

# THE LIVE WIRE

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## BOOK LOOK

Carolyn, a thoughtful, intellectual American, starts her first year as a student at Oxford University in England in **Surprised by Oxford** by Carolyn Weber. The reader joins her on her journey as she learns to navigate college life at Oxford. But this isn't the only journey she is on. She meets another American student and early in their relationship, he asks, "Who is God to you?" This starts another journey from her faith in self to faith in God. The reader is taken along to ponder all her thoughtful questions about God and the answers she finds from Christian friends and professors. You'll be amused and inspired as you read this book.

Lots of interesting, new fiction books, all by Christian writers, are now available on the book cart. Nine are highlighted below.

Two 'Women of Justice' reads by Lynette Eason, a member of the American Christian Fiction Writers: **Too Close to Home** – a fast-moving tale filled with non-stop action involving the FBI and missing teens, and **Don't Look Back** – "where one man lives to see Jamie dead and the other is fighting to keep her alive." Also by Eason are **When the Smoke Clears** – smokejumper Alexia's brush with death is not the end of her trouble. As she recuperates "troubles follow her in the form of being confronted with murder, arson---and a handsome detective." **Acceptable Risk** involves Sarah, a military journalist with the Army in the Middle East who after being taken hostage and finally rescued faces an even bigger story to report on her return to the U.S.

Susan Sleeman's 3 'Homeland Heroes' books: **Seconds to Live**, **Minutes to Die**, and **Hours to Kill** involve cybercriminals, Witness Protection, FBI, terrorists, smuggling, coma, memory loss. Enough to keep you turning pages.

Francine Rivers' 2 book historical Christian fiction, Marta's Legacy series, **Her Mother's Hope** and **Her Daughter's Dream** take the reader from Switzerland to California via Canada as the legacy of love is passed down through four generations in one family.

*Reviewed by Sharon Bock and Vonna Reynolds*

## THINK YOU CAN'T SING?

Fact - Very few people 'cannot sing'...and having read those words does not automatically make you one of them. For those of you who drive it's almost certain you once said to yourself "I will never pass my driving test".

Take it from the member who once said he 'sang like a 400lb. male walrus with chronic indigestion'... "I just combined a little self-belief with a large dollop of enthusiasm, and helped by a big chunk of encouragement from the other choir members, I really surprised myself and became a tenor chorister".

### DO I HAVE TO AUDITION?

An audition is not required. You need only to bring with you enthusiasm, and if you are a complete beginner, a willingness to learn also.

### WHAT DO I ACHIEVE IN RETURN?

We will provide you with new friendships, lots of fun (with a few giggles thrown in as well). We also promise that you will take great satisfaction, enjoyment, and reward from being a team player and helping to create beautiful music in worship.

We would love to have you join us this fall in the choir. Please feel free to talk with David Sherman or any member of the choir. Rehearsals begin on Wednesdays, from 6 PM – 7:30 PM.

## LIVE WIRE SUBMISSIONS

For any Live Wire submissions, please send them to Diana at [diana@americanlutheran.net](mailto:diana@americanlutheran.net).



## MEET MADELYN!

Hello! I'm Madelyn and I am ALC's new Lead Youth Assistant. What that means is that I'll be helping run the youth on Wednesday nights and Pod Life on Sunday mornings.

I am originally from a coastal town in Massachusetts, but since then I have traveled the world and been to places I could only dream of. Ever since I heard the word "missionary" when I was three years old, I knew that I wanted to bring the word of Jesus to the world. I have been a Christian since I can remember and a Christ follower since I was five. My walk has not been perfect, and many trials have tested my faith, but I am proud to be a Christ follower and I am constantly being transformed by His steadfast love.

I went to college with the intention of becoming a missionary, and I eventually joined a non-denominational missions organization that took me to three different continents in hopes to spread the name of Jesus. When the Lord brought me to Prescott, I didn't know what He had in store for me. This past year I felt lead to volunteer for the Youth Group and when this position opened up, I was grateful for the opportunity to step back into ministry at the professional level.

It is my hope and prayer to help lead the youth to the ultimate leader. I can only hope to be an example of an imperfect person being loved and used by a perfect God.

Please feel free to come by my office and say hi! I would love to get to know you and answer any questions you may have about the youth and our vision.

*God bless you, Madelyn*

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!



WHAT IS THAT MUSIC?

Some of you have been wondering what is this piano music I have been playing in church all summer? This hauntingly beautiful music that has been helping us feel God’s presence and feel His healing hands through my hands is the music of the young, incredibly talented, living Spanish composer Marcos Fernández-Barrero.

I am embarking upon a project of professionally recording all of Marcos’s piano music. If this is a project you would like to support do let me know. If you know of a business that would be interested in helping, send them my way.

Many of you particularly liked Libre, that I played during service, and also at two memorial services. In this comforting meditation, you can hear the soul ascending to heaven and then free at last! It is absolutely breathtaking music.

It is my hope to have the music on Spotify and to have CD’s available. Stay tuned! *Benita Rose*

FALL CREATION TOUR OF THE GRAND CANYON

Saturday, September 16th from 8 AM—7 PM. Led by G.C. Expert, Russ Miller. \$160 for adults/\$80 for students. Call David McNabb at 928-771-1218.

BLANKET 4KIDS

The blankets & quilts received won the monthly prize and we are so grateful for your support, the less-fortunate families with children will have them for years. We will start our tour of the Head-Start schools in September at Williams, AZ and continue through to Mayer before Xmas. During the holidays B4KS will spend 4 days at the Yavapai Food Bank donating comfort items to the families & children that come there to gather their Christmas meals and blankets from us!

We will need 48" X 48" crocheted and quilting blankets for the smaller children. If any of the ladies from the quilting group or anyone would like to help during a partial 4-day period, please give me a call 928-541-0483 © 928-499-4884 or email ron4kid@aol.com.

Also financial donations would help! (\$400.00 Single) (\$800.00 Couple) AZ IRS # 20355. We are a 501(c)3 Tax exempt organization! *Ron Campbell, Director of Blankets 4 Kids*

ALC IN ACTION

**Community Meal** - an opening for a group or family to serve a Community Meal the second Sunday of every other month. Menus, encouragement and assistance provided! Reward is knowing your smile may be the only one that person received that day.

**Quilters** - Need twin size flat sheets (green, blue etc.).

**Knitters** - can always use your extra yarn and knitters/crochet artisans as well.

**MOPS** - adults to enjoy the company of children on Thursday mornings 2x a month.

FINANCES\$

The end of the 2nd Quarter was July 31. Budget use should be at 50%.

As noted, income is slightly above meeting expectations. Expenses are showing higher than budgeted. Individually many ministries are under budget, however there are 3 ministries that are over budget due to one time expenditures early in the year or because of unexpected cost increase in materials. These will balance out over the course of the rest of the year.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions to:

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2023 ALC BUDGET SUMMARY			
FEBRUARY 1, 2023– JULY 31, 2023			
	Annual Budget Approved	2/1-7/31 2nd Qrt Actuals	
Projected/Actual Income	\$1,473,868	\$764,950	52%
Projected/Actual Ministries Income	\$46,400	\$31,399	68%
Total Income	\$1,520,268	\$796,349	52%
Benevolence Giving (10%)	(\$147,387)	(\$79,885)	54%
Total Budgeted/ Actual Expenses	\$1,424,602	\$825,557	58%