

# Love of Christ Lutheran Church

1525 North Power Road  
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**February 2017**

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## Look What's Coming Up!

Holy Communion on Sundays—1st and 3rd Sundays by individual cup, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays by intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice of wine).

### February 2017!

- 1 5:30pm WOW/Youth Group/Adult Study/  
Financial Peace P4/11
- 5 **New Members Received**  
**Souper Bowl of Caring**  
**Scout Sunday/Pancake Breakfast!**  
**Girl Scouts selling cookies**  
**Blood Drive Sign ups Begin P18**
- 6 10am Pastor Ken's Bible Study P8  
6pm Pastor Ken's Bible Study P9
- 8 5:30pm WOW/Youth Group/Adult Study/  
Financial Peace P4/11
- 9 Newsletter articles due by Noon
- 11 1pm Roger Naylor Speaking at LOC in  
Sanctuary P14
- 12 **Holy Communion by intinction**  
**11:30am Congregational Meeting in  
Sanctuary**
- 13 10am Pastor Ken's Bible Study P8  
6pm Pastor Ken's Bible Study P9
- 15 5:30pm WOW/Youth Group/Adult Study/  
Financial Peace P4/11
- 16 7pm Hale Theater "Thoroughly Modern  
Millie" P15
- 18 5:30pm F.A.B. Mardi Gras Party P15  
7pm Augsburg Centennial Singers P5
- 19 **500th Anniversary of Reformation**  
**Church Board Installed**
- 20 Presidents Day Office Closed  
10am Pastor Ken's Bible Study P8  
6pm Pastor Ken's Bible Study P9  
2/26 & 3/5 bulletin articles due
- 22 5:30pm WOW/Youth Group/Adult Study/  
Financial Peace P4/11
- 25 9-Noon 1st Holy Communion Class in  
Sanctuary P12
- 26 **Transfiguration of our Lord**  
**Holy Communion by Intinction**  
**Overflow Sunday**  
**5-9pm Night in the Superstitions**  
**Fundraiser Dinner P2-3**
- 27 10am Pastor Ken's Bible Study P8  
6pm Pastor Ken's Bible Study P9  
3/12 Bulletin Articles Due

Black= Other days of the week/(end)  
Red = Sundays

## From Pastor Joe Continued on page 4



Another Christmas is done, and a new year is upon us. How fast it all seems to go. We look forward to 2017 for a number of reasons: this will be the year that we call a new senior pastor; perhaps this will be the year when peace comes to the world (well we can always hope); this will be a year of excitement and growth for Love of Christ; this is the year in which we continue to celebrate and remember these past thirty years of ministry here in East Mesa, as we look forward to the next chapter in the life of our congregation.

## Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast, Feb. 5



### LOC Troop 301

Please join LOC Troop 301 for our Scout Sunday breakfast on **February 5th**. The Scouts will be serving pancakes, bacon or sausage, juice, and coffee from **7:30 am to 11:00 am in the COC Rms. 48-50**. All donations will go toward the purchase of Troop gear and camping scholarships.

Please come hungry and enjoy a good breakfast. For more information contact Keith Beeman Scoutmaster Troop 301(480) 227-7974 or email to Troop301online@gmail.com

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales, Feb. 5

Troop 1775 will be selling Girl Scout cookies for \$5/\$6 a box\*, at all three services on **Scout Sunday, February 5**. We hope you can donate an extra box of cookies to the I-HELP ladies. Your purchase helps pay for field trips, supplies, badges and more! Thanks for your support! . \*The core 6 (Thin Mints, Savannah Smiles, Tagalongs, Do-Si-dos, Samoas, and Trefoils) are \$5/box and the S'Mores and Gluten Free Toffee-Tastics are \$6/box .

## Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday Feb 5



This is a fun event where youth of the congregation raise funds entirely for the local food bank here in Mesa. Bring your change! Support your team!

## "Night in the Superstitions" Dinner See Page 2/3

## Congregational Meeting Feb. 12th



### 11:30am in our Sanctuary

Love of Christ members, staff and our Board will gather in the sanctuary for our annual meeting to celebrate and give thanks for the 2016 ministries and missions and the 2017 business of the church. The Annual Reports and revised Constitution are now available in the Sanctuary and COC narthexes for you to pick up prior to the meeting.

## Love of Christ Youth Are AMAZING!

Help our youth attend camps and serve through mission trips by supporting our fundraiser

### *A Night in the Superstitions*



#### Words from our youth:

*"This church has nurtured my faith as I moved through Confirmation and continues to be an outlet...it's a safe haven for anyone who joins."*

**Morgan Hansen, junior**

*"I've grown so much through the youth program...it's helped me develop as a person."*

**Kate Walberg, senior**

*"The youth program was always a place for me to get away from the stress of the outside world and have fun."*

**Hunter Bennett, recent graduate**

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**5:00 pm**

Come join us for a

**Steak and shrimp dinner with open bar**

**Live and Online Auction**

Superstition Manor 1220 N. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa

Tickets on sale before and after services or during the week in the church office (see Renee Bennett)

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 12**



For information on sponsoring a table or donating items, contact the Youth Director, Renee Bennett.

480.981.6199 X 19

See following website for details about the fundraiser:

<http://love17.auction-bid.org>

#### How you can help?

- Donate to the auction. **Deadline for donations is February 1.**
- Purchase a table at our event.
- Buy a ticket for a wonderful evening and the opportunity to bid on some great items!
- Pray for our success so we can help as many youth as possible attend these trips.

### *Thank You Table Sponsors!!!*

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Dear Congregation,

The youth program relies heavily upon raising funds beyond the annual budget of the congregation. Our church provided budget provides **only 20% of our annual spending**. Therefore fundraising events are crucial to running a youth program of this size. We continue to greatly value and appreciate the congregation's generous support of the youth program. Your support allows our youth to participate in regional and national youth gatherings (like 2018 Houston National Youth Gathering) where our kids will be in the company of thirty thousand fellow believers where they will be given opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ through numerous service projects in Houston. Your donations allow our youth to attend our two annual camps, to participate in various mission projects like Feed My Starving Children, and, as we look toward this summer, a mission trip to Navajo where we will teach VBS to 300 Native Americans and also feed them a daily lunch. Funds provide Confirmation text books, youth room materials, and snacks (because we all know our kids love to eat!) Additionally your funds, along with money the youth have raised in their youth personal accounts through their own "sweat equity", allow our youth to participate in other off-

campus events they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Please support us any way you can. We are hosting a large off-site dinner and auction fundraiser at the Superstition Manor in Mesa with the goal of raising \$50,000 on February 26. We have never attempted an event of this magnitude before and we ask for your prayers and your monetary support. We want to make all the wonderful events we have to offer affordable to every family. Many times we pay 100% of the cost so that no child is left out. However, the only way we can continue to reduce costs across the board and also to provide scholarships is by raising a lot of money.

If you have any auction item that you would like to donate, **we need these items by February 1**. Because the venue needs an accurate ticket count, **our last day to sell tickets will be Sunday, February 12**. You can purchase tickets at church before and after the services, or you can come to the office during the week, or you can visit the website <http://love17.auction-bid.org> and buy your tickets online with a credit card.

God's Blessings,  
Renee Bennett,  
Director of Youth Ministry  
480.299.1290

**UPDATING OUR EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH**

IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR SENDING OUT MASS EMAILS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET YOURS AND EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY'S EMAIL ADDRESSES. YOU CAN EMAIL THEM TO "[Darlene@loclc.org](mailto:Darlene@loclc.org)".

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## From Pastor Joe (Continued from front Page)

Perhaps this will be the year when we get healthy and take that trip we have been thinking about for a while. And for we in the church, this is a time when we have an opportunity to catch our breath before the season of Lent breaks into our lives once again. But February is not totally a quiet month. On February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 Love of Christ will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. I realize that Annual Meetings are not very high on the list of things to do on a Sunday after worship, but this is the time when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year. This is a time when we elect new people to the board, vote on the mission plan (budget) for 2017, hear the reports of the staff, and rejoice that God has watched over us for another year.

I have had a couple of questions about Epiphany and what the focus of this season is. The word "epiphany" means 'the revealing'. Thus each of the lessons during Epiphany has to do with the revealing of who Jesus is as the Son of God. It is a season that shows the revealing of Jesus as a child and then in his early ministry.

Ash Wednesday will be later than usual this year on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Normally Ash Wednesday would be sometime in February; however, this year its placement tells us that Easter will be later than usual, as well, on April 16. One interesting fact about Easter this year is that the Western churches and the Orthodox churches are celebrating the Resurrection on the same Sunday. It is only about every seven to ten years that Christianity celebrates Easter on the same Sunday and that is because of the different calendars that are used.

I pray that 2017 will be a blessed year for you and your families.

I am yours in Christ,



Prayers for Pastor Joe as he continues the healing process from his surgery in January. He has decided to step down as our Interim Senior Pastor. Pastor Ken will continue on and the Board will fill the vacancy left by Pastor Joe. We wish him well in his recovery process.

## From the Call Committee



News  
from  
the  
Call  
Committee

### PRESS RELEASE

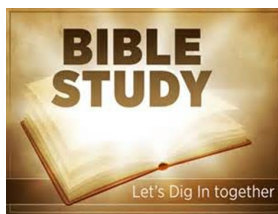
#### CALL COMMITTEE ASKS FOR CONGREGATION'S PRAYER:

At the Sunday services on January 8, 2017, Jim Riner informed members of the Call Committee's progress to select a Senior Pastor. Prior to Christmas, the Committee received a new slate and interviewed potential candidates.

Currently, the Committee is conducting second interviews. Once again, Jim asked members to pray that God will guide and direct the selection process. While LOCLC has been most fortunate to have had the leadership and dedication of Pastor Joe and Pastor Ken to lead us through this period of transition, we must look toward the future. LOCLC needs a permanent pastor to provide vision and direction for the long-term. The Call Committee is following the Synod guidelines and is conducting a careful and deliberative selection process.

It is the hope and the intention of the Committee to recommend a candidate to the Board so that a permanent pastor may be in place within the next six months. We must recognize that the process is complex in that a perspective candidate must disengage from his/her current position in a timely and appropriate manner. Your prayers will join us all together in this important mission.

