# Monthly Newsletter

# November 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

# **REFLECTING WITH LOVE**

Often toward the end of the year, people begin to reflect upon our experiences throughout this last year and we remember the people whom we loved who died this year. Well the church's liturgical calendar ends a month before our regular calendar does. So the month of November is a time of reflection for the church.

The month begins with All Saints Sunday on November 5th when we remember all Christians who have died in faith. And we remember especially in our community Don Oman, Mack Boone, Ethel Tomlinson,, Mort Kent, and Linda Miller as well as our friends, Corky Cornell and Mary Ellen Montoya who all passed away this year. We are also commemorating on All Saints Sunday our 35 th anniversary as a congregation and all who have been a part of our community and ministry throughout these years.

On Sunday, November 12th, we are honoring all of our veterans in our congregation who have served our country. Thursday, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving Day when everyone in our nation is invited to remember and to give thanks to God for the blessings we have as a nation.

And the last Sunday of November is Christ the King Sunday, when we remember once more how Christ brought us our salvation through his suffering and death.

The last Saturday in November (November 25th ) is when we will be decorating the church building in anticipation of the coming Advent and the Christmas season.

Throughout the Bible we are encourage to remember. Remember where your salvation comes from. Remember the blessing that the Lord has given you. Remember the faithful ones of the past and the faith that they brought forward to us. And so in Christ's love, we are remembering just that during this month.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim



#### **Council Corner**

by Dave Brusby

On October 27th the council gathered for a special budget meeting. Like each of us planning our budget for the coming year, it's a challenge to balance those things we must pay with those things we would like to have.

Our resources are limited and at times they are not sufficient to pay our monthly obligations. Part of the equation is those funds designated for a specific purpose. While each of those projects are worthwhile, the council's hands are tied when trying to fill all of our needs. I heard a great sermon online this week which addressed church giving. It was given by Fr. Marc McDonald currently at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Prescott. Some of you may remember Marc from when he was the pastor of Hope United Church here in Bullhead several years ago. In his message he stressed that designated giving should be over and above our regular tithe. Giving designated funds, no matter how well intentioned, prevents your council from managing our resources efficiently.

We have many project we would like to budget this year like repainting our building as well as other significant maintenance issues. So far we have not been able to plan for these "extras." We hope that each of us will prayerfully consider what amount of what God has blessed us with we are willing to return to the church to advance his message in our community.



Sadly in October we lost 2 members of our church. Mort Kent, who had moved to North Dakota, passed away on October 4th and Linda Miller passed away on October 22nd. Both were active members of the council in previous years. They will be greatly missed. Pray for their families and friends.





## <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 November 7th at 10:30 am A Pasta & Pie fundraiser is planned for November 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring your appetites and your friends.



# CHURCH CHOIR 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 Bristle know or just show up on Wednesday night. Rumor has it, they have a lot of fun. Come make a joyful noise!!



We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on November 25th. Lots of hands make short work. Come bring your Christmas spirit.

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#### **Guardians Toy Drive**

You may have noticed the box in the narthex for collecting toys for the kids who might not otherwise receive anything from Santa. We've been very generous in the past. Lets do it again this year!





#### All Saints Day, November 5th (wear white)

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Let us remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have passed away and ones who are still living.

Also, on this day we will be having a cake to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the church for the snowbirds that weren't here to celebrate on May 28th.

<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



#### <u>Christmas Cantata</u>

Christmas Classique: A Gathering of Carols, Choir & Candlelight compiled by Joseph M. Martin

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Larry Shackley additional selections TBA

Fríday, December 15th, 7:00 pm Sunday, December 17th, 3:00 pm



#### Thank you from Mission Bank

Your generosity is overwhelming!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

School Supplies



#### <u>Veteran's Day</u>

We will be celebrating all the veterans on November 12th. We want to see all you veterans wearing your uniform!





"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" —Psalm 22:1

Dear church,

As Lutherans, we are accustomed to holding tension between two truths. Thus the ELCA denounces the egregious acts of Hamas, acts that have led to unspeakable loss of life and hope. At the same time the ELCA denounces the indiscriminate retaliation of Israel against the Palestinian people, both Christian and Muslim.

