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LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

September 15, 2023





Thank you to our entire congregation for supporting Hope Fest for the past 11 years! We could not have asked for more perfect weather this year. Thanks to our marvelous volunteers, who interacted with the attendees, offering them kindness and compassion, in addition to the items we gave away.

We distributed 52 Children's Bibles with fun key chains made by our Children's Ministries, 18 NIV Bibles, 41 'More Than a Carpenter' books, 20 'Holy Moments' books, socks, toothbrushes and over 2 dozen handmade scarves, mittens and hats.

Many thanks to our team of a dozen volunteers, those who donated items, and our faithful, retired custodian, Denny Larson, who transported the canopies, tables, chairs and multiple boxes to and from the church.

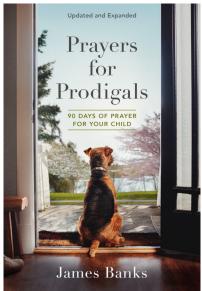
Matthew 25:40 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Carol Lake and Becky Shields



LIVE WIRE SUBMISSIONS

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



EXTRA BOOKS AVAILABLE!

Dwelling on the poor choices of your child. Sadness because your friend told you to stop talking to them about Jesus. Worry about the prodigal who no longer speaks to you. Dealing with the pain and agony of a loved one caught in addiction.

What about the overwhelming dread of your loved one walking away from faith. These are common behaviors among the parents, relatives and friends of prodigals. When you have tried it all, what can you do? **PRAY!!**

The last small-group sessions of *Prayers For Prodigals* helped several people cope with some of the issues mentioned. They came away significantly changed. Jesus felt closer to them than ever before. The book will teach you how to pray using scripture, visualization, story-telling prayer, and reflection. You will find out how to lean on the truth of God's promises and give you hope and encouragement.

I have 15 books left over and would like to put them in your hands if you need one. First come, first served. Please contact the church office to get a copy. I won't be starting another group at this time. This book is great for personal use. Gail Osten, Program Director



A TREE STANDS BECAUSE OF ITS STRONG ROOTS

FLOWERING BULB FUNDRAISER!



The preschool is hosting their annual flowering bulb fundraiser to raise money for new Playground toys. Please visit us during hospitality hours on Sundays, September 17 and 24 to purchase these beautiful bulbs which you plant now and will bloom in the spring! Sets of 4-20 bulbs \$13.00 each. We have MANY that are perfect for pots or that wildlife will not eat. Thank you for supporting our preschoolers!

MINISTRY NEEDS

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 colored twin size flat cotton sheets.

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.

Contact the church office for more information 928-445-4348.



PASSION FOR LIFE TOUR

DISCOVER GREECE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE JUNE 11 -21, 2024 FEATURING A 3-NIGHT GREEK ISLANDS & TURKEY CRUISE

Dear Friends,

With great pleasure and excitement, I invite you to join us on our next Passion for Life Tour: Discovering Greece in the Footsteps of Paul! The prolific writer of the New Testament letters, Paul the Apostle was one of the first Christian missionaries. Our 11-day journey will trace Paul's journey through Greece and Turkey's ancient cities and pastoral countryside.

Walking the path of Paul the Apostle, we will discover rustic beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn. We will visit the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, Turkey. Explore the Acropolis in Athens. Discover the biblical town of Corinth and see the Agora and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal. Stop in Philippi, where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe and baptized Lydia, the first Christian. On our journey, we will feel the spirit of the New Testament as we visit the places where the great apostle lived and preached.

Additionally, we will admire the view from the Acropolis, home to the legendary Parthenon—journey to Kavala, where Paul first set foot on European soil. Visit two breathtaking monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks. Take in the views of Santorini's volcanic caldera and towering cliffs from your cruise ship. Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna. A 3-night cruise of the magical Greek islands of Mykonos, Patmos, and Santorini is also included.

Our tour price of \$4,870.00 USD per person includes roundtrip airfare from Phoenix, hotels, 19 meals, and sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach. A \$350 per person discount is available until early December. For more information, a detailed itinerary, and pricing, or to sign up, please talk to David Sherman or use this link: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1181328

OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSION WITH A JOURNEY TO ROME

4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

Rate: \$1,549.00 USD per person, double, land & air inclusive

4 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 Dinner

If you have come this far, maybe you would be interested in going a little farther to complete Paul's life journey with an extension to Rome, Italy. We will travel from Athens on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. Some locations we will journey to are the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. The Basilica of St. Paul, the Apostle's tomb, and the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains, and executed. We will also visit the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel, to name a few locations.

While June 2024 seems a long way away, NOW is the time to plan and reserve your place on the tour, as space is limited. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see where the Apostle Paul journeyed and experience Greece and Turkey's history, culture, and remarkable scenery. Again, for details, please talk with David Sherman or click this link: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1181328 Informational meeting is Sunday, September 24th after second service in the music room.

Sincerely, Dr. David Sherman



GRIEFSHARE begins a new season at American Lutheran Church Oct. 9 – Jan. 29, 2024. GriefShare has brought healing and hope to over eighty people suffering the death of a loved one in the past two and a half years. Our caring grief ministers are volunteers from American Lutheran Church 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 also suffering. 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, Sept. 24th, then orientation and additional registration on Oct. 8. 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 Fall/Winter Sessions begin Oct. 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Activity Center.

Gail Osten, Program Director/gailosten@aol.com

ZION MINISTRY

God is working through American Lutheran Church all around the world! Pastor Ravi of Zion Ministry in India shared these photos with us of our benevolence funding feeding orphans in children's care.



