

Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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From Pastor Steve



“Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.” Psalm 146: 3-4

The last quarter of 2018 is upon us and in the United States it will be a time of Mid-term elections. In Arizona we will be voting for the office of Governor and a new U.S Senator along with a variety of local and statewide officials. I hope all of us who are registered to vote will use this cherished right of democracy and vote! After the results are confirmed, we will wonder how long the signs dotting every major intersection will quickly come down? Hopes for working for the common good will be placed in those either re-elected or newly elected and I'm sure there will be moments of disappointment. The composer of Psalm 146 shared a piece of long-standing wisdom upon placing our hopes in those who are mortal and those whose plans will perish.

Love of Christ is a community centered on Jesus Christ. We trust that God's unconditional love and endless forgiveness are revealed through the cross and empty tomb of Jesus. We trust the power of God's love, and God's acceptance will withstand anything that seeks to deny or destroy this message.

In these latter months of the year, signs of our trust and allegiance are demonstrated as we focus on baptizing new sisters and brothers in Christ, sharing the bread

and wine at the Lord's table, forming faith among all ages, inviting engagement in feeding and caring for the poor, particularly children around the world and in our neighborhood, and as we offer to continue to grow in our generous sharing of what God has first given us through the offering of time, ability, and financial resources.

During this last quarter we will counter the world's emphasis on Halloween and Santa Claus, by remembering all the saints who have died in the faith, and by celebrating the real message of Christmas, God coming down to our level in the person of Jesus! In the middle of this quarter, we will pause as citizens of this nation to honor those who have served and are serving in our armed services, and then before the rush into Advent and Christmas, we stop, reflect, and give thanks for the blessings and bounty that God has graciously provided.

Week in and week out during these remaining three months, we will pray for those called and elected to lead, but our ultimate focus will be on the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, our Lord, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, in whom we will always find help, and whose love will never perish.

Your Partner in Mission,

Pastor Steve

Church Photo Directory



LifeTouch

Pictorial Directory

It has been 5 years since our last pictorial directory. LifeTouch will be taking pictures for the directory in January & February. Watch upcoming bulletin for dates and information on how to sign up and to volunteer. Any questions, please contact Dianne Oien at 480-681-0941.

September 1, 2018 we officially welcomed Nanette Christofferson as our fulltime Seminary Intern

Nanette and her husband, Mark, have rented a house in the East Valley (Power and Thomas Rd area) and she will be serving and learning among us 40-50 hours a week until August 30, 2019. During this time it is important that we remember she is still considered a student, and the months ahead will involve intentional and at times intensive practical skill development. We know that she has already expressed capable gifts and skills among us, but please remember this is a year focused on learning and developing. She will be meeting weekly with Pastor Steve and serve under his supervision. An Internship Committee (Loren Westrom, Chuck Cusack, Kristin Floyd, Sandy Johnson, Debbie Osborn, Chuck and Camille Newton) has been formed who will meet with her monthly to support, encourage, pray and provide feedback. She will sometimes shadow Pastor Steve and other times she will be given freedom to use her many gifts. She will be investing in all aspects of pastoral ministry: Preaching, Worship Leadership, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation, Administration, and Outreach. Pastor Steve will be doing three different evaluations of her along with the Internship Committee providing two. Because she is not yet ordained, she cannot preside at Holy Communion or officiate at baptisms. In the summer of 2019 she will meet

with the Grand Canyon Synod Candidacy Committee to sit for her approval interview. When she is approved for call as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she will become available for assignment to a synod late September 2019 and then be available to interview and be called by a congregation. It is possible that she might become a candidate for an Associate Pastor position at Love of Christ, but the congregation has to demonstrate a commitment to support a full-time second pastor, and both the congregation and Nanette will need to sense that the Lord is leading to a call at Love of Christ. Before jumping to calling her as our second pastor, we need to focus on making this the best year of learning for her, and continue to provide gracious hospitality to her and her husband Mark. Mark will participate as his busy schedule as a Captain with Southwest Airlines allows. Their two children, Matthew (Jr.) and Thea (Freshman) are studying at the University of Arizona in Tucson. We are fortunate to have her want to do her internship here, when many other pastors would welcome the chance for their congregation to be so blessed. Thanks for being a part of Nanette's Learning Laboratory!

Members of the LOC Board are in attendance at each service on Sunday. They are available for you to ask questions, receive information, share ideas, and help in any way to further communication and growing in the Holy Spirit in our community. Board members are identified on their name badges: Patti DeLaney, Melissa Riner, Karen Humbert, Mike Obert, Nicole Cumberledge, Clyde Anderson, Allen Gjersvig, and Dan Wilke.

People On The Go/FAB Events

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

Upcoming events - October/November/December

October 19th - Miniature Golf - at Golfland - 11AM - 155 West Hampton - Mesa 85210

November 17th - Turkey Bingo at LOC in Fellowship hall at 5PM

December - Christmas event - date/place to be determined

For these upcoming events more information will be available in the bulletin on when to sign up for each event!

LoC Umbrella of Care



Stephen Ministry, Agape Callers, Prayer Ministry, Emergency Pastoral Response Team, Prayer Outreach Callers, and Compassionate Cooks are all ministries developed over the years to live out Jesus' commandment to love one another. From one-on-one caregiving, to prayer outreach callers, to monthly communion for homebound members, to daily and weekly prayer, to responding to emergencies, to providing home-cooked meals to members in need, Love of Christ seeks to be a community of Christ followers who care for one another during challenging times in our lives.

The umbrella of care is an image of bringing these many expressions under one ministry area, while affirming the key volunteers who faithfully oversee each expression.

During this quarter, work is being done to create a new curriculum on Christian Caregiving, which hopefully will be launched in January/February 2019 with the hopes of training more homebound communion ministers (Agape Callers) and Pastoral Assistants. If you have a desire to use your time and talents in intentional ministry of Christian Caregiving, keep your eyes and ears posted about this new training offering. LoC always has a need for individuals with a compassionate heart, a listening ear, and a basic love of neighbor.

If you are in need of support from any or have questions about any of the above ministries, please contact the Church Office, Pastor Steve or Intern Nanette.

Shut-In & Spouse Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a Birthday in October, November and December!