## Pastor Ken Leading Adult Bible Study on Wednesday Evenings



### Wednesday Evening Adult Study

#### Please note Schedule Change

First off we want to extend a big thanks to Pastor Ken for stepping in and covering the Wednesday evening study during Pastor Joe's absence. Please note the following changes: Wednesday evening studies will continue at 6pm in the fellowship hall until the start of Lent.

Any remaining sessions will then continue on Monday evenings.

Pastor Ken will be teaching a study of the "Old Testament" on Wednesday evenings, replacing the "Revelation" study.

Copies of the remaining "Revelation" outline (sessions 3-8) will be available Wednesday evening for those that desire a copy.

## Music Ministry

### **A BIG THANK YOU FROM JUNG CSUY!**

It 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 \$958.00 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, and to those who hosted the beautiful tables! Thank you to the generous people who provided beautiful gifts for us to auction. Thanks to Adam Stein for the awesome MC at the music dinner!

**Thanks for the generous donations** from Tom & Kelly Osterman, Jim & Melissa Riner and Judy Andersen!

**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 Heather Loomis for getting the children's choir ready. Thanks to the Alleluia Ringers for their community outreach this year. The people at Legacy Retirement Community really en-

joyed the Christmas Music. The Chime Choir did an outstanding performance with their boom whackers and chimes. This was their first year to join the Christmas Cantata. 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 and Laura Kuegemann for helping me with the logistics. Karen & Brian Thompson, Karen's mom, Nellie Revelle, Bev Davis, Sheri Rodrigues, Denise Smith, Connie & Denise Erickson for providing the Cantata participants with a delicious breakfast! Thanks to Steve Mayer for making the choir steps! They make it safer to be on stage and many feel more comfortable because of the railing. He also made the Chime stand that I used for the first selection "O Come O Come Emmanuel" He didn't need plans. I just told him and he did it!! We all want to thank the people who provided stage setups: Mark Cloud and Brian Thompson. Technical support: Mike McNeal and Joey Bogushefsky. Videographer: Kurt Parker. Thank you Kurt for making the CD and DVD! Photographer: Dave Dohrmann. Lastly, let me thank all the people who prayed for this event.  
Serving Jesus together,  
Jung Csuy

See pictures on the next page of the pretty tables at the Music Dinner.



## LOVE OF CHRIST LUTHERAN TO HOST AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS

The Augsburg Centennial Singers will appear in concert at Love of Christ Lutheran Church, 1525 N. Power Road, Mesa, on **Saturday, February 18 at 7pm in our Center of Compassion Building (off Indigo St.)** The concert features familiar hymns, barbershop and sacred music selections. A free-will offering will be received.

Under the direction of Paul J. Christensen, the 50-member Centennial Singers take their name in remembrance of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Augsburg College Gospel Quartet to visit Norway in the 1890s. The Singers have made two trips to Norway, a concert tour in Florida and several visits to the Southwestern United States.

The Augsburg Centennial Singers have been a part of the Twin Cities music scene for over 20 years. The Singers were formed to commemorate the Augsburg College Gospel Quartet tradition at the Minneapolis College. From the late 1800s until the 1960s, gospel quartets traveled each summer appearing most often in churches affiliated with the Lutheran Free Church that supported the college.

For further information, contact:

Michael Walgren, Manager, 763-540-0662



## Music Ministry (Continued)

Some of the beautiful tables from the Music Ministry Dinner in December.



**Music Ministry (Continued)**

**Calling for Handbell Ringers!**



I am looking for people who like to ring bells for awesome seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter! For those who are interested, please contact Jung Csuy at 480-205-6267 or [jungmusic@loclc.org](mailto:jungmusic@loclc.org)

Bell Choir rehearsal is every Tuesday, 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 2 at 9am and 10:45am in COC**

Lenten Cantata rehearsals on Thursdays: February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, & 23 from 7pm ~8:30pm

March 30 from 6:30pm~8:30pm

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, April 1 from 9am~ 12pm

**500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reformation Choral Festival**



**February 19, 2017**

**Dress Rehearsal: 1pm~2:30pm**

**Performance: 3pm**

**At Shadow Mountain High School**

**2902 East Shea Blvd**

**Phoenix, AZ 85028**

A celebration of 500 years of the Lutheran Church with 500 voices. If you are interested in being a part of this historic event, please contact Jung Csuy: [jungmusic@loclc.org](mailto:jungmusic@loclc.org) ext. 32

Rehearsals continue on Thursdays, January 26 February 2, 9 from 6pm~7pm in the sanctuary.

Special Rehearsal: Thursday, Feb. 16 at King of Glory Church in Tempe (2085 E. Southern Ave. Tempe, AZ 85282) at 7pm.

# Bible

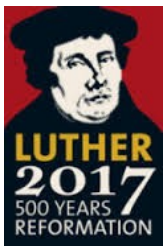
## Old Testament

### A Monday Morning at 10am Study of the Old Testament

Join Pastor Ken on Monday mornings in the Fellowship Hall for an enlightening journey through the Old Testament. We are using the book "Path Through Scripture" by Mark Link and used copies of the book will be for sale at the ministry tables.

Date/Time: 10:00am (thru March 13) Location: Fellowship Hall (Childcare not provided)

#### GETTING READY FOR LUTHER YEAR 500...



##### "Luther's Early Years"

I was once told by a Catholic lady that Martin Luther only rebelled against the Catholic Church because he wanted to get married. Another lady once told me that Luther was a man with profound psychological problems related to guilt and depression. Therefore he is not to be taken seriously. Yes, Luther did suffer from bouts of melancholy but, essentially, neither point is true.

Luther's father, Hans, moved his family from Moehra near Mainz to Eisleben shortly before the birth of his second son, in order to take charge of two copper foundries he had purchased. Hans Luther was a poor man and a common laborer until he married into a family of means in Moehra.

It must be admitted that Luther's childhood years were less than pleasant. His father exercised absolute and brutal discipline because children were regarded as unruly beasts that had to be tamed. It was a sin for parents to indulge their children. Luther once told his students that, "My father once whipped me so severely that I ran away from him, and he was anxious until he won me to him again." "For the sake of a nut my mother beat me until the blood flowed" and Luther once remarked that "some teachers are as cruel as hangmen." He was once beaten fifteen times before noon by a teacher because he could not decline and conjugate even though he had not yet been taught how.

Luther's father was angry when his son forsook the study of law and went into the monastery and, yet, Luther cared for his parents and once invited them to move to Wittenberg so he could take care of them "in the best way." Hans Luther became a convert to the new evangelical faith and, on his deathbed, proclaimed "If I did not believe, I would be a clown."

Luther's world was a world of strict allegiance to the dictates of the church and also a world of superstition. Luther believed in witches and recalled that a neighbor in Mans-

feld was a witch. Witches could turn butter into dung and could turn themselves into mice in order to steal milk. He thought that sometimes the devil appeared as a goat. The forest was a dark and menacing place. Witches held their Sabbaths there and there evil spirits abounded, waiting to prey upon travelers. Luther didn't attend his own father's funeral in Mansfeld because of the supernatural dangers of the forests. (He wrote instead a famous letter about faith to his father.)

Perhaps Luther stuck to his belief in witches and malevolent spirits to his death but he proclaimed God as sovereign over all the powers of darkness. A few scholars believe that Luther's anger about his father's discipline made him a victim to his fear about death and God's judgment. The facts, however, do not bear that out, even though one respected scholar, Erik Erikson, has emphasized the impact of Luther's repression by his harsh father. Another scholar more recently has emphasized the impact of Luther's fear of death. But Luther's legacy for us is about the hope of the resurrection. Also, Luther's marriage to Katharina von Bora happened long after he had effectively departed from the Church of Rome and the constraints of church-imposed celibacy. He married Katharina only after heavy persuasion by friends.

Luther was a man of his time and place, but in spite of 16<sup>th</sup> century attitudes about witches, Jews, and the authority of the rulers, he transcended the dimensions of time and space and recaptured the good news of the biblical witness. We Protestants of today must hold him accountable for his defense of autocratic rulers (in the face of the peasants' rebellion) and his bitter diatribes against the Jews late in his life (who, in his opinion, stubbornly rejected his gospel). But to future generations after him, his take on the gospel has continued to inspire freedom and justice.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Keny".

Pastor Ken



# Monday Evening Bible Study by Pastor Ken

**Coming February 6th**

**Join Pastor Ken on Monday Evenings  
"Brief Course on Lutheranism"**



**When: Monday evenings 6:00pm starting 2/6/17**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

Join Pastor Ken for an enlightening 5 week course on Lutheranism. Coffee, treats, and childcare provided. The last time this course was presented, Martin Luther got a ticket for double parking his oxen cart in our parking lot! Sessions include:

- 1<sup>st</sup> session – Martin Luther and the Reformation 2/6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> session - The Sacrament of Baptism 2/13
- 3<sup>rd</sup> session - The Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) 2/20
- 4<sup>th</sup> session - Lutheran View of the Bible 2/27
- 5<sup>th</sup> session - The History of Lutheranism in America 3/6

## Prayer Calendar

### February, 2017

This is not a calendar of events but rather one of recognition. The Prayer Ministry asks you to please pray for these people, activities and events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study	2 LOC Church Board	3 <b>LOC Music Staff:</b> Jung Eun Csuy Adam Stein JaeEun Lee Heather Loomis	4 Habitat for Humanity
5 New Members Welcomed!	6 Brief Course in Lutheranism	7 <b>LOC Facilities Staff:</b> Tim Rosenow Mark Cloud Brian Thompson Gary Fuller	8 <b>W.O.W.</b> WORD ON WEDNESDAY!	9 <b>LOC Education Staff:</b> Lori Hughes Janice Herron Preschool Teachers & Aides	10 I-Help	11 Women's Hiking Group 
12 Congregational Meeting Important Notice	13 Old Testament Bible Study 	14 Valentine's Day	15 <b>LOC Administrative Staff</b> Darlene Fleischhauer Dick Beckman	16 Seniors on the Go!	17 LOC Preschool	18 F.A.B. Mardi Gras Party! 
19 <b>Our Pastors</b> Joe Dillon Ken Lentz John Albrecht	20 	21 Agape Callers	22 LOC Call Committee	23 New Leaf Legacy Endowment 	24 <b>LOC Audio Visual Staff:</b> Mike McNeal Joey Bogushefsky	25 First Holy Communion Instruction 
26 <b>A Night in the Superstitions!</b> 	27 Adult Advisory Team	28 <b>LOC Ministry Staff:</b> Dianne Oien Walter Scott Heather Parker Katie Thorson Renee Bennett				

## Volunteers Needed!



Looking for something to do! The following ministries are in need of volunteers. As you know we are a very busy church! So check out the ministries listed below to see where you can serve.

