

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

March 4, 2022

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2022

SCHEDULE

MID-WEEK LETEN SERVICES

Our mid-week Lenten theme for this year is "The Psalms."

7 PM in the Sanctuary March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM in the Sanctuary April 14

GOOD FRIDAY

7 PM in the Sanctuary April 15

PALM SUNDAY

April 10

8 & 10:30 AM Traditional, 9 & 10:30 AM Contemporary

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17

8 & 10:30 AM Traditional, 9 & 10:30 AM Contemporary



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Denny Larson

I was born in Willmar, MN, a little over 75 years ago. Being the 6th of seven children I was fortunate to grow up in a Christian home. We grew up on a small dairy farm that was typical of those days with good memories. In 1970 I met, was engaged and married Cheryle, my wife of 50+ years. We have two adult children and their spouses, that live in the Prescott area, and two grandchildren.

In 1978, Cheryle's younger sister was married and relocated to Prescott. Naturally, we decided to pay them a visit. I remember it vividly! Driving up over Bulwacker Hill and looking at Prescott, I looked at Cheryle, she looked at me and we agreed "we're going to live here someday!"

Well, it took a while, but in 1994 we made the move. After working a couple of years in HVAC the custodian position at ALC was available. Having worked as a high school custodian, it was kind of a natural move.

Finally, I want to thank all the people of ALC for all your support during my time here. A special thank you to the Pastors, the Prayer Team, my Bible study group and members who prayed for me during my heart attack in 1998 and cancer treatments in 2009. Here I am 12 years later with a clean bill of health. Thanks be to God!

COUNCIL O R N E R

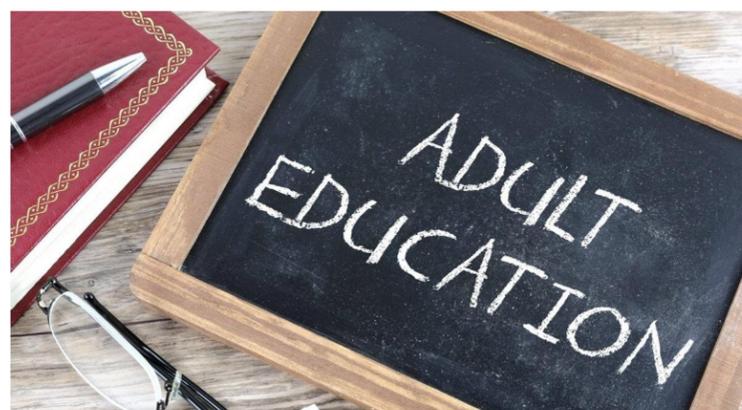


My name is Altha Cline, and I am in charge of Adult Education at ALC which helps to provide Sunday morning adult classes and Bible studies throughout the year.

I was born and raised in Wyoming; and moved to Prescott in 1976. I have three beautiful daughters, and five AMAZING grandchildren.

I taught physical education classes at Yavapai College for over 20 years. I love to read, garden, and spend time with my family; especially on the beach in Mexico. I am involved with WOW at ALC; and love studying and teaching God's word.

If you are interested in teaching a class for Connections, please do not hesitate to contact me.



BOOK LOOK

IS ATHEISM DEAD?

Eric Metaxas

When you see the name Eric Metaxas it should alert you to the art of a masterful writer. His biographies of Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer are seminal works. Metaxas, a Christian, unveils a new look at Atheism, creation theory, and the scientific evidence proving that what is written in the Bible is factual. His research has uncovered much that all Christians should know.

“Is Atheism Dead” can be separated into three different but intertwining subjects. The first part deals with the creation of the universe from the Big Bang theory to how very improbable that earth would come into existence where it is. The second part deals with archeology and what we have learned from discoveries that confirm the accuracy of the Bible. The third part takes on atheism directly.

Metaxas begins with the cosmological and scientific understanding that give credence to what we believe. As an example he writes about the fact that the earth has to be located where it is for life to form. The formation of life is dependent on such things as how far from the Sun the earth is and the critical location of our solar system in a remote part of our galaxy – the milky way. Many cosmologists, such as Carl Sagan, surmised that the right conditions as he knew them, would allow for billions of planets in which life could live. But since his time the probability of this has shrunk as more is understood about what allows life to come about. Metaxas makes the observation that eventually scientists concluded that there was little to no chance that life could exist on any planet. Metaxas concludes ‘It seemed that the only rational answer for our existence was that everything in the universe had been intentionally designed so that life here could exist.’

The second part of “Is Atheism Dead” is an exciting summary of what archeologists have discovered over time pertaining to the existence of the Israelites. In the book are many chapters that deal with the artifacts discovered. Metaxas devotes an entire chapter to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Once the locations were found excavations revealed some cataclysmic event occurred. There were several layers for the archeologists to work through before they found what proved to be trinitite that can only be created in heat generated by an atomic explosion.

Among the discoveries was one that took place in Thebes (Luxor) in Egypt. It is called the Merneptah Stele. What it proved was that the Israelites were in Egypt in 1200 BC. There are professors of Egyptian history who teach there is no artifact that indicates the off spring of Jacob resided in Egypt. Yet here it was.

The third part of the book Metaxas takes on the atheists directly. He refers to the four horsemen of atheism: Christopher Hitchens, Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett and Sam Harris. Metaxas attacks their logic and reverses it on them to the point where they are neutered. In other words he uses their arguments to bring them back to where they started, with just a dead idea.

Metaxas’ writing is meant for those who want to know detail and who have a broad vocabulary. In the end he makes this phrase: Everything means everything. There is a sense of vindication as you read this book.

Reviewed by Randy Reynolds

The Metaxas’ book is available on the book cart outside the worship area.

MY JOURNEY AT ALC

I began working at ALC three years ago this past January as a Director of Administration's Assistant. I was fresh out of college, had little confidence and my only goals were to find happiness and to have a purpose in life.

I worried that taking the job at the church was selling myself short, and I was slightly upset that I was not going to be utilizing my new Finance Degree.

But let me tell you! God had a plan the whole time!

Three months into working at the church, the bookkeeper position opened up, and I got the position. When we reopened after the COVID shutdown, I became a supervisor of the front office staff. And then this last year. The craziest year of them all.

Former Director Jill announced she and her family were moving out of state. And so the search for a new Director of Administration began.

David Barnes was hired and soon after was called to military duty. During that time I was the Interim Director of Administration. David committed to a full-time military position and that was when I got the offer to be the official Director.

3 years at ALC and all I can say is, God is SO good! Never would I have thought that I would be able to learn so much, grow so much and get to do a job I love, all in a church.

My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." My whole life I held onto this verse for comfort and hope for the future. But now! I FEEL IT! I feel purpose, I see God's plan falling in place as I look back on the last three years. I continue to trust in Him and know that this is just the beginning of what He will have me do. I am so excited for the ride ahead. I am excited to grow in management, to see obstacles as opportunities, to lead with confidence and love.

Outside the obvious hand of God throughout this journey, I thank all my family, friends and mentors. For not letting me quit when my fears were high and when things weren't easy. For celebrating my little victories along the way. For passing down wisdom and knowledge that I will use for the rest of my life. Thank you! I am so incredibly blessed!

Abbie Cornelius, Director of Administration

THANK YOU!

We have found it hard to find the words to express our gratitude to our Church Family for the love, prayers and support you have given us upon the death of our son, Michael Christian Nieboer on February 15th.

Gus and Lenna Erickson

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