



Monthly Newsletter

September 2026

Community Lutheran Church

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



Pastor Tim Eighmy



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP:
Sunday, 9 AM

Until November 1st



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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

The Church Is Back to Work

Even though it is still very hot in the Arizona sun, Community Lutheran's fall schedule is starting in small ways in September.

We will continue to have only one worship service at 9 am throughout September and October and Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will continue to have their worship service at 11 am as well. And my weekly Thursday Bible study will continue to be a 9 am through the rest of September.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is on September 13th. Joan Hoffmeyer will lead us once again during our fellowship time after the worship service to put together personal care packages that will be shipped out by Lutheran World Relief to help refugees throughout the world. God's Work, Our Hands is a Sunday of service that was established by the ELCA in 2013 in celebration of our 25th anniversary as a church. The idea is that now that we are freed by God's grace in Christ Jesus, we can freely serve the world as a church.

On Wednesday, September 16th at 6 pm, choir rehearsals will begin in preparation of our Christmas Cantata that will be performed on Friday, December 18th at 7 pm and Sunday December 20th at 3 pm. We are glad that Shawn Bristle will be directing the choir once again. So, if you haven't sung with our Cantata choir yet, please join us at 6 pm on Wednesdays. It is a lot of fun and a lot of work and it is a blessing to remember God's grace in our lives.

Enjoy the last part of summer and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as we share in Christ's love through our ministry as a church.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Tim



No council input this month

Please keep Pete Wold in your prayers as he deals with upcoming open heart surgery. He is having 6 bi-passes. His surgery is scheduled on September 23rd.

It may be December before he and Toni return. He has also resigned as the council president.



A Stewardship of the Mind

By the Rev. Emily Carson

Oh, Peter! In chapter 16 of Matthew's Gospel, we encounter the disciple Peter in the best of times followed almost immediately by the worst of times. Through Peter's wild swing from wise leader to misguided stumbling block, we learn alongside him about a crucial but often overlooked form of faithfulness: the stewardship of the mind.

It's worth stepping back to see just how well Peter was crushing it right before this week's reading. In Matthew 16:13, when Jesus asks the disciples who they believe he is, Peter doesn't hesitate: "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*" Jesus commends him and declares Peter the rock upon which the church will be built. Wow! What a time to be Peter!

Then comes this week's text. This is a significant pivot point in Matthew's Gospel. From here on out, Jesus begins preparing his friends for the reality of his coming suffering, death, and resurrection. But Peter isn't having it. He pulls Jesus aside and attempts to rebuke him.

The intensity of the moment is palpable, and Jesus meets Peter's anxiety with sharp fervor: "*Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on God things but on human things.*"

Jesus then expands the teaching moment to include all the disciples as his hearers. Discipleship, Jesus explains, means denying ourselves, taking up our crosses, and losing our lives for his sake in order to truly find them.

Good stewards take excellent care of what has been entrusted to them. We often think of stewardship in terms of time, talent, and financial resources. This text invites us to explore what it means to steward our minds - both individually and collectively. What does it actually look like and feel like to set our minds on "God things" rather than "human things"?

And what about when we get it wrong? What do we do when our minds get trapped in loops of doom-scrolling or toxic nostalgia or self-preservation?

The struggle is real, and God walks with us. We even see Jesus himself navigating a shift in perspective in Matthew's Gospel. While he might have preferred to remain in the familiar rhythms of teaching and healing and being with his disciples, Jesus recognizes the call toward Jerusalem. In setting his mind on God's larger vision, Jesus releases control of his own path, and he invites the disciples into that same transformative freedom.

This week, congregations get to wonder together: How is God inviting us to steward our minds in more intentional ways? What comfortable narratives or anxious fixations are we being asked to release into the hands of our Creator? As we step into the activity and fullness of fall, where is God inviting us to direct the attention and energy of our minds?

Peter's journey, moving from clarity one moment to confusion the next, is deeply relatable. Sometimes we get it; sometimes we don't. But the good news of the Gospel is that Jesus doesn't abandon Peter - nor does he abandon us. He meets us right where our minds are, offers guidance and grace, and invites us to keep walking forward together.

