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The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

Please email to:
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or share with her on
Sunday Morning



Walking and Breathing

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." – Colossians 3:16

Thanksgiving has got to be one of the most underrated holidays in America. Once Halloween has finished and the Jack-O-Lanterns are all put away, the Christmas frenzy takes over. Holiday specials start playing on TV, stores decorate their aisle with snowflakes and mistletoes, and people take the chance to hang Christmas lights

while there's no snow. It's not all that surprising really; the Christmas spirit can be pretty infectious, it's also a lot harder to profit off a holiday that emphasizes thankfulness.

I feel like this is how many people, even Christians, treat the idea of thankfulness in general. I don't know about you, but I'm much faster at coming up with a list of things I want for Christmas than a list of things I'm grateful for. It's also pretty easy for our prayers to become filled with phrases like "God, please give me...", "God, please help me...", or "God, I need...". We get so tied up in what God can do for us, how Christ can impact our lives, that we forget how to be thankful for what we have. Luckily, God is good at reminding us what's important.

A few months ago, I was leaving for work in the morning when I was greeted by my apartment's cleaning lady.

"Good morning," she said, "How you doin'?" I thought about the question for a second and, trying to sound funny, said, "Well, it's a Wednesday."

"Now, now," she said, "It's a good day. Do you know why? Because you're walking, and you're breathing." You can't really argue with that, can you?

So, this Thanksgiving, amidst the mayhem of football games and turkey dinners, I encourage you to take a moment to pray and simply thank Christ for the things in your life, including the little things. Whether it's for home, family, or a hot meal, remember to give thanks, for God is good.

"³⁰ I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

Adapted from an internet article by Ryan Duncan, Crosswalk.com Culture Editor

Prayer List

*For continuing comfort and healing-*Carolyn Krick, Lelanie Exbom, Donna Kowalske, Pat Bingham, Vern Parsons, Sue Bernard, Cathy Bain

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283).

Combined Mission and Youth Report



Sunday School (K-5th)

All children K-5th grade are encouraged to join us Sunday mornings from 9:00 am - 9:45 am, for music, prayers, a Bible story, snacks and occasional crafts. We are studying the story of Moses.

Mission project for R.O.O.T.

Several months ago the directors of the R.O.O.T (Reaching Out in Oneness to Teens) group in downtown Kingman, asked if Living Word would be able to re-furbish the basketball court in back of their building. Teens have met almost every Friday night for the past 25+ years to learn about the love of Jesus for them, have a evening meal together and enjoy playing games or hanging out. The basketball court gets a lot of use on Friday nights and has hosted hundreds of teens over the years. With cooler weather setting in, the Wednesday morning Men's Group is ready to put up new backboards, complete with new hoops and nets, re-stripe the game lines, patch holes, check out the lighting and work on the bbq situation at Root. The expenses for all of the supplies will be paid through a Thrivent Action Team fund. The word "Basketball" may not be in scripture but we know that through the men's work the teens will see the love of Jesus. **Thanks guys!!**



Vision/Mission of Living Word Lutheran Church

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to
Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

11/4-Review new church directory after worship, get photo taken, **Special Taco Lunch** following worship

11/5-4:30 PM Council Meeting

11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28-8 AM Men's Bible Study and Fellowship, 6 PM Living the Word Women's Group, 6 PM Living the Word Men's Group

11/7-6:30 PM Living the Word-Miller Street Group

11/10 Shirl Graff memorial at the Graff home (see pg. 7)

11/11-Veteran's Day, **Prayer Ministry after Worship**, Final Sunday to review new church directory after worship, get photo taken

11/17 -11:30 AM Monthly WOW luncheon-Salad pot luck lunch at church

11/18-THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, BAPTISM of Dylan Lee Bingham,

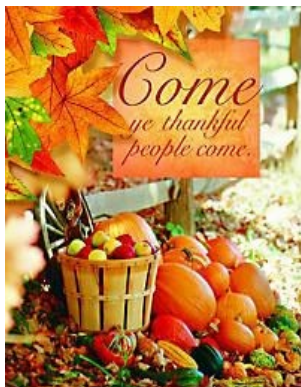
THANKSGIVING DINNER FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

11/22 THANKSGIVING DAY

11/25-Christ the King Sunday



So who are YOU inviting to our amazing Thanksgiving Sunday? Why is it so “amazing”?? Think of it: Praise worship, fellowship, turkey and trimmings (!!) AND we get to witness God welcoming Dylan Bingham into His kingdom through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism!! *Pastor Michael*



*Come join us for our
Thanksgiving Sunday!*

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Praise Worship and Fellowship 10 AM

*Thanksgiving potluck dinner
following Worship*

*Living Word Lutheran Church
2570 Northern Avenue*

These invitations are available in the back of our worship area. Take several!