Altar Guild - 7:50 & 10:30 - contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) or 9:00 Donna Johnson at kdjohnson6624@msn.com

Ushers - all 3 services contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org). On the job training available!

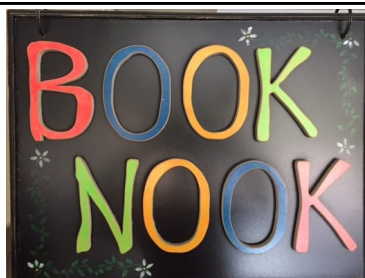
Readers - Sharon Randall 480-628-5829 or [rndllshar@aol.com](mailto:rndllshar@aol.com)

LOC Office Help or Newsletter Helpers & Baptismal Napkin Making- contact Darlene Fleischhauer at 480-981-6199 x10 or [darlene@loclc.org](mailto:darlene@loclc.org).

Security - need volunteers for Thursday or Saturday..takes 30 minutes in the evening. Contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199 x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) for more info.

Many opportunities to serve- please consider giving some of your time to help out other members who would really appreciate extra hands!

## Books!



We have had 2 very different donations of books given to the Book Nook in January.

The first donation was 4 boxes of books from Pastor Ken. In these boxes is an array of different topics particularly religious (imagine that!) as well as coffee table books, some travel, some religious, and others on different topics of interest. Each book on sale for \$1. Thanks, Pastor Ken!

The next set of books was donated by Barbara Chatham (the mother of one of the instrumentalists who played on Christmas Eve). This donation consists of older children's books that range from 3rd-

6th grade. Yes, paperback books for older kids! We don't often get books for this age group, but for now we have a good supply. There are many award winning books and some classics too. These books will be on sale for \$.50 apiece.

Come in soon to see these very interesting collections. We thank all those who have contributed to our book store.



The next meeting of the LOC Book Club will be held on **Sunday, March 12** after the **9:00 am service**. We meet in the COC nursery located next to the Book Nook. We have selected

The Girl You Left Behind by Jo Jo Moyes. Here is a synopsis of the book:

This is a story of love, loss and sacrifice. In Paris, 1916 Sophie Lefevre must keep her family safe

while her husband fights at the front. When their town falls to the Germans, Sophie must continue to serve them everyday at her hotel. The new Kommandant becomes obsessed with Sophie and her portrait (painted by her artist husband). Sophie has to make some difficult choices. A century later Sophie's portrait hangs in the home of Liv Halston, a wedding gift from her young husband before his sudden death. A chance encounter reveals the portrait's true worth and a battle begins over its history which turns Liv's life upside down.

Please join us in March, coffee in hand as we explore the intricacies of this novel. We welcome anyone who enjoys books! This book will be available in the Book Nook. If you have any questions please contact Penny Day [ptdayster@gmail.com](mailto:ptdayster@gmail.com) or Barbara Hummel [otemporium@aol.com](mailto:otemporium@aol.com) for information.

## 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).



## Full & Half Day Preschool



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Love of Christ Preschool is accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. Availability is limited. Registration is first come/first served. Contact our preschool director at (480)981-6199 X33 or [janiceherron@loclc.org](mailto:janiceherron@loclc.org) to schedule a tour and discuss enrollment options.

### Free Martial Arts!



#### ***New Students are Welcome!***

Classes are Monday & Thursday Evenings

**5:30pm-6:15pm--** Dragon Class  
(ages 5-8) (Mondays Only)

**6:30pm-7:45pm--** Family Class  
(ages 9 through adult)

For more information please contact Joe Bogushefsky at 480-455-9829 or email to [joe@centerforhumaneliving.com](mailto:joe@centerforhumaneliving.com).

## THE WORD ON WEDNESDAYS—FAMILY TIME—SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



**Join us on Wednesday Nights!!!**

**We have something for everyone in your family!!**

5:30 p.m. Family-friendly dinner in the CoC

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Programming for everyone

**Children** (ages 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) music/drama as well as small group prayer time, games, activities.

**Youth** – (7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade) Worship and Social time geared toward the needs of the teenagers of the congregation and their friends.

**Adults** we have many options for you to connect with others and fill your bucket mid-week!!

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pastor's Study – Pastor Ken will lead a study on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University – led by Walter Scott (prior registration required) (Leadership Center) – weeks 5-8 of 9 weeks.

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> :

Laugh your Way to a Better Marriage – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> week of 6 weeks led by Lars and Lisa Hansen – (ADC Classroom)

February 15<sup>th</sup>

Ladies Night Out –join us for a great crafting event!!

February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Compassionate Cooks Night – we will be making two pans of food – one to take home for your family to enjoy and the other to be left here at church to help those in need!! Pans will be provided for you!! Just bring a few simple ingredients and some friends and have a great time!! Led by Tami Wilke

Child care is available for children 3 and under. Questions - please contact Heather at [heatherparker@loclc.org](mailto:heatherparker@loclc.org) or 480-981-6199, ext. 12.



# Children's Ministry



First Holy Communion

**First Holy Communion Instruction...**if you have a child 3rd grade or older that would like to receive their First Holy Communion, a mandatory instruction class for parent and child will be held on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-Noon** in the Sanctuary. The children will receive their First Communion on **Maundy Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>)** at the evening service. If your child is interested, please let [Lori](#) know-3<sup>rd</sup> graders will get the informational letter automatically so you do not need to contact her if your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**...Grades 1-6 will be in the youth room for the Sunday School hour discussing bullying. We hope your child will join us from 10:15-11:05am as we talk about this important subject. Parents are welcome to attend!



## Sunday Mornings!

**Ages 3 years old though 4th Grade are invited to join us for Spark the Fire!**

Workshop model Sunday morning Faith Formation for ages 3 yrs old through 4th grade!

**Spark is held from 10:15-11:05 am**

Spark is hands on, fun and best of all, the kids will dig deeper into the Bible stories.

The kids learn through rotational workshop sessions such as Science, Games, Cooking, Art and much more!!

3 yr olds (must be 3 by Sept 1st) through Kindergarten rotate in a contained classroom.

**You can register your child from home!**

**Register today at [LoveOfChristChurch.net](http://LoveOfChristChurch.net).**

**You can also register Sundays at the Children's Ministry table.**

**Questions? Contact Lori at [lorihughes@loclc.org](mailto:lorihughes@loclc.org) or 981-6199 x18**



## F.L.Y.T.E.

### FAITH LIFE TOGETHER

Being a preteen can be challenging! What better way to face those challenges than to gather each week with other Christian preteens who are experiencing the same thing. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity to talk about issues that they're dealing with, examine the message the world is sending them and discover what the Bible and God have to say to support them.

We gather in the LSS room (no tables or chairs) on Sundays at 10:15-11:05 am to eat, play games, share and hang out.

Look for upcoming opportunities to serve and have fun as a group in addition to Sunday mornings.

**You can register your preteen from home!**

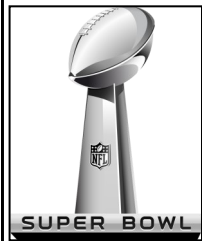
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# Youth Ministry



**PICK YOUR FAVORITE TEAM  
AND BRING YOUR CHANGE!!!  
IT'S TIME FOR THE SOUPER-  
BOWL OF CARING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**



- 1 Wow and Youth Group 5:30 – 7:30
- 5 Souperbowl of Caring Confirmation class
- 8 Wow and Youth Group 5:30 – 7:30
- 12 Confirmation (Last day to purchase tickets for A Night in the Superstitions)
- 15 Wow and Youth Group 5:30 - 7:30
- 19 Confirmation
- 26 Confirmation
- 5:00 Superstition Manor "A Night in the Superstitions" dinner and auction event



Are you at least 16 years old and interested in a service project? See the youth table for details on being a part of something BIG!!!! We are going to help Habitat for Humanity build a home in Tempe. (youth under 18 need parents to sign permission slip found on youth table)



**ATTENTION!**  
We are running out of time!!!!  
Have you purchased your ticket yet to the youth fundraiser dinner and auction????  
Deadline is SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12!!!!  
TIME IS RUNNING OUT! **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW**  
BUY THEM AT CHURCH  
BUY THEM DURING THE WEEK (SEE RENEE BENNETT)  
BUY THEM ONLINE <http://love17.auction-bid.org>



**March 4** will be our annual citrus picking service project for Gary DeBeer. All youth sign up at youth table!



**Have you read all about it?  
Our kids are awesome and they are doing amazing things!**

**I need your news:**  
**Birthdays**  
**Upcoming dance or music recitals**  
**Sporting events**  
**Art shows or exhibits**  
**Science fairs, clubs, scouting....**

**\*\*\* See youth table for more details\*\*\***  
**Or send your info to [kate-walberg@gmail.com](mailto:kate-walberg@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*\*our newsletter is changing to quarterly\*\*\***  
**Submit your info now**

## Women's Ministry

### Crafting, Chatting & Couponing Women of LOC on Sundays!



Second Sunday of the month **1pm** in the Fellowship Hall

We welcome all Ladies/their friends for our Sunday afternoons. 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 602.705.3139

Women of the **ELCA** 

### "All Anew"

Plan now to attend the **10<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering** of the **Women of the ELCA** from **July 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at **Minneapolis, Minnesota**. Join women from all over the world coming together in community to rejoice, to serve and to witness how to carry out our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ. Daughters and Granddaughters are encouraged to attend. For more information, check out the website - [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org) **If you would like a registration booklet, call Pat Shaw at 981-1325**



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

Come and join us on **Thursdays at 1 p.m.** in the Leadership Room. We will be studying **Jonah - A Life Interrupted**. If you have any questions, please call Alice Lacey at 480-641-0021.



### Naomi Circle

They will meet **February 13 at 1p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

All women Welcome!  
See you there!

## Women's Hiking Group



**EXPLORE ARIZONA.....** On **February 18th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be heading to **San Tan Mountain County Park**, south of Queen Creek, and hiking the San Tan Loop. This easy 5.5 mile trail circles the desert floor, between the Malpais and Goldmine Mountains, with a phenomenal Southwestern view! We will meet at **7:00 am** in the COC parking lot and return by **1:00 pm**.

