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From Pastor Steve



Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**

A new year is here and we quickly leave the celebration of Christmas and the turning of the calendar and venture forward with hopes for what might be in the coming year. As resolutions might be offered, I hope one is for each of us to find avenues by which we can grow in the marks of being a disciple of Jesus with embracing regular worship, bible reading, daily prayer, acts of generosity and service, hospitality, and inviting others to join in the adventure of following Jesus! I hope you will consider and invite others to one of the four new adult faith formation offerings: On Wednesday nights, I will be leading a course on Christian Caregiving to help develop skills for those open to serve as Agape Callers, Pastoral Assistants, or just want to be a better listener and friend. Our intern Nanette will be helping folks look at the various prayer practices that are part of our Christian Tradition. My wife, Barb, will be leading another Women’s Bible Study entitled Chase, looking at what we so often spend time chasing after. On Saturdays, Jack and JoAnn Grant are facilitating Dave Ramsey’s class “Financial Peace University”, which many members have found transformative in helping them get out of debt and gain critical financial management skills. During this first quarter of 2019 we will celebrate the season of Epiphany and the focus on Jesus being the light of the world. We will start with his baptism in the Jordan and end with God’s affirmation of who is on the Mount of Transfiguration. We start our Lenten season with an opportunity to gather for worship on Ash

Wednesday and receive the sign of the cross with ashes, reminding us “from dust we have come to dust we shall return.” We will then focus on journeying to Jerusalem for the last week of Jesus’ earthly life. On Wednesday evenings in Lent from 6:00-7:30PM we will once again offer simple soup suppers and then spend time in worship and studying the petitions of the prayer that Jesus taught us. It is anticipated that during Lent we will also provide a special emphasis in working to reduce world hunger through our support of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and beginning the needed fundraising to support hosting our annual Feed My Starving Children packing event in November 2019.

Voting members of the congregation will gather for our annual meeting on Sunday, February 10 at 11:45AM in the Sanctuary to elect new Board members, members to our Endowment Committee, approve our 2019 Spending Plan and our 2018 Financial Report, as well as receive updates on our Vision 2020 Capital Campaign and the sale of our vacant lots. We will have two major program fundraisers as we support our Music Ministry through our annual Rummage Sale and as we support our Youth Ministry through the gala and silent auction. Through all of the activities and special worship offerings, may we keep our focus on Jesus, who is the light of the world. May he enlighten us in the planning, the decisions, and the actions we take individually and as a congregation. I am excited about where the Lord will be leading us in 2019. Thank you for being part of this community of faith.

Walking in the Light of Jesus,

Pastor Steve



New Pictorial Directory! Sign up today!



Schedule your photography session

It has been five years since we had our last LOC Pictorial Directory!

We all know that Pastor Steve likes to be able to call people by their name! Pictures will be taken in the Leadership room – next to church office.

Lifetouch will begin taking pictures on the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 30th – 2PM to 9PM
- Thursday, January 31st – 2PM to 9PM
- Friday, February 1st – 2PM to 9PM
- Saturday, February 2nd – 10AM to 5PM

Three opportunities to sign up: online, at the ministry table or at our website www.loveofchristchurch.net – click on “What’s Going On” and then “Special Events”.

The link to sign up online is:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yk0zes90>. Any questions please contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681-0941.



A Note from the Intern

'Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.⁴ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁵Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁶Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁷Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem⁸ on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

I would like to begin this new year with a reflection upon the above passage from the Old Testament that lays out for us how we are to pass on faith through the prayer of Shema'.

This is a prayer that is still recited to Jewish infants from the time they are born. Jesus quotes this passage in Mark 12:28-34 and then connects this prayer to the greatest commandment, "love your neighbor as yourself." The Old Testament writer of Deuteronomy demonstrates a way for faith to be passed down from one generation to another. The author does a beautiful job of explaining how we are to incorporate God into our daily life.

We, as followers of Christ in the 21 century, can easily make worship into a once a week ritual and then leave our faith in the sanctuary. Far too often we allow faith formation (Christian Education) to be the sole job of the church with little or no participation from the family. In the past we have trusted Sunday School, Confirmation, Luther League, Youth Camps, and the Institution to be the only teachers of faith to our children. The church has often led parents to believe that "we got it" don't worry! However, research actually backs up what the church embraced before Sunday School began in the 1900's, *faith is best taught when a church and home relationship can be formed.* The faith traditions we do at home matter and they should begin from the time a child is born. Dawn Rundman, the author of "Little Steps Big Faith", sheds light on how the church/home relationship can provide little ones with some unique and remarkable opportunities that stimulate their brains and help build a foundation of faith that begins with one little step at a time. She also states, "the beautiful part of starting a tradition or ritual in the home is that it can begin at any age!" Formation of our faith is something that continues until the day we depart from this world and enter into glory.

This upcoming season of Epiphany and Lent both lend themselves to the start of something new, calling our attention as a congregation to begin something new. During the season of Lent, we are looking for families from all generations who would like to be a part of the church and home connection. Each family will be equipped with ideas based on what they are discussing in Sunday School, Youth Group, and Worship.

This opportunity is open to everyone who is willing to participate for 6 weeks. Should you like more information, please contact Renee Bennett, Anita Christensen, or Nanette Christofferson.

Blessings,

Intern Nanette Christofferson

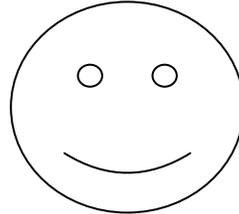
LADIES! **Save the Date**
Cactus Conference Gathering
Grand Canyon Synod - Women of the ELCA
Saturday, February 16, 2019
8:30 am - 2:30 pm—American Lutheran Church
17200 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85373 <http://alcsuncity.org/> 623.974.2515
Our theme is, "Ain't No Collar Small Enough." 2020 is the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Lutheran Church. Pastor Kim Sterner from Lord of Life Lutheran Church and Intern Pastor Nanette Christofferson from Love of Christ Lutheran Church will have us all laughing at the challenges, and thankful God opens doors as we listen to their message based on Galatians 3:26-29.
There will be workshops before and after lunch. We'll hear from our outreach project speaker, bless our collected in-kind gifts, and close with communion.
The \$10 registration includes the program, a light continental breakfast and lunch. Forms will be available in January. For additional information, contact Geri Skogen at gskogen@umn.edu or 651.645.0073.

Welcome, New Members!

