat event on Halloween and CLC plans on joining them again this year. Details about the exact time and date are still pending.

So that is a part of our discipleship as a church. And I hope and pray you are able to participate in some of these events with us.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim



Why do the council members wear red name badges? I call them the Red Badge of Courage, after the book of the same name. In the book a soldier believes he has not contributed to the battle until he takes up the flag and leads his group into combat. While the Church Council is not leading the congregation into battle, we are leaders who deal with problems big and small that confront us on a regular basis.

One of the biggest obstacles we deal with is financial. We are not a wealthy church, but we are still faced with many challenges. The water \$ystem need\$ repair\$. The fire alarm monitoring \$ystem need\$ to be ins\$pected. The co\$t of utilitie\$ continue\$ to Increa\$e, as it does for us all. The in\$urance premium\$ are on the rise as is everything el\$e.

The council is the steward of our Congregational community. We work to keep the doors open and the lights on. But we cannot do it without your support. We are flying the flag as we move forward. If you have any suggestions, observations or complaints talk to any of us with the red name tag. We will bring your concerns to our next board meeting. Board meetings are open to anyone and we would encourage you to come and watch how we make sausage. David Brusby



Potluck:

Octoberfest on October 29th following the service.







## <u>Outreach Commíttee</u>

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.

# Women's Group



Next Women's bible study is October 3rd at 10:30 am A spaghetti dinner fundraiser is planned for November 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your appetites and your friends.

If you have anything you would like to donate for raffle baskets, please let Tori Lelm or Reva Sparks know.



CHURCH CHIOR Notes



The choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6 pm.

They are always looking for people to join. They will be practicing for regular church sessions and for the Christmas Cantata. You are welcome to join both or either one. If interested, let Shawn Bristol know or just show up on Wednesday night. Rumor has it, they have a lot of fun. Come make a joyful noise!!



## Project Care Kits

God's Work Our Hands

A big thank you to everyone that contributed to this project to help make it successful. We were able to assemble 52 kits this year.



### New Members

We had two new members Installed on September 17th. They are Heather Trubey and JoAnn Blaalid. We welcome them to our Community Lutheran family.

If you are interested in becoming a member, let pastor know.







# Blessing of the Animals

Pastor will be holding a blessing of the animals on October 7th at 2:00 pm in the garden. Bring your pets to receive the blessings.

## Hakuna Matata Children's Choir

The Hakuna Matata Children's Choir is planning on making a tour in the United States next year. The choir is made up of children from the Connect with a Child orphanage in Kenya. There are 20 children in this choir (not counting the adult supervisors) and visas will cost \$200.00 for each of them. Since this congregation hosted this choir four years ago and several of our members have supported the orphanage, they are asking us for help in raising money to help them get their visas. This choir comes to America to raise awareness and money to help less fortunate children to acquire an education to help break the cycle of poverty, to help orphans find a loving home, and to help their organization to be a voice in championing drilling wells so thousands of people may have clean water. If you would like to give a donation, please earmark your check for 'Visa for Children's Choir' and we will send it to them.





Something to think about

Friends pick us up when we fall...and if they can't pick us up, they lie down and listen a while.



The most useful asset of a person is not a head full of knowledge but a heart full of love, with ears open to listen, and hands willing to help.

You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.

Kindness is loaning someone else your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

"Kindness is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have." Rakivist

Always remember you're unique like everyone else.

<u>Voices of the River</u>

NIGHT at THE GALA CHARITY EVENT

Wednesday, Dec 6 and Thursday, Dec 7th Doors Open at 6:00 pm \* Performance at 7:00 pm Location: Anderson Field House

Tickets\$20Limited12 & under\$5Seating AvailableFor more information contact (928) 201-0881or visit foundation.mohave.eduHosted by Mohave Community College Foundation



# In a Moment's Notic

So thankful, thankful For blessings that overflow Though I don't deserve a single one His love I feel and know

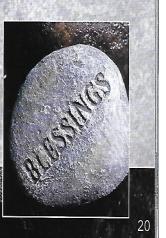
> So loved, loved, loved As His star I want to shine He sees me, smiles, claims me Child, you are Mine!

> > So filled, filled, filled With His joy and with His Spirit I see His perfect glory And desperately want to mirror it

So peaceful, peaceful, peaceful Knowing He is the One in control Living a life He intricately planned The Designer of my very soul

I'm waiting, waiting, waiting For my Lord to keep His promise Sustained by certain hope Ready in a moment's notice

By Amanda Dieppa, 7/14/04



If you would like a **free** copy of her poems, contact Tom Twellman at (949) 923-1047 or allmo108724@gmail.com. You can also download online at www.amandaspoems.com.

#### **More Amanda's Poems**

These poems were written by a girl who was diagnosed with cancer at age 16. Her father published a book of her poems that she wrote as she continued on in her journey. She passed away at age 23 in 2005.

# October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am worship service With communion <i>Choir</i>	2 Office closed	3 10:30 Women's bible study	4 6 pm Choir Practice	5 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	6	7 2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals
8 9:00 am worship service With communion Pastor Appreciation Day	9 Office closed	10	11 6 pm Choir Practice	12 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 6:00 pm council meeting	13	14 Council Budget Meeting
15 9:00 am worship service With communion <i>Choir</i>	16 Office closed	17	18 Baron's 6 pm Choir Practice	19 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	20	21
22 9:00 am worship service With communion Noisy offering	23 Office closed Synod Fall Gathering	24 Synod Fall Gathering	25 6 pm Choir Practice Synod Fall Gathering	26 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	27	28 Memorial service for Cliff & Ethel Tomlinson 10:00 am
29 9:00 am worship service With communion <i>Reformation Sunday</i> Octoberfest Potluck	30 Office closed	31 Happy Halloween				

# November

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			1 6:oo pm Choir Practice	2 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	3	4 Women's Spaghetti Fest 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
5 9 & 11 am Worship service w/communion Choir All Saints Sunday Daylight saving time ends	6 Office Closed	7 10:30 am Women's bible study	8 6:oo pm Choir Practice	9 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 6:00 pm Council Meeting	10	VETNERANS
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19 9 & 11 am Worship service w/communion <i>Choir</i>	20 Office Closed	21	22 No Choir Practice	23 Office Closed No bible study <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	24 Office Closed	25
26 10 am Worship service w/communion <i>Noisy Offering</i> Treats	27 Office Closed	28	29 6:oo pm Choir Practice	30 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study		

# <u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>

### <u>October Birthdays</u>

- 3—Alice Grondahl
- 4-Dick Olson
- 4-Lois Meyer
- 5—Yolanda Nau
- 8—Murl Shaver
- 10—Peter Wold
- 17—Lynne swiston
- 18—Ron Parrott
- 22—Carole Leuterdt
- 22—Ed Wiebe
- 23—Gary Cochran
- 25—James Smock
- 25—Doug Dyrdahl
- 28—Elfine Lemke





#### October Anniversaries

6—David & Susan Brusby (22) 17—Larry & Shirley Cutler (14) 20—Dick & Debbie Olson (50) 22—Lou & Bea Padilla (29) 27—Emil & Joan Marques (43)

### <u>Mark your Calendars!</u>

*Women's Bible Study:* Resuming October 3rd, 10:30 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Pastor's Bible Study Thursdays at 2:00 pm

<u>Council Meeting</u> October 12th at 6:00 pm

Council Budget Meeting Saturday, October 14th

October 29th after service

#### <u>Women's Group</u> On November 5th the women are planning a Speghetti Fest fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm.



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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