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| Oct. 1 | Char Snoddon, Friendship Village, 2645 E. Southern, Room 119, Tempe, 85282 | Nov. 6 | Fran Ehnert, Brookdale Springs Mesa, Room 229 6220 E. Broadway, Mesa 85205 |
| Oct. 16 | Stephanie Hopkins, 5274 S. Red Yucca Ln, Gold Canyon, AZ 85118 | Dec. 9 | Bobbie Ritter, Arbor Rose, Rm. M-11 Assisted Living Bldg., 6033 E. Arbor Rose Ave., Mesa 85206 |
| Oct. 19 | Bob Savidge, 8040 E. 1st Ave., Mesa 85208 | Dec. 10 | Ruth Egger 1829 N. Saffron, Mesa 85205 |
| Oct. 21 | Coralie Clary, 215 N. Power Rd. #289 85205 | | |
| Nov. 3 | Trudy Jay, Summit at Sunland Springs 2415 S. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa 85209 | | |

The I-HELP program continues to do well through your generous contributions. As long as this program continues to serve homeless single women, **new undergarments and socks, feminine products, clothing, travel size products, sack lunch food items, and bottled water will be needed.** Because the holidays are before us and the joy of giving is part of Love Of Christ's DNA, please be aware that the ladies' personal belongings are kept in a small travel size suitcase, which limits storage. If you would like to make a financial donation to the I-HELP account, light rail/bus passes (\$4), laundry cards (\$5) or Picture Show (\$2) movie passes could be alternate gift ideas. We host 25 to 27 women at peak times. Any questions or suggestions, please call Jackie Rensel 602-489-1832.

Feeding the Hungry Around the Globe and Across the Street



272,000 Meals – 1,360 Volunteers

What is the most joy you will ever experience with a hair-net on? Just ask anyone at church who has packed “Feed My Starving Children” meals. Your hearts and your hands have provided hope and a “dream” for countless children who would otherwise have perished without knowing the Love of Christ. This love has been brought into their lives through the 1.6 million meals you have funded and packed since 2008. Nearly everyone in our congregation has provided support for this ministry over the years, whether by providing financial support, packing meals, or serving on our core team at our “Mobilepack” events. This year our congregation will step out in faith again as

we sponsor one of our largest “Mobilepack” events ever, packing over 272,000 meals on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Our congregation has been blessed financially this year. This event is fully-funded by a bequest from a non-LOC member that Pastor Steve was able to direct to this event and, as a result, all donations received this year will be used to support future packing events.

Our challenge this year will be signing up 1,360 volunteers to get the meals packed. First of all, this means “all hands on deck”. Secondly, this will mean reaching out to our friends, our families, and other churches and organizations outside our church.

Contact **Walter Scott** at waltchef@cox.net

“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” Matt.25:40

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easy to
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fight hunger and
transform lives.

ELCA.org/goodgifts



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work Our hands.

ELCA Good Gifts—During the month of November and December, we will once again invite our members and friends to consider giving to God's Global Barnyard through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Ornaments for Good Gifts will be available beginning in November.

What is the difference between ELCA Good Gifts and similar organizations?

Many other organizations are doing wonderful work around the world, and some do work in similar ways. A main difference between the ELCA and other programs is that this church receives almost all of the money to fund its work directly through its congregations and members, and almost all of the money that we distribute goes to support the work being carried out by our congregations, global companion churches and ecumenical partners. This is unique because the church is our delivery system. It is successful because the church is present

in far corners of the world and already connected and trusted in communities. And finally, it is sustainable. Our churches and partners are the ones who identify local needs and solutions; we just help make those dreams a reality.



Turkeys and Hams for LSS-SW Food Bank at Victory Lutheran Church, Mesa, AZ

On Sundays, November 4, 11, & 18 and December 2, 9, & 16 members and

friends will be invited to donate an extra turkey and ham as a way of supporting a local needy family by offering a chance for a special holiday meal.

GROWING WITH GRATITUDE

During the months of October and November, LoC households will receive invitations to prepare for our Annual Financial Giving Response under the theme Growing with Gratitude. Last Fall every member household was invited to look at their current level of giving and find the percentage of their household income they share in support of Christ's mission through Love of Christ and beyond. A challenge to grow by 1% with a goal of living into the biblical practice of sharing 10% was given. As we approach the last quarter of 2018, our income has exceeded our mission spending plan

target, expenses have been reduced, and we are preparing to continue to expand how we share God's blessings to grow disciples and support the work of Christ beyond the walls of LoC through the Grand Canyon Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Current Financial Updates have been provided in special Board Updates and our quarterly financial statements. Thank you for growing in gratitude and generosity, so that our focus is not on having enough, but on how might we share out of the abundance God has provided!

²⁸*You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.*

²⁹*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 118:28-29)*



Special Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, October 7, 2018 11:40AM in the Sanctuary

Purpose of the meeting:

- to receive a recommendation to sell the two vacant lots immediately south of our Campus to reduce current debt of \$1.8 million
- to secure the services of an experienced land broker
- to launch a three-year Capital Campaign beginning 1/1/2020 to further reduce indebtedness, expand mission partnership, address staff compensation inequities, and make needed capital improvements
- to elect from the slate of candidates provided by the Board members at this meeting to serve on the Nominating Committee.

“Debt Reduction leads to Mission Expansion” The leadership of Love of Christ is seeking to address how we might free up ministry resources currently servicing debt so that they might be available to be put to work in expanding faith formation, disciple-making, and mission partnership. Every voting member of Love of Christ is encouraged to attend. A specific initiation is being mailed to all voting member households and will be posted in the weekly announcements and ENews.

From Pastoral Assistant Nanette



A Note from the Intern

I thought for this note I could share with you my call to become a pastor. While there were important events in my youth that have led me down this path, I thought I would share the ways I experienced my call as an adult.

My background is in education and I taught school for 10 years. When my husband Mark and I returned from a military tour in Germany, we were assigned to Luke AFB. It was during this time that God began to lead both Mark and me deeper into faith. We attended a Cursillo weekend, we participated in a 2 year Bethel Bible Study, and a “Child in our Hands” conference. These events helped ignite a passion in me for Faith Formation. In May of 2006, I was hired by Peace Lutheran Church in Peoria to become their Director of Leadership. Once hired and before I could even begin to work, our pastor was elected Bishop!

While at Peace Lutheran Church, I worked in many areas including faith formation, fellowship, and outreach. People from the congregation encouraged me to think about seminary and Pastor Al Cassel, also encouraged and challenged me theologically. It was during a dedication service for Cursillo that I clearly heard “Go and become a Pastor”. This rocked my world, and I asked God for affirmation. And He provided it in many ways, and I finally heard Him loud and clear when I went for coffee with a dear friend and out of the blue she told me I was to go to seminary. I knew it was time to begin a new chapter.

The journey to this call has had its obstacles, and for me, I had to consider many things before beginning seminary as I wasn’t your typical seminary student right out of college. I needed to consider being a mother to junior high children, having a part time job at church, and wife of a husband who was gone 3-5 days a week, along with the financial obligations of seminary. So I started slow. This helped greatly with the costs of seminary. I began part-time at Fuller Theological Seminary in Phoenix and stopped working at Peace but was able to continue on as a volunteer where I led Bible Studies and continued to serve there.