In October of 2018 we received the following new members to share in the ministry of Love of Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here!



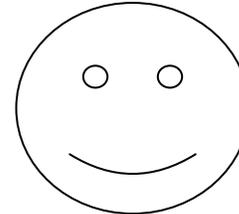
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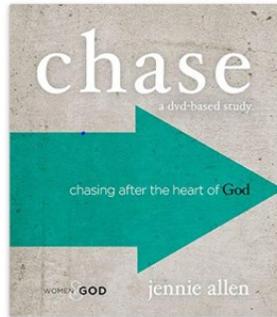


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Wednesday PM Adult Study Opportunities beginning on January 9, 6:00-7:30PM



We chase after something that we think will make us happy—comfort, success, money, or someone’s approval. But if we are honest, it feels like trying to catch the wind. **Chase Women’s Bible Study by Jennie Allen** provides women a chance to discover the heart of God and what God wants from us and for us. This study looks at seven major events in David’s life, and the psalms from those experiences. David was reckless, broken, sinful, passionate, and humble. The message of his life is that God wants the deepest part of us to truly know and love God. The lessons in the study guide are simple and interactive. A video will be shown at each session. Minimal homework is suggested. Cost for the book is \$10, if you are able. **Study dates (Winter 2019): Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Eight sessions/weeks.** Sign up online or at the sign-up tables so we can order enough books. LOC will order the book for you, which you will receive the first night of class. Barb Talmage will be leading this class.



Is there more than one way to pray? Prayer is a central part to who we are as Christians. When we turn to the Gospels we find Jesus in prayer with the Father. But many times we can find ourselves in what I would call a prayer rut, where one feels that they are just praying the same things over and over again. Over the course of 8 classes we will be exploring the many aspects and many different kinds of prayer. We will spend time looking into the Word of God and learning what the Bible says about prayer. We will be practicing different types of prayer. Hopefully each week will bring new insight into your prayer life. Some of the resources that will be used are from Phillip Yancey, Jane Vennard, Richard Rohr, and many more. This course will be led by Intern Nanette Christofferson. **Study dates (Winter 2019): Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Eight sessions/weeks.** Sign up at the Ministry Tables.



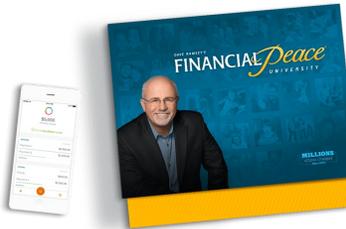
Christian Caregiving at Love of Christ

Currently we offer under the LoC Umbrella of Care the following:

- 1X1 Caregiving through Stephen Ministry Program as Care-Givers are available and Care-Receiver are open for assignment
- Homebound Monthly Communion through Agape Callers
- Stephen Minister volunteers in support of twice monthly I-Help ministry
- Prayer Ministry (chapel, prayer list, card ministry)
- Volunteer Pastoral Care calling to those on our weekly Prayer List
- Emergency Crisis Response On-Call Team
- Pastoral Staff
- Church Staff (weekly cards)

In an effort to continue to build our bench of disciples equipped to do active listening, provide communion to the homebound, support our caring ministries, and pastoral team Char Kraus, Chuck Cusack, Barb Talmage, Intern Nanette Christofferson and Pastor Steve Talmage have been developing a curriculum to equip others as **Agape Callers, Pastoral Assistants, Prayer Team members**, and whoever is interested in caregiving training. **Beginning January 9 in formerly the Stephen Ministry room Pastor Steve, Char Kraus, Chuck Cusack and others will be facilitating this 8-week session from 6:00-7:30PM.** Participants will be free to choose which areas of caring ministry in which they are open to serve or if they just want to take the course to use outside of the congregation. Current Stephen Ministers or Agape Callers are welcome to sit in on the course as a review, current Agape Callers who have not gone through a course are encouraged to attend. Sign up at the Ministry Tables.

SATURDAY AM ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITY BEGINNING JANUARY 19TH



5 million people have gone through Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" with life changing results. Following Christmas and New Year's it is a great time to get our financial affairs in order. Jack and JoAnn Grant once again are graciously facilitating another offering of this needed and practical course. A leading factor in marriages ending today is conflict over money issues. Most of us have never been taught by parents or anyone else basic skills in money management and may find ourselves overwhelmed with servicing debt, or barely making ends meet. This class from a faith perspective will give you the tools necessary to see a new hope-filled future. Classes will be held each Saturday mornings starting **1/19/19** for **9 consecutive weeks from 9:00am—10:30am** in the leadership room (next to the church office). There is a \$93 membership which fee includes audio CDs, workbook, handbook and budgeting system. Also included in the fee is access to a large library of on-line resources. Scholarships are available. This class is open to non-members as well as members of Love of Christ. If another day/evening would work better for you to complete this course, Jack and JoAnn are open for conversation about offering a different time. Please let the Church Office, 480 981 6198, know if Saturdays will not work. Sign up at the Ministry Tables.



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Weekday Bible Study led by

Pastor Steve Talmage

Mondays 10-11:30 AM in the

Fellowship Hall.

Preparing for Sunday Worship

Each week we are looking at the assigned readings from Revised Common Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, paying particular

attention to the text from which the weekly sermon is being prepared.

In the Revised Common Lectionary, readings are prescribed for each Sunday: a passage typically from the [Old Testament](#) or the [Acts of the Apostles](#), a passage from one of the [Psalms](#), another from either the [Epistles](#) or the [Book of Revelation](#), and finally a passage from one of the four [Gospels](#).



Children...Youth...Adults

WOW CONTINUES WITH MANY GREAT PROGRAMS FOR 2019!

WOW has so many wonderful things planned for you this year!!

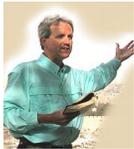
Women's bible studies as well as general adult bible studies, service project opportunities for all ages as well as the weekly blessing of sharing our time, talents, joys and sorrows with others who want to be supportive and be supported by one other! We hope you will join us!!

Our regular weekly programming will begin with a family-friendly dinner in the CoC beginning at 5:30 p.m. with programming for everyone starting at 6 p.m.

We will have fantastic programs for **children** (ages 4 – 6th grade) music/drama as well as small group prayer time, games, activities. **Youth** – (7th grade and up) we have a great combination of social time coupled with wor-

ship time geared toward the needs of the teenagers of the congregation and their friends. **Adults** we will have many options for ways to connect and fill your bucket mid-week!! Child care is available for children 3 and under. We conclude all programs at 7:30 p.m. so everyone has time to head home and get ready for school/work the next day. We can't wait for you to join us!!

