



Monthly Newsletter

December 2024

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



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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



"A New Beginning in Christ"

Now that the year 2024 is coming to an end, we are beginning a new church year during our worship. As the days are getting shorter and nights are getting longer, we have the Advent hope of the coming of the true Light into our lives and into a world that desperately needs it. As the level of anxiety and depression increases, as the flu season comes upon us, and as low-income people stress over how they will afford Christmas this year, we anticipate the birth of new hope and new life with Jesus.

Sunday, December 1 st is when the Advent season begins. Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas when we look forward to Christ's coming into the world. In our worship, we ponder our anticipation, preparation, hope, and announcing what Christ will do. We remember the prophecies of the Old Testament about the One who is coming someday; we remember the New Testament prophecies about how Christ will come again at the end of time; we hear the apostles' message how Christ is coming to the world through the church; and about how the virgin Mary was promised that her son will be the Savior of all.

On Tuesday, December 24 th , we will have our Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm to usher in the Christmas season. The Christmas season is twelve days long, beginning on Christmas Day on December 25 th and ending of Twelfth-Night on January 5 th . This is the season when we celebrate that God's promise of salvation and renewing the world with God's love is fulfilled with the presence of Jesus being born into our lives.

As a pastor, I do worry that this message of promise and hope in Christ Jesus is dampened by the fray of Christmas shopping, decorating, and all of the preparations of the season. People seem to put so much work and anxiety into a day when we celebrate God's grace being fulfilled in our lives. And I fear that people tend to forget that "peace and goodwill to all" means God's grace and fulfillment has come through Jesus; and this is why we are so joyful and thankful at this time.

So I bring you glad tidings of great joy; Christ is coming for our salvation and being born into our lives so we may always know God's love and peace every day. And may we share that love and peace of Christ with others throughout the year.

Merry Christmas! And may your New Year be blessed!

Pastor Tim



Notes from your Church Council

Council Corner

'Tis the season for giving. Just how much time do we devote to selecting just the right gift for each of those on our Christmas list? Let's see, Aunt Bertha could get one of those. That's \$75. Cousin Bill would like this, for only \$50. And so on throughout the list.

Where is Community Lutheran on your Christmas List. Or rather, where is God on your Christmas List. We will get our Pledge Cards the first Sunday of December. By making your pledge you help the Board in funding the programs that we as a congregation use and share with members of our community.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

David Brusby
President



January 26, 2025

Annual Reports

Just a reminder. You might want to start thinking about your annual report for the congregational meeting in January.

Pledge Card & Time & Talent Sheets

The pledge cards and the Time & Talent sheets are inserted in your bulletins. Prayerfully consider your tithe and time. These must be returned by December 22nd.



THANKSGIVING FEAST POTLUCK
KUDO'S TO RICK & MARY SLETTEN FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who help set-up and take-down all the tables, etc. for Marie Anderson's memorial.

Also, for everyone who brought food for the "picnic" lunch after the service and those who helped in the kitchen.

Your hard work is so very much appreciated.

Thank you all again.

Reva Sparks

Wedding & Funeral coordinator

Thank you

Thanks to Rick & Mary Sletten for providing the special music during service then serenading us during the potluck. Your beautiful music was much appreciated.





VOICES OF THE RIVER

Christmas Gala “Go Tell It...”. The following dates are: Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Mohave High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$20.00. Call Kim at (928) 234-9946 or Noni, Robnett, Peggy Boone, Kelly Buth, Carol Hougdahl, Peter Wold, & Susan Brusby also have tickets to sell. For more info, check out the fliers posted around the narthex or on the kiosk.



Christmas Decorating

December 7th is the date specified for decorating the church

Advent: Preparing for the Light

By Rob Blezard

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. -Luke 1:78,79



You need only watch the news to know that we are, indeed, a people who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Ignorance, hatred, politics, war, famine, greed, crime, apathy – all of these are rampant. We need the light of the dawn from on high to break upon us. We need to be guided in the way of peace. Our primary stewardship responsibility is to live in such a way that our hearts, minds and spirits are aligned with God’s purposes. How else can we become the people God wants us to be? For centuries, Advent was a time for Christian reflection and soul-searching; of asking God to show us anew what areas of our lives are still in darkness and in need of God’s light.

Read the above passage from Luke 1, which captures the essence of Advent. Read it again, but slowly, as you would savor a fine chocolate with complex sweetness and luxurious texture. Go ahead. What new meanings do you discern? What nuances?

The four weeks of Advent help bring us into the proper spirit to receive "the dawn from on high" that will "give light" to us who sit in darkness. Advent worship is rich in symbolism.

The paraments are deep blue, the color of the sky before dawn, when it is no longer night but not quite morning.

With its five candles, the Advent wreath provides a visual representation of the gathering dawn. We light one candle the first week of Advent, two the second week, three the third, and four the fourth. At Christmas we light all five because the dawn of Christ has come.

Each candle and each week of Advent has a theme. Each expresses the gifts of God we have in the miracle of Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy. Love. Make this Advent a time for prayer, devotion, meditation and focus on the light of Chris, which is coming anew into your heart – and the world! May it dispel all our darkness!

