



Central Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement

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

The deadline for the September's Newsletter is August 18th.

Worship at Central Lutheran

August 7

Sermon Series Power Surge:

6 Marks of Discipleship Week 5 of 6
The Fifth Mark of a Disciple: Spiritual Friendships
2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Acts 2:42-47, John 1:1-7

August 14

Sermon Series Power Surge:

6 Marks of Discipleship Week 6 of 6
The Sixth Mark of a Disciple: Giving
2 Chronicles 31:2-7, Hebrews 7:1-10, Matthew 6:19-24

August 21

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8,
Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

August 28

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sirach 10:12-18, Psalm 112,
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 4

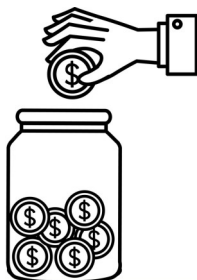
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1,
Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33



Food Bank

July's noisy offering for the Food Bank was \$58.00. We take this offering on the 4th Sunday of every month. Bring your loose change and even dollar bills. Every Cent Counts!



Church Directory

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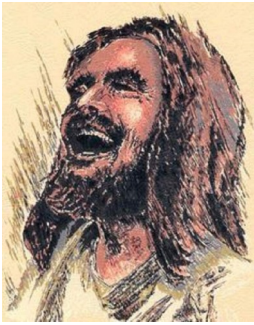
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Let's Walk on Water

By Pastor Doug Dill

Mark Your Calendars
Beginning November 3, 2022
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm
Casa Grande
6 Weeks

From the Voice Bible, Matthew 14:22-32 (See also, Mark 6:47-52 and John 6:19)

²⁴The boat was in the water, some distance from land, buffeted and pushed around by waves and wind. ²⁵Deep in the night, when He had concluded His prayers, Jesus walked out on the water to His disciples in their boat. ²⁶The disciples saw a figure moving toward them and were terrified.

Disciple: It's a ghost!

Another Disciple: A ghost? What will we do?

Jesus: ²⁷Be still. It is I. You have nothing to fear.

Peter: ²⁸Lord, if it is really You, then command me to meet You on the water.

Jesus: ²⁹Indeed, come.

Peter stepped out of the boat onto the water and began walking toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he remembered how strong the wind was, his courage caught in his throat and he began to sink.

Peter: Master, save me!

³¹Immediately Jesus reached for Peter and caught him.

Jesus: O you of little faith. Why did you doubt and dance back and forth between following Me and ... **CONTINUED ON PG 7**

Bible Women

Did you miss a study or two? No worries. You can show up anytime. Come and Join Kris Dill, Spiritual Director for Central Lutheran, as she leads the study of the book, Bible Women, By Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Each study will last about one hour every Tuesday evening in Casa Grande at 6 pm. Email Kris if you have questions, kdill@centrallutheranaz.org

Fund for Leaders

Twenty-five years ago, at the 1997 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, leaders of our church presented a case for establishing what we now know as the ELCA Fund for Leaders and challenged the church to make a robust commitment to theological education for its future leaders. In 2000 the Fund for Leaders awarded its first eight scholarships. Now, the Fund for Leaders supports over 300 candidates for ministry with over \$3.2 million in scholarships. Including synodical scholarship recipients, the Fund for Leaders network of alums has grown to over a thousand!

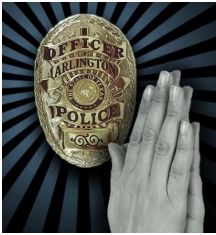
We will celebrate the Fund for Leaders all year with new stories from alums, new resources and the first in-person scholarship award banquet since 2019. We will also continue to grow the Fund for Leaders. The fund is providing \$1 million more in scholarship support annually than it was five years ago. With your help, we hope to increase our annual awards by another \$1 million in the next five years. That will allow us to give 50 full-tuition scholarships to promising leaders every year.

Together, we are working toward our ultimate goal: a future in which every ELCA seminary candidate can graduate without the burden of financial debt.