A Masters of Divinity degree at Fuller requires 30 classes along with a 9 month 10 hours a week internship. I was able to do a paid Internship at Peace and shortly after that was given an opportunity to be an Interim Pastor for Celebration Lutheran Church. Both of these experiences gave me the money needed to speed up the process and attend Fuller full time for a year which allowed me to graduate earlier than planned! 😊 (2013-2017) However, it is important to know that not only is an MDIV required for ELCA endorsement, but also 400 hours of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Experience) and another 8 hours of course work from an ELCA seminary as well as a full time internship with an ELCA congregation. Whew! Almost there!

I am so excited that this next part of my journey is with Love of Christ and the opportunity to serve here as your Intern, to be able to have this faith community as my learning lab, and to be mentored by your pastor. God has certainly provided, not only financially, but presented opportunities and experiences that will mold me into the pastor that He is creating me to be.



Bible Study Join us!

Weekday Bible Study led by

Pastor Steve Talmage

Mondays 10-11:30 AM in the

Fellowship Hall.

Preparing for Sunday Worship

Each week we are looking at the assigned readings from Revised Com-

mon Lectionary for the upcoming Sunday, paying particular attention to the text from which the weekly sermon is being prepared.

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



Kevin Saunders' The Bible Between the Lines

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

ArizonaBibleClass.com



Children...Youth...Adults

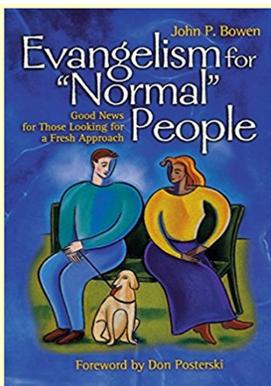
WOW (The Word on Wednesdays) IS BACK!!

WOW started back on September 12th and we have so many wonderful things planned for this year!!

New this year will be a combined Living Nativity/Community Outreach Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19th!! We will have the opportunity to invite the community in to experience our Living Nativity and then come inside and participate in singing Christmas carols, hot chocolate, ornaments, and fun for the children, too!!

Our regular weekly programming will begin with a family-friendly dinner in the CoC beginning at 5:30 p.m. with programming for everyone starting at 6 p.m. We will have fantastic programs for **children** (ages 4 – 6th grade) music/drama as well as small group prayer time, games, activities. **Youth** – (7th grade and up) we have a great combination of social time coupled with worship time geared toward the needs of the teenagers of the congregation and their friends. **Adults**— we will have many options for ways to connect and fill your bucket mid-week!! Child care is available for children 3 and under. We conclude all programs at 7:30 p.m. so everyone has time to head home and get ready for school/work the next day. We can't wait for you to join us!!

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



Let's Learn How our Faith is Really Good News

Wednesday PM Adult Study 6:00-7:30PM in the Leadership Room.

"Evangelism!" For most Christians, that word has a powerful and polarizing effect, inducing either feelings of guilt and fear or igniting energy and enthusiasm.

Sometimes when we talk about evangelism, it can feel like we're talking about selling something rather than introducing people to relationship with Jesus. Being a salesperson trying to tout the "commodity" of Christianity makes evangelism transactional. It may create a few "conversions," but it lacks power and rarely leads to living relationship.

What if evangelism was invitational instead? Embedded within the good news of Jesus Christ is an invitation from a loving father to his orphaned children to come home. This study will allow

us to look through a Lutheran lens and discover how in every day encounters God is able to use us to share good news!

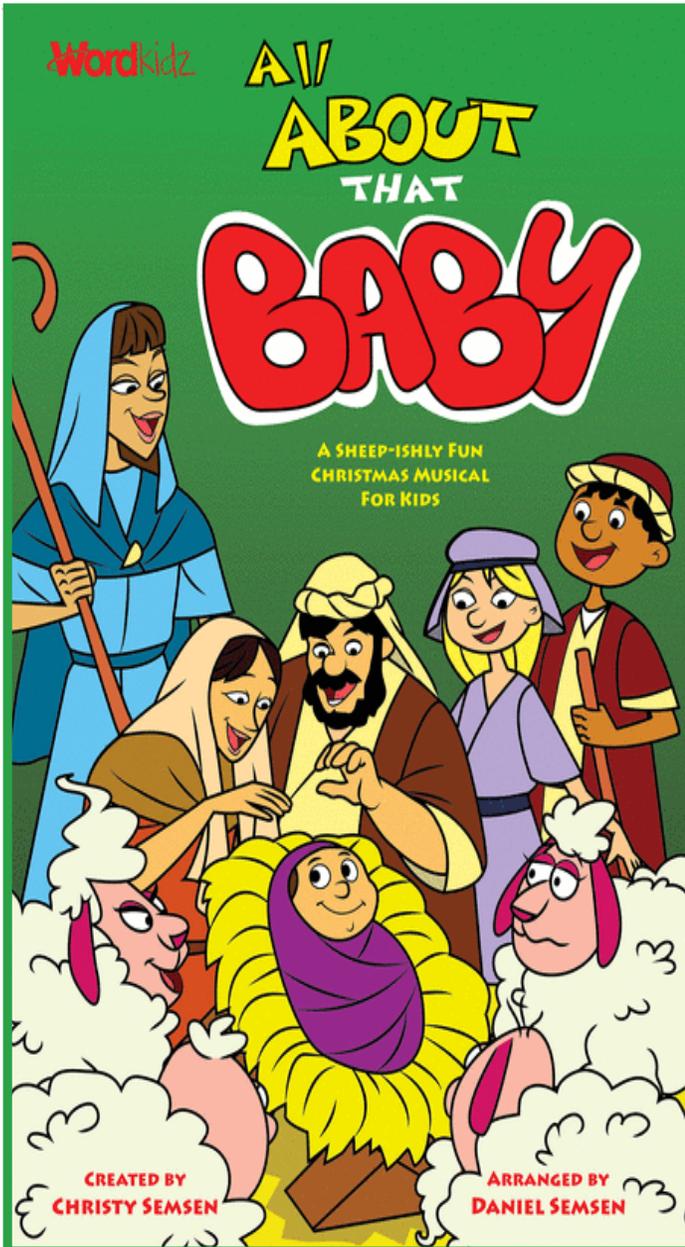
FINANCIAL PEACE—Postponed until January, 2019



**LOVE OF CHRIST PRESCHOOL
NOW REGISTERING
FOR FALL 2018**

Flexible Scheduling, Affordable Rates, Phonics based curriculum, and Christian atmosphere,
Contact Preschool Director at 480-681-0937
or janiceherron@loclc.org for tours and information.

