



## 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



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

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

#### "A Time for Lent"

It seems like Christmas just ended and now the season of Lent is already beginning to prepare us for the Easter celebration.

Easter Sunday originally was a baptismal day for adult Christians. These adult Christian candidates went through an intense training in the Christian faith before they were baptized into the church. The training lasted for 40 days and 40 nights (like what Jesus went through in the wilderness before he began his ministry). The only day they had off during this training was Sunday when the Christian community gathered to worship. And this is why the Lenten season today is 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays.

If you don't count Sundays, the 40<sup>th</sup> day before Easter is always on a Wednesday and it is called Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 18<sup>th</sup> and we will have a 7 pm service (AZ time) with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that sin and death are intimately related to one another and we can never be saved from sin without a new life in Christ that overcomes the destructiveness of death.

Since the season of Lent is actually on the weekdays, we will have Wednesday Lenten services beginning on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (AZ time) following a soup supper at 5:30 pm (AZ time). The theme of this year's services will be a reflection on the baptismal vows made in the Lutheran tradition.

The season of Lent always has a somber tone to it. It is not a time for praising God like we do during and after Easter, but is a time for honest reflection on how we are to not only want the salvation of God in our lives, but we actually need the salvation of God through Christ Jesus in

our lives. We just can't live as God's people without this salvation.

And so my prayer is for Lent to be a time for you to do some soul-searching and rethinking your priorities in life. Are those priorities truly centered in God's will through Jesus Christ? And how can you make those priorities more centered in God's will in Christ Jesus?

And remember in the Holy Spirit, Christ is with you every day in making those decisions.

In Christ's peace,  
Pastor Tim



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CHURCH  COUNCIL

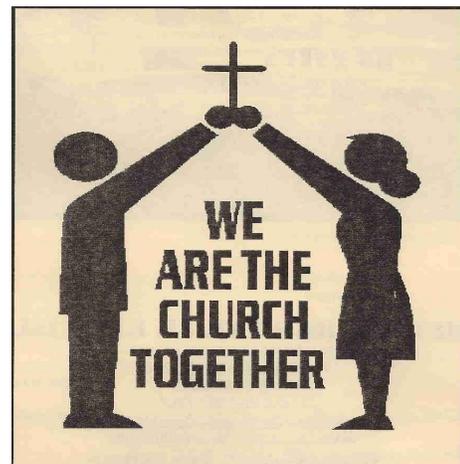
Our Annual Meeting was held on January 25; an election of two council members was held. Ben Brooks and Ken Webb were elected as incoming council members. We look forward to working with them, as I think you would all agree they will be an asset to our council.

Speaking of assets, I want to give a big thank you to our wonderful Pastor Tim Eighmy and our church secretary Shirley Cutler. The two of you are such an asset for our church, I as the President of the Congregation/Council, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THAT YOU DO EACH AND EVERYDAY.

We look forward to all that God will do in our church and for our congregation in the coming year.

Peter Wold

President Congregation/Council





**Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting was held on January 25th, 2026. Say hello to our new council members. They are Ken Webb and Ben Brooks. Going off council is Chad Lelm and Jan Parrott. Thank you for your participation on the council.

Ben Brooks



Ken Webb



**Easter Cantata**

First of all, a big shout out for Shawn Bristle agreeing to direct the Easter Cantata. The dates for the cantata are Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 pm and Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm.

The choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm until February 25th when they will start rehearsing following the Lenten services at approximately 6:45 pm. A special rehearsal will be on Saturday, March 28, at 9:00 am. There is still time if you would like to join the choir.



**WOMEN OF THE CHURCH**



The next bible study followed by a business meeting will be held on February 10th at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join in.



**Women Supporting Women**

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Your donations help those who are struggling and to remind them they are not forgotten.

Your continued support of WestCare is deeply appreciated.

# The story and legends of St. Valentine

During the brief reign of Emperor Claudius II Gothicus, who held power from AD 268 to 270, St. Valentine reportedly worked as a priest in Rome.

Later Christian sources claimed that he performed marriage ceremonies in secret for Christian couples, which placed him in direct opposition to imperial decrees against such practices.

According to later traditions, Claudius had banned young men from marrying in order to make them more willing to join the army, but this is a claim that is lacking historical confirmation but is frequently repeated in devotional literature.