Questions - please contact Heather at heatherparker@loccl.org or 480-681-0925.



Kevin Saunders' The Bible Between the Lines

Tuesdays 10-11:30am in the Center of Compassion.

ArizonaBibleClass.com

Men's Morning Java!



Morning Java Thursday 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Join other men of the congregation for a morning devotion, a little coffee, some breakfast (optional). Village Inn, (Southwest corner of Recker and McKellips).

Join former Pastor Ken Lentz to experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany and then share in an eight-day river cruise on the Rhone River in France. The 15 day tour dates are still being finalized, but will occur sometime



LENTZ PASSION PLAY & FRANCE 2020

between September 15 and October 7, 2020. Price per double occupancy is \$5,600 per person. You can register by sending a \$1,000 deposit payable to "Lentz Passion Play and France 2020". Mail to Dr. Ken Lentz, 210 Southampton Lane, Venice, FL 34293 or questions may be directed to Ken at kenlentz58@gmail.com or call 941.303.5840. You may also contact LoC member

Dana Harper d.harper10@gmail.com, 720.318.9658. 5 members from LoC have already expressed interest.

Women's Ministry

EXPLORE ARIZONA.....On **January 19th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling to the Superstition Wilderness and hiking the moderate 4.9 mile **Peralta Trail**. This hike is known for its scenic views and the satisfaction of reaching "the saddle" for spectacular views of Weaver's Needle and the Superstition Wilderness beyond. We will meet at 7:00 am in the COC parking lot and return by 2:00 pm.

EXPLORE ARIZONA.....On **February 16th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling southeast of Tucson and hiking the Gabe Zimmerman Trail. This trail is part of the Arizona Trail and the Cienega Creek Natural Preserve. Cienega Creek is a lush riparian area whose corridor is lined with huge cottonwood and sycamore trees creating a foliage canopy over the creek. Hike will be about 6 – 7 miles. Rated: easy. We will meet at 7:00 am in the COC parking lot and return by 6:00 pm.

ROAD TRIP.... **March 15TH – 17th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling to Joshua Tree National Park in Calif. and hiking the many trails and exploring the different historical sites there. Call Pat Shaw at 480-981-1325 for details and cost.

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"Care, Share & Prayer" Women's Bible Study

They are back for their regular Bible Study in the Leadership room; meeting **every Thursday** at 1pm. Linda Carothers is our Bible Study leader. If you have any questions, please call the church office 480 981 6198.

Naomi Circle

Uniting the Women of the Church

Established 1986. Serving church and community. Serve at funerals and weddings, support homeless women and pay for registrations at ELCA women's seminars. Join us for Bible study, fellowship and dessert the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Winter 2019: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus by Julie A. Kanarr.

January 14: Session one: Come and see: Seeking and finding faith.

February 11: Session two: By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus.

March 11: Session three: Friends for life in Christ.

April 8: Session four: Seeing the risen Christ.

All Bible studies are from *Gather Magazine*, a regular publication of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. To subscribe, call (845) 267-3074.

Subscribe to "Gather Magazine"

The magazine of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — guides you as you live and experience your faith every day.

It offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Gather is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. **It's only \$15 a year. — Subscribe online at: www.gathermagazine.org or by calling 1 (800) 328-4648.**

Crafting & Chatting Women of LOC



We welcome all Ladies/their friends for our Sunday afternoons. We **meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm**. We have become a "Sisterhood" and support many projects in the church, in the community, and enjoy our times together with work and laughter. We craft, chat, coupon, chat, crochet, chat, knit, scrapbook, and a whole lot more!!! Contacts are: Karen Wenzel 480 890 8692, Karla Harvey 480 262 7666 or Barbie Berry 480 705 3139. (See page 21 for a summary of what they have done this year.)

Prayer Chapel & Prayer Voices

Prayer Chapel



Come 7:30 am-12 pm
Stained Glass room across from
Sanctuary Narthex

Contact Person: Barbara Otto 480.390.9631

Come for Prayer following or during each Worship Service. Bring your prayer concerns for yourself or family and friends.

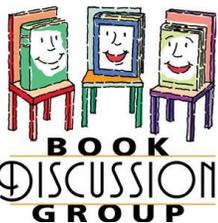
Prayer Team members will be available to speak with and pray for you.

Your shared concerns in the Chapel will remain in the Chapel. They will not be shared with others unless

you request to have your prayers on the weekly prayer requests for the church.

Special Opportunity: The Prayer Chapel is "Looking for a Few Good People" to help run the chapel on Sunday mornings. If this is your passion, please contact Rick Otto rotto1946@gmail.com.

PRAYER VOICES Please join us as we pray for each other, our Love of Christ family, Staff, Servant Volunteers, Missions, Ministries, Small Groups, Activities, and Events. If you are interested in attending, please call Barbara Otto at 480.390.9631.



Book Club News

The March meeting of the LOC Book Club will be on **Sunday, March 10th after the 9:00 am service in the COC**. We meet in the Nursery located next to the Book Nook.

We will be discussing Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Here is a synopsis of the book:

No one ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine. She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. She avoids social interaction and her weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka and phone chats with her mom. Everything changes when she meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

Come join us on March 10th with coffee in hand as we discuss Eleanor's deadpan weirdness and wit which makes her an out of the ordinary heroine. If you have any questions about the Book Club please contact Barbara Hummel at otemporium@aol.com or Penny Day at ptdayster@gmail.com. We have room for you at our discussion table!!



Thanks to all of you who purchased books and gifts during the Fall at the Book Nook and Book Nook Too. As you know, when you support our ministry, you are also supporting a number of other important ministries here at Love of Christ.

We also want to especially thank you for all the book donations and gifts you discovered when you were cleaning house. We have quite a few regulars who are always looking for a book they might have missed reading. Previous Book Club picks can usually be found here. If you are thinking of donating, we like to remind you that books should be within a 10 year time frame.

For those new to the Book Nook, we are open in the Center of Compassion prior to and after the 9:00 am service carrying both spiritual and secular books (including some large print) as well as cards and gifts. Look for Penny Day and Barbara Hummel in the COC. The Book Nook Too is located adjacent to the church fellowship hall following the 7:50 am service and before and after the 10:30 am service. You will also find a great selection of books and gifts there. Our volunteers Karen Wenzel, Jackie McGarry, Paula Gustafson, and Elaine Wirthlin are very helpful.

