

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

April 7, 2023

RSVP by May 1 at (928)445-4348

WHAT WE BELIEVE

*Pastor Mark Johnson will teach a
class on what we believe.*

*Dinner will be served, and childcare is
available with advance request.*

**May 4, Thursday
at 5:30 PM**

**ALC Activity
Center**

Check us out at...

NEW MEMBER

Orientation

**FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE A MEMBER OF ALC.**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30
NOON**



SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

As announced on April 2, the call committee recommended to church council the calling of Pastor Mark Johnson as our next senior pastor. Council approved this recommendation. A congregational meeting will be held on April 16 to discuss the call, and the congregational vote will be held on April 23.

It was the committee's desire to be equitable in its processes among all candidates, and therefore interviewed Pastor Mark prior to his arrival in Prescott. Through numerous interviews, the committee identified three excellent candidates for the senior pastor position. Ultimately, the committee unanimously felt the Holy Spirit leading us to recommend Pastor Mark for the call. However, had Pastor Mark felt the Spirit was leading him elsewhere, the call committee felt comfortable in recommending one of the other candidates for the call.

With its recommendation now made and approved by council, the call committee will go on hiatus. The members of the committee thank you for your ongoing prayers during its months of interviews, discussions and prayers. And we thank God as He continues to bless American Lutheran Church.

ALC'S HISTORY OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC FROM 1998-2023

For another 25 years at American Lutheran Church, music, in a wide variety of expressions, has been an integral part of our congregation's worship experiences. Martin Luther certainly understood this when he penned: "Music is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God."

Highlights within the past 25 years for traditional service worship in our Sanctuary include:

In 2000, Jim Klein and a group of ALC musicians created MusicStart, a unique summer program offering music lessons for elementary and middle school students. A 5th Sunday Giving gift by our congregation provided funds to purchase all the equipment needed for studies on keyboards, strings and band instruments, classes in music theory, art, and a wide variety of other experiences. Directed by Rich Longfield for 19 years, MusicStart, although incredibly successful, closed the year of COVID-19.

In 2002, a Pipe Organ Committee, chaired by Darrel Smith, first met to begin planning for the replacement of our aging organ, a blend of pipes and electronics which could no longer be repaired. A \$10,000 existing organ fund, begun in 1998 as a memorial to Ed Poe, increased rapidly through congregational gifts and pledges. The Schantz Organ Company was selected to design, make, and install the marvelous instrument of 3 manuals and 3 sections. It has 31 pipe ranks with well over 1000 pipes, and was dedicated with two concerts on April 15, 2007.

Another campaign raised funds to purchase our restored, uniquely beautiful nine foot Steinway piano. It, and the organ, now through the stunning artistry of Benita Rose, provide the glorious preludes, hymn and choral accompaniments, solos and postludes which lift our spirits in worship. Also, many concerts have featured national, even world famous organists and pianists, all which have drawn countless visitors to our lovely sanctuary.

Jim Klein, Minister of Music, and Eileen Klein, organist and accompanist for the traditional Sanctuary services, retired in 2016. The scope and quality of their musical leadership was remarkable, at it's zenith providing 15 choral and handbell groups for children through adult ages. Jim told me recently of savoring the memories of the special services which included choirs of every age group, all Praising God through music together.

A national search resulted in the selection of David Sherman for Minister of Music. Chosen for his skills in administration, directing vocal and handbell choirs, and arranging music, more recently, he is crucial in the development of our weekly services. In 2018, Benita Rose was selected for the position of Organist and pianist. Their musicianship, professionalism, artistry and leadership are essential, and highly appreciated, for our congregation's worship experiences. In the months before Benita was contracted, Margie Grimm served admirably as organist and accompanist. Also, services which feature selections by Benita with the artistry of Tony Gibbs on saxophones, and the Resurrection Quartet of Julie Noon, Randy Tremper, David Sherman and Bill Morris, bring extra blessings for all in attendance. All marvelous gifts of God! Most certainly, God's Gifts through music are apparent as we approach our 75th anniversary. A final quote from Martin Luther: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

Written and submitted by Richard Longfield

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New DVDs in the Library
Resurrection

This dramatic production brings to life a story by Max Lucado of one man’s quest for truth and the discovery that leads to his renewal. Claudius, a roman guard, finds himself in the middle of a cover-up regarding the tumultuous events following Christ’s execution. As he investigates further, he discovers that the religious leaders, the Roman government officials and even his closest friends are attempting to hide something important from him. His relentless pursuit of answers to his growing questions threatens his reputation – and even his life.

