



Monthly Newsletter

October 2026

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 AM
Until November 1st



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

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

"What's A Lutheran?" When I am out in the community and introduce myself as a Lutheran pastor, I often get the question, "What's a Lutheran?" And for me the question in response is, "Where do I even begin?"

I could explain that Martin Luther was a German reformer of the church back in the 1500's who began the Protestant Reformation that started the variety of Christian churches in our culture, so we are no longer just members of the Catholic Church. And Lutherans are the people who continue to uphold his teachings.

But this explanation can sound like we are just following a man's teachings like cults do.

I could explain that we are the church that first insisted that we are in a living relationship with God and not seeking the reward of salvation by being active in the church. And we insist that it is God who initiates this relationship with us and leads us in this relationship.

But many people in our society do not think of church as relationships, but as an organization that's simply telling us what to believe is true. For some people, this explanation that speaks deeply to me, sounds very trivial and even too "woke".

Or I could explain that Lutherans are "Reformed Catholics". We have many of the traditions of the Catholic Church, but we are less ritualistic and more centered in Scriptures in our worship.

This gives people a very general or even vague concept of who we are. But if they are not familiar with different church practices, this explanation isn't very helpful.

What I really want to share is my own experience of being a part of a church that is justified by God's grace in Christ Jesus through the faith given to us by the Holy Spirit. I want to tell how we encounter the

living God's love through Word and Sacraments of baptism and communion and respond in God's love through our ministries of charity, seeking justice for others, sharing our faith, growing in faith through learning, and developing community through fellowship activities.

The problem about sharing this information is that it doesn't make sense unless they experience it with us.

Maybe the best way to share what Lutheranism is all about is by inviting them to come and worship with us sometime or take part in some church activity with us and pray for their needs with them.

With Reformation Sunday coming up on the last Sunday in October. I hope we are all learning to be more comfortable being the church together, so we can share our faith with others all the more.

May Christ's peace and salvation be with you,
Pastor Tim



As the Council begins this month of October, we are looking forward to the fall and winter seasons and the migration of our winter members back to Community Lutheran. Over the summer, the Council has seen three members resign from the Council, each for necessary reasons. Our President, Pete Wold, had to resign because of medical reasons. The Council will miss his kindness, leadership, and wisdom. At this writing, the latest update is that Pete was discharged from the hospital on the 28 th of September and is on his journey of recovery in good spirits. Prayer works!

Three former Council members stepped up to fill the vacancies left. Chad Leim, Karen Barnes, and Lynda Crawford, were willing to serve out the remaining months of the missing Council member's terms. Chad also agreed to step up as Council President. We are profoundly grateful to all that have offered to be of service to the Council!

The word unity is embedded in the word Community and observing Church members in action, working together, shows the unity within Community Lutheran Church each week. Our Mission Statement is, "Living Christ's Love in All We Do." From the Greeters, Kitchen Helpers, Sound Technicians, Readers, Ushers, Altar and Communion Helpers, Acolytes, Offering Counters, Pianists, Food Pantry Workers, Outreach Coordinators, Financial and Accounting Service Providers, Building and Grounds Repairs and Maintenance Workers, Sunday School Teachers, Women's Group Members, Music and Worship Committee Members, Custodians, our Secretary Shirley, and Pastor Tim, all are working in unity, with gratitude, and it is a beautiful sight to behold! We need you all!

Colossians 3:14-And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

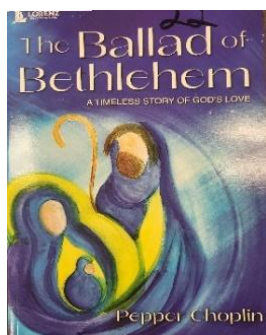
Holy Spirit Bunco

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



Cantata Choir Rehearsal

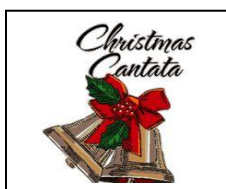
The rehearsals began September 16th at 6 pm, **for the Christmas Cantata**.
A special choir meeting will be held on December 12th at 9:00 am.
No rehearsal on November 25th.



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.

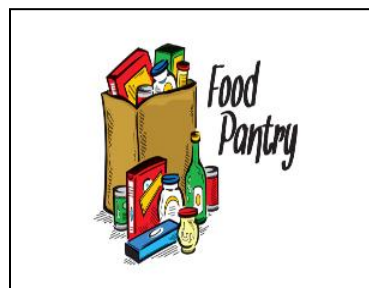


Christmas Cantata

This year's Christmas cantata will be on Friday, December 18th at 7:00 pm and on Sunday, December 20th at 3:00 pm.

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. Please donate and put in the pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



God's work, Our Hands

A big shout-out to all the people who helped put together the kits for God's Work, Our Hands. Your help is greatly appreciated. There were 57 kits made. Good going!! Your generosity is amazing!