Please stop by and browse at either location. We would love to meet you!

Men's Gathering and BBQ Saturday, March 30th 5-8PM at Lee and Karen Humbert's

In anticipation of our summer weekend Men's Retreat, we want to have a chance for some of our winter friends to break bread with year round residents, share stories of faith and camaraderie over some good BBQ and beverages. There may be a chance to take on last summer's corn hole championship team of Pastor Steve and JB Bogushefsky. This will be a chance for any men in the congregation who would like to fellowship with other brothers in Christ for a few hours. We will have a sign-up by early March to be able to plan food, etc.

Associate Members are you interested in having some voting rights at LoC?

Come to our annual meeting on **Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 11:45** in the Sanctuary. We will be voting on a motion to allow seasonal residents to become seasonal members with voting rights at LoC. More information will be presented in the annual meeting agenda.



LOC Community Garden

Lots of us grew up with gardening in the summer and participating in winter activities in, well, winter. It's a different kind of garden here in Arizona. We have the short days of winter, and the warm temperatures that we brag about to our out of town cousins. Sitting on the porch, in the warm sun makes us think of planting tomatoes when there is a chance of frost well into February. It's time to be patient and enjoy the "winter" crop of herbs, peas, greens, and broccoli. Gardening here is a learning experience. At the LOC garden we share our successes and failures and hope to learn from them. Come visit the garden some day after church. There's always a sprig or two of rosemary to take home and some nice people to meet.



African Orphan Mission Project

Dear Friends

Although the African Orphans Project (AOP) did not send a team of missionaries to Shongweni, South Africa this year, our work has been continuing to reach out to this small community near Durbin. Donated funds from Love of Christ, designated for the AOP, have been sent to our Lutheran partners that assist us in Shongweni. This fund will be used to provide a Christmas basket to about 60 families consisting of much needed food for the caregivers and the orphaned children. I have included a picture of the parcels and some of the caregivers from last year because our gifts this year will not be given before this publication goes out.

Just recently the children of our day school were presented with a gift box (a decorated shoe box) that contained a few toys and personal items such as tooth paste and soap. As you are able to see from the picture, the children are very well behaved in spite of being excited about the boxes. Our day school is blessed to have a wonderful staff of teachers and helpers and about 70 children on a daily basis. These children are experiencing a Christian based education preparing them for public school.

Thank you all for your support and prayers.
Ken Ondrejko



Music Ministry

A BIG THANK YOU FROM JUNG CSUY!

This was the fastest Christmas season ever! Christmas seems to do that every year! After all the preparation, rehearsals, meetings, and finally our performances... Yes! we finished and finished strong! I hope that all of you are as proud and satisfied as I am. I was so moved by the message and the energy that came from your performances. The feelings of excitement during our yearly cantatas will always stay with me. None of this would be possible without our musicians and our wonderful fundraising team. I would like to say thank you to the people who made this all work for us. **We raised \$1,236.52 from the Bake Sale!**

Annual Music Ministry Dinner & Concert: A special thanks to Ginny Williams who took charge and organized the dinner. She spent so many hours working behind the scene to prepare and locate many volunteers. Thank you, Ginny, for organizing the Auction as well! Thanks to Karen Thompson for helping Ginny with decorating the tables and organizing the dinner, and Ann Placheki for the wonderful dinner at the event! Thank you to the generous people who provided beautiful gifts for us to auction and to Tom Osterman as an awesome MC.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA MUSIC TEAM: I want to show my gratitude to the mass choir who committed hours and hours in this busy season! Thanks to Brooke Osterman and Laura Ontiveros for getting the children's choir ready. Thanks to the Alleluia Ringers for their community outreach this year. The people at Fellowship Square Retirement Community really enjoyed the Christmas Music. The Soul Ringers did an outstanding performance playing the Carol of the Bells. Thanks Jim Mesar for writing such a powerful narration again this year! You just have God's heart for doing that. I am grateful that even through your physical difficulty, you made the time for us. Thanks to Anita DeYoung, Lori Hlebak, Judy Andersen, Lori Nielson, and Laura Ontiveros for helping me with the logistics and the services. Karen & Brian Thompson, Karen's mom, Nellie Revelle, Bev Davis, Denise Smith, Connie & Denise Erickson for providing the Cantata participants with a delicious breakfast! We all want to thank the people who provided stage setups: Brian Thompson & Mark Cloud. Technical support: Ivan Ontiveros and Joey Bogushefsky. Videographer: Kurt Parker. Thank you, Ivan, for editing the CD and DVD! Photographer: Dave Dohrmann. Lastly, let me thank all the people who prayed for this event.

Serving Jesus together,
Jung Csuy



“Love Always, Lenny”

[Friday, January 18 is a date you must mark in your calendar... right now!](#) We have the extraordinary privilege of hosting the **Phoenix Opera** here in our CoC. They will be performing *“Love Always, Lenny”* a musical celebration in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein. Some of his music that you may be familiar with are: *West Side Story, On the Town and Candide*, as well as songs by Gershwin and Copland, who inspired and influenced Bernstein's compositions. *I Feel Pretty, I've got Rhythm, Summertime, Maria* and so much more, including narration and anecdotes by Metropolitan Opera's Gail Dubinbaum, a favorite Mezzo-Soprano of Maestro Bernstein.

This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy a fabulous evening of wonderful music. You won't have to go to Phoenix, pay for parking and walk to the opera house. You can wear fancy clothing or be casual! Our parking lot is FREE!! You can enjoy refreshments at intermission and chat with your friends. You can enrich your soul with this beautiful music in the comfort of Love of Christ Church, something you shouldn't pass up.

Ticket sales after each service.

\$18 per adult, \$10 per child (9 to 18 years old) and \$25 at the door on Jan. 18.

Music Ministry (Continued)

Calling for Handbell Ringers!