Roman authorities arrested Valentine for his defiance and imprisoned him while he awaited execution.

According to some accounts, Valentine formed a friendship with the jailer's daughter during his imprisonment.

In certain versions of the legend, he healed her blindness using prayer and left her with a final note signed "from your Valentine".

Although, this part of the story only appeared in later sources, which hinted at a romantic farewell, but this detail did not feature in the earliest Christian accounts.

In other Church records, there is disagreement about whether the martyr was a Roman priest or a bishop from Terni in central Italy.

Since both reportedly died on 14 February and were buried near the Via Flaminia, their stories eventually merged.

In surviving ecclesiastical calendars such as the *Martyrologium Hieronymianum*, only the name "Valentinus" appeared without explanation, which made it difficult for later writers to separate the individuals.

The Basilica of San Valentino in Terni, traditionally believed to be the burial place of the bishop, later became a pilgrimage site.



**Lent**

**Ash Wednesday** February 18 @ 7:00 pm



**Lenten Services**

February 25th thru March 25

Soup Supper 5:00 pm

6:00 pm Worship service

Choir Practice following service



**Food Pantry**

Thank You for your donations, very much appreciated. We are in need of: Peanut Butter, Chef Boyardee, Chili, Soup, Pasta, Stew, Pasta Sauce and Water! Any food item is a Blessing. Thank You Please place donated items on the table in the pantry.



**Thank You!**

Reva would like to thank everyone that thought of her while she dealt with pneumonia. All the cards, phone calls, text messages meant the world to her and helped with her recovery. Also, for all the Christmas cards she received. She misses everyone here and still considers you her church friends.



**Pastor Higgs' 80th birthday celebration**

An open house on February 14th, 12-5 pm to celebrate Pastor Higgs' 80th birthday. RSVP to Dianna at 928-499-8234. See kiosk for more information. If you would like to send a card, the address is 2288 Gabriel Dr, Las Vegas 89119. This is also where the event will be held.

**Church Directory**



If you haven't signed up for the online version of the church directory as yet, there are instructions in the narthex on how to do that. If you need help, you can contact the office. The directory online will always be up-to-date, whereas your printed copy may not. If you absolutely need a paper directory call the office and I will print one out for you.



**Potluck**

February 22nd. The theme is Hawaiian Luau.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.



# February

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion <i>Council Installation</i>	2 Office closed <i>Ground hog day</i>	3	4 6:00 pm choir rehearsal	5 2 pm Bible Study	6	7 <i>Anything Chocolate</i> 11 am – 2 pm
8 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion <i>Scout Sunday</i>	9 Office closed	10 9:30 am Women's bible study & business meeting	11 6:00 pm choir rehearsal	12 2 pm Bible Study 6 pm council meeting	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 9 & 11 am worship service w/communion	16 Office closed <i>President's day</i>	17	18 6:00 pm choir rehearsal <i>7:00 pm Ash</i> <i>Wednesday Service</i>	19 2 pm Bible Study	20	21
22 10 am worship service w/communion <i>Noisy offering</i>	23 Office closed	24	25 5 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm choir rehearsal	26 2 pm Bible Study	27	28

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29 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10 am worship svc w/communion <i>Noisy offering</i> <i>3:00 pm Cantata</i>	30 Office closed	31	1	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## February Birthdays

- 5—Virginia Sorby
- 9—Max Salem
- 17—Mary Sletten
- 17—Shirley Cutler
- 18—Adrienne Cordero
- 21—Joyce Rye
- 23—Lou Padilla



## February Anniversaries

- 14—John & Karen Miller (16)
- 22—Charles & Virginia Sorby (68)

## Mark your Calendars!

Women's Bible Study and meeting:  
Tuesday, February 10th at 9:30 am

Pastor Bible Study: 2:00 pm on Thursdays

Council Meeting February 12th @ 6:00 pm

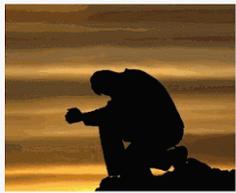
Choir Practice for Easter Cantata  
6:00 pm on Wednesdays until February 25  
when it will following the Lenten service at  
approximately 6:45 pm.

Worship/Music Committee Meeting  
March 12th at 9:30 am

Anything Chocolate  
The annual "Anything Chocolate" fundraiser will  
be held February 7th at 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday: February 18th @ 7:00 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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