Music Ministry Kids Musical Presentation Rehearsal Times



A Christmas Musical for Kids

Come join the Christmas Musical (4 years through 8th grade)

All About That Baby: Is a new, sheep-ishly funny story that packs a lot of fun and humor into its presentation. But it never gets away from pointing us back to the true message of that holy night... back to the moment when our Savior was born, bringing great joy and light and life to all people.

Drama & Solo auditions- Green Room

Sunday, Sept 30th: for 7-8th grade at 10:10 a.m. (right after the 9 a.m. service)
 for 3rd-6th grade at 11:10 a.m. (right after Sunday school)

(The cast list and the soloists will be posted on Jung's office door Sunday, October 7th. The selected cast and the soloists need to pick up the CD and the script).

Rehearsals- Green Room

Starts Sunday, October 14th

10:20 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. (7th -8th grade)
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (4 years thru 6th grade)
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (cast rehearsal/7 weeks)

Dress Rehearsal (CoC stage)

There will be extended rehearsals Sunday, Nov. 25 For the Soloists & Drama team from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (All)
 Sunday, Dec. 2nd from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (All)

Performance in the CoC
Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5pm

Registration forms are available at the Children's Ministry table.
 Questions: jungmusic@loclc.org or 480-832-2449

Children and Youth Ministries



**WE ARE OPENING UP THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OUR
5TH GRADERS – 9TH GRADERS
AT THE 9:00 AND 10:30 SERVICE**

The acolyte's primary responsibility is assisting with communion. **Acolytes benefit from this ministry in several ways:**

They may be participating in a service they are unfamiliar with and thus have an opportunity to see and experience a different side of worship.

“Serve” and thus be on “the other side” of things during worship, which reinforces the concept that they are partners in the ministry.

Opportunity to connect with the Lord as well.

When an acolyte is scheduled, and is not present, it may disrupt the worship service.

Confirmands can also sign up to read scripture, usher, or be greeters with their families. Students can also serve as crucifers or communion helpers on festival Sundays such as Easter or Christmas. Additionally, if you notice that an acolyte is not present during a service, you can offer to assist. Please ask Pastor or worship leadership if you can assist by lighting candles or helping with communion. You can sign up for acolyting by visiting the Sign-Up Genius link

[HTTP://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48adac2ca7fa7-youth1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e48adac2ca7fa7-youth1)



What's new on Sunday mornings?

Faith Formation Sunday!

Parents and children learn together

One Sunday a month

Register your Children!!!!

Sunday school, Confirmation, and WOW paperwork on youth and children's ministry tables.



Adults - We need your help:

Email coordinator (Sign Up Genius)

Help with Youth Auction fundraiser (see youth table)

Please start to collect your high-end auction items for dinner auction (Feb 24)

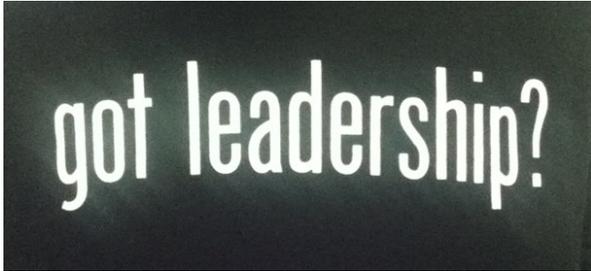
Children and Youth Ministries (Continued)

ATTENTION ALL 10th GRADE Confirmation students:

This year each youth will prepare a testimony to be shared in person with Pastor Steve or with Nanette. This will be a written testimony to be submitted to stevetalmage@loclc.org and nanettefern@gmail.com, and cc reneebeckett@loclc.org **no later than September 23.**

Times to meet will be 5:30-7:30 PM on either September 26 or October 3. Meetings will be 15 minutes. Please respond to reneebeckett@loclc.org asap with the time you request and we will make a master list.

SR. HIGH LEADERSHIP CLASS



got leadership?

WHEN? September 23

WHERE? The Youth Room

WHAT? This Bible Study will be like no other!

We will meet twice a month (1st & 3rd Sunday of every month)

We kick off each Month with a bible study based on leadership

Then we apply this leadership in a service project every 3rd week of the month.



**WELCOME TO OUR RELAXATION STATION!
7-9TH GRADE EVERY SUNDAY**

10:10-11:15

**GREEN ROOM
CHECK IT OUT!**



FOOLS NIGHT OUT

Senior high event!!!!

Invite Friends!

FRIDAY, October 5

8PM – 8AM

\$10

7-12th grade
TIM TEAM



Are You Good at planning?
Are you creative?
Do you like to do projects?
Do you simply want to be a part of the youth leadership?

ALL PARENTS & YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR AN
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30 at 10:15 in YOUTH ROOM

ELCA GLOBAL FARM CHALLENGE

Fri., Nov. 2-Sat., Nov. 3

**30 HOUR
FAMINE**

**Sign-up at the
youth table
\$20 donation**



**SENIOR HIGH FAST FOOD FORMAL
GET DRESSED UP AND EAT LOTS OF FOOD WITH
YOUR FRIENDS!!!!**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00-9:00 PM

(BRING YOUR OWN MONEY)

**Laser tag
Games
Campfire**

**Swimming
Sunrise
Breakfast**

**See youth table to
sign up**



Christmas Cantata – Call for Singers!

I know you have been waiting for the Christmas Cantata date this year! 😊 – **Sunday, December 16 at 9am and 10:45am in our Center of Compassion.**

Please participate in this year's Christmas Cantata and 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 eleven weeks of singing in the cantata, you will get hooked! The fellowship and enjoyment of participating in the cantata comes mainly during the rehearsals. 😊 Here are the rehearsal dates, **7-8:30p.m. in the sanctuary:**

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15, Monday-19, Thursday 29, Monday, December 3, Thursday-13 & Saturday, Dec. 15 (dress rehearsal from 9am to 12pm in COC).

These dates are coming quickly and we need to put them on the calendar now. Music will be distributed at the **Oct. 4th** rehearsal at **7pm** in the sanctuary.

I look forward to having you sing with us this year! If you have any questions, contact me at 480-832-2449 or jungmusic@loclc.org.



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Cursillo

Cursillo Retreats

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

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

Dates for the next Weekend Retreat

Men's Weekend, 5PM Thursday, October 4 thru 5PM Sunday, Oct. 7

Women's Weekend, 5PM Thursday, Oct. 11 thru 5PM Sunday, October 14



Campus Cleanup!!!!

We will be cleaning up the campus on Saturday, October 20th between 8AM & Noon. There will be something for everyone to do! Sign up sheets will be out on the ministry tables on Sunday, September 30th.