I am looking for people who like to ring bells for awesome seasons: Lent and Easter! For those who are interested, please contact Jung Csuy at 480-205-6267 or jungmusic@loclc.org
Bell Choir rehearsal is every Tuesday beginning January 15, from 6:30pm~8:00pm in the green room.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA CD AND DVD AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

CD \$10 EA

DVD \$15 EA

BOTH \$20



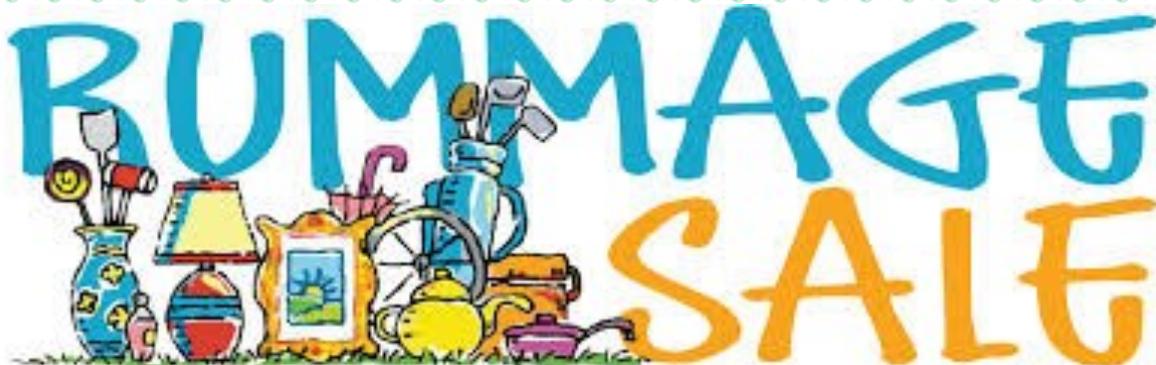
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CALLING FOR SINGERS!

It's time to get going with the Lenten Cantata!

Performance: Sunday, April 14 at 9am and 10:45am in COC

Lenten Cantata rehearsals on Thursdays: February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 from 7pm ~8:30pm
April 11 from 6:30pm~8:30pm
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, April 13 from 9am~ 12pm



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, Feb. 18-21 DROP OFF ITEMS

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 - 1PM TO 7PM RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, FEB. 23 - 8AM TO 1PM RUMMAGE SALE

People On The Go/FAB Events

We enjoy attending a variety of events! We are open to any suggestions that anyone has for upcoming events. We also welcome any help in planning for events! The more ideas and more people involved equal more fun and fellowship. Any questions, comments or suggestions you can contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681-0941 or Karen Leonard at 480-773-2790.

Upcoming events - more info will be available in bulletin.

January 19th - Silver Star Theatre - Malt Shop Oldies

February 23rd - Tacky Prom at LOC

March 4th - Highland High School Orchestra

March 16th - Game Day at Humberts

March 30th - Hale Theatre - Singing in the Rain



Altar Guild servants needed!!! Can you help out one or two Sundays a month? If you have any questions, you can contact Donna Johnson at 480-924-6092 for the 9:00 service, and Dianne Oien at 480-681-0941 for the 7:50 & 10:30 services.



New Member Classes

**Monday, January 28th & February 4th
5:30pm to 7:30pm**

Dinner served at 5:30pm

Love of Christ is a community gathered around Word and Sacrament in our worship experience! We are hosting two classes for those folks who would like to make LOC their church home. Whether you have been with us for a short time or a long time, this is an important time as you consider the tug of the Holy Spirit to join with others who have made the commitment to partner with LOC as we share the Love of Christ. Contact dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681-0941.

1. Come to class: Monday, January 28th & February 4th in Fellowship Hall (Dinner & child care provided)
2. Classes are led by Pastor Steve Talmage
3. Be received on Sunday, February 10th.

See you there!

Pictorial Directory Volunteers needed!

Volunteers needed to sign up to greet people as they come for their photography sessions. Sign ups available for the January 30th, 31st, Feb. 1st and 2nd. If interested, please contact Dianne Oien at 480-681-0941 or dianneoien@loclc.org.



A Night in the Superstitions

DINNER & AUCTION

BENEFITING LOC YOUTH GROUP

FEBRUARY 24TH, 2019

SUPERSTITION MANOR, MESA, AZ

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

WWW.NIGHTINTHESUPERSTITIONS.COM

Children and Youth Ministries

Youth Calendar



January

- 2 Road trip
Flagstaff (Sr High)
- 6 TIM and Confirmation
- 9 Youth Group/PIE NITE!
- 13 TIM and Confirmation
- 16 Youth Group
- 20 TIM and Confirmation
- 23 Youth Group/PIE NITE!
- 27 TIM and Confirmation
- 30 Youth Group



February

- 3 SOUPER BOWL TIM and Confirmation
- 6 Youth Group/
PIE NITE!
- 8 "Night to Shine" prom
- 9 God's Work our Hands
- 10 TIM and Confirmation
- 13 Youth Group
- 17 TIM and Confirmation
- 20 Youth Group/PIE NITE!
- 24 TIM and Confirmation



"A NIGHT IN THE SUPERSTITIONS"
Youth dinner auction
Sunday, Feb 24
4-9PM
27 Youth Group



March

- 3 TIM and Confirmation
- 6 Ash Wednesday **NO Youth Group**
- 8-15 **SPRING BREAK**
- 16 Citrus Picking
- 17 TIM and Confirmation

- 20 Youth Group/PIE NITE!
- 24 TIM and Confirmation
- 24 **ALL CONGREGATION picnic and hike, 4-7PM**
- 27 Youth Group
- 31 TIM and Confirmation



Sr High Flagstaff Road Trip 2019
Wednesday, January 2
Sign up at youth table
No charge!!



"A Night in the Superstitions"
February 24, 4-9PM
Superstition Manor
Mesa, AZ

Youth dinner and auction fundraiser.
Only youth fundraiser until 2021.
Tickets purchased online ONLY. \$75 per person for open bar, sit-down dinner, entertainment, live and silent auction.
All proceeds go to support our youth program camps, retreats, mission trips, etc.
www.nightinthesuperstitions.com



MARCH 24
4-7PM
ALL CONGREGATION HIKE AND PICNIC
AT USERY PARK



YOUTH CITRUS PICKING SERVICE
PROJECT AT GARY DEBEERS HOUSE
MARCH 16, 9AM-2PM

Children and Youth Ministries (Continued)



4th, 5th & 6th Grade Lock-In!
Super Hero Training academy
Are you ready to meet the challenge?

Friday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, January 26,
9:00 a.m.

Join us in the Center of Compassion
for food, fun, games, laughter,
a movie, plus some sleep!

