



Central Lutheran Church

Come Share the Spirit!

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Pastor's Message:



As we plan for the beginning of a new era in the life of Central Lutheran Church, I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me since the start of 2021. It has been said that pastors never completely retire, and I guess that is true. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving Central Lutheran and will continue to do what I can to support Pastor Dill as he begins his ministry here.

It is always important to remember that God has had a big part in the decisions and the work that we do as the people of Central Lutheran. And God will continue to be with us and guide us as we continue the ministry we are called to do.

Pastor Bob Kleinke

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[Email](#)



Church Council

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Finally, after a one year process, we have our new pastor. Pastor Doug Dill has accepted our call and begins his journey with Central Lutheran in mid to late November.

Sunday September 26 was phenomenal. Thanks to all of you that were able to attend the "Meet and Greet" and put forward such a warm welcome for Pastor Doug and his wife Kris. You really impressed both of them with your welcoming spirit!!

A special thank you goes to Steve Gal, the council member who was the point person responsible for all the details which went into the planning for Sunday's events. I also want to thank Linda Gal, Karen & Larry Nelson, Gary & Bev Linafelter, Paul Garrison, Kathy Richards, Donna Erickson, Ina Johnson and Samantha Yarberough for helping with the food and beverage preparation, serving, setup and cleanup. Thanks also to Pat & Dick Jones for coordinating the Zoom calls and recording greetings from members to Pastor Doug & Kris.

The special congregation meeting followed the Church service. There were 68 CLC members present at the meeting. There was a presentation by the Call Committee, followed by the vote to call Pastor Doug. The vote was unanimous to Call Pastor Doug and to approve the Compensation Package recommended by the council.

The week following September 26 was very hectic for Pastor Doug and Kris as they went "house hunting" in Casa Grande and Arizona City. They found a house to their liking in a Casa Grande subdivision and their offer to purchase was accepted. The closing is scheduled for early November.

The council and Call Committee are excited about Pastor Doug joining Central Lutheran as our pastor. We are confident you will be excited too if you haven't met him yet.

Blessings and God's peace to each of you,

Gary Erickson, Council President

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Financial Report

Greetings from your Treasurer.

I'm sure we all are enjoying our cooler temperatures now that we have summer behind us. We are all looking forward to the return of our winter visitors. I know some of you have already returned.

The general fund income for September was \$10,593.00 down \$842.00. Our general fund expenses were \$14777.00 down \$1466.00 from last year. We still have \$13790.00 in our capital reserve fund but our balance has been steadily dropping since the start of the pandemic. I'm hoping that COVID will soon be in our rear view mirror and we can get back to normal times.

Blessings,

Rick Hagen
Treasurer
Central Lutheran Church



**Check out the
CLC article in**



Click for Prayer Request option on website

Youth will have a meet and greet with the Pastor Doug this fall. More details to follow.



On-site and Live Online Worship

**Stay tuned for special worship
time/location on September 26th.**

- 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](#)

LIVE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE in Arizona City 8:30am **or** Casa Grande 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.



Over the past two months, the Adult Community Education update has featured several program alumni by reporting what they are doing now and years after they earned their GED certificates. Most of the reports confirmed what the tutoring team had hoped for — the earned GED opened doors to gainful employment and a pathway to success. This month's update presents a different kind of story about a unique way that the Adult Community Education program has connected with the community. Meet past GED program participant, Angelica Molina.

Angelica enrolled in the GED tutoring program in 2018. Her sincere enthusiasm for learning made her a joy to tutor. However, after a few weeks she had to take a break from the rigors of her study plan. Angelica's life was too busy with family and her passion for serving the small fellowship of Christians led by Angelica and her husband, Pastor Carlos Molina.



For several years, their congregation had met in Carlos and Angelica's Arizona City home, worshiping, and holding Bible studies two or three times a week. As their fellowship of believers grew in numbers, they needed a larger space to meet. Pastor Carlos and Angelica prayed for God's direction on how to meet this need. One day, an idea popped into Angelica's mind. Unsure how to pursue the idea, she contacted her Adult Community Education tutor at Central Lutheran to ask if space might be available for their small congregation to worship on Sunday mornings at the Arizona City campus.