War Room

From the creators of Fireproof and Courageous, this film is a story about Tony and Elizabeth Jordan whose marriage is failing. Their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets Miss Clara and is challenged to establish a “war room” and a battle plan of prayer for her family. Meanwhile, Tony’s struggles come to light and he must decide if he will make amends with his family and prove Miss Clara’s wisdom that victories don’t come by accident.

The Uniqueness of Christ in World Religions

Is it possible to talk about Christ being the only way to God without implying that any contradictory ideas about Christ become false? In this lecture, Ravi Zacharias examines the philosophical idea of truth, points of tension between Christianity and Eastern religions, and how Christ’s teachings are distinct from other religions.



Dear ALC pastors, staff, Council, members and attendees, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for all of the prayers, expressions of sympathy, kind words and hugs, and beautiful cards and messages received at the loss of my beloved husband, Larry. You have no idea how much it meant and still means to know we have such a loving and caring Body of Christ at ALC.
Sincerely, Connie Ellis

Dear Church Family, last Sunday Vicar Christian preached on the Heart of Fellowship and the importance of Christian fellowship with others. That really hit home when we experienced that fellowship with you after the passing of our son Jonathan. Your prayers, hugs, phone calls, visits, and cards have lessened our grief and carried us spiritually through these difficult days.
God Bless and Keep You, Elliot and Cheryl Peterman

My Dearest Church, THANK YOU SO MUCH! I wish I could shout it from the roof top! I am blown away by the love and support from all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving so generously to ministries I help to support here at ALC. From the mamas at MOPS to the littlest of Lutherans, you have stepped up to care for us in our time of need. Thank you for supporting MOPS and our annual auction fundraiser and making my goals for the ministry a reality. Thank you for giving to the children as we, prepared our heart for Easter and created Resurrection Gardens as a way to be intentional in our spirituality. Thank you for donating towards VBS! Your offering helps us spread the Gospel to the community. I am absolutely touched and feel His spirit moving in our church. We are a blessed church. He has never left our side and continues to be with us as we shift, transform, and become all He has intended for us. GOD BLESS this church and each and every one of you. I truly thank you with everything I have. BIG HUGS! *Love, Leah Munoz*

WE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 10 • WE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11

FORMER PASTOR, JOHN CROSS VISITS EARLY FOR 75TH REUNION

On Sunday, April 16, Pastor John Cross will visit and share a greeting at each of our services. A reception will be held in the Activity Center from 9:15 to 10:15 and is sponsored by the 75th Reunion Committee. Pastor John was the Associate Pastor from 1978 to 1982, and the Senior Pastor from 1982-1988, during which time the first phase of the planning and construction of our current church was completed. He now serves a congregation in Washington State and is unable to return for the May 20-21 Celebration. We are pleased that Pastors Bruce Ayers, Dan Storvick, along with Pastors Don McMillan and Jack Shannon will join us for the big celebration in May.
75th Reunion Committee



HAND-IN-HAND

Hand-in-Hand Widow’s Group will be meeting Tuesday, April 11 at 11:30 AM at Olive Garden. Please call Georgia Sparks to RSVP if interested in joining at (702)325-3848.

1ST QRT. BENEVOLENCE

10/10 Ministries	\$	1,172.35
Amazing Grace	\$	2,344.69
Children of the Nations	\$	1,953.91
Coalition for Compassion and Justice	\$	2,344.69
Community Cupboard	\$	1,953.91
Granite Creek Feed	\$	1,953.91
Habitat for Humanity	\$	1,953.91
Hope Medical Center	\$	3,126.26
Hungry Kids Chino	\$	2,344.69
Hungry Kids Humbolt/PV	\$	1,953.91
Hungry Kids Prescott	\$	390.78
LCMC	\$	1,953.91
Light the Way Church	\$	2,344.69
Mission Aviation Fellowship	\$	2,735.47
NALC	\$	1,953.91
Peace Lutheran Church	\$	1,172.35
PV Food Bank	\$	2,735.47
Servant Partners	\$	2,735.47
Zion Ministries, India	\$	1,953.91
1ST QRT. TOTAL	\$	39,078.19