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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS BACK!

It's OFFICIAL!! Our *fifteenth* home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity will **have its ground-breaking and wall-raising on October 27th**, and the **dedication in Jesus' name will occur on February 23, 2019!** Located at 504 S. Grand in Apache Junction, it will be an easy jaunt for you to participate in at least one of the scheduled



fifteen Saturdays. I will have maps and schedules on the Habitat kiosks. Put your faith into action, one nail at a time!

Habitat is in the process of "vetting" the family with whom we will be sharing this amazing blessing. I will keep you posted on this as well as any schedule changes in our weekly Sunday bulletins.

Although this home is already fully funded, our coalition can save some money for future builds by providing "in-kind services". If any of you are aware of a business that would be interested in providing any of the following material, please let me know and I will give them the details: windows, lumber, framing hardware, doors, insulation, drywall, tape and texturing labor, counter tops, block wall fencing, or termite treatment.

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit, faith-based organization with the goal of eliminating substandard housing throughout the world. With partners like us, they facilitate the construction of simple, decent, affordable homes to families in need. The families with which we partner are selected without regard to race, ethnicity, or religion. The families must be United States citizens or on permanent residency status, demonstrate a need for ade-

quate housing, have a two-year history of stable income between 30 and 65 percent of the median income, have a good credit history, complete 100 hours of "sweat equity" on a fellow Habitat owner's house, and an additional 300 hours on their own home before taking occupancy, and complete classes on home maintenance, financing, and home ownership. The homes are NOT given to the homeowners. At the time of the home completion and dedication, the homeowners make their first payment on a profit-free mortgage, and the average payment is about 25% of their income, which includes the principal, property taxes, homeowner's insurance, and a maintenance account. These funds are then used by Habitat to build even more homes. The results are incredible – families living in substandard housing and caught up in a cycle of poverty become home-owners, tax-payers, and contributors to the well-being of their neighborhoods!

We need your prayers and extra-mile blessings before the end of the year! The really GREAT news is that the State of Arizona will provide you with a dollar-for-dollar tax CREDIT of up to \$800.00 for a couple filing jointly, or \$400.00 for an individual. Therefore, **your contribution costs you nothing** because it is credited against the State taxes you would otherwise pay, AND it can **also be used as a deduction on your Federal Tax return!** It is very similar to the School tax credit with which you may be familiar, and you can do BOTH! **So, like most blessings, you actually get back more than you give!**

There are special designated giving envelopes on the Habitat kiosk in the Center of Compassion and also outside the Sanctuary. Please make your checks out to Love of Christ Lutheran, and write "Habitat-AZ" in the information space. If you need a confirmation letter, please advise the office. For additional information on the Christian principles that guide Habitat for Humanity, please pick up one of the tri-fold brochures, visit www.habitatcaz.org or call Clark Wirthlin at 480-985-8757.



All Saints' Sunday Nov. 4



All Saints' Day is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven.

It is also a day when Christians give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the lives of all people.

It is not because people are special in and of themselves that we call them saints, but it is because they are ordinary, everyday people who allow the Holy Spirit to work through them, doing the mighty deeds of

the Lord.

Martin Luther writes, "the Holy Scriptures call Christians saints and the people of God. To forget that we are saints is to forget Christ and to forget our baptism."

All Saints is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God.

All Saints is celebrated the first Sunday in November, during the season of Pentecost.



Save the date: **Sunday, November 4, 2018, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**

Our church is sponsoring a **BLOOD DRIVE in the South Parking Lot**. Please sign up at the ministry tables and make an appointment to Save A Life! There is always a need for blood and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. For more information contact Dianne Oien at (480) 681-0941

or www.bloodhero.com

Participate in the Angel Tree Program



Angel Tree Christmas

The Angel Tree Christmas program gives us the opportunity to share Christ's love with the families of prisoners. We will provide gifts, on behalf of the parent in prison, to approximately 80 children of prisoners.

Christmas trees with the angel tags will be up in both the **Sanctuary and COC November 4, 11 & 18th**. Please be an angel and pick a tag!

We will be wrapping gifts Dec. 4th, 5th and 6th. If you can help, please come between 8am and 3pm to the church office and ask for Darlene. Contact Darlene at 981-6198 or darlene@locic.org with questions.

Order Your Poinsettias!

Order by December 2

We will be decorating both our chancel areas with red poinsettias this Christmas season. We will be ordering the foil wrapped plants from a local greenhouse at a cost of \$18 ea. We invite you to give a red poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Your order and check must be received by December 2

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Name _____

Phone # _____

_____ Given to the glory of God.

_____ Given in honor of _____

_____ Given in loving memory of: _____

Please make checks out to "Love of Christ Poinsettia" and return to the church office or place in the Sunday offering as soon as possible.



Continued

LOC Craft & Vendor Fair



Saturday, November 17th
9am to 2pm

Center of Compassion
Free

60+ Vendors

Come and support LOC ministries:

◆ Music Ministry bake sale

◆ Lunch provided by Food Trucks



COME ON IN!

A variety of vendors will be selling items e.g. lighted blocks, soap & hand creams, handmade wooden crafts, artisan olive oil, cards, spices, Gold Canyon candles, potpourri, wreaths, coffee, Christmas items, skin care, Premier Designer jewelry, paintings, purses, eyeglass cases, sweatshirts, bows and much more! In addition there will be several raffle items to be won – tickets available at the door. Come and enjoy a fun & relaxing day! Invite and bring your friends, families and neighbors. Contact kreativebarbie@gmail.com with questions.



BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!

There will be a bake sale at the **Craft and Art Fair on Sat., Nov. 17, from 9am to 2pm!** We are asking all of the Love of Christ Congregation to please help us out and bring baked goods so that we can raise money for the music ministry budget, and

also to make the craft sale a fun and successful event! You can bring pies, brownies, bars, muffins, and cookies. Please mark your calendar to bring the baked goods and drop them off in the COC kitchen on Friday, Nov. 16 between 10am ~ 5pm.

All bake sale proceeds will go to the Music Ministry. *Please sign up at the Craft Fair table on Sundays!* If you have any questions, please contact Jung Csuy: jungmusic@locic.org.

Thanksgiving Eve

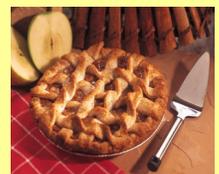
Service 7 p.m.

in our Sanctuary

(Wed., Nov. 21)

(Bring a pie for fellowship following the service.)

Come and Give Thanks!





