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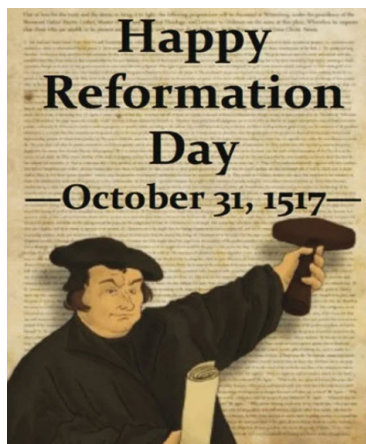
Come Share the Spirit!

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Pastor's Message:



As I write this, tomorrow we will celebrate the Reformation. Over 500 years have passed since then and the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches have come a long way since then.

It all started when the Roman Catholic Church began selling indulgences to finance the construction of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. Martin Luther objected to the sale of indulgences as a form of tax on the common people. The 95 Theses Luther posted on the

side door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany were all about the sale of indulgences.

That began the Reformation as we know it. Christendom has come a long way since then, but the history of that time is very interesting.

This will be my last newsletter article as Pastor Dill will become our pastor in three weeks. Sometime after Pastor Dill begins his ministry, I will be glad to offer a study on the Reformation and Martin Luther. With Pastor Dill's permission I will let you know when and where the study will be.

Pastor Bob Kleinke

PH: 507-273-2705

[Email](#)



Church signage to make you smile!

Church Council

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is exciting to see the return of our winter visitor members and friends. Our attendance at both locations is increasing each Sunday. If you haven't already returned, we look forward to seeing you when get to your winter church home here in Arizona.

Pastor Doug and Kris will be leaving Nebraska November 16 traveling to Arizona with the movers. He will be participating with Pastor Bob in our services on November 21. This will also be Pastor Bob's last Sunday as our Interim Pastor and he will be retiring again for what I believe is the 3rd or 4th time. We thank God for Pastor Bob serving as our interim pastor for the past 10 months. Now he can work hard on his golf game and softball. He still plans to do the bible studies he so much enjoys doing, and we so much enjoy participating in, and he will be available as a substitute pastor as required.

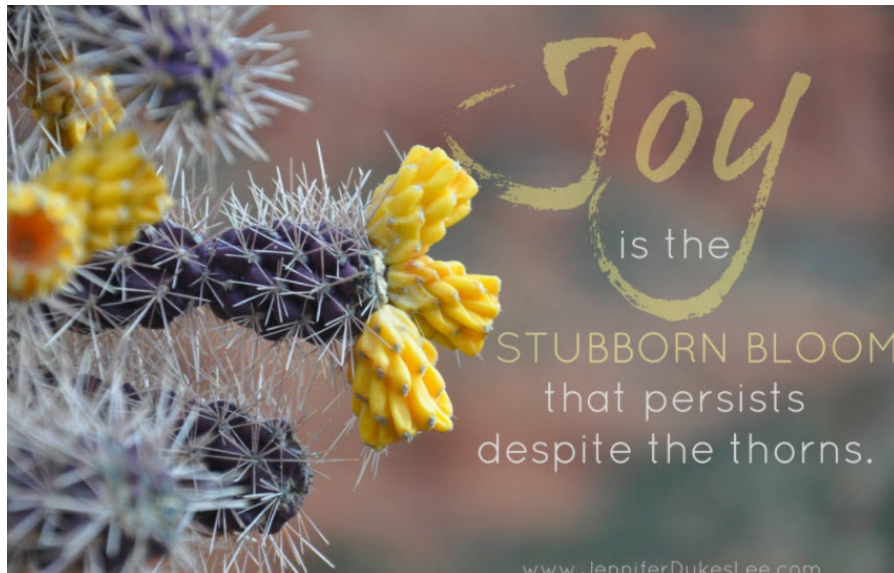
I hope each of you will be able to attend the services on November 21 and welcome Pastor Doug and Kris. His Rite of Installation is scheduled for December 12 with Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer officiating. Please mark this very important date on your calendars.

Our next council meeting is Tuesday November 16. If you have anything you want the council to consider please contact a council member.