You can donate to Central Lutheran and mark on your check or giving envelope, Fund for Leaders. You can also give online to the Fund for Leaders account. Give online at: <https://www.centrallutheranaz.org/give>

Prayer Shawl/Patch Ministry

Join Kris Dill at the Casa Grande site for a time of fellowship, prayer, knitting and crocheting. The meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 9am. It will be held August 6th this month and September 3rd next month. You can download patterns on our website under ministries/Prayer Shawl. If you are away for the winter, feel free to download the patterns and bring some shawls and patches back in the winter. Reach Kris at kdill@centrallutheranaz.org or at 715-680-9062.



Shield A Badge With Prayer Ministry

Central Lutheran Church, along with other churches and organizations in the area are being invited to renew their participation in the “Shield a Badge” support ministry. Volunteers sign up to pray daily for a member of the Casa Grande Police Department praying for their safety and well-being. The coordinator for Central Lutheran Church is Sandy Carpenter and she can be reached via e-mail: carpesm56@gmail.com.

Even if you have signed up in the past, we have been given an updated listing of badge numbers so you will need to sign up again. If you would like to volunteer to pray for a police officer or one of the police chaplains (there are three) please contact Sandy and she will assign you an officer’s badge number or chaplain number. You have two ways of signing up: email Sandy or go to the CLC app and there is a signup sheet you can fill out and Sandy will contact you with a badge number. The commitment is to pray daily for the safety and well-being of the officer for one year. Only the officer’s badge number is provided to the volunteer (no names or personal information is provided). A participant may choose to correspond with an officer, by badge number, through the Casa Grande Police Department’s mailing system **at 373 E Val Vista Blvd, Casa Grande, AZ 85122**. Please feel free to contact Sandy with any additional questions you may have about the ministry.

Quilting Wednesdays

Although the quilters are not meeting during the summer, they are still planning for when they meet again in the fall. The quilters do not send their quilts to Lutheran World Relief, but they provide them locally, thus their mission is to reach out with quilts to such places as:

Eloy and Casa Grande Police, Nursing Services, Assisted Living facilities, Oasis rehabilitation, Indian reservations and many other locations,



The quilters are looking to move all of their supplies out of the old kitchen in Arizona City, to the Fellowship Hall. In doing so, there is a significant expense. They need to purchase or construct cabinets to hold their fabric, cuttings tools, yarns, sewing machines, iron, ironing boards and large rolls of batting.

They only have a few hundred dollars in the quilting fund. Please consider helping support this valuable ministry. Please direct your support by putting envelopes with Central Lutheran Quilters written on the envelope, in the offering plate. Send monies to Central Lutheran Church, PO Box 677, Arizona City AZ 85123 or contribute online, by choosing WedQuilters

WANTED: Adult Community Education Volunteers

Would you like to teach adults to speak English or tutor them for GED test preparation? If you enjoy helping others achieve their personal development goals, this is the right opportunity for you. The flexible, one-on-one approach to teaching allows you to really focus on individuals’ unique learning needs. A volunteer orientation will provide you with what you need to get started. Just complete and submit the Volunteer Interest Form on the website or write to CommunityEd@centrallutheranaz.org to find out more about how you can get involved.

Can you Hear me?

As some of you are aware, there is hearing assistance available in Arizona City. We have devices that you wear over your ears. These devices receive a FM transmission of the worship service to help you hear. There are multiple devices available. But.....

We found that we have a similar setup in Casa Grande. If you would like, we have multiple devices there also. Pastor Doug found this device and spent a couple of hours testing and setting up the equipment. It has been reported that it was a good first run few weeks ago. If you need the equipment, see one of the ushers or pastor Doug.



Inaugural Craft Fair of CLC:

Saturday October 15th
from 9am-3pm in Arizona City

Saturday October 22nd
from 9am-3pm in Casa Grande

Open to crafters and vendors, such as Tupperware, Pampered Chef and more.

Registration will open soon on our website. This will be a fundraiser for Central Lutheran ministries.

We need your help. Can you please donate any or all of the following:

- Case of pop
- Case of water
- Juice boxes
- Hot dogs
- 1lb Hamburger
- Hamburger buns
- Hot dog buns
- Picnic prepackaged condiments
- Individual bags of chips
- Prepackaged dessert items
- Paper plates, napkins, and utensils
- Your time to assist with set up and take down
- Your time to assist with sitting at the welcome/Church table
- Crafts you have made to be sold to benefit Central Lutheran

Donated items can be dropped off at either location no later than October 8th at either site.