Music Ministry Dec. 6 at 6pm

DINNER AND AUCTION

Christmas is around the corner and so is the annual Music Ministry Christmas Dinner. **Mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6pm in the COC.** We are trying a different, more relaxing approach this year, so no table hosts are needed. We will still have the wonderful band, Titanium, whose line-up includes crowd-favorite oldies, Christmas songs and a medley of Queen hits. The band will be joined this year by our Master of Ceremonies, Tom Osterman, who will serenade us with his well-known impersonations of Neil Diamond, Nat King Cole, and more. Together they will rock the place and provide an evening of top-notch entertainment!

Besides the entertainment, the night will include a wonderful catered dinner, our annual silent auction and we're adding in raffle items, too. It's a great opportunity to bring together the whole family and include your friends and neighbors! Ticket sales will begin November 4th (after each service) and prices are very affordable: \$20 per person, \$40 per couple, or \$50 per family. Look for us each week until the day of the event.

Beyond buying a ticket or two or reserving a table, how can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help the night of the event and also need silent auction donations! Maybe you have a cabin you would donate as a weekend get-away, or you may be a world class chef who can donate a homemade gourmet dinner or you may be an arts & crafts pro who assembles a themed basket full of great things. We appreciate anything you have to offer. Please contact Ginny Williams at 602-818-8156 or via email at vlwluv2sing@msn.com to sign up as a volunteer, donate auction items or with any questions. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are already available on the ministry tables.

The music ministry team relies on this fundraiser so they are able to continue providing great music for LOC's congregation. Our sincerest thanks to everyone for helping to make this a five-star event.

December

Fantasia Noel

More Songs of the
Season for Choir
and Orchestra

Another *Spachtacular* Christmas
Arranged and Orchestrated by
Joshua Spacht

You're Invited to the
Christmas Cantata!

**Sunday, Dec. 16th at 9AM
& 10:45AM in our COC
Fantasia Noel 2**

**Arranged and Orchestrated by Joshua
Spacht**

A joyous shout celebrating the birth of
Christ...

An intimate and grateful acknowledg-
ment that "now He is born, now He is
here, now all is well..."

These epic songs and heroic arrange-
ments are firmly connected to the heart
of the Christmas story, filled with a mes-
sage that is the heartbeat of God...the
timeless message of love, hope, and re-
demption. Christmas – God's love and
mercy expressed to us through the birth
of His holy Son, Jesus.

Please invite all your family and friends,
co-workers and neighbors to join us for
this joyful celebration. We will have the
LOC mass choir, children's choir, youth
and adult handbells, full orchestra, and
worship band as well as featured soloists
and narration.



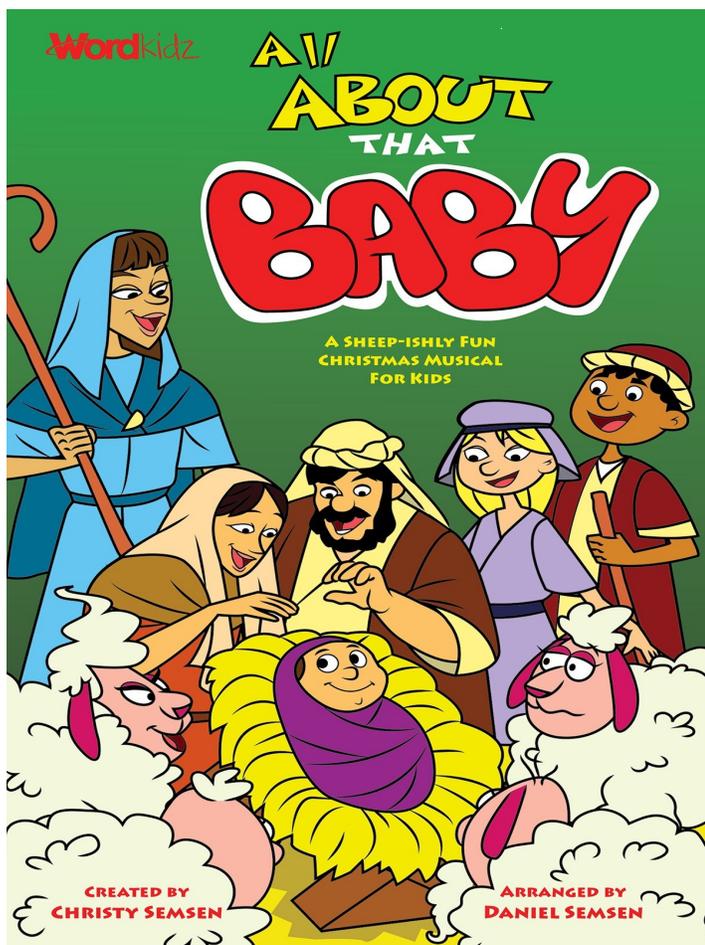
Living Nativity & Carols!

December 19th 6:00 – 7:30pm



We will be having our annual Living Nativity again this year! Watch for more info to be provided in late October, early November bulletins!

Needed: 4 - 9X9 pop up tents for the Living Nativity – last December our tents were destroyed by wind! You can contact Dianne Oien at 480-681-0941 if you have a donation.



**CHILDREN'S
MUSICAL
PRESENTATION**

**SUNDAY DEC. 2ND
AT 5 PM**

**IN THE CENTER OF
COMPASSION**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



4 p.m. Family Service in our Center of Compassion

7 p.m. in our Center of Compassion

9 p.m. Holy Communion in our Sanctuary

Christmas Day 10 a.m.

Holy Communion

in our Sanctuary



Coming in **JANUARY**

“Love Always, Lenny”

7pm

Friday, January 18 is a date you must mark in your calendar...

right now! We have the extraordinary privilege of hosting the **Phoenix Opera** here in our CoC. They will be performing “*Love Always, Lenny*” a musical celebration in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein. Some of his music that you may be familiar with is: *West Side Story, On the Town and Candide*, as well as songs by Gershwin and Copland, who inspired and influenced Bernstein’s compositions. *I Feel Pretty,*

I’ve got Rhythm, Summertime, Maria and so much more, including narration and anecdotes by Metropolitan Opera’s Gail Dubinbaum, a favorite Mezzo-Soprano of Maestro Bernstein.

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

Ticket sales start on Sunday, Dec. 2 after each service.