Blessings and God's peace to each of you,

Gary Erickson, Council President

[Church Council Contacts - click](#)



Financial Report

October 31, 2021

Hello to all my fellow Central Lutherans,

October was a quiet month as we anxiously await the return of our winter visitors and the arrival of our new Pastor, Doug Dill.

Although the deadline for the newsletter arrived before Samantha and I had a chance to close out the books for October, I do have the information about the general fund giving.

The month of October saw a total of \$12,512.00 down 14% from October 2020 where the total was \$14,612.00. Year to date our offerings to the general fund were \$142,849.00 down 10% from 2020 which was \$157,515.00. These numbers do not include any special funds including the money raised to call Pastor Dill.

Next month I will update you on where we are with expenses. Hope you had a happy Halloween and wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have many blessings to be Thankful for.

Blessings,



Rick Hagen
Treasurer
Central Lutheran Church



Join us in making quilts!

CLC Quilting Group

Our Central Lutheran Church Quilting Group will be back in quilting mode on Wednesday, November 3rd at 9:30am! We would welcome anyone who would like to help work on quilts. We donate to various charity/non-profit groups.



We meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 9:30 to noon at the Arizona City church location (12921 S. Sunland Gin Road, Arizona City).

Contact Kathy Richards (520) 431-7430 for more info.



On-site and Live Online Worship

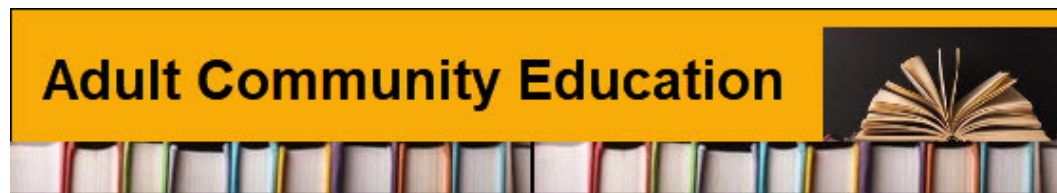
- Worship Times 8:30am in AZ City.
- Worship Times 10am in Casa Grande.
- Worship is also available online.
- Social distancing in seating AZ City and Casa Grande.
- Masks optional.

CLC [YouTube Channel](#)

On November 14th YouTube Live Online worship service will be at 8:30am in AZ City. The other Sundays it will be live on YouTube in Casa Grande at 10:00am.

Live Worship Service ONLINE thru YouTube Live at on the [Central Lutheran Church YouTube Channel](#).

[Print the Sunday Bulletin](#) ahead of time and enjoy "live" online worship each Sunday.



Thinking About Getting Involved?

Every month the newsletter invites readers to serve as Adult Community Education volunteers. The reality is that the engine of this ministry is the volunteers who serve as tutors. General education tutoring helps to improve knowledge and skills in math, reading, writing, science and social studies, the subjects of high school equivalency tests that must be mastered to obtain a GED certificate. Language tutoring develops conversation skills for speaking and understanding English in daily living. Bottom line, helping others learn and achieve their personal development goals is what this volunteer ministry is all about.

So, what does it take to be a successful volunteer in this ministry? First, it takes time — up to four hours per week. The volunteer tutors work one-on-one, or with small groups, once or twice a week to help program participants with language fluency or GED test preparation. Beyond time, the knowledge and abilities that each volunteer apply to the teaching task is as unique as each volunteer. However, many of the volunteers also bring a common set of habits that promote their success and enjoyment of the service they provide.

Consistency – They make giving of their time a priority in their lives. They know that to make an impact they need to be routinely involved in another's life and apply a conscious effort to reserve time in their busy schedules for this service.

Flexibility – They focus on their assigned participants’ needs and meet them where they are at. Aware that achieving personal development goals is challenging, they take on the role of teacher, study partner, listener, advisor, cheerleader, friend and coach as needed to provide the necessary participant support.

Visionary – They maintain a long-term and big-picture perspective, trusting that each tutoring session, no matter how it goes, invests in another human being, and because of it they are making participants’ lives and the world a little better.

