



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

The Grace of Lent

Martin Luther pointed out that people love glory theology more than we love the theology of the cross. We love to talk about God's blessings in our health, and loving families, and good works. But we often don't take time to notice God's blessings during our sufferings, and failures, and in our dying.

The reality is God is still there even when life doesn't bring us the joys that we want.

We always have the season of Lent for six and a half weeks before Easter Sunday because of this reason. It is easy to see the blessings of God in new life, and new beginnings, and in God's eternal love. But God is still blessing us even when our lives look more like Christ on the cross than it does Christ in his resurrection.

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5th. This year, Community Lutheran Church is having our Lenten services jointly with Hope United Methodist Church. Our Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be at 7pm AZ Time at Hope United Methodist Church at 1325 Ramar Rd., in Bullhead City. Our regular Wednesday Lenten Services will be at Community Lutheran Church at 6 pm on March 12th, 19th, & 26th and on April 2nd & 9th. We will have a Soup Supper before the services at 5:30 pm. The theme for this year's services that both Pastor Nicholas Grainger and I will be preaching on is "Good Enough: Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith" which is based on devotions by Kate Bowler. We will reflect upon the blessings of God in the mediocracy of our lives.

The Lenten season is also a time for us to re-center our lives in Christ Jesus. We can do this by fasting from some small thing that takes up too much of our lives and replacing that thing with prayer to God. Or we can do this by committing ourselves to do more volunteerism in love for our neighbors or strive to take more time for devotion in love for God.

May your time of Lenten reflection be a blessing in your lives.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Tim

Notes from your Church Council



Council Corner

Election of Officers: Dave Brusby continuing as president
Pete Wold continuing as vice-president
Joann Hoffmeyer secretary
Lou Padilla as treasurer
Chad Lelm as facilities
Sheri Brown new to council

Lenten season is coming. Ash Wednesday is March 5th and will be held at 7pm at Hope Methodist. Followed by Lenten services on Wednesdays at 6 pm at Community. Soup suppers at 5:30. See page 5 for more details.

Facilities: Floats were put in the septic system, but the new pump can't be checked yet as there is insufficient water. The fence at the well has been replaced with the company donating all labor & parts. Chad hopes to start replacing the rock in the columbarium. He & Tori will donate their time to paint the letters on the outside of the building. He has a quote of \$250 for window cleaning.

Rick & Mary Sletten have donated their time to tune both pianos.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH


February had the women's group busy with their annual 'Anything Chocolate Festival' fundraiser! From the door where guests were greeted by Joann and Lynda to purchase their potato and chocolate boats before heading to indulge at the loaded baked potato bar where the kitchen was buzzing with Chad, Tori and Lou building potatoes to meet expectations of orders! The endless chocolate array of choices to fill everyone's sweet tooth needs where Reva & Becky had boats overflowing with deliciousness! Bev took care of keeping everyone quenched with the beverage station while Shirley sold the most raffle tickets we've ever sold as EVERYONE wanted their chance at the amazing quilts and beautiful baskets and of course who doesn't love a great gift card! Bea kept everything running smoothly stepping in as needed at any given moment and even made a supply run mid-event as we ran out of so many toppings slinging spuds! We were blessed to have the wonderful music from our own congregates, Mary & Rick Sletten, this year to enjoy as we gathered too!

A huge Thank-YOU to everyone who volunteered their time and talents and helped with donations to create our amazing event as we could not do it without your help! Also we are beyond grateful for the community coming out to support our fundraising efforts as without them this would not happen! Together we were able to raise over \$2,000 to support our ongoing missions!

Mark your calendar now for the Saturday before Valentine's Day to make sure you don't miss out on the next 'Anything Chocolate Festival' coming on February 7, 2026!



Watch for the Easter themed basket as our next raffle sales will be through the month of March and the basket will be drawn for on the first Sunday of April!

Tickets  are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Tori Lelm

Anything Chocolate Festival sees sweet success Saturday

By DK McDONALD
MOHAVE VALLEY DAILY NEWS

BULLHEAD CITY — Chocolate fans and community supporters turned out in force for Saturday's Anything Chocolate Festival.

The sweet-centric fundraiser offered homemade treats ranging from chocolate covered peanuts to homemade fudge, chocolate cookies, mini chocolate bundt cakes glazed with chocolate icing and the surprise hit of the event, chocolate-covered gummy worms.

"It's the best, like Christmas candy," said Peggy Meyer, attending with her sister Pam Witte, both visiting from Nebraska. "The little bundt cakes look good too."

Witte said she attended last year's event and wanted to return.

Those in attendance could fill a paper boat with homemade chocolate treats for \$6 and for those looking for a healthier alternative — or at least lunch before dessert — another \$6 let

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them choose from a fully loaded giant potato bar.

The event also offered more than a dozen lush gift baskets, gift cards and items ranging from quilts to home decor, raffled for \$1 per ticket.

"I'm here for the chocolate, the fellowship and the baked potatoes," said Mary Weyanz. "Also for the challenge of competing with people for eclectic prizes."

Church members also provided live music as entertainment.

The fundraiser provided by the Lutheran Community Church Women's Group supports major ongoing projects, said Joann Hoffmeyer, Church Council member and treasurer.

"I have to confess, I'm excited about the number of people who came, but we got a little swamped," she said. "We had to open up a back room that has tables and chairs to fit



DK McDonald/Mohave Valley Daily News

One dollar raffle tickets tempted Mary Weyanz to try for a share of gift baskets, home decor and gift cards available during Saturdays annual Anything Chocolate Festival fundraiser hosted by Lutheran Community Church Women's Group.