**Call Pat Shaw at 981-1325 for more information.**

### "Get Your Kicks on Route 66"

LOC Women's Hiking Group is pleased to welcome Roger Naylor, Arizona travel writer and author, to speak in the Sanctuary at LOC on **February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 2:30**. He is the author of *Arizona Kicks on Route 66*. Roger Naylor explores the history and nostalgia surrounding Route 66, including spectacular and easy side trips. Roger's presentation will be a mixture of humor, reminisces, and affection for this great state ---leaving you with a longing to explore Route 66 - where you can still get your kicks!

**He will have his books for sale on that day.**

### 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](http://www.gathermagazine.org) or by calling 1 (800)**

**328-4648**

## People on the Go! Come and Join Us! All Are Welcome!

### NEW NAME: aka Seniors On The Go is now: People On The Go!

**We are changing the name but not the activities!** We want to be all inclusive so sign up. All are welcome! We enjoy attending a variety of events e.g. plays, information sessions on a variety of topics, museums, tours etc. Any questions you can contact Dianne Oien at [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) or 480-981-6199 x15.



**Thursday, February 16th, Hale Centre Theatre – Gilbert – “Thoroughly Modern Millie”**...Winner of 6 Tonys! Broadway audiences went bonkers over this show-stopping, toe-tapping musical! Inspired by the beloved movie, this 1920's romance of a young woman who takes a job with a large company as a ruse to marry the boss's son, zings with flashy music, fabulous dancing and flirty fun! FYI: Doris Creaser's granddaughter plays the leading role! **Cost: \$22 – Limited number of tickets!**



**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – The Limelickers at Leisure World – Show at 7PM – Cost: \$13**

## F.A.B. (Friends and Believers) Mardi Gras Party! Sat., Feb. 18th!



**5:30 PM** In the Fellowship Hall  
Cost \$5 per person

“Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler” (Let the Good Times Roll). Grab your beads and masks and join us for a night to celebrate Mardi Gras. We'll have a prize for the best Mardi Gras outfit and someone will be crowned King or Queen of the night. Cost is \$5 per person to cover the cost of a Mardi Gras themed dinner. The festivities begin at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be at the ministry tables or you can contact Joan LaRose at [joanlarose@cox.net](mailto:joanlarose@cox.net) or 480-832-4219. Please RSVP by February 12th.

### Future events:

March 18, 2017 Game night

April 22, 2017 Hale Theater “No Time for Sergeants” (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday because 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday is day before Easter)  
(Joan LaRose)

May 20, 2017 Light Rail to Macayo's Restaurant in Tempe (Joan LaRose)  
We will also be hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 8th.

Spring Cleaning!



## SPRING CLEANING SALE NEWS!!

The music ministry is going to be running the next rummage sale! When you're spring cleaning, take the great things that you no longer want and save them for the rummage sale

.....It will be held on **MARCH 25, 2017 from 6AM to 1PM.**

We are looking for helpers during the weekdays to receive, sort & price the items. Strong men for pick up on Sat., Mar. 18th and Sun., Mar. 19th. Look for the sign up sheets at the Ministry Tables on Sunday mornings.

## Ash Wednesday, Lenten Services and Soup Suppers!



### Ash Wednesday Services March 1, Noon & 7pm

### Midweek Lenten Services March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 6:45pm In our Sanctuary



Lenten Soup Suppers begin on Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up at ministry table to bring bread, crackers, butter or if you want to make a donations that would be great! Contact Barb Weldon at 480-854-9317 or Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199 x15.

## Bible Studies, Small Groups

**“LOC Compassionate Cooks”** — Do you enjoy cooking? Share your gift with a family in need of assistance by providing meals. To help this very active group contact Tami Wilke 480-464-2577 [tamirn@centurylink.net](mailto:tamirn@centurylink.net) or Heather Parker 480-988-6477 [tsgourmet@cox.net](mailto:tsgourmet@cox.net).

**Prayer Group “Prayer Voices”** — Join the prayer group for coffee and prayer. Contact Barbara Otto 480.390.9631. See Page 19

**Women’s Hiking Group** — Look for the sign-up sheet on the ministries’ table on Sunday mornings. For questions, call Pat Shaw at 480.981.1325. See Page 14

### **Crafting Chatting, & Couponing**

**Women of LOC** — Meets at various locations the **second Sunday** of each month at **1pm**. Please contact: Karen Wenzel, 480.890.8692 Karla Harvey, 480.262.7666

Barbie Berry, [kreativebarbie@yahoo.com](mailto:kreativebarbie@yahoo.com). See Page 14

**Naomi Circle** - Join us for fellowship and Bible study on the **2nd Monday** of each month, **1 p.m. (Sept.-May)**. All women are invited.

**Men’s Monday Evening Study Group** Meets weekly **Monday from 6:30—8:00 pm** in the leadership room. Contact Walter Scott 480.981.6199.

**Men’s “Early Riser” Study Group** — Every **Thursday morning 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.** at the Village Inn on McKellips and Recker Rd. Contact Jim Shepherd at [azshep@gmail.com](mailto:azshep@gmail.com).

**“Care, Share & Prayer” Women’s Bible Study Group** — Join with other LOC women for Bible Study on **Thursdays at 1:00pm (Sept.-April)** in the Leadership Center (next to the Office). The new contact person is

Alice Lacey 480 641 0021. Page 14

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** — Join the Bible Study Sunday mornings in the Leadership room from 10:30 – 11:15am. Contact Renee Bennett at [renee.bennett@loclc.org](mailto:renee.bennett@loclc.org) for more information.

**Dave Ramsey “Financial Peace University”** contact Walter Scott at [walterscott@loclc.org](mailto:walterscott@loclc.org).







Heart disease is the leading

cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease.

The good news? Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions. Communities, health professionals, and families can work together to create opportunities for people to make healthier choices.

Make a difference in your community: Spread the word about strategies for preventing heart disease and encourage people to live heart healthy lives.

Your heart works hard for you nonstop for your whole life. So show it some TLC.

Making small changes in your habits can make a real difference to your ticker.

"It's like finding the fountain of youth," says Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD, of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. "People who follow these steps not only live longer, but they also spend a lot more time healthy, without cardiovascular disease." Even better? You don't have to work on all 10 steps at once. Even if you improve just one or

two of these areas, you can make yourself less likely to get heart disease. Of course, the more tips on this list you follow, the better. So let's get started.

#### 1. Aim for lucky number seven.

The next time you're tempted to stay up later than you should, remember how comfy that pillow will feel -- and how good a full night's sleep is for your heart.

In one study, young and middle-age adults who slept 7 hours a night had less calcium in their arteries (an early sign of heart disease) than those who slept 5 hours or less or those who slept 9 hours or more.

The type of shut-eye they got was important, too. Adults who said they got good-quality sleep also had healthier arteries than those who didn't sleep soundly. If you have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep at night, or if you don't feel refreshed after a full night in bed, talk to your doctor about how healthier sleep habits might improve your slumber.

#### 2. Keep the pressure off.

That cuff squeezing your arm at every doctor's visit is important. It measures the amount of pressure flowing through your arteries with every heartbeat.

If your blood pressure gets too high, the extra

force can damage artery walls and create scar tissue. That makes it harder for blood and oxygen to get to and from the heart. The heart has to pump harder and gets worn out faster. If it can't get enough oxygen, parts can start to die.

Get your blood pressure checked every 3-5 years if you're 18-39. If you're 40 or older, or if you have high blood pressure, check it every year. Cut back on salt, limit alcohol to no more than one to two drinks a day, favor healthy eating habits (think fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein) manage your stress, and work out. These changes are often enough to bring your blood pressure back down into the normal range. If not, your doctor might recommend you also take medication.

#### 3. Slash saturated fats.

To help your heart's arteries, cut down on saturated fats, which are mainly found in meat and full-fat dairy products. Choose leaner cuts and reduced-fat options. Also, totally quit trans fats, which are found in some processed foods. They drive up your "bad" cholesterol level. Check ingredient lists for anything that says "hydrogenated" or "partially hydrogenated" -- those are trans fats. If it's been 5 or more years since your last cho-

lesterol blood test, you're probably due for one.

#### 4. Find out if you have diabetes.

Millions of people do and don't know it. That's risky because over time, high blood sugar damages arteries and puts you at risk for heart disease.

Your doctor should test your blood sugar if you are 45 or older, if you are pregnant, or if you're overweight and have other risk factors for diabetes.

If you find out that you do have diabetes, work with your doctor on your lifestyle (diet and exercise) and any medicine that you may need.

If you have borderline high blood sugar, also called prediabetes, take action now to turn things around.

One simple swap is to trade processed carbs (like white rice) for fiber-rich whole grains (like brown rice). Every positive change you make in what you eat and how active you are will help. Over time, you'll be able to do more.

#### 5. Move more.

To keep it simple, you can aim for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week of moderate exercise. That includes any activity that gets you moving around and breaking a slight sweat.

"If you're doing nothing, do something. And if you're doing something,

do more," Lloyd-Jones says.

Also, pay attention to how much time you spend seated, whether it's at work, in your car, or on your couch at home. You want to cut that time down.

"We now know that even if you exercise for 30 minutes a day, being sedentary for the other 23 1/2 hours is really bad for your heart," says Monika Sanghavi, MD, assistant professor of cardiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Break up long periods of sitting, and stand or walk while doing things like talking on the phone or watching TV.

**6. Clean up.**

Your heart works best when it runs on clean fuel. That means lots of whole, plant-based foods (like fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds) and fewer refined or proc-

essed foods (like white bread, pasta, crackers, and cookies).

It's time-tested wisdom. "The latest fads get overplayed by the media. But the core of what makes a heart-healthy eating pattern hasn't changed for decades," Lloyd-Jones says.

One of the fastest ways to clean up your diet is to cut out sugary beverages like soda and fruit juice, which lacks the fiber that's in actual fruit.

"We drink way too many of our calories," Sanghavi says. "And those calories don't fill us up the way real food does, so we have them in addition to everything else we're eating, with no nutritional benefit."

**7. Think beyond the scale.**

Ask your doctor if your weight is OK. If you have some pounds to lose, it's not just about calories

and exercise.

Sure, you'll probably want to change your eating habits and be more active. But there's more to it than that.