More information to follow as we get closer to the date. Ask questions if you have them.

Monetary donations will be accepted as well. Please indicate on the check or envelope, Craft Fair Supplies. You may also donate online as well, <https://www.centrallutheranaz.org/give>

Let us all become disciples for God.

Free Hot Lunch Mission

The Eloy Hot Lunch program is up and running and needs our help.

We need desserts for each Wednesday. Can you bake or buy treats for the hot lunch? 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 the ladies to deliver to the program site (just let them know they are there). We need enough for 18 each week.

Ideally, we would like to stock our freezer with treats for the program! Questions? See Sandy Christopher or Judy Smith.

Tear Down Help

We need your help. As you may be aware, over the last few years there has been a significant increase in the number of overdoses. Even one is too many and one death is too many. As part of that, the congregation was contacted to be the host site for an Overdose Awareness event. We need your help on Sunday August 21, after worship in Casa Grande. Help tune your Discipleship Service by helping organize and the entire Casa Grande site to be used for the event on August 27th. We will be taking down tables, moving chairs into storage and setting up the Altar as a place to drop prayers. Pastor Doug will collect all the written prayers left and will pray over them on August 28th in Arizona City. See flyer in this newsletter for more information.

The Spiritual Corner

—Kris Dill Spiritual Director

Matthew 7: 1-5 (Voice translation)

7 Jesus: *If you judge other people, then you will find that you, too, are being judged. ² Indeed, you will be judged by the very standards to which you hold other people.*

So when someone is tempted to criticize his neighbor because her house isn't clean enough, she seems ill-tempered, or she is a bit flighty—he should remember those same standards and judgments will come back to him. No one should criticize his neighbor for being short-tempered one morning, when he is snippish and snappish and waspish all the time.

Jesus: ³ *Why is it that you see the dust in your brother's or sister's eye, but you can't see what is in your own eye? ⁴ Don't ignore the wooden plank in your eye, while you criticize the speck of sawdust in your brother's eyelashes. ⁵ That type of criticism and judgment is a sham! Remove the plank from your own eye, and then perhaps you will be able to see clearly how to help your brother flush out his sawdust.*

'Beware of starting out strong, and then getting sidetracked from your real purpose LOVING GOD AND LIVING FOR HIM' NLT bible study bible

While this whole passage is very clear, why do we still feel we have the right to judge anyone or anything? Yes, I am speaking of myself and I'm calling you out too. Yes, this is harsh, but do a self-check. I am not immune to this self-check; I'm doing that now. [Don't let someone judgment you made](#) of another keep you from loving all, including the one you judged.

How many times have you looked at someone and judged their lifestyle choice, the food they eat, books they read, music they listen to and yes even make-up, hair styles and clothes?

Just because we don't agree with someone, or something we should never judge them. We are called to love everyone. We are here to help each other learn how to stay on track;
LOVING GOD AND LIVING FOR HIM.

Look in the mirror and do a self-check daily and let's learn how to love and show kindness to all. Come to church and worship with your fellow Christian family, serve and grow. With God we never stop growing. By coming to worship, with your Christian Family and serving, you are taking part in the marks of Discipleship of, Weekly Worship, Service and Spiritual Friendship.

Father God, thank you! Thank you for forgiving me for the judgments I make. Help me forgive those who judge me. Help me to turn to you before I pass judgment on another. Help me love as Jesus did and live for you. **Amen**

Heard and Seen

In July, we were able to do some improvements to our online offering for worship services. You should find that the sound has improved, the camera views and the overall clarity has improved. You can also see the worship slides, directly in the video as we stream the service. Even since putting in the new system, which was about \$20,000 less than what it looked like we were having to put in, there have been improvements and we still need some more.

Can you help? One of the Marks of Discipleship is giving. Giving of time and money. I guess that really comes out to Service and Giving, both marks of discipleship. We need people to help run the streaming. This is easy to teach, easy to do, no previous experience needed. It would also be helpful to have one or two people willing to adjust cameras during a worship.

We need to improve the overall sound. Although it is better, it needs more help. To do so, we need donations above and beyond what people are giving now, to be directed to the streaming fund. We need more tripods for the cell phone cameras that we use. We also need ambient microphones at both sites, to capture people singing, the piano and when people respond in those assembled. Additionally, we need more microphones to help capture the band singing and so even those assembled can hear. Please consider a donation to the streaming fund, either online or by writing in the memo on a check or your giving envelope.