DK McDonald/Mohave Valley Daily News

At left, Community Lutheran Church volunteer Reva Sparks served Marian Rickert with Rickert's choice of homemade chocolate treats during Saturday's annual Anything Chocolate Festival fundraiser.

everyone in."

The temporarily standing-room only crowd offered no complaints.

"We came for the chocolate," said Marian Rickert, who attended with her husband Mike. "It all looks wonderful."

Hoffmeyer said the group was grateful for the turnout and thanked the Women's Group participants and the community for again making the annual fundraiser a success.

"It means we'll probably do it again next year," she said.

Food Pantry Needs

Items Needed: 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-a-Roni, Cup Noodles with chicken, Beef-a-Roni. Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Canned fruit, Ramen Noodles, peanut butter.

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE Place your
donated items on
the table in the
Pantry!



Cantata Choir

Julie Stickel from Voices of the River has graciously offered to direct a choir for an Easter Cantata. So, if you're interested in joining the choir just show up.

Cantata Practice Times

Wednesdays: Now through March 5 at 6:00 pm

Wednesdays, March 12 thru April 9th after Lenten Services

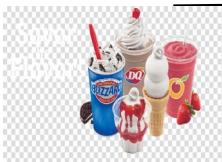
Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm

Cantata Dates & Times

Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 pm

Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm



**Dairy Queen: Ruining your
New Year's resolution since 1962**

**Why did Noah have to punish
the chickens on the ark? They
were using fowl language.**



Funnies to Brighten Your Day



**Give me coffee to change the
things I can and wine to accept
the things I cannot.**

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.



**I'm a multitasker. I can listen,
ignore and forget. All at the
same time.**



Ash Wednesday , Lenten Services & Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday: March 5th at 7:00 pm at Hope Methodist

Lenten Services: March 12 through April 9th

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:00 pm Lenten Service

Choir practice following Service

Palm Sunday, April 13th 9 & 11 am

Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: April 18th—Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:00 am in the garden

Easter services: 9 & 11 am

Easter Brunch: Between Sunrise service & 9:00 am



MUSIC MATTERS!



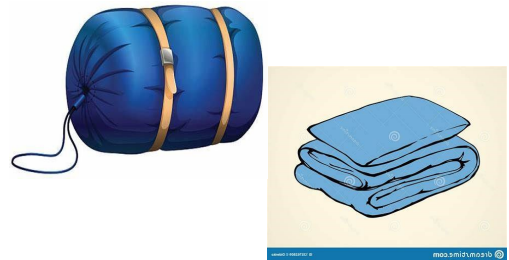
Music Lessons

Constanze Bender is offering music lessons for the violin, flute, voice, or recorder. The proceeds will be donated to the church. So if you're interested let her know.

Blankets, Sleeping Bags, etc.

The Guardians is in need of blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothing. Please leave any items you might bring in the narthex. There is a tub underneath the kiosk.

They do not need socks.



THANK YOU!

Donations Needed

Women's Crisis Center is very appreciative of your donations. Please continue to HELP us fill our suitcase. Thank you for your generosity!

They are in great need of wipes and surface cleaning material. They have a full house and are battling Covid and flu.



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
16 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion	17 Office closed	18	19 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten svc Choir after service Barons	20 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study	21	22
23 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion Noisy Offering	24 Office closed	25	26 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten svc Choir after service	27 2:00 pm Pastor's bible study 9:30 am Worship & Music committee mtg.	28	29
30 10 am Worship svc w/communion	31 Office closed					

April

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten Svc Choir rehearsal after svc	3 2 pm Bible Study	4	5
6 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion	7 Office Closed	8 9:30 Women's bible study & business meeting	9 5:30 pm Soup supper 6:00 pm Lenten Svc Choir rehearsal after svc	10 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm Council Meeting	11	12 9 am Choir rehearsal
13 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion 3 pm Cantata Palm Sunday	14 Office Closed	15	16 6 pm Choir rehearsal	17 No Bible Study 6 pm Maundy Thursday service	18 2 pm Stations of the Cross 7 pm Cantata Good Friday	19
20 9 & 11 am Worship svc w/communion 7 am Sunrise Service Easter Brunch Easter	21 Office Closed	22	23	24 2 pm Bible Study	25	26
27 10 am Worship svc w/communion Noisy offering	28 Office Closed	29	30			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 6-Brenda Buth
- 6-Kelly Buth
- 6-DiAnne Kaul
- 9-Becky Mlekush
- 10-JoAnn Balaalid
- 10-Milt Vanerstrom
- 10-Julia Vanfossan
- 11-Don Flatt
- 13-Monty Ostgaard
- 14-Michele Werchau
- 19-Sheri Brown
- 21-Toni Hill Wold
- 22-Marvin Leonhardt
- 22-Chelsey White-Beard-Larson
- 25-Nicole Nielsen



March Anniversaries

- 18-Kelly & Brenda Buth (36)
- 18-Kurt & Nicole Nielsen (2)
- 24-Luther & Carol Johnson (74)

Mark your Calendars!

Women's Group

Women's Bible Study and meeting:

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

Pastor Bible Study

2:00 pm Thursdays

Potluck March 30th.

Worship & Music Committee 9:30 March 27th

Council Meeting Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday, Lent & Holy Week See page 5

Daylight Savings Time starts March 9th

Turn your clocks forward one hour.

Prayer Corner



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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