For many people, "emotional eating" is where they find comfort and stress relief, and how they celebrate. So if it's hard to change those patterns, it can help to talk with a counselor to find other ways to handle those situations.

**8. Ditch the cigarettes, real and electronic.**

Smoking and second-hand smoke are bad for your heart. If you smoke, quit, and don't spend time around others who smoke as well.

E-cigarettes are popular, but they're not completely problem-free.

"They don't contain the harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke, and they can help some people wean themselves off of smoking," Lloyd-Jones

says. "But they still do contain nicotine, so your goal should be to quit completely, not just switch to a less toxic version."

**9. Do more of what you love.**

"I tell my patients that managing stress in a healthy way, whether it's meditation, yoga, or exercise, is really important," Sanghavi says. Make it a point, too, to spend time with people you're close to. Talk, laugh, confide, and enjoy each other. It's good for your emotional health and your heart.

**10. Celebrate every step.**

Making changes like these takes time and effort. Think progress, not perfection. And reward yourself for every positive step you take. Ask your friends and family to support you and join in, too. Your heart's future will be better for it!

**Upcoming Blood Drive**

**United Blood Services**



**LOC Blood Drive**

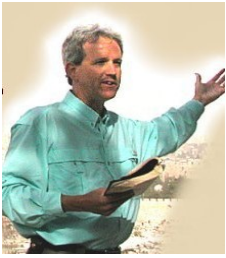
**March 5**

**7:00 am to 11:30 am**

Sign ups begin February 5 at the Ministry Tables on Sundays or you can go to [www.BloodHero.com](http://www.BloodHero.com) (\*enter blood drive name).

If you do give before March 5, consider giving in the name of Love of \*Christ Lutheran Church.

## Kevin Saunders



# The Bible Between the Lines

Tuesdays, 10-11:30am In our Center of Compassion

[ArizonaBibleClass.com](http://ArizonaBibleClass.com).

## 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.

We would love to have more people interested in

keeping the Chapel open by taking an hour or so of your time every week or even once or twice a month. Come and join us. There is training available if you have never taken part in a ministry such as this.

**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 [rrotto1946@gmail.com](mailto:rrotto1946@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.

## Stewardship

### Online Giving

Did you know that you can go onto our website ([loveofchristchurch.net](http://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](http://loveofchristchurch.net) or contact Dick Beckman at 480-981-6199 x21.

Stephen Ministry at LOC continues to grow in our faith community. Our special emphasis in the coming months will be:

- Seeking out and interviewing those who would like to become Stephen Ministers. If this speaks to your heart, or you have more questions, please contact Renee Bennett at 480 584 6203 or any Stephen Minister.
- Reaching out to the men in our community. We are working on ways to let our men who might be in need know we act in service to them.
- Working directly with small groups and ministries at LOC. Everyone in our faith community can be a “lookout” for those in need of spiritual care, and Stephen team leaders will be going to each group and ministry to talk about the program and answer questions.

Thank you for lifting up Stephen Ministry in your prayers. We are so grateful for the many ways you have supported this mission in our church.

**WELCOME TO OUR 2016-2017 NEW CLASS  
OF STEPHEN MINISTERS:**

**MAXINE BECKWITH  
ELIZA BRUNNER  
NICOLE CUMBERLEDGE**

**BOB DICKSON  
HARVEY HUBER  
DIANA MARTIN  
ART SCHENKEL  
LISA WILLOUGHBY**

**Alzheimer's Support Group**



**Alzheimer's Support Group - If you are a caregiver for an Alzheimer's patient, you're all too familiar with the frustration and heartache that come from trying to stir the memory of someone you love. But when you attend an Alzheimer's Support Group, you can discuss the challenges you face, meet others with similar experiences, and find solutions that can improve the quality of life for you and your loved one. Contact Brookdale Senior Living Solutions at 480-832-1300 for more information.**

**Caring Ministries**

**Caring Ministries**

**Can You Offer a Ride?**



Listening, Strengthening, Encouraging, Refreshing, Restoring, Caring  
Our church has many members who dedicate themselves to helping others in our congregation through many caring ministries. As

our congregation continues to grow, there are limitless needs for caring as well as limitless opportunities to serve others who need care. If you are in need of support either through prayer or other caring services offered by the church, please reach out by contacting the church. Likewise, if you have compassion and gifts in providing caring support to others, please consider sharing your gifts by

contacting the church 480 981 6199 X10.

Occasionally Pastor John or the church office receives requests from members who need a ride. Often they are shut-ins who cannot drive or a member whose vehicle is being repaired. If you are able to assist with this need occasionally please contact Walter Scott at [walter-scott@locic.org](mailto:walter-scott@locic.org) or call the church office and leave a message. We would like to develop a small list of members willing to help others in this way.

Galatians 6:2

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

## Endowment Consultant



### What will 2017 bring for Love of Christ

### Lutheran Church?

The new year, 2017, will bring many changes to our lives. The United States will have a new President who is of the opposing party of our outgoing President, which will result in changes in policies and programs. Maricopa County will have a new sheriff, who is replacing a long term sheriff of 24 years. The New Year also will celebrate 30 years of mission work at Love of Christ and hopefully will be a time we find new pastors to call. As an old saying goes, "the only thing that is certain is change".

But the New Year is also a time of starting over, a time for new resolutions we hope will improve our lives. We make New Year's resolutions to help us accomplish this. Probably the most frequently made resolution is to lose weight. This is a reasonable resolution and it can be accomplished if we obtain the knowledge how to do so and then actually follow through by developing the self discipline to

start the program and keep with it. Just saying or resolving to lose weight does not accomplish the task.

I would like to suggest a "resolution" for your consideration. I would like to suggest you resolve to find out about the New Leaf Legacy at Love of Christ. What is it? Why is it important to the future of Love of Christ and its mission work? What part does it play in assuring the mission work of the church over the next 30 years? How does it help you to define what you would like to leave as your legacy?

To find answers to these questions and how you can participate in the New Leaf Legacy, you can contact your Pastors, the members of the Endowment Committee of Love of Christ, or you can call me. All of us are able to assist you with this information. You will discover that being a part of the New Leaf Legacy of Love of Christ can be as easy as making a commitment to your church through your estate plans. It does not require a financial commitment or pledge now. Your Endowment Committee is here to serve you.

Lance Jacobson, consultant to the Love of Christ Endowment Committee

(480) 466-6053  
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On behalf of your Mission Endowment Fund Team:

Melissa-Weiss Riner  
Steven Holmstoen  
John Kluge  
Rick Aussprung  
Jim Kraus  
Jim Riner  
Melba Curtis



**NEW LEAF LEGACY**  
Love of Christ Lutheran Church

### 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 recordkeeping. Visit the Ministry Tables on Sunday for a brochure or contact Dick Beckman at 480 981 6199 x21.



Thrivent Financial  
for Lutherans

### 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!). If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you will receive a letter in the mail at the point you become eligible. Eligible members may direct Choice Dollars by contacting Rick Aussprung of Thrivent at 480 396 5333.

## Local /Global Missions



**Love of Christ Lutheran Church  
Feed My Starving Children® Ministry**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meals Packed</u>	<u>Volunteers/hours</u>		<u>Meals Shipped</u>
Aug-2008	Desert Cross	38,000	100	200	
Apr-2009	Love of Christ	111,000	513	1,111	Love a Child - Haiti
Nov-2009	Love of Christ	300,000	920	1,944	Risen Savior Missions - Philippines - 1254 boxes Global Aid Network - Tajikistan - 134 boxes
Nov-2010	Love of Christ	128,304	603	1,601	Risen Savior Missions - Philippines - 66 boxes American Haitian Foundation - 330 boxes NE Asia Foundation - N. Korea - 198 boxes
Nov-2011	Love of Christ	108,864	406	952	International Care Ministries - Philippines - 432 boxes Venture Expeditions - Thailand - 72 boxes
Nov-2012	Love of Christ	163,296	707	1,500	Operation Blessing - Philippines - 684 boxes International Care Ministries - Philippines - 72 boxes
Nov-2013	Love of Christ	163,296	732	1,464	International Care Ministries - Philippines - 720 boxes NE Asia Foundation - N. Korea - 36 boxes
Nov-2014	Love of Christ	174,960	634	1,340	Children's Hunger Fund - Haiti & El Salvador - 792 boxes Venture Expeditions - Thailand - 18 boxes
Nov-2015	Love of Christ	171,072	605	1,260	Reach Now International - Cambodia - 792 boxes
Nov-2016	Love of Christ	<u>160,704</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>1,236</u>	Haiti (Hurricane Matthew response) - 772 boxes
		<u>1,519,496</u>	<u>5,784</u>	<u>12,608</u>	



Contact Walter Scott at [walterscott@loclc.org](mailto:walterscott@loclc.org) "Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" Matt.25:40

## African Orphan Mission Project



All the recipients of the miracles that have taken place in Shongweni, South Africa, wish the donors, missionaries and their families a prosperous New Year.

Thank you for your continued support of the African Orphans Project.

Ken Ondrejko

kennethondrejko@gmail.com

## Local /Global Missions



**Thank You!** Team World Vision  
**Thank You!** Love of Christ

Every Child Deserves Clean Water

### Love of Christ “Rock and Roll Marathon” Team

Thanks to our runners and to everyone who generously donated, nearly \$2,000 was raised to support clean water projects in Africa!!

## Habitat for Humanity



A GREAT BIG **“Thank You!”** to everyone that took advantage of the year-end Arizona Tax Credits by donating to our Habitat for Humanity mission! Some copies of the necessary tax forms (AZ Form 321) are on the kiosk, or can be downloaded online. The recent - and much-needed - rain has caused a delay of our start date...we started on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Those of you that attended our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary supper got to meet our home-owners-to-be, Cornelio and Martha Mejia and their three sons. Aren't they a wonderful family? The family bio, as well as the revised schedule, is now available on the Habitat kiosks. If you can't swing a hammer, but want to help, we are in great need of people to host lunches for our workers! We started with an opening prayer at 7:30 in the morning, and then broke at 10:30 for the signing of blessings on the wall frames that we had just erected. Lunch was served, and we finished-up and put away our tools about 2:00 p.m. Their new home will be one half of a duplex, and will take about fifteen weeks to complete. The

address is 1937 E. Don Carlos in Tempe - very near University and the 101 freeway. Parking is VERY limited, so we suggest car-pooling. HABITAT is trying to arrange parking at a near-by church and will provide shuttle service. Look for details in the Sunday bulletins. **Habitat for Humanity** is an international, non-profit, faith-based organization with the goal of eliminating sub-standard housing throughout the world. **Love of Christ Lutheran** has helped build **thirteen** homes in the Mesa/Phoenix/Apache Junction/Guadalupe areas! A virtual history of our ministry is depicted in photographs hanging on the entry wall of our Center of Compassion. The homes are NOT given to the homeowners. The Bible tells us that **“if you loan money to the poor, do not charge interest”**. 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. For additional information on the Christian principles that guide Habitat for Humanity, visit [www.habitatcaz.org](http://www.habitatcaz.org).

