



Central Lutheran Church

Come Share the Spirit!

Central Newsletter: July 2021

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Pastor's Message:



As we enter the hot summer months our attendance drops off and giving does too. Many of our members take vacations for a time to find some cooler places. As we come into the hot times, remember that our church services are live streamed on our web-site so you can keep up with your commitment to attend worship. Our web-site is also the place where you can keep abreast of the work of the Call Committee and the Church Council.

On another note, here are some wise words by Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

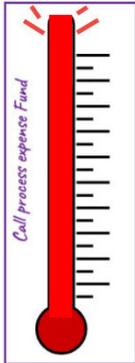
"The service of forgiveness is done by one to another on a daily basis. It occurs without words in intercessory prayer for one another. And all members of the community who do not grow tired of doing this service can depend on the fact that this service is also being offered to them by other Christians. Those who bear with others know that they themselves are being borne. Only in this strength can they themselves bear with others."

Have a wonderful summer!

Pastor Bob Kleinke
PH: 507-273-2705
Email



Church Council



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Church Council and the Call Committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and support of the Call Expense Fund. Presently we have in excess of \$23,000, for the calling of our new pastor, exceeding our goal that was \$20,000. I can assure you Kara Cooper, Call Committee Chair, and her committee are working tirelessly with the Synod to find the right pastor for Central Lutheran Church. I ask you to pray about our partnership with Christ and his Church here at Central Lutheran Church in both Arizona City and Casa Grande.

I can assure you, your Church Council is moving ahead, living faithfully and acting courageously for all that may lie ahead for us as a church. With the help of our members and friends of Central Lutheran Church, our Lord will see us through these times.

May God Bless You,

Steve Gal, Church Council, Vice President
[Church Council Contacts - click](#)



Financial Report

July 2021

Hello and blessings to all my fellow Central Lutherans. Thanks again to all for helping us exceed our goal of \$20,000.00 and raising \$23,640.00 to fund calling a new pastor.

Our general fund donations thru June 27 total \$104,049.74 down about \$7,600.00 from 2020. Our general fund expenses

are down around \$46,000.00. As our contributions are always traditionally down in the summer months we will be dipping into our capital reserves which are currently at \$13,778.17 to get thru the next few months.

Thank you in advance for helping us get thru the summer season. Until next month.

Blessings,
Rick Hagen
Church Council Treasurer



The Call Committee is interviewing another minister this week and Synod has promised there are more if needed. It is too early in this process to make any additional comments. We are excited and anxious to learn and share more when there is something to report. We are working on God's timeline!

In His Service,

Kara K. Cooper
Call Committee chair

Call Committee:
Arlan Bergquist
Jim Freng
Tim Irvin
Gary Isaacson
Ron Jung
Jill Lui



Click for Prayer Request option on website

**Youth will meet again on Thursday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone!
Call Kara at 520-560-4529 or see
Pastor Bob with questions.**



Worship Schedule: Inside and Live Online Worship



- Social distancing in seating AZ City and Casa Grande.
- Masks optional.
- Communion will stay the same (individual servings).
- Worship Times 8:30am in Arizona City.
- Worship Times 10am in Casa Grande.
- Worship is also available online. [CLC YouTube Channel](#)

8:30am LIVE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE in Arizona City during the summer months

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.



Can you donate 3-4 dozen cookies?

Can you bake or buy treats for the free lunch program? Treats do not need to be individually wrapped, but they do need to be "finger food". In Casa Grande or AZ City **stick your treats with a "hot lunch" tag** in the church

fridge or freezer (plate, bags or boxed) for delivery to the program site (let Pastor or Sandy know they are in the freezer).

Did you know that veterans, elderly, parents, children can get a good meal at the Eloy Hot Lunch program? No questions asked. This is a community outreach program for CLC where you can help!

St. Vincent de Paul serves a hot meal to people who need a meal three days a week!

CLC provides the dessert for the Eloy Hot lunch program on Wednesdays. Ideally we would like to stock our freezer with treats for the program! Questions? Contact/email [Sandy Christopher](#).



HOORAY!

Happy News from Adult Community Education!

In November 2020, the Adult Community Education newsletter update featured Teresa Ocampo who had just passed the social studies test in the GED exam. Well, this month there is more good news to share. Teresa passed the language arts test, the last exam in the suite of five GED tests, and now she has earned her GED certificate! Please join her tutors, Eva Torres, Leticia Luse and Alyson Stephens in congratulating her. Teresa has appreciated the congregation's support while she pursued her high school equivalency diploma. To send Teresa your congratulations, write to CommunityEd@centrallutheranaz.org.

Teresa pursued the GED to open pathways to better employment. She knew that earning a high school diploma could put her at an advantage with employers and set her up for the possibility of attending college. According to the Bureau of Labor statistics, those with a high school diploma earned about 25 percent more per week than those



without a high school diploma. Also, the unemployment rate for high school graduates is 3.8 percent compared to 5.5 percent for those who have less than a high school degree. That's not to mention one of the main benefits of a high school diploma: it represents hard work and dedication that develop life and practical skills for succeeding in the workplace and at home.

"Seeing program participants succeed is one of the most satisfying aspects of the volunteer team's efforts," stated Alyson Stephens, a team volunteer. "After all the studying and hard work participants invest, it's a very happy moment when they achieve their goals and can then move forward through newly open doors to opportunity."