November 4, 2018

Join us following
worship to celebrate
all October
birthdays



BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Peterson	Nov. 1
Rosie Freeman	Nov. 6
Gordon Everling	Nov. 9
Tieg Masterson	Nov. 13
Carol Nichols	Nov. 15
Ron Redmon	Nov. 22
Leslie DeMuri	Nov. 26

Anniversaries

No November anniversaries



W.O.W Women of the Word

Members of Women of the Word (W.O.W.) Living Word Church group met for lunch at the Hot Rod Cafe on Saturday, October 18th. Karen Shaffer gave a report on the success of the Arts & Crafts project at the church Yard Sale. The possibility of having it as a separate event will be considered. The ongoing Penny War with the women vs. men was discussed and a brilliant winning final finale was planned. Also, the group planned a taco bar luncheon for the church members and guests on Sunday, November 4th, with a charge of \$5 for each person. The costs of the beef and chicken for tacos will be paid for by W.O.W. funds and all other food will be donated by the W.O.W. group. The November 17th meeting of W.O.W. will be held at the church, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, members are asked to bring a salad or light side dish to share for lunch.



TACO BAR LUNCH

Sunday,
November 4th

W.O.W. invites YOU to a special
Taco Bar Lunch
Following the worship service

**In addition to a plate of delicious tacos
(ground beef or chicken), rice & beans
together with drinks and dessert, there
will be good fellowship, music,
free raffle tickets and door prizes.**

All for \$5/per person

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

(SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 4, 2018)

President Bob Allison, Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Vice-President Ken Boulrier Treasurer Arlene Allison, Mission Coordinator Rosie Freeman, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler & Secretary Sharon Peterson

Meeting was opened with prayer. Minutes from August meeting approved. New item added to the agenda: Update on Yard Sale.

President's Report: Bob Allison Nothing new to report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum With great thanks our church is growing, and with that growth a pastoral care team ministry is coming together as follows with those leading:

1st Prayer Ministry MaryAnn, Donna & Eneida, 2nd Visitations – Joel, Mona & Beverly, 3rd Meals on wheels (as needed for our members) Judy, & Rosie

Pastor Assistant: Eileen Pressler Pastor will be out of town 9/17 and return 9/28 Special Worship for Sept: 9/9 Homecoming/Reception of New Members. Fellowship meal to follow 9/23 Hymn Sing is planned for worship while Pastor is out of town. She is in need participants and worship leader. Special worship for remaining Sunday's of 2018: 10/28 - Reformation Sunday, 11/18 - Thanksgiving worship and dinner, 12/2 - 1st Sunday in Advent Office 365 software was purchased for annual subscription \$99 year. Worship guide printed covers were implemented on 9/2 the cost \$68.35 quarter, \$274.40 year which is less than what was reported last month. Sermon central will be renewed on 9/9 at a cost of \$149.00 Joel Anderson will cover pastoral duties during pastor's time away. We received the additional travel communion travel kits. Judy Ormsby will replace Char Matheny as co-leader with Rosie for meals on wheels. Project for getting a Prayer room for personal prayer after worship at the request of Donna & Mary Ann will begin on 10/14. Would like to install a large bulletin board to post pictures of activities, new members and other information.

Vice President/Financial Report: Arlene Allison Reviewed the financial report. Arlene mentioned that we will have the bill for the air condition repair in next month's report. Report approved.

Mission Coordinator: Rosie Freeman Pat Toth has asked if there could be a box set out to collect old eyeglasses for the Lions Club Mona raised \$260 for Bibles for India. Motion approved to add an additional \$140 from Thrivent Mission for her trip to India. \$250 came in from Thrivent Action Team for the yard sale, this is for advertising, hot dogs, buns etc. Pat Toth will do a Thrivent Action Team for Thanksgiving/Christmas food baskets. Donna Pederson is splanning on submitting Action Team request for Root project.

Old business: Good Shepherd discussion update. Pastor shared with us meeting he had. They are going to be calling a retired pastor, there was some talk about maybe doing joint projects in the future. At this time there is no option for us to rent space. Renewal of Pastor's contract Call was completed and signed at the end of August. Autopay discussion. An announcement will be made once Arlene sets up instructions. Yard Sale Update: Arlene has sign-up sheets ready to go. Pick up of items for yard sale will be handled by some of the Men's Group. It was felt Crafts and Bake Sale items would be best if located in the main area rather than in the kitchen. Ken suggested a 4x8 sign be ordered for front of church. Approved.