Questions? Email Clark Wirthlin at [rerecros@cox.net](mailto:rerecros@cox.net). or call 480 985 8757.



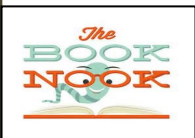
# Winter/Spring

(is in the air)

## Our Sponsors



Troop



## Highlights:

- The garden has had a bumper crop over the summer and it's been exciting to watch our members sharing their produce on Sunday mornings. The garden team that oversees the project continues to plan exciting projects and this is a great time to get involved if you aren't already!
- Join up and receive an 8 foot box with top grade organic soil, watering system, composting available, garden tools. All plants and supplies are organic and sustainable. It's the perfect way to have fun, meet other gardeners and share information and produce.
- New to gardening or a little unsure? We can team you up with one of our existing gardeners to learn the ropes.
- 1st Saturday Morning of each month—meet in the garden.

## Join us

Stop by the ministry table to pick up more information or just join us in the garden on Sunday mornings after service. We have lots of fun!

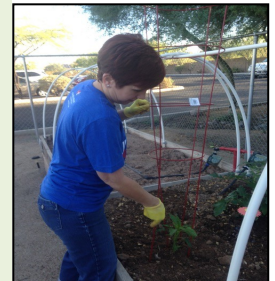


## Join Us

Gardeners meet early in the morning on the First Saturday of each month at the garden to plant, share successes, and tidy up. It is a time to talk, help each other, share gardening in the desert climate and be a part of a LOC community.

February is a great time to plant salad garden!

There are a few spaces open, and applications are at the ministry tables.





## Missions: Local



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](mailto: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".

## SS In Home Care @ LOC



a program of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

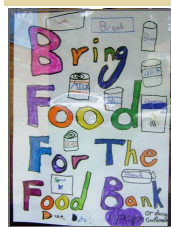
Luminaria Home Care provides non-medical in-home care to seniors and individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Our goal is to enable the people we serve to remain in their homes and maintain their highest level of independence. Luminaria Home Care has been blessed with an ongoing rela-

tionship 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. 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.

## 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! **THEY REALLY APPRECIATE AND NEED OUR SUPPORT!**

## I-Help

LOC is now in its 6th year of hosting homeless ladies enrolled in this program on the second and fourth Friday nights in the ADC Rooms. You can be a part of this blessing those nights by helping to set up from 5-6:30pm or hosting from 6:30-8pm. Please contact Walter or Dianne at the church 480-981-6199. Donations are needed for the sack lunches of fruit cups, granola bars and chicken or tuna snack packs. Shower room needs are deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste and combs. I-HELP bins provided by the Girl Scouts are for this. Thank you for the many donations of the travel soaps, shampoo and lotions.

## Serving Opportunities

**Help  
Wanted**

**GREETERS & USHERS are needed at all three services!  
Sign up on Sundays at the ministry tables!**

**SIGN  
UP!**

### Altar Guild Servants Needed



**SIGN  
UP!**

Altar Guild servants needed!!! Can you help out one or two Sundays a month? Please sign up to serve on the Altar Guild to set up communion for all three services. If you have any questions you can contact Donna Johnson at 480-326-8370 or Barb Weldon at 480-854-9317 for the 9:00 service and Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199 x15 for the 7:50 & 10:30 services.

### **Volunteer Security...**



Thanks to Karen & Brian Thompson, Al Lind, Joe Holmwood, Charlie Saniter & Dave Dohrmann! Thanks for serving in this ministry. **Currently we need volunteers to cover Thursday and Saturday evening!** 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](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) or 480-981-6199 x15.

### 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 6199 X10 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) or 480-981-6199 x15 or Katie Thorson at 480-981-6199 x23 or [katiethorson@loclc.org](mailto:katiethorson@loclc.org).

## LOC Church Board Members

Board Member Nicole Cumberledge  
 Board Secretary Patti DeLaney  
 Board Member Beth Hesse  
 Board Vice President Melissa Riner  
 Board Member Jim Shepherd  
 Board Treasurer Dave Spice  
 Board President Ted Trembath  
 Ex-Officio Interim Bridge Senior Pastor Kenneth Lentz

## Church Directory Ext. / Phone Email

**LOC Office** .....480 981-6199  
 Interim Bridge Pastor Ken Lentz x36.....kenlentz@loclc.org  
 Pr. John Albrecht Sep-May480 386 4807 .....johnalbrecht@loclc.org  
 Darlene Fleischhauer x10 Darlene@loclc.org  
 Church Secretary  
 Dick Beckman, Finance x21 dickbeckman@loclc.org  
 Renee Bennett Stephen Ministry 480 584 6203,  
 Director of Youth Ministry x19 reneebennett@loclc.org  
 Joey Bogushefsky, Audio Visual  
 Mark Cloud, Facilities  
 Dir. of Music  
 Jung Eun Csuy, .....x32 jungmusic@loclc.org  
 Gary Fuller-Facilities  
 Janice Herron, Preschool .....x33 janiceherron@loclc.org  
 Children's Min. Dir.  
 Lori Hughes, .....x18 loriughes@loclc.org  
 JaeEun Lee..... 7:50 & 10:30 Pianist  
 Heather Loomis, Children's Choir Dir. X29—heatherloomis@loclc.org  
 Mike McNeal, Audio Visual  
 Dianne Oien .....x15 dianneoien@loclc.org  
 Heather Parker (WOW).....x12 heatherparker@loclc.org  
 Tim Rosenow, Facilities  
 Walter Scott, Small Groups .....x27 walterscott@loclc.org  
 Adam Stein.....Contemporary Worship Leader x40/VM32  
 adamstein@loclc.org  
 Brian Thompson-Facilities  
 Katie Thorson, Ministry Asst...x23.....katiethorson@loclc.org

## Worship & Care Directory Phone/Ext.

Information/Visitors	Dianne Oien	x15
Landscaping	Dick Beckman	x21
Secretary	Darlene Fleischhauer	x10
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	Katie Thorson	x23



**Phone Number:**  
**480 584 6203**

Stephen Leaders:  
 Renee Bennett  
 Chuck Cusack  
 Patti DeLaney  
 Jim Johnson  
 Char Kraus

## Shut-In & Spouse Birthdays!



Happy Birthday to everyone having a Birthday this month!

### February

- 16** Garnet Naslund, Courtyard Towers,  
22 N. Robson, Apt 709, Mesa, 85201
- 26** Carl Herron, Fellowship Square  
6945 E. Main St., Unit #4368, Mesa 85207

## Prayers of Sympathy and Comfort to...

† *Barbara Hummel, family & friends upon the death of her dear mother, Elizabeth Anderson.*

† *Family & friends of Bill Huber upon his death. Please keep them and everyone else who has lost a loved one in your prayers.*



**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.

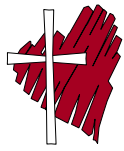
**SPECIAL PRICING----NICHE FOR TWO PARTIES \$1,000.00**  
**SPECIAL PRICING----NICHE FOR ONE PARTY \$ 700.00**

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 Dick Beckman or Darlene Fleischhauer at 480-981-6199.

## 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 480 981-6199 x 10, or email Darlene@loclc.org.



# 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

**FEBRUARY 2017**

## Worship and Communion Sunday Morning

Holy Communion during Sunday worship.  
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 19

## Weekdays at LOC:

- Weekday Preschool
- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. The Bible Between the Lines
- Wednesdays: WOW (Sept. - May)

### Website:

[www.LoveofChristChurch.Net](http://www.LoveofChristChurch.Net)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LOCLC>  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
(ELCA) Grand Synod



VISIT OUR WEBSITE! IF YOU HAVE AN IPHONE OR  
SIMILAR DEVICE SCAN THE ABOVE QR CODE. IF  
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## PRESIDENTS' DAY

The office will close Monday, February 20  
for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