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





“A Night in the Superstitions”

Superstition Manor 1220 N. Signal Butte Rd., Mesa

Sit down dinner with open bar

Sunday, February 24, 2019

4:00-9:00pm

Tickets are \$75 per person

Live and online auction

**All proceeds go to support our youth
program scholarships**

This is our only fundraiser for 2019

Auction Items Ideas for Youth Auction

February 24, 2019

- 1. Corporate Sponsors:** Diamondbacks, Suns, Coyotes, Phoenix Cardinals – [Amy Schenkel](#)
- 2. Golf Courses:** [Cathie Gerber](#)
- 3. Restaurants** – Red White and Brew, D’Vine
- 4. Horseback Riding**
- 5. College Sponsors:** ASU, U of A tickets to sporting events
- 6. Parks:** Sun Splash, Wet N Wild, Crazy Air, Commemorative Air Force Museum
- 7. Gun Shooting ranges**
- 8. Braces, teeth whitening dentist offices**
- 9. ATV rides, jeep tours**
- 10. Phoenix Zoo, Botanical Gardens, ASU Gammage, Phoenix Art Museum**
- 11. Tubing/River cruises on Saguaro Lake**
- 12. Hotels**
- 13. Wine**
- 14. Gym memberships, personal trainer**
- 15. Weight loss programs**
- 16. Massages, Pedicures, Manicures**
- 17. Hair Salons**
- 18. Paddle Board rental/kayak rental**
- 19. Karate**
- 20. Ski Resorts**

Baskets to donate

- Movie
- Book/reading
- Cooking/cookie basket
- Soaps/Lotions – bath and body works
- Wine Lovers
- Games
- Spa
- Gift cards
- Swimming and sun fun
- Gourmet kitchen gadgets
- Contemplative – candle, relaxation techniques, scents
- Grilling
- Pet lovers
- Brunch
- Camping
- Crafting
- Other?



Naomi Circle

They meet the 2nd Monday of the month September—May. **Monday, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 & Dec. 10, 1pm** is their next scheduled Bible Study. All Women Welcome! See you in September!

Crafting & Chatting Women of LOC



We welcome all Ladies/their friends for our Sunday afternoons. **Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm.** We have become a "Sisterhood" and support many projects in the church, in the community and enjoy our times together with work and laughter. We craft, chat, coupon, chat, crochet, chat, knit, scrap-book and a whole lot more!!! Contacts are: Karen Wenzel 480 890 8692, Karla Harvey 480 262 7666 or Barbie Berry 480 705 3139.



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

They will be back for their regular Bible Study in the Leadership room **September 27**; meeting **every Thursday** at 1pm. Linda Carothers is our Bible Study leader. If you have any questions, please call the church office 480 981 6198.

BLESSING BAG ITEMS NEEDED: The small personal hygiene items picked up from hotels, washcloths, socks, chap stick, sunscreen, small packages of tissues or snack items & bottles of water. Please bring them in to us at the church.

You may contact Karen Wenzel 480-890-8692, Barbie Berry 602-705-3139 or Karla Harvey 480-262-7666 with questions.



EXPLORE ARIZONA.....On **October 13th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling to Payson and hiking the easy 4.3 mile **Balanced Rock Loop Trail**. This trail takes you through an area of pink rocks and near a giant balanced rock. We will meet at **7:00 am** in the COC parking lot and return by **4:00 pm**.

On **November 17th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling north to the Agua Fria National Monument and hiking the easy 4 mile Richinbar Pueblo and Mine Ruins Trail. This hike provides abundant prehistoric and historic period ruins of a mining town. We will meet at **7:00 am** in the COC parking lot and return by **6:00 pm**.

On **December 29th**, the LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling to Buckeye and hiking the easy 4.25 mile **Quartz Mine Trail** at **Skyline Regional Park**. This newest park is a showcase of the desert and surrounding mountains. We will meet at **7:00 am** in the COC parking lot and return by **2:00 pm**.

Call Pat Shaw at 981-1325 for more information.



Love. Grow. Serve

Grand Canyon Synod 2018 WELCA Convention/
Gathering

Friday – Sunday, November 9 – 11, 2018

Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4300 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ

We are so lucky to have the Women of the ELCA Gathering in Phoenix this November. Come join others as we

love, grow, and serve in a spiritually filled weekend with women from all over Arizona and Nevada. There is also an option to attend Saturday-only activities. Scholarships are available. Check out www.grandcanyonwomen.org for registration and scholarship information. Love of Christ will need a delegate, so if you are interested, contact Pat Shaw at 480-981-1325.



Subscribe to "Gather Magazine"

The magazine of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — guides you as you live and experience your faith every day. It offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action. Gather is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August. It's only \$15 a year. – Subscribe online at: www.gathermagazine.org or by calling 1 (800) 328-4648.

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).

Prayer Chapel & Prayer Voices

Prayer Chapel



Come 7:30 am-12 pm

**Stained Glass room across from
Sanctuary Narthex**

Contact Person: Barbara Otto 480.390.9631

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

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

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

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

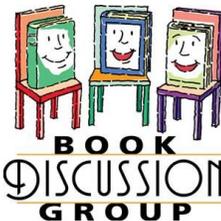
Special Opportunity: The Prayer Chapel is "Looking for a Few Good People" to help run the chapel on Sunday mornings. If this is your passion, please contact Rick Otto rrotto1946@gmail.com.

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.

Books!



We have LOC bumper stickers for a small donation. Come into the Book Nook and get yours to proudly display on your car bumper!



Watch bulletin for next Book Club Read.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Hummel at otemporium@aol.com

or Penny Day at ptdayster@gmail.com.

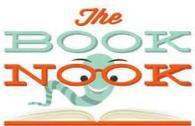




Our Sponsors



Troop 301



If you drive by the garden in the back parking lot of church, you might think that the garden is dead or that no one is using the garden plots. On the contrary, over 80% of the plots are tended in the fall, winter and spring. If you see a shade cloth covering a garden plot, it is tended by the brave, summer gardener harvesting herbs, vegetables and flowers. Most of the gardeners though are resting the soil, saving water and looking forward to planting again after our hot summer months, when growing is much easier. The highlight of the

garden is the community of people that has grown along with the plants. Our diverse group represents people from three local Lutheran churches, the LOC preschool and LOC youth. We meet on the first Saturday morning of the month around 8 am to tend our gardens, help each other and visit. Think about joining us and tending your own 4 x 8 foot plot. Stop by the garden after church some time.



Free Martial Arts!



New Students are Welcome!

Mondays:

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

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

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

Don't Forget About Us!!!



OVERFLOW SUNDAY!

The Food Bank Needs YOU!

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

Online Giving

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

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



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

—
Jesus, Matthew 6:21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The SIMPLY GIVING Program

What's the easiest way to prepare your offering?

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



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 Ausprung of Thrivent at 480 396 5333.



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

Top Food Bank Needs

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

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

Lutheran Social Services Assistance

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

Food Banks:

Victory Lutheran Church

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

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

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Announcements

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

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

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

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

LSS In Home Care @ LOC



a program of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

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

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

LSS Connectors

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

Change for Change

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



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

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

Serving Opportunities

Help
Wanted

GREETERS & USHERS are needed at all three services!