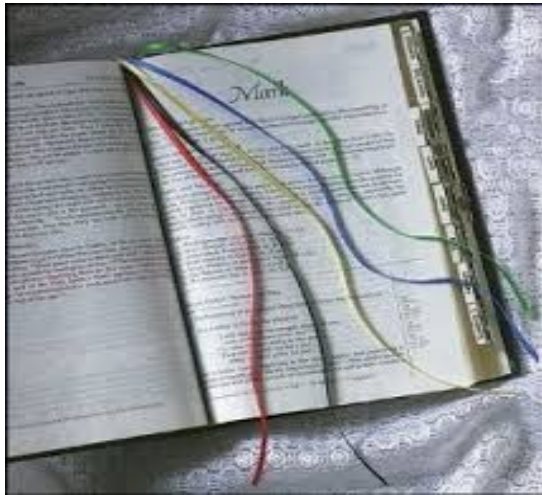
New Business: Conference call with LCMC Pastor John Cross regarding stewardship. This would be for the future and there is no need to schedule this immediately.

Next meeting Monday Oct 8th

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Peterson

FULL FINANCIAL AND ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR EACH MONTH AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN OFFICE.- STOP IN AND TAKE A LOOK!



11/4 Readings

Hebrews 9:11-14
Psalm 46
Mark 12:28-34

11/11 Readings

Hebrews 9:24-28
Psalm 146
Mark 10:17-31

11/18 Readings

Hebrews 10:11-18
Psalm 100
Matthew 6:25-33

11/25 Readings

Daniel 7:9-10,
13-14
Psalm 93
John 18:33-37

Do you have a heart ♥
for prayer ministry?

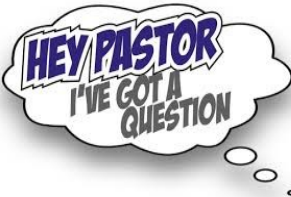


A group is being formed to offer individual prayer support on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be a prayer partner to support others, please talk with Mary Ann or Donna after worship or give them a call. Special individual prayer time will be held after worship the second Sunday of each month. If you need individual prayer before then, let Mary Ann or Donna know!

Mary Ann Mallory - Cell: 951-207-2739

Donna Pederson - Home: 928-753-5762

***Scripture
readings are
subject to
change*



“Comparing Jesus' words with Paul's, why would Paul ignore what Jesus said to him and the other disciples?”

Compare: Matthew 23:8-12 with 1 Corinthians 4:13-18

We have to allow Jesus the use of hyperbole to make His points.

E.G. : "if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out..." etc. As Luther noted, when we think we see a contradiction or are not sure when its hyperbole or command, "let the text interpret the text". Therefore, we know Jesus isn't prohibiting the categorical use of Father under ANY circumstance, other wise I would be sinning when I called my Dad "father". In the context, Jesus is "calling out" the Jewish leadership for stealing the respect that God deserves and trying to apply it to themselves. Paul, is, on the other hand, if you read the context, actually demonstrating how much he cares for his "charges" (see previous verses list of all he has endured in order to bring the Good News to them). He is tenderly referring to them as his spiritual "children" and Timothy as his son etc., simply because he loves them and desires for them to come to the Gospel, using himself and his life as a "teaching device", if necessary

Pastor Michael



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Our worship family will be receiving a new church directory soon. It will include addresses, home and cell phone numbers, email addresses, and birthday and anniversary dates. Thanks to Don Bingham, we also will be including current family photos!

A draft copy of the new directory will be available after worship 11/4, and 11/11. See Pat Toth at the back table after service on 11/4, or Eileen Pressler on 11/11. They'll help you understand how to correct your information. We are asking each family to have at least one member review the information for accuracy. This will be the time to let us know if there is information you do not wish to have published. Don will be taking family pictures on each of those Sundays. **Check your information and smile pretty!**

The plan is to distribute the church directory in January by email. You'll be able to save it on your computer and/ or print a copy. Let Pat or Eileen know if you're not able to receive email.

Help us make our directory a success...

- Review your information with Pat and Eileen.
- See Don so he can take your photograph.



All Saints' Day is Nov. 1 every year, but it is celebrated on the first Sunday in November.

