Community Lutheran Church

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







Monthly Newsletter

Pastor Tim Eighmy



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

January 2025

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 Year and a New Hope

Happy New Year! It is now the year 2025. This was a year that seemed like the distant future when I was a kid that science fiction talked about. And now, here we are.

The year always begins in the midst of the Christmas season. Christmas begins on December 25th but continues until January 5th . So we are reminded that Jesus is here with us and born into the world bringing hope to us as the new year begins. And that hope is shared on the Day of the Epiphany, January 6th , when the news of the good news of Christ is spread out into the world. Even wise men from the Far East see Christ's star and come to know him. And at Community Lutheran, we will be celebrating the Epiphany of Christ to the world on Sunday, January 5th, during our worship and taking down the greens after the second service on that Sunday.

On Sunday, January 12th, we will be celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord during our worship services. Jesus began his ministry by being baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. And so we also are baptized when we begin our lives of faith and ministry to the Lord. This is a day to celebrate Christ's and our own baptisms in our lives.

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And so, as we look forward to this coming year, we can do so with hope, because Christ is with us through his birth, through the light of God, and through baptism. Through Christ, God's love and peace is leading us in our lives together.

Notes from your Church Council



Council Corner

It's here! The new year 2025. Don't know about you but it seemed to come very quickly. And now we have a brand new calendar and no one has had a chance to mess it up . . . yet. I'm sure the year will bring challenges as they always do.

But the biggest challenge will be continuing to spread the love of Jesus to all in our circle of friends and in the community. It's a job for each and every on of us. And with the help of God we can all make it happen. Go forth and spread the word.

Please be sure to attend the annual meeting of the membership which will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2025 following the one service that day at 10:00 AM. Arizona time. We will be approving the budget and electing board members. There is still time, would you like to be on the board and have a say in the daily operations of the church? Speak to any board member to have your name included on the ballot.

All the best to each of you in the new year, From your Board, David Brusby, Pete Wold, Lynda Crawford, Chad Lelm, Joann Hoffmeyer and Lou Padilla.

Annual Reports

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

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

Commit to a tithe in 2025

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an over-flowing blessing." -Malachi 3:10

Not everybody can tithe, and not everybody necessarily should tithe – that is, to give 10 percent of their income to God. But there are many who could and probably should. It would benefit them and God's work.

For centuries, tithing has been a biblical benchmark for faithful giving. Through the prophet Malachi, God goes so far as to challenge faithful people to "put me to the test" by tithing, to then receive overflowing blessings.

Though any suggestion is to be avoided that tithing is a way to get rich, as the "prosperity gospel" preachers assert, longtime tithers say they have experienced God's blessings as contentment, joy-in-giving, and sufficiency. I myself have been a tither for more than 20 years. It continues to be a source of strength.

For most people, tithing represents an impossible sudden jump in giving. If that's your situation, you could commit to a tithe in 2025, then work up to it over the years. How? Here are some steps:

Calculate the percentage of your income that you gave to the church in 2024. (Start with after-tax income. Down the road you can always jump to tithing gross income.)

For 2025, increase giving by 1 percent, 2 percent ... or whatever you're comfortable with.

Then, every year increase by another 1 percent. Eventually, you'll be at a tithe for your after-tax income. If it is a good experience, continue until you have tithed your gross income.

But the important step is the first one: Commit to tithing. You and your congregation will be blessed for it.

--Robert Blezard

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Good-bye

Most of you probably know that Dean Leuthauser has passed away.

He will certainly be missed by all of us. RIP Dean.

Barbara has decided to move to Oregon so she will be closer to her son. She will also be greatly missed.

Many blessing to you, Barbara, as you start your new adventure.



FOOD PANTRY Our Cupboard is getting bare! Items we are in need of:

Soup Chili Spam Cans of chunk chicken Cereal Cases of water Tuna salad & crackers Small individual chef Boyardee Fun size potato chip mix Small cereal boxes Boxes of rice Roni Cup Noodles with chicken Beefaroni Spaghetti O's Ravioli **Canned fruit Ramen Noodles**



PLEASE Place your Donated Items on the table in the Pantry Thank You for Your Support



Easter Cantata

I'm happy to announce that there will be an Easter Cantata this year. Julie, from Voices of the River had graciously offered to direct a choir for the cantata. So, if you are interested in becoming a part of it, the rehearsals start on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00 pm at the church.

<u>THANK YOU</u>

I WOULD LILKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELP WITH DEAN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE . EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN THE KITCHEN AND EVERYONE WHO DONATED FOOD FOR THE MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS MORE APPRECIATED THAN YOU WILL EVER KNOW. BLESS ALL OF YOU! REVA SPARKS WEDDING & FUNERAL COORDINATOR.



A THANK YOU FROM WESTCARE



December 13, 2024

Community Lutheran Church 2275 Ricca Road Bullhead City, AZ. 86442

Dear Community Lutheran Church,

On behalf of WestCare's clients, staff, and Board of Directors, we want to personally thank you for your very generous support & donation! Individuals and companies like you make it easier for us to achieve our vision toward uplifting the human spirit and to realize our mission of "empowering everyone with whom we come in contact to engage in a process of growth, healing and change, benefiting themselves, their co-workers, their families and their communities."

Because of your generosity during these trying times, we can help many men, women, and children in our community this holiday season, that might not get the help they need otherwise. This year we've been able to help thousands of people in the Tri-State area.

We thank you again for your generosity & support!!

Sincerely,

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Cheryl DeBatt, MS, LASAC Vice President WestCare Arizona

Thank you!

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January

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed New Years Day	2 No Bible Study	3	4
5 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion Undecorate the church	6 Office Closed	7	8	9 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm Council Meeting	10	11
12 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion	13 Office Closed	14 9:30 am women's bible study	15 6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal Barons	16 2 pm Bible Study	17	18
19 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion New members	20 Office Closed	21	22 6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal	23 2 pm Bible Study	24	25
26 10 am worship service w/communion Annual Meeting No Potluck No noisy offering	27 Office Closed	28	29 6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal	30 2 pm Bible Study	31	

February

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 & 11 worship svc w/communion	3 Officed closed	4	5 6:00 pm Canata Choir rehearsal	6 2 pm Bible Study	7	8 11 am – 2 pm Anything Chocolate Event
9 9 & 11 worship svc w/ communion Boy Scout Sunday	10 Officed closed	11 9:30 am Women's group	12 6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal	13 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm council mtg	14 Valentine's Day	15
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<u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>

3—Jannine Pence 4—Kate Larson 5—Wendy Hardy 6—Dennis Gallagher 8—Deven Dunkle 9—Alyvia Redmann 12—Tori Lelm 12—Bertie Lock 15—Lois Kelly 17—Delma Turgeon 20—Bea Padilla 21—Kenneth Redmann 22—Annetta Knodel 24—Dolly Orth 25—Savannah Cordero 29—John Miller





1—Arden & Jo Sundby (41) 7—Darwin & Sheri Brown (23)

<u>Mark your Calendars!</u>

Women's Group

Women's Bible Study and meeting:. Tuesdays, January 14th at 9:30 am, .

<u>February 8th:</u> Anything Chocolate Event 11:00 am—2:00 pm

<u>Pastor Bible Study</u> No bible study on January 2nd 2:00 pm Thursdays

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





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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