Register at the Children's Ministry Table

Deadline to register is Sunday, January 20

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!!

Questions? Contact Anita @AnitaChristensen@loclc.org



**BE A "BUDDY" AT THE NIGHT TO
SHINE PROM
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
6-9PM
MUST REGISTER AT
WWW.COMPASSAZ.CHURCH/NTS**

Free Martial Arts!



The Center for Humane Living
An open hand to humanity



New Students are Welcome!

Mondays:

5:30pm-6:30pm – Family Class - Beginner and above

6:30pm-7:45pm - 2nd Yellow Belt and above

For more information please contact **Joe Bogushefsky** at
480-455-9829 or email to joebogushefsky@gmail.com.



Full & Half Day Preschool



LOVE OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL NOW REGISTERING

Flexible Scheduling, Affordable Rates, Phonics based curriculum, and
Christian atmosphere,

Contact Preschool Director at 480-681-0937
or janiceherron@loclc.org for tours and information.



Lenten Schedule

- 3/6 Ash Wednesday “Hallowed be your name”
- 3/13 “Your kingdom come”
- 3/20 “Your will be done, on earth as in heaven”
- 3/27 “Give us today our daily bread”
- 4/3 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”
- 4/10 “Save us from the time of trial”
“And deliver us from evil”

Cursillo

Cursillo Retreats

Cursillo has its roots in the Catholic Church. It is a retreat centered on the events of Holy Week, with talks and worship grounded in God’s amazing grace. Through a Cursillo weekend, men gather with other men and women gather with other women, to experience an opportunity to affirm and strengthen their relationship with Christ and share in intentional Christian Community. The Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona invites men and women from across Lutheran denominations to share in this retreat as it reflects our Lutheran lens for understanding what God has done for the world through Jesus Christ. The retreats are offered at 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church, 142 N Date, Mesa, AZ 85201. There is no charge to attend one of these retreats. The Cursillo Community practice a pay-it-forward philosophy,

so that no one is denied an opportunity to attend a weekend due to finances. Previous weekend participants make a gift to Cursillo to provide for an upcoming weekend. If you

Dates for the next Weekend Retreat

- Women’s Weekend, 5PM Thursday, March 14 thru 5PM Sunday, March 17**
- Men’s Weekend, 5PM Thursday, March 21 thru 5PM Sunday, March 24**

would like to learn more about a Cursillo Weekend Retreat, you are welcome to speak with our LoC Parish Representatives: Clyde and Sally Anderson moose308lover@cox.net or moose3081947@cox.net) or you can speak to Pastor Steve Talmage.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you to everyone that made a year-end “no cost” donation to our Habitat for Humanity ministries! Now that the roof and windows have been completed, we will be able to work in a cool and dry environment as we begin to detail the interior. We would love to have you join us at least one of the Saturdays between now and March 23rd when we dedicate the Rocha’s new home in Jesus’ name. We start at 0730 with prayer, have lunch about 1100, and finish up about 2 pm, but you may leave at any time. No tools needed –we provide. No skills needed, we teach. Maps, schedules and waivers are on the Habitat kiosk in the Center of Compassion and outside the Sanctuary. Wear old clothes and closed-toe shoes. You must be 16 to build with us, and 18 to use power tools.



Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit, faith-based organization with the goal of eliminating sub-standard housing throughout the world. With partners like us, they facilitate the construction of simple, decent, affordable homes to families in need. The families with which we partner are selected without regard to race, ethnicity, or religion. The families must be United States citizens or on permanent residency status, demonstrate a need for adequate housing, have a two-year history of stable income between 30 and 65 percent of the

median income, have a good credit history, complete 100 hours of “sweat equity” on a fellow Habitat owner’s house, and an additional 300 hours on their own home before taking occupancy, and complete classes on home maintenance, financing, and home ownership. The homes are NOT given to the homeowners. At the time of the home completion and dedication, the homeowners make their first payment on a profit-free mortgage, and the average payment is about 25% of their income, which includes the principal, property taxes, homeowner’s insurance, and a maintenance account. These funds are then used by Habitat to build even more homes. The results are incredible – families living in sub-standard housing and caught up in a cycle of poverty become home-owners, tax-payers, and contributors to the well-being of their neighborhoods!

For additional information on the Christian principles that guide Habitat for Humanity, please pick up one of the tri-fold brochures, visit www.habitatcaz.org or call me at 480-985-8757.

I-HELP appreciates your continual support of this program. Your contributions of lunch food supplies, water, travel size products, new underwear and socks are appreciated by our guests. Because we are “spatially challenged” with little storage, please keep clothing donations seasonally appropriate. It has been said many times by our I -HELP Ladies that they like coming to our church....they feel the Love by your generosity. Contact: Jackie Rensel at jrensel@cox.net.



Thank you so very much for your donations of turkeys and hams this past holiday season for those in need.

Don't Forget About Us!!!



OVERFLOW SUNDAY!

The Food Bank Needs YOU!

On the **last Sunday** of each month we would like everyone to bring a bag of non perishable items for the Food Bank and overflow the Feed My Sheep box! **THE FOOD BANK REALLY APPRECIATES AND NEEDS OUR SUPPORT!**



At Love of Christ: 1525 N. Power Rd., Room #47, Mesa, AZ 85205 480.396.3795

Top Food Bank Needs

Mac & Cheese, Pork & Beans, Cereal, Peanut Butter/Jelly & Tuna.
NON PERISHABLES ONLY.

LOC donation boxes are located in the Sanctuary and COC narthexes.

Lutheran Social Services Assistance

Robert Sanders
Phone 480 284-1081
Email rsanders@lss-sw.org

Food Banks:

Victory Lutheran Church

Phone 480 654-4539
5946 E. University Drive
Mesa AZ 85205

Hours: Mon-Wed-Fri 9:00-11:30 AM

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone 480 332-5589
142 N. Date Street, Mesa AZ 85201
Hours: Tues-Thurs 9:00-11:15 AM
Closed Second Tuesday each month

Announcements

LSS is utilizing the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to help prevent individuals from eviction and utility shut-off. Clients must have a five day eviction notice and recent loss of employment.

Mesa area clients contact Neighborhood Services Department at 20 E. Main Street, Suite 250 or call 480-644-2168. The hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

We continue to see an overwhelming need for assistance. We appreciate your continued donations to our food banks and financial assistance that helps clients with their utility bills. *Thank you* for your generosity!

