

# THE *LIVE WIRE*

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May 5, 2023



## Celebration schedule!

### May 19, 7 PM

ALC hosts Mitch McVickers with Johan Glidden.

You won't want to miss this Christian music concert that will appeal to all ages!

### May 20, 4-7 PM

The big celebration! We will meet in the Sanctuary for introductions, brief worship and a blessing. Food will be served at outdoor stations, with seating both indoor and outdoor.

Menu: Swedish meatballs, served over rice or mashed red potatoes, vegetables, chicken or vegetarian fettuccine, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, salad, ice cream and cake.

We will have a big slide, balloon artist and games for all ages.

No tickets, nothing to bring - just come and celebrate!

### May 21, 10 AM

We will be welcoming our previous pastors who will also participate in the service.

It will be a joyous celebration of blended worship with children's ministry, preschool, praise band, bells and choir participation!



GriefShare begins its fifth season at American Lutheran Church May 24 – Aug 30, 2023.

GriefShare has brought healing and hope to over sixty-five people suffering the death of a loved one in the past two and a half years. Our caring grief ministers are volunteers from ALC who have themselves suffered such a loss. These people have extensive training in the issues of grief that will help you know what is happening to you when you are going through grief.

There is no other human experience that people suffer comparable to the death of someone you love. You will find out that no matter what you are experiencing your reaction is a normal grief response. You will come to understand your grief and how it affects every aspect of your life. Grieving takes time and needs thoughtful, loving, knowledgeable people to help get you through it.

GriefShare is a video seminar with a workbook and small group discussion that brings encouraging, information-packed sessions featuring leading grief recovery experts. Small group discussion helps you talk about your grief in a safe, loving place with others who are suffering also. The workbook provides personal quiet time for spiritual growth, reflection, prayer, and study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

We will hold a pre-registration on Sunday May 14, then orientation and additional registration on May 24. The video seminars are stand alone sessions so you can join GriefShare at any time during the 13 weeks. If you are struggling with the changes in your life that have come about since the death of a loved one, then GriefShare can make a significant difference from long suffering and moving ahead from mourning to joy.

Please don't travel this journey alone. We are here to help. GriefShare Summer Sessions begin May 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Activities Center in the lower level.

For more information contact Gail Osten, Program Director at [gailosten@aol.com](mailto:gailosten@aol.com).



# A Word from Pastor Mark

First I'd like to say, my wife and I are totally overwhelmed by the response and welcome we have received here at American Lutheran Church! From the moment we walked into the church building, you all have been so warm and inviting, thank you for that! We look forward to serving Jesus with you in the days to come. God has been doing a work at American Lutheran and I see great things opening up for us for the building of the Kingdom of God!

The Summer is soon upon us, which is a time of both relaxing but also of revisioning what the future might look like. I mentioned in earlier publications that we have been considering changing worship times some. After much discussion and consideration, the leadership of the church and I agree that changing the times would cause more problems than what they might solve. We do plan to keep all three pastors working in rotation between the Traditional and Contemporary worship venues so everyone gets to know us and I believe that will help build good bridges between us all!

We plan to begin the Sermon Series Small Group Bible Study vision in June with a sermon series called, "A Summer in the Psalms". Pastor Steve, Vicar Christian and I will be going through many of the Psalms that help us deepen our relationship with God in all kinds of situations of life. We will provide weekly study questions for more in-depth study for individuals, families and small group Bible Study groups.

As many of you know, Johan Glidden is making a change this summer and will soon be moving to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue many ways to use his amazing gifts in music! We wish him well and God's richest blessings and extend a heartfelt thankyou for the many ways he has served in the Youth Ministry as well as worship ministry.

While we are sad to see Johan leave, we are committed to keeping our Youth Ministry strong and vibrant. Vicar Christian and I have been meeting with both the Youth and Youth Leadership to have some great summer events!

The High School has been invited to join my former church for a Youth Water Trip to Parker, Arizona. June

11-14 we will leave after church for some fun filled days of tubing, wake-boarding, and great times in the water. A family at my former congregation owns a home right on the water canals in Parker and so we have a great time in the sun as well as meaningful times of worship and teaching in God's Word. If you know of any High School students interested in this trip, please contact me at [mark@americanlutheran.net](mailto:mark@americanlutheran.net). The cost is \$220 total, a \$100 deposit holds your spot. Scholarships available.

The Junior High have an opportunity for Bible Camp right here in Prescott at UCYC Bible camp. They have a great program called "The Chosen One" this summer. It is a full weeklong bible camp starting Monday, July 10-14. Junior Students are invited to be a part of this powerful week where we will be staying the UCYC Bible camp here in town. The cost is significant at \$499, however, we do have youth scholarships available. If you are interested, please contact me at [mark@americanlutheran.net](mailto:mark@americanlutheran.net).

We will be having other events as well. The Weber family have graciously offered their home for an all-youth pool party/BBQ on Wednesday, May 31 and also on July 26, so be looking for more info on that. We encourage our youth to invite their friends for all activities we offer!

We will continue to look for a Youth Director through this summer, so please keep that in your prayers too! My wife and I are excited to see what God is going to do at ALC! We look forward to beginning a great summer and a great season of God's power at work in our people at ALC!

Blessings,

Pastor Mark and Paula Johnson



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