The tutor assured Angelica her inquiry would be passed on to the right people. The CLC church council approved the request and in October of 2018, the Asamblea Apostólica de la Fe en Cristo Jesús (Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Jesus Christ, House of Restoration) began offering Spanish worship services on Sunday mornings at 11:00 in the Arizona City Fellowship Hall. Bible studies on Thursday evenings and prayer meetings on Tuesdays followed soon after that. Over the years, Pastor Carlos and Angelica's small fellowship has seen steady growth of about 30 percent

each year. Anyone who witnesses the spirit-filled worship, does not even need to understand Spanish to sense the love of Christ in this congregation.

Today the Molina's congregation includes about 100 people. Along with Pastor Carlos and Angelica's dedication to serving the needs of their church family, the tragedy of his sister's battle with drug addiction and her related death has fueled their passion to minister to people who struggle with substance abuse, depression and anxiety. Pastor Carlos aspires to offer a program that provides daily ministry to them and their families. Carlos and Angelica's vision for the future also holds hope for their own church building within in the next three years.



While the timing wasn't right for Angelica's continued participation in the Adult Community Education program, it spawned a valued connection with a ministry partner. Pastor Carlos and Angelica send their blessings and want the CLC congregation to know, "We are grateful to the entire Central Lutheran Church community for its generosity and this place to meet in order to do God's work."



For more information about the Adult Community Education program, or if you would like to volunteer as a tutor, [click here](#). To make a donation that helps cover testing fees (\$200 per participant) and online curriculum subscription costs (\$750 per year), direct the donation to:

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

Friday October 29 at 10:30am



Join the ARTS n' MEALS van outdoors for a morning of socializing while creating an **Autumn** 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 OCTOBER 29th 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

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not

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worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

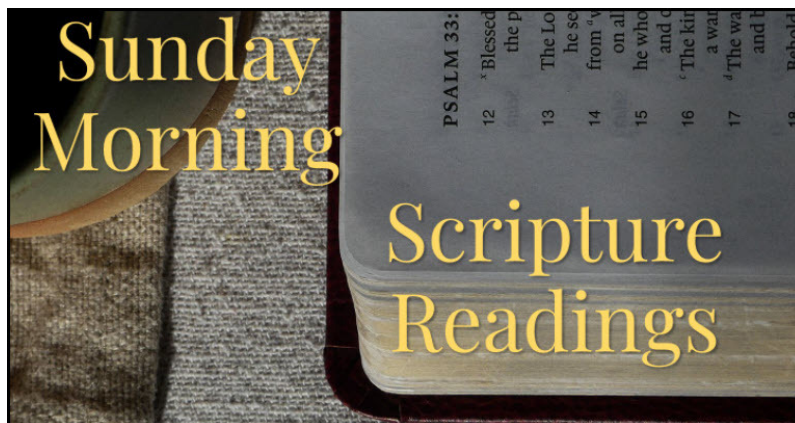
Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



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.



Time After Pentecost - October

**Sun. Oct 3 — 19th Sunday after
Pentecost
Readings**

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8 (5)

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16



Sun. Oct 10— 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17 (12)

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Sun. Oct 17 — 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16 (9)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Sun. Oct 24th — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126 (5)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Sun. Oct 31st — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalm 119:1-8 (2)

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

OR

Sun. Oct 31st — Reformation Day

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 46 (7)

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

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

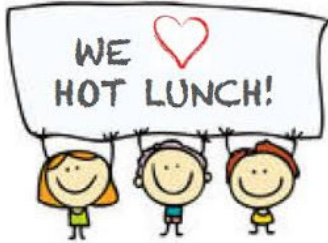


Quilting Group

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, Chuck, Kuala family (lost 3 month old baby), baby
James (cancer).



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
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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

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Pastor Bob is in the office - stop on by!

Tuesdays - AZ City

Thursdays - 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

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