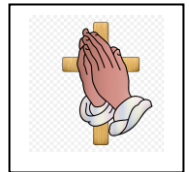
Columbarium/Church Property News

Dear congregation: This year was tough on our plants/trees. We lost 2 trees and some plants. I'm looking for any donations for the cause. If anybody is able to donate money, please memo it Columbarium.
Thank you much. Chad

From Pete Wold

Hello members and non-members of Community Lutheran Church. I just want everyone to know that I have resigned from the council due to health issues. I had heart bypass surgery on September 24th. I ask you to keep me in your prayers. It has been my pleasure to serve on the council of our church.

Pete Wold



Thank you for all your faithful prayers. I am out of the hospital and recovering at home.
Pete



Potlucks are back

On September 27th we have resumed our monthly potlucks.

Animal Blessing

Bring your pets to be blessed on October 3rd at 11:00 am.



Bible Study

Bible Study will be at 2:00 pm starting October 1st. Starting November 5th it will be at 2:00 pm Arizona time.

Two Services

On November 1st, we will be going to two services at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Arizona time. This is when we go off daylight savings time.

Women's Group

The next meeting of the women's group will meet on October 9th at 10:00 am to discuss and plan for the "Anything Chocolate" event in February. They invite all women to bring their ideas and any offerings to help.

Their monthly bible study and business meeting will be October 13th at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join this as well.

Halloween, celebrated on October 31, originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain and later merged with Christian traditions, marking the eve of All Saints' Day.

Historical Origins

Halloween traces back to the **Celtic festival of Samhain**, celebrated over 2,000 years ago in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France. Samhain marked the **end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter**, a time often associated with death. The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, **the boundary between the living and the dead became blurred**, allowing spirits to roam the earth. Bonfires were lit, and people wore costumes or masks to ward off or confuse these spirits, a practice that influenced modern Halloween costumes and spooky themes.

Christian Influence

In the 7th and 8th centuries, the Christian Church established **All Saints' Day (November 1)** to honor all saints, known and unknown. The evening before became known as **All Hallows' Eve**, which eventually contracted to "Halloween." This period, called **Allhallowtide**, also includes **All Souls' Day (November 2)**, dedicated to praying for the dead. Many Halloween customs, such as lighting candles on graves, reflect this Christian tradition of remembering the deceased.

Evolution of Traditions

Over time, Halloween evolved into a largely **secular celebration** in Europe and North America. Common practices include:

- **Trick-or-treating:** Children dress in costumes and collect candy.
- **Jack-o'-lanterns:** Carving pumpkins or turnips into lanterns, originally meant to ward off spirits.
- **Costume parties and festive gatherings:** Inspired by the ancient practice of disguising oneself from spirits.
- **Spooky decorations and storytelling:** Reflecting the holiday's association with ghosts and the supernatural

Cultural Significance

Halloween combines **pagan, Celtic, and Christian elements**, symbolizing the transition from autumn to winter, the remembrance of the dead, and the playful engagement with fear and the supernatural. Its name literally means "**Saints' Eve**", highlighting its Christian roots, while its customs preserve the ancient Celtic reverence for the dead and the mystical.

Today, Halloween is celebrated worldwide, blending historical traditions with modern entertainment, making it both a cultural and social event.



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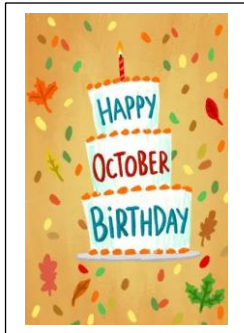
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				1 2 pm bible study	2	3 11:00 am Animal Blessing
4 9 am worship service w/communion	5 Office Closed	6	7 6 pm Choir Practice	8 2 pm bible study 4 pm council meeting	9 10:00 am Anything Chocolate planning committee	10
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25 9 am worship service w/communion <i>Noisy Offering</i> <i>Potluck</i>	26 Office Closed	27	28 6 pm Choir Practice	29 2 pm bible study	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

November

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 & 11 am worship svc w/communion	2 Office Closed	3	4 6 pm Choir practice	5 2 pm bible study	6	7
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



October Birthdays

3—Alice Grondahl
4—Lois Meyer
4—Dick Olson
8—Murl Shaver
10—Peter Wold
11—Paul Hillier
17—Lynne Swiston
18—Ron Parrott
22—Ed Wiebe
23—Gary Cochran
25—Doug Dyrdaahl
25—Sharyl Hass
25—James Smock
30—Karen Bouse

October Anniversaries

17—Larry & Shirley Cutler (17)
20—Dick & Debbie Olson (53)
22—Lou & Bea Padilla (32)



Mark your Calendars!

Pastor Bible Study: 2:00 pm on Thursdays

Council Meeting

Next meeting is October 8th at 4 pm in person

Women's Bible Study & Business Meeting

9:30 am on October 13th

10:00 am, October 9th Anything Chocolate planning meeting

Christmas Cantata

Choir practice on Wednesdays at 6pm.

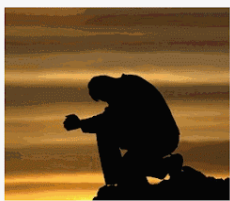
Animal Blessing

October 3rd at 11:00 am.

Time Change

The time changes on November 1st. This is when we go to 2 services at 9 & 11 am. The last Sunday of the month will have one service at 10 am.

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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