

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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BENEVOLENCE IMPACT



HIV positive patients.



Widows Village

An update from Pastor Ravi of Zion Ministries in India:

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ dear friends. Today I received the message from my bank. Money credits to my bank thank God and thankful to ALC.

I am sending a few pictures of HIV positive people receiving help. Thank you so much for your prayers and support and help to Zion ministry, my family and children, widows, HIV positive people and Pastors.

I am also sending a few pictures of village widows receiving help. Today my dear son Samuel joined with me. I am so thankful to God.

We are praying for ALC and all your families.

Once again thankful for your support and help and prayers and thankful to ALC, as well as, thankful to God.

NEW DIRECTORY!

It's time for a New Directory!

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends!

Instructions:

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled "photography appointment scheduling login"
- Enter your church code: az108
- Enter your church password: photos
- Click on the Enter button
- Click on the desired photography date
- Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family's photography appointment
- Contact the church office to change or cancel your photography appointment



Jesus & Women—in the First Century and Now
Monday Night Bible Study, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM, September 11 – October 23. The encouragement from the lips of Jesus surely comforted a hurting woman's soul thousands of years ago. And it offers a similar gospel hope to you today too. Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she takes you back to Jesus' first century world, explaining the historical and cultural climate of His day to help you know Him more dearly. This 7-session study is a thoughtful look at several of Jesus' interactions with women in the Bible that will fuel your worship of the Living God. Register by September 3rd by contacting Joneen Fries at 928-776-4432.

SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED

Sunday School is in need of snack donations. We would appreciate individually wrapped snack items. Snack donation suggestions—popcorn, applesauce, chips, rice krispies treat bars, granola bars, etc. These items can be left at any time with the church office. We will also happily accept homemade baked goods, fresh fruit, or donuts. If you would like to bring "fresh" items they can be brought down to The Pod on Sunday. Contact Leah at leah@americanlutheran.net.

LIVE WIRE SUBMISSIONS

For any Live Wire submissions, please send them to Diana at diana@americanlutheran.net.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN FALL INVITATION RECRUITMENT TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY

The term RECRUITMENT can often convey that there is work to be done. Regarding the music ministry, we work very hard at what we do, but we also support and minister to each other, provide friendship and offer the gifts God has given us to lead in Worship. Recruitment is filling positions, growing the group, and expanding the organization. The dictionary puts it in these terms:

Main Entry: re·cruit·ment
Pronunciation: \ri-ˈkrüt-mənt\
Function: noun
Date: circa 1828

- 1: the action or process of **recruiting**
- 2: the process of adding new individuals to a population or subpopulation (as of breeding or legally catchable individuals) by growth, reproduction, immigration, and stocking; *also*: a measure (as in numbers or biomass) of recruitment

This definition is mundane, unappealing, and somewhat unattractive. If we want a ministry to grow through recruitment, we can use the tried-and-true recruitment process and hope our numbers will grow. However, I believe that there is another word that more accurately fits what we are genuinely doing:

Extending an INVITATION to join us in ministry!

In these terms, the dictionary defines invitation as:

Main Entry: in·vi·ta·tion
Pronunciation: \,in-və-ˈtā-shən\
Function: noun
Date: 15th century

- 1 **a**: the act of **inviting** **b**: an often-formal request to be present or participate.

As we invite individuals to join us, we are saying more than “You have a good voice; come and sing” or “We need more tenors,” but “Would you like to come, sing, share in fellowship, and minister with us to each other and the congregation.” This mindset seems to be more attractive and welcoming. If the response to an invitation is:

- “But I cannot sing” – that’s ok, we invite you to join us.
- “But I cannot read music” – that’s ok; many people cannot read music; we invite you to join us.
- “I’m not sure what part I sing” – that’s ok; we invite you to join us.
- “But I look funny” – that’s ok; we invite you to join us.
- “I do not speak some of those funny languages you sing in sometimes” – that’s ok; we invite you to join us.

The point is that our music group is more than just a choir. We minister to each other daily; we minister to the congregation; we are a family within the church; we love to raise our voices to the Lord!

The same holds for handbells. Even if you are musically illiterate, we can find a way to teach you to be successful. It is my hope that if there is enough interest this fall, we can launch a beginner handbell ensemble. Might you have a desire to learn something new?

As we move toward the new music season, I invite you to experience the joys of being a music ministry member for the first time or as a previous member. Consider where God may be calling you to in ministry. This is more than simply a music-making program but a faithful ministry. We do not perform in church but minister. Minister to the congregation and each other.

The year will be full of surprises and challenges, but we **INVITE YOU** to join us and celebrate the joy and gift that God has blessed us with. Join us in the ministry of music!

Blessings, **Dr. David Sherman, Minister of Music**



Hello Church!
It’s crazy to think summer for the youth is already over! Most of our youth have started school or will be starting school this week. I want to take this time to let you know of all the fun things we did this summer and all the cool things we have planned going forward.
This summer we focused on doing fun activities as a youth group. We had a pool party at one of our youth leader’s house. We went to Parker along with Pastor’s Mark’s former youth group from Christ the King. We had ice cream at culvers, had game nights where we did Bible trivia. Lastly, we finished the summer with a fun game night at Watson lake, where we played capture the flag with nerf guns and a water balloon fight. It was a summer focused on fun events and building fellowship with each other.
Moving forward I will be leading the youth with the help of Madelyn Wnorowski. Madelyn’s official title is Lead Youth Assistant. She has

experience working with youth, working with YWAM, and she was one of the volunteer youth leaders this past year. I’m excited to bring her on the team to help lead the youth group.
This upcoming fall our theme is called Hero’s of the Old Testament. We will be looking at important figures found in the Old Testament such as, the life of Abrahm in the series called Pilgrimage of Faith. We will also be looking at the life of Joseph in the series called From Pit to Palace. Lastly, we’ll be looking at the life of David in the series Shepard Boy to King. This will bring us right to Advent, where we’ll be shifting our focus to the message of Advent.
I’m extremely excited for how God is going to grow and work within the youth group. As we move into our Fall curriculum, I would love your prayers and support for the youth.
A servant of Christ, **Vicar Christian**

USHER AND GREETER TRAINING

All current and prospective ushers and greeters are asked to attend training scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 9-12 in the Activity Center. This foundational training will prioritize safety instruction with topics such as situational readiness, medical emergency protocol training, evacuation procedural guidelines, and instruction as to the chain of command within the security system at ALC. This is an important annual training for all ushers and greeters to allow safety and security to coincide with a welcoming atmosphere for worship services at ALC. Please consider this mandatory if you serve in these capacities.
There will be beverages served. Call or visit the church office to RSVP by September 6th. Questions regarding this training can directed to Julie Darr at 928-713-775 or juliedarr4@gmail.com.