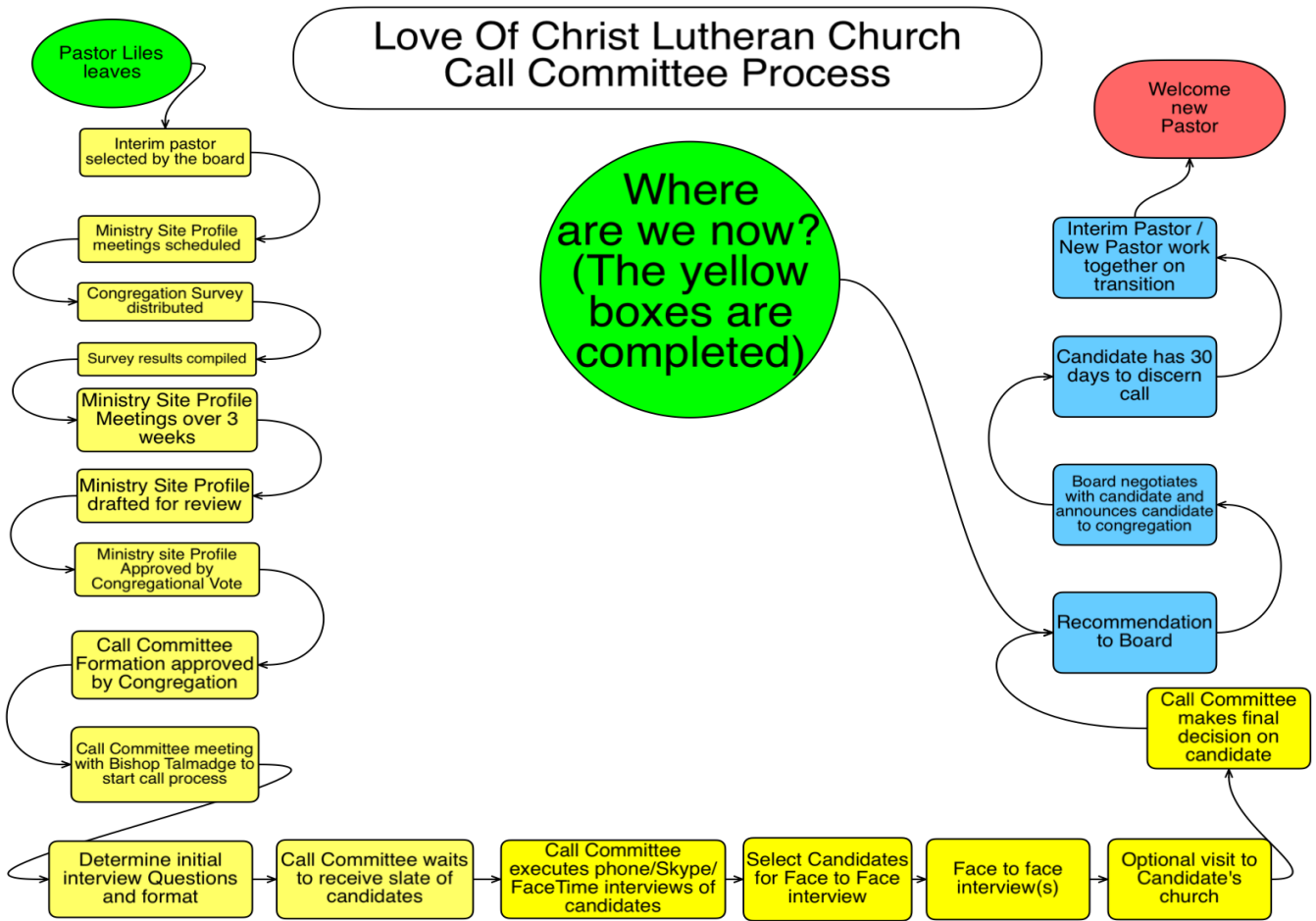


## **Ash Wednesday**

**Holy Communion  
with distribution of Ashes  
March 1st  
Noon and 7:00 pm  
In our Sanctuary**



# Call Committee Update



# 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER IN JANUARY!

## BREAKING NEWS! Michael Tully will be performing!



THE NEXT 30 YEARS...HERE WE GO, AGAIN! – Love of Christ Lutheran Church has a marvelous heritage that started in 1986 with an energetic mission/developer gathering both “Saints and Sinners” together to start a new congregation dedicated to worship and ministry in Jesus’ name in East Mesa.

On January 15 we have invited the Bishop of our Grand Canyon Synod, Reverend Steve Talmage, to share in our joyful 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of worshiping and being God’s hands and voice here in the Valley. Please pray for our team and call either Dianne Oien 480 981 6199 X15 or me with your suggestions.

Clark Wirthlin, 480 985-8757

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

**Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**starting at 6:30 – Music starts at 6:00**

**Tickets on sale:**

Only \$15/Person (\$10 for Kids under 10!)

**Buy early only 320 tickets available!**

**Buffet catered by PACINO’s**

“A Tour of Italy”

**Featuring Night & Day Band**

**Rhythm & Blues and Smooth Jazz**

Joe Carroccio – Vocal & Bass

Chuck Bellman on Sax

Sam Gonzalez on Drums

Dale Garcia on piano

**\$30k for 30 Years Celebration Special Envelopes**

“Pay-It-Forward” gifts to Crossroads Lutheran Church & our new Electronic signs on Power Road – envelopes available.

### **Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration Special Envelope**

**\$30k for 30 YEARS** As a featured highlight of our congregation’s 30TH Anniversary, we’d like to be able to raise \$30,000 above and beyond our current pledge base to show our neighbors and the world that we are actively involved in addressing the very real need for **spiritual rebirth**, both **globally** and **locally**! The monies raised will be split equally between purchasing our new state-of-the art signage (welcoming new members) and **Crossroads Lutheran Ministry**, which is a mission congregation under development in nearby San Tan, Arizona (Just like we were, 30 years ago!). Our results will be announced and awarded at our celebration supper on January 13, 2017! Please join us as a joyful sponsor of these goals!



### **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. Please date your donations Dec. 31, 2016.

### **Poinsettias Thank You!**

Thank you so very much for ordering Poinsettias. It makes our Christmas decorating so festive.

### **Christmas Ham Thank You!**

Thank you so very much for the Christmas Hams. We served 500 families this year with your generous donations.



### **Angel Tree Thank You!**



### **Angel Tree Christmas**

Thank you so very much everyone for your generosity during our Angel Tree gift gathering, for the volunteers that came to wrap all the gifts, for the donations of wrapping paper, ribbon and boxes. It is greatly appreciated.

## Volunteers Needed!

Looking for something to do! The following ministries are in need of volunteers. As you know we are a very busy church! So check out the ministries listed below to see where you can serve.



**Altar Guild** - 7:50 & 10:30 - contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) or 9:00 Donna Johnson at [kdjohnson6624@msn.com](mailto:kdjohnson6624@msn.com)

**Ushers** - all 3 services contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org). On the job training available!

**Readers** - Sharon Randall 480-628-5829 or [rndllshar@aol.com](mailto:rndllshar@aol.com)

**LOC Office Help or Newsletter Helpers & Baptismal Napkin Making** - contact Darlene Fleischhauer at 480-981-6199 x10 or [darlene@loclc.org](mailto:darlene@loclc.org).

**Security** - need volunteers for Thursday or Saturday..takes 30 minutes in the evening. Contact Dianne Oien at 480-981-6199 x15 or [dianneoien@loclc.org](mailto:dianneoien@loclc.org) for more info.

Many opportunities to serve- please consider giving some of your time to help out other members who would really appreciate extra hands!

# ELCA Today

## Who we are

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one church body organized in three expressions – congregations, synods and the church-wide organization.

- **3.7 million members**
- **9,300 congregations**

## 65 synods

1 Each expression has its own particular function, but all three share a common mission of doing God’s work in the world and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

2 The churchwide organization acts on behalf of this church’s members, congregations and synods to unite our ministry on a scale and scope we could never do alone.

3 Together, we are implementing a large-scale response to human need and suffering. We are responding to social issues and working for justice and peace. We are nurturing relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners. And we are providing resources to equip members to worship, learn, serve and witness in their daily ministry.

4 Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton shares four emphases:

1. We are church
  2. We are Lutheran
  3. We are church together
- We are church for the sake of the world

Together, we are doing God’s work in the world. While one congregation is opening its doors to neighbors experiencing homelessness, another is serving meals at a soup kitchen, or caring for God’s creation by cleaning up local parks and roadways. When you serve, you serve and minister on behalf of all of us. Each one of us has a unique story, and we are part of a

larger story that makes up the ELCA.

## ELCA Facts CONGREGATION

- On September 8, 2015, **more than 4,000 congregations took part in God’s Work. Our Hands.**, a dedicated day of service across the ELCA.

- We planted **62 new congregations** in 2015.

In 2015, we launched congregational **renewal efforts in 134 congregations.**

## LEADERSHIP

- **Bishop Eaton introduced two webcasts** as a new way to learn and stay connected with one another. Because of the success of these webcasts, more will be broadcast in the coming months and well into the future.

- We supported **228 students** at seven ELCA seminaries through the ELCA Fund for Leaders.

- We support the work of **8 ELCA seminaries and 26 colleges and universities.**

We recruit, prepare and implement a system for the assignment of **more than 9,000 rostered leaders.**

## HUNGER AND POVERTY

- We supported **creative solutions to hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries** around the world, including **347 programs in the United States** through ELCA World Hunger.

- Committed to work to help end deaths from malaria **in 14 countries in Africa** through the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

- **In 2015, gifts given to ELCA World Hunger totaled \$21,944,702**—more than in any single year. These are gifts that will provide immediate food and shelter, as well as support toward lasting systemic change.

- Together, we’ve **raised \$15 million for the ELCA Malaria Campaign** to help end deaths from malaria in 14 African countries. In doing this we:

- Educated 2 million community members
  - Distributed 50,000 insecticide-treated bed nets
  - Tested 160,000 people for malaria, and if positive, provided treatment
  - Trained 10,000 local volunteers in prevention and treatment
  - Empowered 12,000 households to be economically stable
- Provided 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication

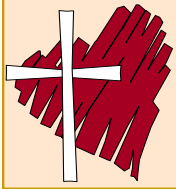
## GLOBAL CHURCH

- We support The Lutheran World Federation’s global communion of churches with **more than 80 companion churches** in other countries.

- We sent **73 young adults** into global service and added **one new country program** in Cambodia through the Young Adults in Global Mission program, and continued support of at least **220 missionaries in more than 40 countries** around the world in 2015. In 2015, we awarded **6 college scholarships** to promising young women from our global companion churches.

[Source: elca.org](http://elca.org)





# Love of Christ Lutheran Church

1525 North Power Road  
Mesa AZ 85205

October 2016

Office: 480-981-6199

## Picnic in the COC!



## October 18 4-6 p.m. in the COC



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## October

- 3**     **Compassion Weekend**  
**Confirmation Service Project**  
**10-3pm WELCA Informational Forum—Sanctuary**
- 4**     **"I Love Sundays" Series**  
continues with "Sundays Can Change Your Eternity" Holy Communion  
  
Review of Compassion Weekend  
  
SCS/Confirmation
- 7**     **5:30pm WOW/Youth Group**  
**Adult Forum & FP**
- 9/10** **I-Help**
- 11**    **"How Sundays Changed the World"**  
  
Holy Communion after worship  
  
Family SCS/No Confirmation  
  
New Members Received
- 14**    **5:30pm WOW/Youth Group**  
**Adult Forum & FP**
- 17**    **7am Women's Hike**  
  
**7:30am Men's Breakfast**
- 18**    **Holy Communion**  
  
SCS/Confirmation  
  
4-6pm Picnic in the COC
- 19**    **6:30pm Ladies Night Out**

### Current Sermon & Wednesday Adult Series Continues



God wants Sunday to be the best day of your week and the Sunday worship service to be the best hour of your day. Unfortunately, it doesn't always work out that way. Join us for the current sermon series and find out how every area of your life can be better by making the strategic decision to invest in a weekly Sunday church experience while celebrating a day of rest and relational connection.