In the Lutheran Church we see all Christian believers as saints. We are made saints, or made 'holy', by what Jesus accomplished on the cross. So, we don't just celebrate people who have died in faith. We also use All Saints Day to remember all Christians, past and present, as holy in God's eyes.

During worship on November 4, we will take time to remember friends, family, and those who have died who were worshipping members of our church family.

*Beanna Nelson
Bill Downer
Charlie White*

*Leora Hammer
Lorraine Koch*

*Lee Kloosterman
Deloris Schultz*

*Fred Krick
Shirl Graff*

Shirl Graff Memorial



The church family of Living Word Lutheran Church is invited to attend a memorial gathering for our Sister in Christ Shirl Graff who passed away recently. Anni and Julie will be hosting an open house type gathering on Saturday, November 10th, at the Graff home, 3783 N Casey Plaza. Please feel free to stop by to share your memories and love with Shirl's family. Save the date! More information about time will be announced soon.

Tidbits!

Pastor Steve's Retirement Party

Save the Date

You are invited to Pastor Steve's retirement party on **Saturday, January 12, 2019** from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.

The event will begin with a program in the Sanctuary at 2:00 pm, followed by an early dinner in the Fellowship Hall and on the patio.

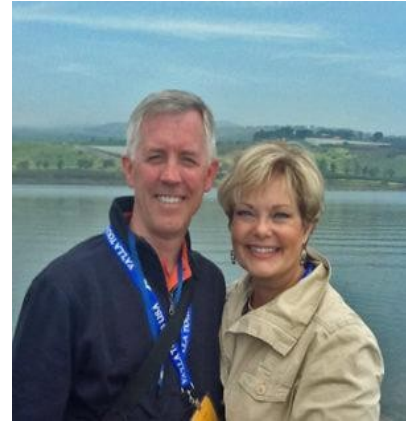
The following day on **Sunday, January 13** we invite you to hear our Rev. Dr. Steve's last sermon as Sr. Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills. Each service will be followed by a time of Fellowship. There will be NO Adult Education.

We encourage you to bring/mail a card of love to Pastor Steve and Lynn. If you would like to donate to their going away gifts you may send a check or drop it in the offering plate. Make it out to SOTH and mark "retirement."

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Questions, email Julia@sothaz.com.

16150 E. El Lago Blvd.
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268



Penny War Continues!

Month 3! Sunday 11/11 (Armistice Day!)



will be the end of the Penny Wars! The women of WOW will be asked to count the amount of money in their jar and the Men's Group will be asked to count the money in their jar. Each group will give our Treasurer Arlene a complete breakdown for the deposit and all the men count their jar and give Arlene a complete breakdown (pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, etc, and coins rolled) for the bank deposit. Arlene will keep the amounts collected a secret and the big announcement will be made on November 18 at our Thanksgiving Dinner.

Remember -the group that collects the most money (WINNERS) will be treated to a special meal prepared by the other group (LOSERS)!

Tidbits!




Singers Wanted!

Wanted-a few dedicated people to sing special songs during the service!


Interested?

Please see Karen at the keyboard after the service. We will be practicing after the services (when there is not anything special going on then). This is an invitation to worship with song. If you have any questions for me, I invite you to call me at 775-513-8367, or we can talk in person after worship!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

As has been our custom at Living Word, we share God's blessings at Thanksgiving time by preparing baskets of food for a traditional holiday dinner with some families in need. Thrivent Action Team funds will be used to cover costs of meat but we will be passing around a sign-up sheet for contributions to cover all the side dishes. Alice Jensen will be guiding this annual project. Do you have a friend or neighbor who would benefit from one of these baskets? Please let Alice know.



Living the Word Groups

Being part of a group is something we, as humans, naturally like to do. Living the Word groups provide an opportunity for us to spend time together and learn from one another as we wrestle with the questions of our daily life. Friendships deepen as we share experiences, ask questions, pray together, and extend our worship beyond Sunday morning!

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:20

Living the Word Men's Group continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 at the church. Although this group uses a Cursillo format for the gathering, prior attendance at Cursillo **IS NOT REQUIRED**. All men are welcomed to participate. Conversation and discussion focuses on helping one another live according to the Gospel and bringing a Christ-like attitude to daily activities.

Living the Word –Miller Street Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings of the month at 6:30 at Pat Toth's home. The group discusses devotional material from the book "God Calling". The next meeting is November 7. Join us!

Living the Word Women's Group meets Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in the Prayer Room at church. This group follows the Cursillo format and becomes accountable to each other.

Living the Word Women's Group that will meet during the day is also being planned. Stay tuned for more information!