SIGN
UP!

Altar Guild Servants Needed



SIGN
UP!

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

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

Volunteer Security...



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

Ride to Church

Can you help with a ride to church?



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

Did You Know?

Your Business in our Directory!

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



To get started:

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

Access LOC's website at

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

Then click on Business Directory

Read and follow the instructions on the page.

One time donation of \$20 is requested.

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

On Facebook? "Like"

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



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

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| Bill Nunes..... | 7:50 & 10:30 Pianist | |
| Dianne Oien | dianneoien@loclc.org | x115 |
| Ivan Ontiveros, Audio Visual | | |
| Heather Parker (WOW)..... | heatherparker@loclc.org | x112 |
| Tim Rosenow, Facilities | | |
| Kiernan Steiner..... | Contemporary Worship Leader | |
| | kmsteiner7@gmail.com | |
| Stephen Ministry | 480 584 6203 | |
| Brian Thompson-Facilities | | |

Worship & Care Directory Phone/Ext.

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| Information/Visitors | Dianne Oien | x115 |
| Landscaping | Dick Beckman | x121 |
| Secretary | Darlene Fleischhauer | x110 |
| Readers: | Sharon Randall 480 628 5829 or rndllshar@aol.com | |
| Ushers 7:50 Service | Elaine Warwick | 986-4873 |
| Ushers 9:00 Service | Jeff Milan | 814-7514 |
| Greeters 7:50, 9:00, 10:30 | Dianne Oien 480 681 0941. | |



Stephen Ministry Referrals:

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Phone Number:
480 584 6203

Prayers of Sympathy and Comfort to...

- ✠ Inge Graybill, family & friends upon the death of her dear sister, Barbara Anneliese Baylor.
- ✠ Penny Day, family & friends upon the death of her dear husband, Larry.
- ✠ Brenda Stevens, family & friends upon the death of her mother, Cleo Gonzales.
- ✠ Randy Young, family & friends upon the recent death of two parents.
- ✠ Patrice, family & friends upon the death of husband and father, Ted Novac.
- ✠ Karen Billinger upon the death of mom and Aunt.
- ✠ Craig & Connie Rients upon the death of Craig's mom, Evelyn, in Illinois.
- ✠ Carolyn Nitschke upon the death of her dear husband, Bob.
- ✠ Larry Petersen upon the death of his daughter.
- ✠ Veleda Isabell upon the death of her father.
- ✠ Paula Pfister upon the death of her cousin, Maryanne Mayor
- ✠ Judy Dana upon the death of her sister Lois Showers.
- ✠ Dave Spice, family & friends upon the death of his brother.
- ✠ Georgeann Holmwood, family & friends upon the death of her brother, Joe Wells
- ✠ Jackie McGarry, family & friends upon the death of her dear husband Steve.
- ✠ John & Lois Kluge upon the death of their nephew.

Altar Flowers

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



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

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

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

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

Meet our New Staff:



Contemporary Worship Leader Kiernan Steiner

Raised in the Driftless region of Wisconsin, Kiernan Steiner began singing in church at two years old and her love for music never ceased. Her experiences singing for weekly church services, weddings, and funerals, as well as success in State-wide contests only encouraged her to pursue higher education in Vocal Music. In May of 2014, Kiernan completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Music Education at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. After graduation, Kiernan taught private voice, vocal directed the musical, and directed the choral program at Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, Wisconsin. While studying at the University of Missouri - Columbia with Dr. R. Paul Crabb, she served as a Choral Teaching Assistant and directed the vocal jazz ensemble, Hitt Street Harmony. Meanwhile, she continued her music ministry at Centralia United Methodist Church and Missouri United Methodist Church. In May 2018, Kiernan received her Master's of Music in Choral Conducting. Kiernan is now a teaching assistant and doctoral candidate at Arizona State University, advised by Dr. David Schildkret. She is extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve and worship with this faith community!



Traditional Worship Pianist William "Bill" Nunes

Originally from Hawaii, Bill graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance. He works full-time as the Director of Social Services for the Paradise Shadows Neighborhood Network Center, a HUD housing agency assisting international refugee families, many who were resettled to Arizona by Lutheran Social Services.



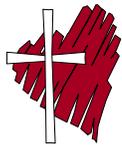
Children's Ministry Leader Anita Christensen

Our family became members of Love of Christ in 1998. My husband, James, is a community banker and we have 2 daughters, Anna, who works in Chicago and Tara, who is currently attending Azusa Pacific University in CA. I served on the staff primarily as the children's choir director but also was involved with other ministry programs focusing on children and families for 12 years. I "retired" in May of 2016. I'm excited to return to the staff and once again have an opportunity to work with the children and families of LOC.



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| Acolytes | 9 | Fundraiser Dinner/Auction | 22 | Poinsettia Order Form | 15 |
| Adults Help w/Youth Programs | 9 | Growing with Gratitude | 5 | Prayer Chapel | 25 |
| All Saints Sunday | 15 | Habitat for Humanity | 14 | Preschool | 8 |
| Auction Items | 23 | Halloween Party | 12 | Relaxation Station | 10 |
| Blood Drive | 15 | I-Help Program | 3 | Rummage Sale | 21 |
| Board and Staff | 30/31 | Kids Christmas Presentation | 19 | Seminary Intern | 2 |
| Board present in worship | 2 | Kids Program Rehearsals | 8 | Sr. High Leadership Class | 10 |
| Book Club/Nook | 25 | Leonard Bernstein Tribute | 20 | Serving Opportunities | 29 |
| Campus Clean Up | 13 | Living Nativity/Caroling | 18 | Simply Giving/Thrivent | 27 |
| Christmas Cantata | 12/18 | LOC Umbrella of Care | 3 | Special Congregational Meeting | 5 |
| Christmas Eve Services | 19 | Lutheran Social Services | 28 | Shut in Birthdays | 3 |
| Columbarium | 30 | Martial Arts | 26 | Sympathy's | 30 |
| Community Garden | 26 | Monday Morning Bible Study | 7 | 10th Grade Confirmands | 10 |
| Craft & Vendor Fair & Bake Sale | 16 | Morning Java | 25 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | 16 |
| Cursillo | 13 | Music Dept. Dinner/Auction | 17 | 30 Hour Famine | 11 |
| ELCA Good Gifts | 4 | Nanette's article | 6 | Tim Team | 11 |
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| Faith Formation Sunday | 9 | Overflow Sunday | 27 | WOW | 7 |
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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 25

Weekdays at LOC:

Weekday Preschool

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

Wednesdays: WOW (Sept. - May)

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