Let's Walk on Water

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fear? ³²Then



Jesus and Peter climbed in the boat together, and the wind became still. ³³And the disciples worshiped Him.

Disciples: Truly You are the Son of God.

Peter walked on water; all he did was go towards Jesus when he commanded him to. The other 11, cowered in the boat during the storm, but Peter took a chance that he could do fantastic things, in Jesus. Can you? Will you? Do you want to?

Peter asked to be commanded. He said he wanted to go to Jesus. Jesus made it possible. Peter walked on water, because he wanted to, he was willing and unlike the others, he got out of the boat.

Yes, the disciple named Peter also began to sink. He took his eyes off Jesus and realized just what he was doing, and fear overcomes him. Jesus did not abandon Peter, he saves Peter. Just how he has saved us and will save us. As follows of Jesus, we are called disciples. Jesus asks us to be His disciples. We are finishing up Power Surge: Six Marks of Discipleship. There is something that is not a mark of discipleship, but it is crucial to begin the walk.

Are you willing? Do you want to be a spectator? Do you want to be served while others do all the work of being a disciple? Are you willing to respond to the love of God for us in Jesus? Then it is time to get out of the boat and walk on water. Learn more and sign-up for the class ASAP. The first 20 will get a spot, but you MUST sign up. If we need more spots, we will make more classes. Sign-up sheets at both sites. There is 10 at each. Sign up online at: <https://centrallutheranaz.org/bible-book-studies>

Be spiritual friends (a mark of discipleship) to each other and help other disciples to get to the class. There will be Bible reading, also a mark of Discipleship. Invite others from outside of the congregation, all are encouraged and welcome to come.

August

at a glance:

- 8/1** AA Meeting in Arizona City at 5:30 pm
- 8/2** Voting Location Arizona City
Bible Women In Casa Grande at 6p
- 8/3** Pastor Doug's Casa Grande Office hours:
9 am-2 pm
- 8/6** Prayer Shawl/Patch Ministry in
Casa Grande at 9 am
- 8/7** Sunday Worship in Casa Grande at 9:15 am
- 8/8** AA Meeting in Arizona City at 5:30 pm
- 8/9** Bible Women In Casa Grande at 6pm
- 8/10** Pastor Doug's Casa Grande Office hours:
9 am-2 pm
- 8/14** Sunday Worship in Arizona City at 9:15 am
- 8/15** AA Meeting in Arizona City at 5:30 pm
- 8/16** Bible Women In Casa Grande at 6pm
- 8/17** Pastor Doug's Casa Grande Office hours 9
am-2 pm
- 8/18** September's Newsletters due
- 8/21** Sunday Worship in Casa Grande at 9:15 am
- 8/22** AA Meeting in Arizona City at 5:30 pm
- 8/23** Bible Women In Casa Grande at 6pm
- 8/24** Pastor Doug's Casa Grande Office hours 9
am-2 pm
- 8/27** Overdose Awareness Casa Grande
- 8/28** Sunday Worship in Arizona City at 9:15 am
- 8/29** AA Meeting in Arizona City at 5:30 pm
- 8/30** Bible Women In Casa Grande at 6pm
- 8/31** Pastor Doug's Casa Grande Office hours 9
am-2 pm

The full & most up-to-date calendar can be found at:

<https://centrallutheranaz.org/events-calendar>

Join us for

A WALK TO REMEMBER

Saturday, August 27th 2022

Meet @7:00am
at the Casa Grande Neon Sign Park
408 N Sacaton Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122

1 mile walk beginning @7:30am

Event to follow from 8:00am-12:00pm
Located at the Central Lutheran Church
324 N Sacaton St. Casa Grande, AZ 85122

- Resource Booths
- Food Trucks
- Music
- Butterfly Memorial Garden
- Memorial Wall (bring pictures of your own to add)
- FREE Narcan Training & Narcan Kits

FREE EVENT
OPEN TO PUBLIC

ALL ARE
WELCOME




TIME TO
REMEMBER.
TIME TO ACT.

31 AUGUST

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE
AWARENESS DAY

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