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest is excited to introduce our new look. New logos have been developed for the four focus areas of LSS-SW: I-HELP, Aging and Disabilities, Refugee Focus and Child and Family Services. Along with the new look is a renewed emphasis on congregational and community relationships. We will continue to work with Love of Christ to honor our mission of "Showing kindness, doing justice and serving those in need".

LSS In Home Care @ LOC



a program of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

Luminaria Home Care provides non-medical in-home care to seniors and individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Our goal is to enable the people we serve to remain in their homes and maintain their highest level of independence. Luminaria Home Care has been blessed with an ongoing relation-

ship with Love of Christ Lutheran Church and we are thankful for all you have done for us. Please come by and say "Hi" any time. Regional Director; Rebecca Johnston, Care Coordinators; Nikki Commans and Danielle Johnston.

LSS Connectors

You can make a positive difference in our church and in our community by volunteering as a Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) Connector. Connectors educate individuals about how they can be involved in the vital safety net services LSS-SW provides to individuals in need across AZ, and expand awareness and community involvement in services that support older adults, individuals with disabilities, foster children, families who are hungry and in need, newly resettled refugees and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Change for Change

**"Supporting Love of Christ's ministries
one coin at a time"**



Please take a moment to drop some change in the jug ☺

**All donations support the "Lutheran Food Bank"
Keep up the good work!**

Serving Opportunities

Help
Wanted

GREETERS & USHERS are needed at all three services!

SIGN
UP!

Altar Guild Servants Needed



SIGN
UP!

Can you help out one or two Sundays a month? Please sign up to serve on the Altar

Guild to set up communion for one of our three services. If you have any questions you can contact Donna Johnson at 480-326-8370 for the 9:00 service or Dianne Oien at 480-681 0941 for the 7:50 & 10:30 services.

Volunteer Security...



Thanks to Karen & Brian Thompson, Joe Holmwood, Joe & Jodi Bogushefsky, Dave Dohrmann and Rob Floyd! Thanks for serving in this ministry. Currently we need volunteers to cover Wednesday and Saturday evenings! If you have 30 minutes to spare, we can certainly use your help. If you can't commit to every week but can commit to a couple days a month, that would be great! If interested, you can contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681 0941.

Ride to Church

Can you help with a ride to church?



We would like to create a list of people that drive and would be willing to pick up someone that does not drive for church on Sunday. If you want to be a servant in this capacity, please call Darlene at 480 981 6198 to add your name to the list.

Did You Know?

Your Business in our Directory!

If you are a business owner and a member of Love of Christ, we are offering an online business directory to you and your business. To list your business, you must submit a Business Directory form on the Love of Christ website at www.loveofchristchurch.net.



To get started:

Must be a member of LOC to submit your business on LOC's website.

Access LOC's website at

loveofchristchurch.net and go to the "Find It Here" section on the main page

Then click on Business Directory

Read and follow the instructions on the page.

One time donation of \$20 is requested.

These funds will be used for Children's Fellowship Ministry (place this info in the memo line on the check). Make check out to LOC. ***Remember to check out the variety of businesses or services that are available from LOC members!***

On Facebook? "Like"

Love of Christ Lutheran Church, Mesa AZ and visit our page to find out what's happening at the church! Become a member of the group if you'd like a weekly scoop. Here's the link if you can't find us: <http://www.facebook.com/LOCLC>.



Do you love coffee? Do you enjoy drinking the coffee following the 9:00 service? Well we could sure use about four more members to sign up for once a month or every other month to make coffee. You might ask "what is involved?" The tables and chairs are setup by our facility team, so on Sunday the tables need to be decorated, coffee brewed, set up, and clean up! If interested or just want more info, you can contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681 0941.

Ending the Year Well

First, thank you so much for your faithful generosity throughout the year. Typically, the last month of the year takes us over the top! To do that this year, we need everyone to prayerfully consider making sure that you are up to date on your estimate of giving. By ending the year well, we begin the new year with a strong foundation for our mission and ministries. Year-end giving may be received until Jan. 4, 2019. Please date your donations Dec. 31, 2018.

Online Giving

Did you know that you can go onto our website (loveofchristchurch.net) or scan the QR Code to the right and make a contribution?

- Download any free QR code app.
- Scan QR Code printed here.
- Register (one time only)
- Indicate the amount you would like to contribute.



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

—
Jesus, Matthew 6:21

Jesus taught that how we handle our money is an indicator of our hearts, and Paul taught that we should give cheerfully and sacrificially in response to the love of God. Giving is a central theme of the Bible, and at Love of Christ we invite our regular attendees and members to give in our weekend services or by mailing in their contributions. We are now pleased to offer the option of giving online. In our digital age with online shopping, online bill pay, Ebay, and Amazon, Love of Christ has chosen to make online tithing and giving available to those who are interested. You can give online by either check or credit/

debit card. We believe that living “debt free” is a worthy goal for all Christians.

Online giving does involve the use of credit and debit transactions and makes no distinction between the two.

We offer this option only as a convenience and we strongly urge you to use your credit card only as a payment method, never to incur debt. However, if you intend to pay off your balance each month, we believe that is an issue of conscience and leave that between you, God, and your frequent flier miles. With online giving, you can give your tithe to Love of Christ and also support our missionaries and mission trips.

Online giving will be counted toward your regular yearly giving and will appear in your year-end giving statement for tax purposes, along with all other contributions.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

For more information visit us online at loveofchristchurch.net or contact Dick Beckman at 480-981-3550.

The SIMPLY GIVING Program

What’s the easiest way to prepare your offering?

By using Simply Giving you have an easy way to have your offering transferred automatically from your account on a regular basis. This makes it easy for you to know you are always current, and it also assists the church with our record-keeping. Visit the Ministry Tables on Sunday for a brochure or contact Dick Beckman at 480 981-3550.

Are you a “Thrivent Financial for Lutherans” member?



If you are, then you may be eligible to participate in their “Thrivent Choice” program! Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide, including your local Lutheran congregation (LOC!). When you become eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you will receive a letter in the mail. Eligible members may direct Choice Dollars by contacting Rick Aussprung of Thrivent at 480 396 5333.