ADDRESSES

Address for Constanze

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Sally Hiltbold

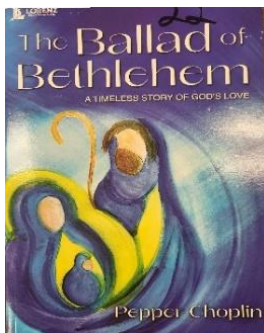
Sally has moved to Kingman to be near her sons.
Her new address is:



Avista White Cliff Assisted Living
3600 Peterson Rd
Kingman, AZ 86409

Holy Spirit Bunco

Bunco will not be meeting for the Summer.
They hope to restart in September or October.



Christmas Cantata Booklets

The booklets for the Christmas cantata are ready for pick-up in the office. If you are joining the choir, take one and sign out on the sign-out sheet.

The number on the booklet & the sign-out sheet should match.

Choir Practice will start on September 16rd.

Kitchen Help

Brenda is looking for someone to man the kitchen on the following dates:
October 4. And November 8.
There's a sign-up sheet on the table.



Food Pantry

The pantry is running low on water, cereal, chili, Cup of Noodles, Spam, beef stew, canned chicken, peanut butter or cheese crackers, and "Snack on the Run" tuna, chicken noodle soup (please no tomato), Ravioli, individual fruit cups and Vienna Sausages. We also need grocery sacks. Please donate and put in the pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



God's Work, Our Hands

God's work.
Our hands.

September 13th is the day for our annual assembling of hygiene kits.

Below are the items needed:

Light-weight **bath-size towel** (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark colors recommended.

Two or three **bath-size bars of soap** equaling 8-9 ounces, any brand, in original wrapping.

One adult-size **toothbrush** in it's original packaging*

One sturdy **comb**, remove packaging

One metal **nail clippers** (attached file optional), remove packaging.

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

After assembling the kits, a light luncheon will follow.

Just a Head's Up

On September 16th at 6 pm, the choir will begin **rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata.**



CELEBRATING PASTOR TIM'S BIRTHDAY



IN REMEMBRANCE



Constanze Bender

4/11/1947 – 7/10/2026



September

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9:00 Bible Study	4	5
6 9 am Worship service w/communion	7 Office Closed	8 9:30 Women's Group	9 1 pm Council Mtg	10 9:00 Bible Study	11 9:30 music committee meeting	12
13 9 am Worship service w/communion <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i>	14 Office Closed	15	16 6 pm Choir rehearsal for Xmas Cantata	17 9:00 Bible Study	18	19
20 9 am Worship service w/communion	21 Office Closed	22	23 6 pm Choir rehearsal for Xmas Cantata	24 9:00 Bible Study	25	26
27 9 am Worship service w/communion <i>Noisy Offering</i>	28 Office Closed	29	30 6 pm Choir rehearsal for Xmas Cantata			

October

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am bible study	2	3 Animal Blessing
4 9 am worship service w/communion	5 Office Closed	6	7 6 pm Choir Practice	8 9 am bible study 6 pm council meeting	9	10
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25 9 am worship service w/communion <i>Noisy Offering</i>	26 Office Closed	27	28 6 pm Choir Practice	29 9 am bible study	30	31 Halloween

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



September Birthdays

3—Jason Haas
5—Dee Schneider
6—Linda Grumbine
7—Jan Parrott
8—Robert Lock
10—Oliver White
12—Jim Moser
14—Carmen Kenny
15—Mary Pfeiffer
17—Cheryl Berg
17—Lindsay Kyle
18—Carol Smock
23—Dianna Higgs
24—Raena Simons
27—Audry Salem
28—Pastor Bob Jones
30—Jean Thompson

September Anniversaries

17—Don & Dolly Orth (59)
28—Max & Audrey Salem (23)
29—Don & Marlys Weyer (36)



Mark your Calendars!

Women's Bible Study and meeting:

September 8 at 9:30 am

Pastor Bible Study: 9:00 am on Thursdays

Council Meeting

Next meeting September 9th at 1 pm in person

Worship/Music Committee Meeting

9:30 September 11

God's Work, Our Hands

September 13th after service.

A light lunch will follow.

Christmas Cantata

Choir practice begins on September 16th at 6 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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September