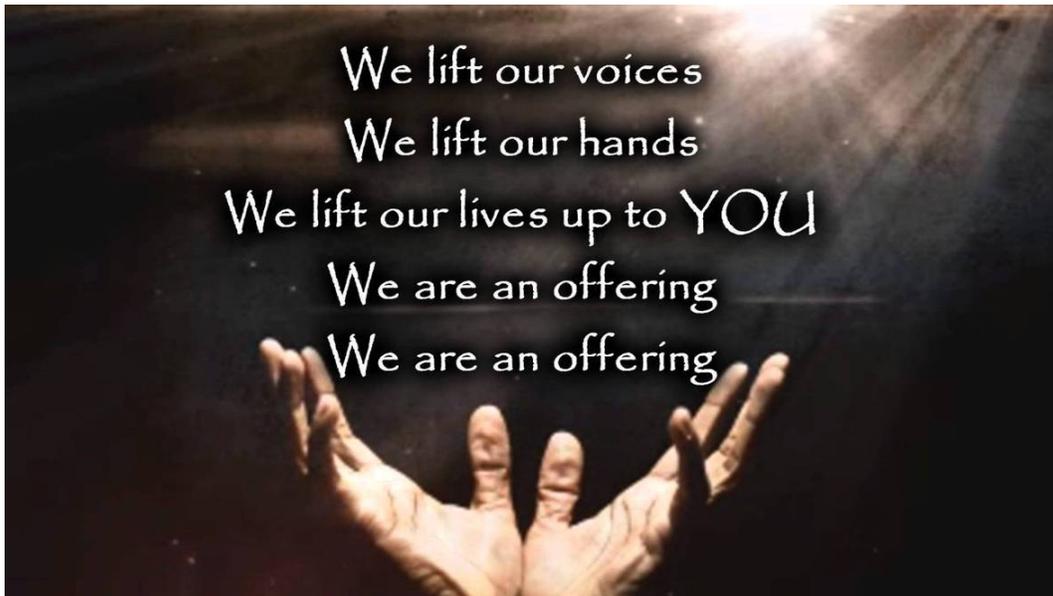
With this milestone achieved, Teresa plans to apply for U.S. citizenship. The Adult Community Education volunteer team is ready to support her in this next milestone.

If you would like to volunteer as a GED tutor or English language coach, [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](#)

Number of passed GED tests	Previous Progress	Current Progress
Math	13	13
Language Arts	12	13
Science	13	13
Social Studies	13	13
Civics tests	15	15
GEDs earned	12	13



“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.

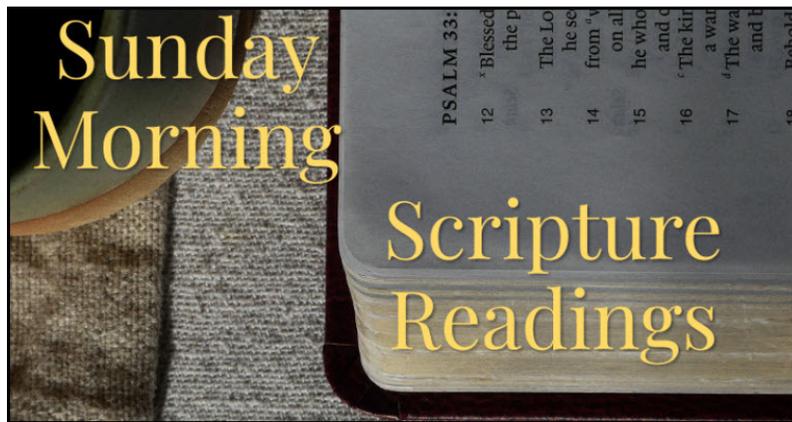
On the **second weekend of each month** we continue to prayerfully consider the challenge to double our offering. The reason for this proposal is the need to increase offerings and the belief many people have the ability to fulfill such a request. As we consider this challenge, we can ask ourselves, “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**.



Remember to bring in non-perishable food to the Food Bank box at either church site!



Time After Pentecost

Sun. July 4 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123 (2)

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13



Sun. July 11 — Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Sun. July 18 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23 (1)

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sun. July 25 — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18 (16)

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

Sun. Aug. 1 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (

Readings

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29 (24, 25)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

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



Quilting Group



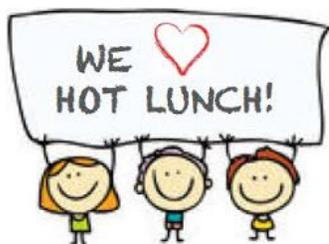
Grief support



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, Sandy, Glenda, Riche, Mary Kay, Josh, Mike, Faye, Patty Jo, Lisa, Neil, Martha, Hal, Brooke, Becky, Karen, Mike T., Patricia, Denny, Sylvia, Samuel, Erika, Gina, Markie, Bunny, Darcy, Sandy, Chris

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 site on the bulletin board AND on the church website under Leadership.

There will be no regularly scheduled council meetings for July and August.

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 Bob: pastor@centrallutheranaz.org

Website: www.centrallutheranaz.org

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

PH: (520) 316-9659

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