For the past week we have borne witness to the horrors of the escalating crisis between Israel and Hamas. We also watch a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as Israel blocks food, water, fuel and medical supplies and as airstrikes continue to cause unbearable civilian casualties ahead of a just-announced ground assault. We see Israelis and families around the world in the agonizing wait for word about the fate of loved ones killed or taken hostage by Hamas. We are in anguish, grieving and praying for all people who are living in trauma, fear and uncertainty.

Among us are Palestinian Lutherans who are fearful for their families, their communities and their homeland. In our communities we have Jewish and Muslim neighbors, who are also facing the horrors of this crisis and its impact on their loved ones.

It is difficult to find words that suffice in the complexity of this moment, and in the web of relationships that bind us together, as church, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and our interreligious partners. Yet God has called us to be a people who stand with others amid suffering.

We must also call a thing a thing. The power exerted against all Palestinian people — through the occupation, the expansion of settlements and the escalating violence — must be called out as a root cause of what we are witnessing. We are committed to our long-standing accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

The God who liberates us calls us to be a liberating witness. May it be so.

In Christ,

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The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# November

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			6 pm Choir pra	l	2 9:30 Worship Committee 2 pm Pastor's bible study	3	4 Pasta & Pie Fundraiser 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
5 9 & 11 Worship service with communion Choir All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings time ends	6 Office closed	7 10:30 am Women's bible study	6 pm Choir pra	8 actice	9 2 pm Pastor's bible study 6 pm Council Meeting	10	God bless our men and women in service
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19 9 & 11 Worship service with communion <i>Choir</i>	20 Office closed	21	No Choir pract	22 tice	No Pastor's bible 23 study	24 Office closed	Decorate for 25 Christmas Rocking chound CHRISTMAS IREE
26 10 am Worship service with communion Noisy Offering Treats	27 Office closed	28	6 pm Choir pra	29 actice	30 2 pm Pastor's bible study		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 & 11 am worship service With communion <i>Choir</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	4	5 10:30 am Women's bible study (Xmas party??)	6 No choir practice 7:00 pm Voices of the River	7 2 pm bible study 7:00 pm Voices of the River	8	9 9:00 am choir practice
10 9 & 11 am worship service With communion 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	11	12	13 6:oo pm choir practice	14 2 pm bible study 6:00 pm Council mtg 6:00 pm choir practice	7:00 pm Cantata 15	16
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10:00 am worship 24 service with communion Choir (?) Noisy offering 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Svc 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Merry Christmas 25	26	27 6:oo pm choir practice	28 2 pm bible study 9:30 am Worship Committee meeting	29	30
10:am worship 31 service with communion	<sup>1</sup> Have A Blessed New Year!					

## <u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>

#### <u>November Birthdays</u>

1—Marie Anderson
3—Sally Hiltbold
9—Vicky Dyrdahl
10—Jo Ann Guzik
10—Ethan Dunkle
16—Susan Wickersham
26—Cathie McCollum
28—Noni Robnett
29—Sharyl Vanerstrom
29—Mary Weyant
29—Steve Larson

30—Barb Buchholz



#### November Anniversaries

- 6—Ken & Alice Grondahl (51) 9—Peter and Toni Hill Wold (6)
- 14—Larry & Jeannine Pence (2)
- 14—Lee & Yolanda Nau (35)
- 20—Gary & Kathy Cochran (40)
- 23—Ron & Jan Parrott (49)
- 26—Milton & Sharyl Vanerstrom (28)
- 27—Chuck & Susan Wickersham (29)

### Mark your Calendars!

*Women's Bible Study:* November 7, 10:30 am

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Pastor's Bible Study Thursdays at 2:00 pm

<u>Council Meeting</u> November 9 at 6:00 pm

#### Women's Group

On November 5th the women are planning a Pasta & Pie fundraiser from 11 am to 2 pm.

Christmas Church Decorating November 25

Worship Committee November 2 9:30 am



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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