Vision 2020 Capital Campaign

Where do you see the Lord leading Love of Christ over the next several years? The congregation has affirmed we need to reduce our financial indebtedness in order to expand our mission effectiveness. The verse for our campaign is a familiar one:

Jeremiah 29:11

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Love of Christ is in the hope business. God is eager for communities like ours to be engaged in living intentional lives of love, service, and forgiveness for the sake of the common good. Debt reduction will allow us to shift from so much fund-raising to faith-raising, as we equip the baptized followers of Jesus to use their talents and abilities to care for the vulnerable, to feed the hungry, to teach the faith, and to expand our understanding of how much God loves this world and all who are created in God’s image.

It is hoped that every disciple of Jesus at LoC will begin to pray about supporting this campaign as the Lord leads. Much pre-work will be going on during this year with formal commitments being asked in the fall of 2019 with giving commitments to start January 2020. Of course, as one member asked, can we start supporting the campaign now? The answer is Yes! The quicker we move to eliminate our \$1.8 million debt, the more resources will be able to flow to expand our mission. As a part of our pre-work, a day-long Prayer Vigil is being planned for Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Thanks to member Al Gjersvig, for being our in-house volunteer coordinator!

Chatting and Crafting Women Continued from Page 7

The LOC Chatting and Crafting women are a group of caring and talented members. We meet to chat or work on our individual projects.



This year we packed 400 Blessing Bags for the homeless. They are offered to the congregation to share. All gifts from congregational members to supply the bags are appreciated. They have shared shampoo, deodorant, lip gloss, socks, wash clothes, snacks, water and much more. These bags are designed to get them through one night. We thank everyone who has donated to this project. Supplies continue to be received to share with Lutheran Social Services for their foster program.

We continue to support the I-Help program. There is also a Christmas Tree that continues to be decorated all year for different holidays.

A new project is the making of prayer beads. They are available in the Book Nook.

The biggest project was the making of 130 rounds of Lefse which were delivered to the Music Ministry Bake Sale.

This is a group of very loving, talented and caring women. We welcome anyone to join us—just to chat. We meet the second Sunday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

LOC 2018 Church Board Members & Officers

Church Board President	Patti DeLaney
Church Board Vice President	Melissa Riner
Church Board Treasurer	Michael Obert
Church Board Secretary	Karen Humbert
Church Board Member	Clyde Anderson
Church Board Member	Al Gjersvig
Church Board Member	Nicole Cumberledge
Church Board Member	Dan Wilke
Ex Officio	Pastor Steve Talmage

Church Directory Ext. / Phone Email

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Children's Music Ministry—Brooke Osterman & Laura Ontiveros		
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Heather Parker (WOW).....	heatherparker@loclc.org	x112
Tim Rosenow, Facilities		
Kiernan Steiner.....	Contemporary Worship Leader	
	kmsteiner7@gmail.com	
Stephen Ministry	480 584 6203	
Brian Thompson-Facilities		

Worship & Care Directory Phone/Ext.

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Landscaping	Dick Beckman	x121
Secretary	Darlene Fleischhauer	x110
Readers:	Sharon Randall	480 628 5829 or rndllshar@aol.com
Ushers 7:50 Service	Elaine Warwick	986-4873
Ushers 9:00 Service	Jeff Milan	814-7514
Greeters 7:50, 9:00, 10:30	Dianne Oien	480 681 0941.



Stephen Ministry Referrals:

Char Kraus Phone Number: **480 584 6203**

Prayers of Sympathy and Comfort to...

- ✠The family & friends of Sandy Acquista upon her recent death.
- ✠The Family & friends of Lori Hamilton upon her death.
- ✠Gerda Heif upon the death of her mother Edel Traud.
- ✠ Phyllis Kroeger, family & friends upon the death of her dear husband Norm.
- ✠Jim Riner, family & friends upon the death of his father.
- ✠Chuck Snyder, family & friends upon the death of his step-father, Charles Farbisio.
- ✠ Kim & Jim Johnson upon the death of their sister in law Kim Spratt.
- ✠Cindy Kolo & Wendy Carstens, family & friends upon the death of father and LOC member, Del Carstens.
- ✠Sandy Mason, family & friends upon the death of mother Velda Cameron.



Shut-In & Spouse Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a Birthday

JANUARY

- 8** Carol Johnson, Good Shepherd Villa, 5848 E. University Dr. #1012, Mesa, AZ 85205
- 16** Cora Lufkin, 2713 N. 26th St., Phoenix, 85008-1017

FEBRUARY

- 4** Betty Wenholz, 3115 N. Sea Pines, Mesa 85215

MARCH

- 29** Elaine Lalim
6945 E. Main St., #4164, Mesa, AZ 85207

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Charts are at the Ministry Tables on Sunday mornings. Altar flowers are \$30 per arrangement and may be taken home following the service you attend. To give flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God, please sign the Flower Chart **at the service you worship**, or call Darlene at 480 981-6198, or email Darlene@loclc.org.



Columbarium: A final resting place. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of our special pricing for purchasing a niche in the new section of our columbarium to the first 40 people.

SPECIAL PRICING----NICHE FOR TWO PARTIES \$1,000.00
SPECIAL PRICING----NICHE FOR ONE PARTY \$ 700.00

Once the first 40 limit is reached, the pricing will be \$1,500.00 for a two-party niche and \$900.00 for a one-party niche.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please call the church office and talk to either Darlene Fleischhauer at 480-981-6198 or Dick Beckman at 480 981-3550 .



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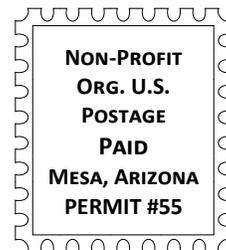
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Love of Christ Lutheran Church

Fax 480 832-2583 Office 480 981-6199

1525 North Power Road, Mesa AZ 85205



Time Valued for Immediate delivery – Return Service Requested

Worship and Communion

Sunday Morning

Holy Communion during Sunday worship every Sunday.
(2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays by intinction.)

7:50 & 10:30 A.M. Traditional Worship Services, Sanctuary

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service,
Center of Compassion (casual attire)

10:15-10:35 A.M. Sunday School (3 yr. old-4th grade)

10:30 A.M. Confirmation (Sept. - May)

7:30AM-12:30 PM Prayer Chapel— See page 8

Weekdays at LOC:

Weekday Preschool

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. The Bible Between the Lines

Wednesdays: WOW (Sept. - May)

Website: www.LoveofChristChurch.Net

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LOCLC>

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA) Grand Synod



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

THE APR/MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED ON MARCH 19, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene at 480 981 6198 or darlene@loclc.org.