Self-managing – They know that as important as it is to give to others, it is equally important to refuel and take care of themselves. They avoid overloading their schedules and risking becoming resentful of their giving.

Volunteer service is biblical, and it is something that everyone can offer, no matter the financial situation. Most would say that it is like everything else in life -- you get out of it what you put into it. Consider becoming an Adult Community Education volunteer. If you would like to volunteer as a GED tutor or an English Language coach, [click here](#).

Central Lutheran Church Adult Community Education Ministry
P.O. Box 677
Arizona City AZ 85123

Questions? Email - [click](#)



Messy Spirituality

Dealing with day to day life, keeping God in focus while not getting discouraged when we fail.

Click for Pastor Dill's blog



**We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to YOU
We are an offering, We are an offering**

“What You Have First Given Us”

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the second weekend of each month we continue to prayerfully consider the challenge to double our offering. The reason for this proposal is the need to increase offerings and the belief many people have the ability to fulfill such a request. As we consider this challenge, we can ask ourselves, “how come I don’t give more?” Thank you for your contributions to our growing ministry.

Please continue to support CLC. Please note if you wish to designate funds.

**MAIL your offerings (Casa Grande or AZ City) to:
Central Lutheran Church, PO Box 677 Arizona City, AZ 85123
Also consider setting up REGULAR, AUTOMATIC GIVING through
your financial institution or PayPal.**

Senior Art Event in Arizona City

Wednesday November 24 at 10:30am



Join the ARTS n' MEALS van outdoors for a morning of socializing while creating an **Holiday** art project and enjoying a meal together.

There is no cost to attend, however you must register .

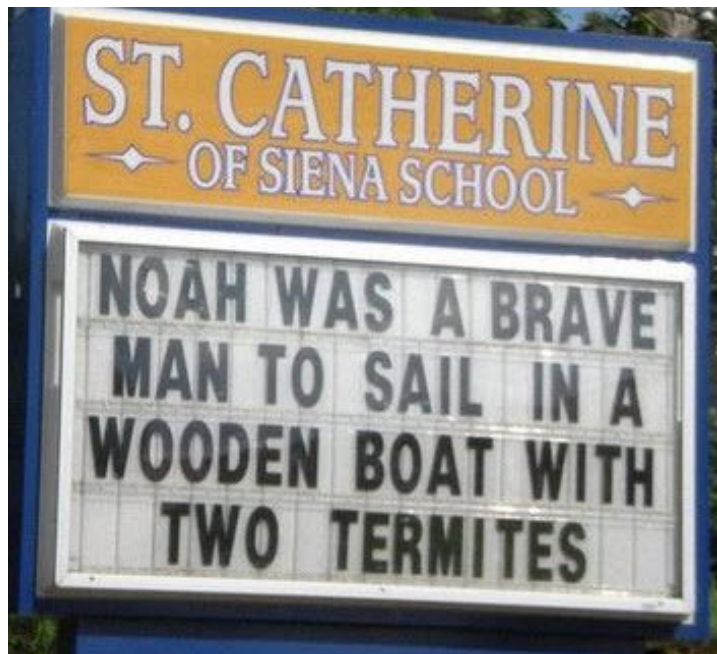


The ARTS n' MEALS van is going to be in ARIZONA CITY at the FIRE STATION on NOVEMBER 24 for a SENIOR ART EVENT, plan to join us!

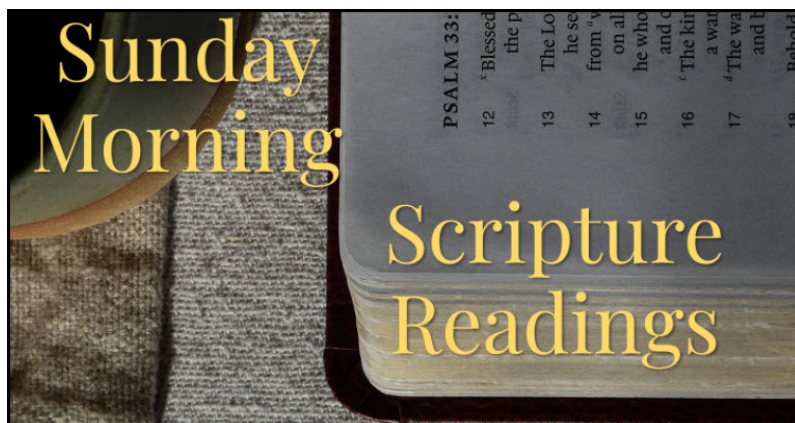
If you are a senior or know a senior that lives in Arizona City there is no cost but you must register.