--Robert Blezard

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Women Supporting Women

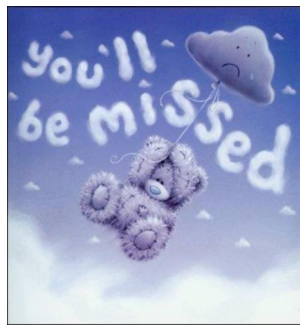
Women's Group would like your help with their mission of Women Supporting Women. We are collecting items that will benefit the women at WestCare Safe House who serve women & children for a safe place to live. We hope this to be an ongoing mission. Suggested items to donate: Soap, hair conditioner, body wash, pajamas, shampoo, socks, razors, slippers, make-up, lotion, anything to make them feel good about themselves. Monetary donation is also accepted, please make your check payable to: **WestCare of AZ**. The suitcase for the donations is located in the narthex. Thank you for supporting our mission. Keep them in your prayers and hope for a better life for them. Toni Wold



Christmas Luncheon

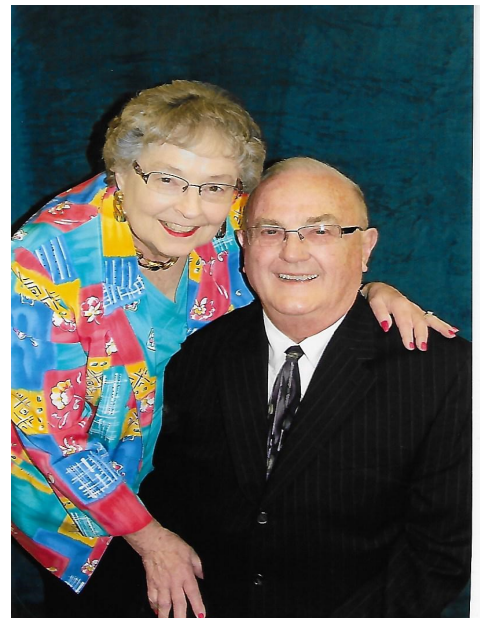
All Ladies: Our Women's Club is inviting you to join us for our Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 17th at 12:30 pm. We will meet at Meoni's Italian Restaurant at 2350 Miracle Mile. You will be required to pay for your own lunch.

We are making reservations, so please RSVP by December 12th to insure that we have a correct count. We hope to see you there. RSVP: Toni Wold 701-361-2272 or church office 928-763-2422 Thank You, Becky.



Good-bye Party

Lynda Crawford will be hosting a good-bye party to send off Dean & Barbara as they make their way to Oregon. This will be December 22nd at 2 pm. RSVP Lynda at 909-376-3065 or church office 928-763-2422.



December

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 & 11:00 am worship service w/communion <i>Pledge cards inserted</i>	2 Office closed	3	4	5 2:00 pm bible study	6	7 10 am Decorate church 7:00 pm Voices of the River
8 9:00 & 11:00 am worship service w/communion 3:00 pm Voices of the River	9 Office closed	10 9:30 women's bible study	11	12 2:00 pm bible study 6:00 pm council meeting	13	14
15 9:00 & 11:00 am worship service w/communion	16 Office closed	17 12:30 Women's Xmas party at Meioni's	18	19 2:00 pm bible study	20	21
22 9:00 & 11:00 am worship service w/communion <i>Pledge cards due</i> <i>Going away party for Dean & Barbara</i>	23 Office closed	24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve service	25 Christmas Day Office closed	26 No bible study <u>Pastor Vacation</u>	27 <u>Pastor Vacation</u>	28 <u>Pastor Vacation</u>
29 10:00 am worship service w/communion <u>Pastor Vacation</u>	30 Office closed <u>Pastor Vacation</u>	31 New Years Eve <u>Vacation Pastor</u>				

January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed New Years Day	2 2 pm Bible Study	3	4 Undecorate the church
5 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion	6 Office Closed	7	8	9 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm Council	10	11
12 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion	13 Office Closed	14 9:30 am women's bible study	15	16 2 pm Bible Study	17	18
19 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion	20 Office Closed	21	22	23 2 pm Bible Study	24	25
26 10 am worship service w/communion <i>Annual Meeting</i>	27 Office Closed	28	29	30 2 pm Bible Study	31	
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

- 2—Bucky Buchholz
- 3—Norm Lykken
- 4—Don Dueker
- 6—Rene Dunkle
- 8—Art Taylor
- 10—Jackson Werchau
- 11—Elizabeth Orth
- 16—Linda Flatt
- 19—Robert Lock
- 20—Pauline Buswell
- 21—Don Weyer
- 23—Brad Hoffmeyer
- 25—Ray Christopherson
- 26—Chris Dueker
- 28—Don Butts
- 28—Jared White
- 30—Kathy Cochran



December Anniversaries

Art & Penny Taylor (34)

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Group

One Service at 10:00 am on December 29th

Women's Bible Study and meeting:

Tuesdays, December 10th at 9:30 am, .

Christmas party at Meoni's restaurant

Tuesday, December 17th at 12:30 Please RSVP

January 5th:

After services we are taking down the decorations.

January 26nd:

One service only at 10:00 am, followed by our

Annual Meeting—No Potluck

February 8th:

Anything Chocolate Event 11:00 am—2:00 pm

Prayer Corner



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



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!



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Joy to the world



The Lord has come

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Luke 2:11

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