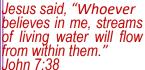
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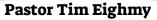
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

"Love Is in the Air"

We always live in the love of God in Christ Jesus. But with Valentine's Day in February and our Anything Chocolate Festival on February 8th, it seems important to reflect upon the gift of love.

The books of the New Testament were originally written in an ancient form of the Greek language. The Greek language has several words that have more specific meanings of love.

The word 'eros' means physical or sexual attraction.

The word 'euphoria' means having strong feelings for someone or something.

The word 'enthusia' means really enjoying something.

The word 'philos' means being familiar or connected to someone as with family or friends.

And the word 'agape' means to act with caring concern for others' wellbeing.

During Valentine's Day, we usually talk about sexual or romantic love ('eros' or 'euphoria').

If you discuss your love for football, movies, or chocolate, you are talking about 'enthusia'.

But when Christians love God and our neighbors, we are talking about 'agape'.

But all of these forms of love are gifts from God that make our lives more whole. It is because of God's love for us that we have all of these different kinds of love. This is the abundance of God's grace in our lives.

So this Valentine's Day and all days, let us celebrate this precious gift from God.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Tim



Notes from your Church Council

Council Corner

Well, the hustle and bustle of January is behind us. After all the celebrations of Christmas and the New Year we thought it is was over. But no, came the 20th of January and our new President was sworn in to lead the country forward. I thought it is significant and fitting that President Trump wants to bring back God into our future. In his inaugural speech he said, "We will not forget our country. We will not forget our Constitution. And we will not forget our God."

The President evokes strong feelings in nearly everyone. But like him or not, he is our President. I pray that he holds true to his commitment to

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



Anything Chocolate Fundraiser

Come support the women's annual chocolate/baked potato bar fund raiser on February 8th at 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

There will be lots of goodies to eat and baskets to bid on. Tickets for the baskets are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.

Potato Bar is \$6 A tub for Chocolate is \$6 Drinks available for \$1

Steward healthy relationships

There's no escaping love in February, is there? Everywhere – valentines, red roses, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates and other sweets for the ones we love.

This is all good and right, because ever since God declared that it is not good for a person to be alone (Genesis 2:18), people have found comfort, excitement, safety, companionship, joy, contentment and fulfillment in the company of others.

That's why February is perfect for celebrating healthy, loving relationships of all sorts. Good stewards care for every gift God gives us – healthy, loving relationships especially. And because Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors and our enemies alike, we do well to work on relationships beyond our immediate circles.

Suggestions:

Couples: Give flowers and chocolate, sure, but also spend quality time with one another. Talk deeply and listen intently. Pray and read scripture together. Hold hands during worship. Talk often and listen deeply. Read Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages" to improve your relationship.

Families: Rejoice in the love that holds you together – parents, grandparents, children, siblings, cousins -- everybody. Organize Sunday family dinners. Say, "I love you.' Talk through problems and work together.

Friends: Enjoy time with buddies, but also cultivate deeper and more spiritual friendships. Share problems and successes. Grow together in faith.

Church neighbors: Send friendship valentines to everybody in church. As a congregation designate "love your neighbor" Sunday at which you have a potluck. And/or movie night or game night.

Community neighbors: Send a valentine and a piece of candy to immediate neighbors or everybody in your address book to let them know that friendships and neighbors are important. Start – or revive – block parties, community cleanup days, yard sales or fellowship gatherings.

God gives us relationships of all kinds so that we can have companionship, friendship, security and joy. As stewards of all that God gives us, we can nourish and celebrate healthy, strong relationships.

--Rev. Rob Blezard

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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

Soap, hair conditioner, body wash,

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

Winter brings colds & flu, so if you can supply over the counter medicine for these and maybe other things like bandaids, peroxide, pepto bismol, etc., for adults and children.

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



New Members
Mary & Rick Sletten and Peggy Miller
And

Theon Hoffmeyer's First Communion January 19, 2025









Welcome new

members

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SCOUT SUNDAY

Scouting America traditionally identifies the first Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as the date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults in Scouting. Scout Sunday was first celebrated in 1914, shortly after the Boy Scouts of America {BSA} was founded in 1910. The purpose of this celebration was to help people in houses of worship learn about Scouting. It also was a way for Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledge. Duty to GOD reflects one of the Scouts core principles that Religion is significant. The Duty to God Pledge encouraged scouts to practice their own faith and respect the beliefs of others. While the organization itself remains nonsectarian, member of all faiths participates without promoting any specific religion. This is often expressed through the Scout Law, Reverent, identifying respect for religious belief, co-operation and integrity. This means a Scout respects all people's beliefs, faiths, and cultures.

As a note of interest: Previously identified as the Boys Scouts of America (BSA), in 2019 this group officially became co-ed. This opened the doors for young ladies to attend and take part in alternate scouting agendas and activities that traditionally were only exclusive to boys. As a result, 2025 saw a new name change to this organization due to its diversity. The name change was announced at the 2024 National Annual Meeting to "Scouting America". The name change reflects the organization's commitment to inclusion.





TROOP 56, BULLHEAD CITY, AZ CHAPTER



Easter Cantata

I'm happy to announce that there will be an Easter Cantata this year. Julie Stickel, from Voices of the River has graciously offered to direct a choir for the cantata. So, if you are interested in becoming a part of it, the rehearsals are on Wednesday's at 6:00 pm at the church. Just show up. The cantata's will be April 13th at 3:00 pm and April 18th at 7:00 pm.

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 Scout Sunday	10 Officed closed	9:30 am Women's group	6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal	13 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm council mtg	14 Valentine's Day	15
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23 10 am worship svc w/ communion Noisy offering	24 Officed closed	25	26 6:00 pm Cantata Choir rehearsal	27 2 pm Bible Study	28	

March

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion	3 Office closed	4	5 5:30 pm Choir 7 pm Ash Wednesday At Hope Methodist	6 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	7	8
9 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion DST starts	10 Office closed	11 9:30 Women's bible study	12 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten svc Choir after service	13 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 6:00 pm Council meeting	14	15
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30 10 am Worship svc w/communion	31 Office closed					

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

3—Evelyn Karr

4-Ed Melendez

5-Virginia Sorby

9—David Brusby

9—Max Salem

12—Ed Newbold

14—Rickie Melendez

15-Dennis Giere

17—Shirley Cutler

17—Mike Higgs

17—Mary Sletten

18—Adrienne Cordero

21-Joyce Rye

23—Lou Padilla





February Anniversaries

7—Tom & Jean Thompson (44)

12—Monty & Geline Ostgaard (31)

14—John & Karen Miller (15)

17—Larry & DiAnne Kaul (35)

22—Charles & Virginia Sorby (67)

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Group

Women's Bible Study and meeting:.

Tuesday, February 11th at 9:30 am, .

February 8th:

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

Pastor Bible Study

2:00 pm Thursdays

Potluck "Hope of Spring" on February 23rd.

Council Meeting Thursday, February 13th

Scouts Sunday, February 9th



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





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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