For more information and to register call Lisa at 520-858-5136 or email: lisaswanson@artmobilevan.org

We have shared
some pictures
from actual church
signs in this
newsletter.



Remember to bring in non-perishable food to the Food Bank. A Food Bank Box is set up at both church sites for your donations.



November

**Sun. Nov 7th —24th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146 (8)
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



**Sun. Nov 14th — 24th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Readings

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16 (9)
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Sun. Nov 21 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93 (2)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Sun. Nov 28 — First Sunday of Advent

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (7)
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



SHOW PRISONERS' CHILDREN
THEY HAVE NOT BEEN
FORGOTTEN!

ABOUT ANGEL TREE® CHRISTMAS

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. Through Angel Tree Christmas, churches and organizations share the love of Christ in a tangible way and



strengthens family bonds, delivering personalized gifts and the Gospel to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. Every Angel Tree child is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible in English or Spanish.

Central Lutheran Church will again support this program. You can pick up a name/gift idea for a child on November 28th or December 4th. Gifts are due back to the church on December 11th and will be delivered to families the week before Christmas.

Please help a child during the Christmas season by supporting this program.

Questions? Contact [Pat Jones](#) or Linda Gal.

Click on images below to find out more about the program! You can help in so many areas of CLC outreach!



Quilting Group



Grief support



Community Food Pantry



Travel Samples



Eloy Free Hot Lunch Program



Manna Bags



Youth Group



Shield a Badge



Volunteer - ESL



GED training/volunteer opportunities



Church Photo Directory



Prayer requests

Remember in Prayer

Please include in your prayers:

Anna, Susan and Bill,
Glenda, Riche, Mary
Kay, Josh, Mike, Faye,
Patty Jo, Lisa, Neil,
Martha, Hal, Brooke,
Becky, Karen, Mike T.,
Sylvia, Samuel, Erika,
Gina, Markie, Bunny,
Darcy, Chris, Ryan,
Rayne, Aleata, Carole,
Leda, Evan, Fritz, Chuck, Kuala family (lost 3 month old baby), baby
James (cancer), Israel and Gail.



Military Service:

Send us names for Prayer List and Military Servicemen.



Council:

President - Gary Erickson
Vice President - Steve Gal
Treasurer - Rick Hagen
Secretary - Lois Irvin

Current members: Peg Brady, John
Pieschl, Mary Pietrini, Dick Jones,

Gary Linafelter, Skip Simes

Council Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month

Council Minutes are posted at each church site on the bulletin board.

Worship at Central

Arizona City ----- Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Casa Grande ----- Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Online worship continues - follow on the [CLC YouTube Channel](#)

Our Worship

Our focus is on the good news shared by God through Jesus Christ, and is celebrated through the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion.

Our Mission

"We are a Spirit-filled community of loving and caring, light-hearted people who joyfully invite all to share, through the Gospel, the love of Christ."

Multi-Site Ministry

- Draw upon resources to meet the needs of each campus
 - Use of congregational resources based on needs
 - Programs at one or both sites
 - One governing body, one budget
 - Staff active on both campuses
 - Capital projects at both campuses
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Contact Us

Church Office: churchoffice@centrallutheranaz.org

Pastor Doug Dill: PastorDoug@CentralLutheranaz.org

Pastor Bob: pastor@centrallutheranaz.org

Website: www.centrallutheranaz.org

Pastor Bob is in the office - stop on by!

Tuesday mornings- AZ City

Thursday mornings - Casa Grande

Arizona City Campus

12921 S. Sunland Gin Road (PO Box 677), Arizona City, AZ 85123

PH: (520) 466-5024

Casa Grande Campus

324 N Sacaton Street , Casa Grande, AZ 85122

PH: (520) 316-9659

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