### WELCOME new members. *New Members being Received Oct. 11th*



*Picnic in the COC Oct. 18, 4-6:00 p.m.*    Cont. on Page 9

### Reformation and Service of Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 25



On Sunday, **October 25<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am** worship service in the COC, Love of Christ is blessed to celebrate the Service of Confirmation for 23 tenth grade confirmation students. Their names are Eliot Baker, Cameron Balli, Isabelle "Bella" Berry, Amber Butler, Tara Christensen, Danika Duffalo, Rebecca "Becca" Geiser, Morgan Hansen, Grace Holgerson, Daelyn Johnson, Jack McCahan, Brenna Murphy, Nic Peters, Ethan Prater, Robyn Reeves, Allison "Ally" Schappert, Mark Stevens Jr., Quentin Torbenson, Jordan Trembath, Alex Valdez, Derek Valdez, Marisa Valdez, and Nina Wilson. Please join in the fes-



*Trunk or Treat, Oct. 30, 6-8:00 p.m.*    Cont. Page 2

Join the Party! Help make this Community Outreach Event a



*Craft Fair Sat., Nov. 14th, 9-2 pm*    See Page 8

### Mission Opportunities

**Compassion Weekend Oct. 1**    Cont. on Page 11

**Youth 30 Hour Fast, Nov. 6-7**

**Feed My Starving Children Nov. 5, 6 & 7**    Cont. on Page 16

**African Orphan Mission:**    Cont. on Page 16

**Habitat for Humanity**    Cont. on Page 16

## Call Committee and Call Process

The August 21, 2016 Sunday bulletin included a chart explaining the LOCLC Call Committee Process. It indicated that the boxes, which were colored yellow meant we were in the process. However, all this has now changed (see below chart). The Call Committee recommended a candidate to the Board and the Board extended a call. Shortly thereafter, the candidate asked to be removed for consideration for the senior pastor vacancy. Please refer to the letter from our Board President, Ted Trembath, for more specifics (see below).

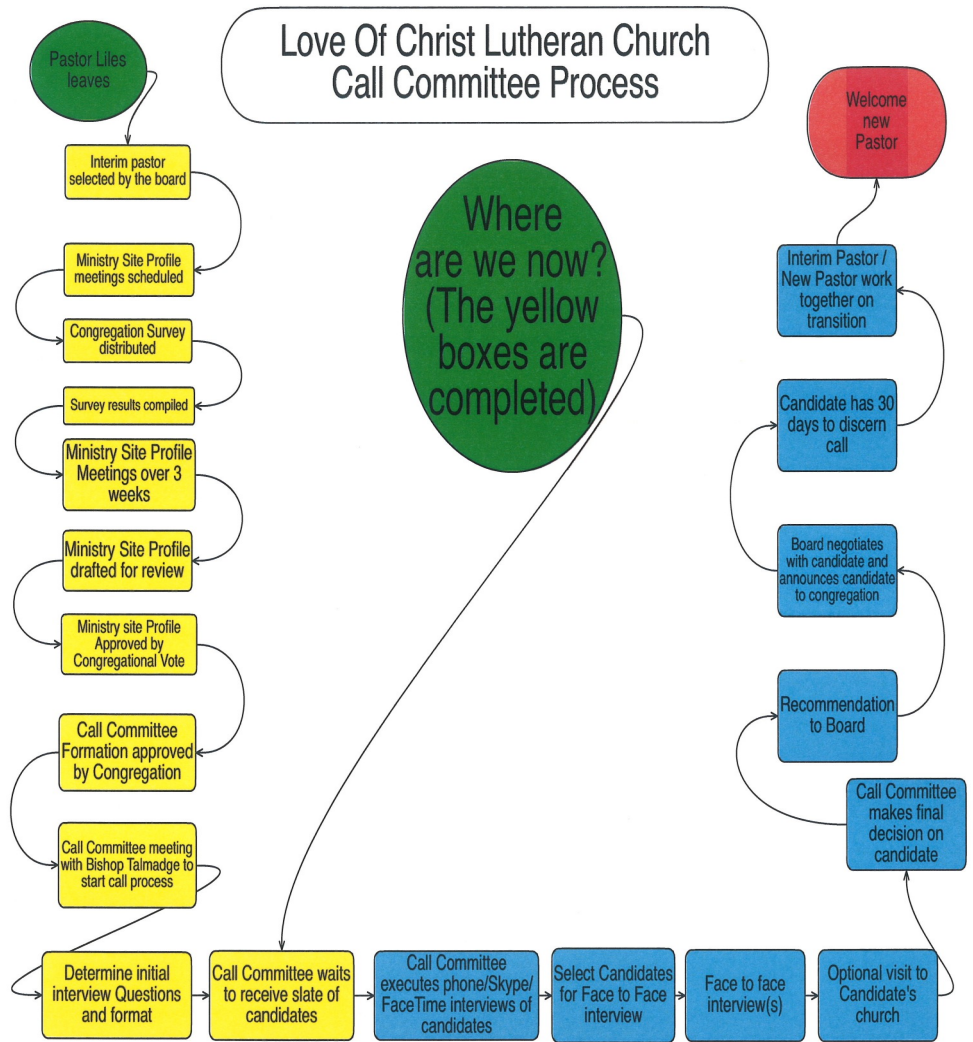
The Call Committee is now waiting for a second slate of candidates from Bishop Talmage of the Grand Canyon Synod. We are unable to give further consideration to those candidates who were on the original slate. We ask that you pray for our discernment and wisdom as we continue to search for a pastor to lead our congregation.

To all LOC Members and Friends,

The Love of Christ Board of Directors has just been officially informed of the desire of our selected candidate for the Senior Pastor position to remove his name from consideration. Unfortunately we cancelled the previously scheduled All Congregational meeting on 9/18. As many of you know this is a process that is full of discernment from all parties involved and the Holy Spirit was calling this candidate to fulfill his calling at his current congregation. We remain in awe of Christ's hand in our congregation and respect the process in which we are led by the ELCA and the Grand Canyon Synod. The Call Committee will remain active and will await additional candidates from the Bishop's office. The Board or Call Committee will update the congregation when there is any new developments in the process. LOC is a vibrant gathering of believers who are committed to a common purpose of sharing Christ's message in word and action to our community within our walls and in our neighborhood. We will continue to be a strong group with the leadership of the staff, board and Interim Pastors through prayer and Biblical principles. Thanks to all who continue to step up and define who we are as we represent the hands and feet of Christ.

Sincerely,

Ted Trembath - LOC Board President



## ELCA TODAY



### Christmas Cantata – Call for Singers!

I know you have been waiting for the Christmas Cantata date this year! 😊 – **Sunday, December 18 at 9am and 10:45am in our Center of Compassion building.**

Please participate in this year's Christmas Cantata and please spread the word. We want to reach everyone who sang with us last year and as many other singers as possible for this beautiful Cantata! All I ask is that, if you are serious about your participation, attend rehearsals and practice a little bit on your own. I assure you that if you commit to nine weeks of singing in the cantata, you will get hooked! The fel-

lowship and enjoyment of participating in the cantata comes mainly during the rehearsals. 😊 **Here are the rehearsal dates: 7-8:15p.m. in the sanctuary**

**Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15 & Saturday, Dec. 17 (dress rehearsal from 9am to 12pm in COC).** These dates are coming quickly and we need to put them on the calendar now.

I look forward to having you sing with us this year! If you have any questions, contact me at 480-981-6199 X32 or [jung-music@locic.org](mailto:jung-music@locic.org).



## Music Ministry (Continued)



The Music Ministry has a project for you! Please start thinking about the **Music Dinner and Auction on December 2**. If you are cleaning out drawers or closets and find any really nice things that you may want to part with, save them in a special spot to donate to the auction!!

We would truly appreciate it .....we count on our earnings from that event to help out with our music expenses. You might be happy that in return you have an empty closet! If you are a craft person or like to make things, we'd love to have your contributions for the auction. Thanks! Jung Csuy

## Announcing the 6th Annual Music Ministry Concert & Dinner Fri., Dec. 2, 6p.m.



This is a beautiful event held in the COC. There are 25 tables, each decorated differently by a table host with her own special place settings and tablescape. The tables alone are amazing. But wait, there will also be a silent auction, catered dinner from Carrabba's, and a Handbell Solo performed by Christine Anderson. **See her bio below.**

If you are interested in hosting a table, you are asked to provide table settings for 8 and decorate the table in any theme or style. You are not responsible to fill your table with guests; however, we encourage you to invite family, friends and neighbors. We will need 25 hosts.

If table hosting doesn't interest you, we are also looking for volunteers to help the night of the event. We also need silent auction donations that will bring out the attendees' competitive nature to win that great item! Maybe you have a cabin that you would be interested in donating

as a weekend get-away, or you may be a world class chef and donate a homemade gourmet dinner or you may be crafty and want to create a themed basket full of great things.

Please contact Ginny Williams at 602-818-8156 or via email at [vlwluv2sing@msn.com](mailto:vlwluv2sing@msn.com) to sign up as a table host, volunteer or ask any questions about the event or possible auction items.

Tickets will go on sale for all guests beginning Sunday, October 30th. Look for us each week until the day of the event.

The entire music ministry team would like to thank everyone for helping to make this a Five Star fundraising event so that we can continue to provide great music for our congregation.

### Christine Anderson



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Artist in Residence, The Master's University

The solo handbell artistry of Christine D. Anderson is world-renowned. With finesse, grace and dexterity, Christine's solo handbell artistry has thrilled audiences in 26 countries and all 50 states.

She is an outstanding clinician and in constant demand for handbell workshops and festivals, incorporating a teaching style that makes learning fun and techniques unforgettable. With many years of conducting experience and performing solo concerts, she easily communicates the skills needed for musical ringing. Christine's expertise ranges from beginning choirs through advanced, solo, and ensemble ringing, including handbell maintenance and refurbishing.

After earning her music degree from Florida Atlantic University, she embarked on a career encompassing all aspects of the art of handbell ringing. She is a sales representative for Malmark Handbells, and serves as handbell editor for LifeWay Church Resources. Christine's more than 110 published arrangements have set the standard for excellence in solo ringing, and her CDs and DVDs showcase her incredible grace and musicality. She is Artist in Residence at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, CA, and annually receives the ASCAP award for performances in the Concert Division.

