

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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WRAPPING CHILDREN IN WARMTH AND HOPE

Every child deserves to feel safe, warm, and cared for. That's why our congregation is once again encouraging participation in **Blankets 4 Kids** (blankets4kid.com), a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing comfort items year-round to children and families in need throughout Yavapai County. Blankets 4 Kids distributes thousands of blankets, hats, scarves, stuffed animals, and other comfort items to struggling families, children's agencies, and community organizations serving vulnerable children.

There are many ways to help. In addition to financial support, Blankets 4 Kids accepts donations of:

- New or gently used blankets
- New or like new hats and scarves
- New or like new stuffed animals
- New, unused yarn

A collection box is available in the hallway off the Narthex, around the corner from the church office.



HOPE FEST AZ 2026: "SAVE THE DATE" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

American Lutheran Church is proud to participate in **HOPE FEST AZ** for our 11th consecutive year! This is the 14th annual community gathering in Northern Arizona dedicated to serving veterans, active military, first responders, the vulnerable, and their families within the Greater Prescott area.

What a beautiful way to share the Love of Jesus with our neighbors! Because this event draws a high volume of attendees, **we need 3-4 volunteers for each 2-hour time slot at the ALC Booth.**

- **Date:** Saturday, September 19, 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Opening Ceremony at 11:30 AM*)
- **Location:** Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza
- **Cost:** FREE admission for the entire community

What is HOPE FEST AZ?

It is a wonderful day of connection, resource sharing, and family fun, featuring:

- **HOPE SERVES Family Resource Fair:** Connecting those in need with vital services, including housing, job, and legal assistance; mental health resources; drug abuse prevention; veteran and elder care support; and free health checks.
- **Entertainment & Activities:** Live music, inspiring speakers, a Car & Bike Show, a family-friendly fun zone, and the presentation of the *Fostering Hope Award*.
- **Community Donation Drive:** In partnership with The Salvation Army, the event will collect critical items for those in need, including blankets, coats, tents, sleeping bags, diapers, and batteries.

How You Can Help

Please consider giving 2 hours of your time to represent ALC at our booth. Volunteer signups are August 30, September 6, and September 13 between services. First come, better time slot selection!

*A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25*



PLAY BALL! Join Pastor Mark for a trip to Phoenix to see the Diamondbacks vs Athletics game, Wednesday, July 22. Meet at church at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$50 per ticket, which includes round trip transportation and a Costco hot dog and drink. Game time is 12:40 PM.

Seats are limited! Register by Tuesday, July 7 – online with credit/debit card payment, or in the church office with cash/check.



Free Dental Clinic Volunteers

DENTISTS, HYGIENISTS & ASSISTANTS NEEDED!

SAT, AUG 15 | 9 AM - 3 PM



COMPASSION CLINICS
uniting for health



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Your community needs your help to serve their dental needs! ALC and Compassion Connect (compassionconnect.com/arizona) will once again sponsor a **free Dental Clinic, open to the public on Sat, Aug 15** from 9 AM-3 PM in our downstairs Activity Center. Cleanings, fillings, extractions, and emergency exams will be offered. You will find a **volunteer registration link on the church website under Events** or contact the church office. You may also email specific questions to constant@compassionconnect.com.

SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER

Youth Summer Camp Fundraising is in full swing, and we could use your help. We are doing an envelope fundraiser where you can choose any numbered envelope on the bulletin board by the office. Fill out the information card inside and insert that amount of money. Then turn in your envelope to the church office. We appreciate your support for our Youth Summer Camp at St. George, UT, July 27-31.



THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

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SUMMER SERIES—Starts Sunday, July 19 –August 30. Join us for a new Summer Sermon Series on the 7 Churches of Revelation! In Revelation 2 and 3 we find Jesus addressing 7 literal churches in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) about their strengths, weaknesses and encouragements in a time when being a Christian could cost you your life! What Jesus speaks to these churches translates to our modern experience in many ways! We will also provide a small group discussion guide to go along with these teachings!

MINISTRY NEEDS

Quilters - Twin size flat cotton sheets and embroidery floss pearl cotton thread.

July Prayer Focus ~ America, Bless God

As we celebrate our nation's independence this month, we are reminded of the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Freedom is a precious gift, but it is also a responsibility. Rather than simply asking God to bless America, perhaps our prayer should be: **"America, bless God."**

Throughout our history, God has graciously blessed our nation with freedom, opportunity, provision, and the ability to openly share the Gospel. Our Declaration of Independence acknowledges that our rights come from our Creator, and generations before us recognized their dependence on him.

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." — Galatians 5:1

The greatest freedom we possess is not political freedom, but the freedom found in Christ. As we gather for our **"America, Bless God"** celebration, let us remember that a grateful nation honors God by worshiping him, seeking his wisdom, and living according to his truth.

Prayer:

- Thank God for the freedoms and blessings he has bestowed on our nation.
- Pray that America would honor God in both word and deed.
- Pray that our nation would return to seeking God's wisdom, truth, and righteousness.
- Pray for our leaders, churches, and communities to reflect God's love and justice.
- Pray that many would experience the true freedom found in Jesus Christ.
- Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessings you have poured out on our nation. May we never take them for granted. Help us to be a people who honor you, seek you, and glorify you in all we do. As we celebrate our freedoms, remind us that every good gift comes from your hand. May America be a nation that blesses and honors you. In Jesus' name, amen



FIRST FRIDAY
FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP

Friday, July 10, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Activity Center

Where can you find fun, food and fellowship? First Friday Potluck! Gather with others who love the Lord and enjoy sharing quality time. Bring a dish to share, and even a friend!

- 1) Mark your calendar for the first Friday (July ONLY, we are meeting the second Friday) and RSVP to the church office.*
- 2) Bring a dish to share: appetizer, salad, casserole, crockpot item, veggie, dessert – all are welcome on the buffet table.
- 3) Come to the lower-level Activity Center at 5:30 PM and enjoy the evening!

*RSVPs are not essential but appreciated!



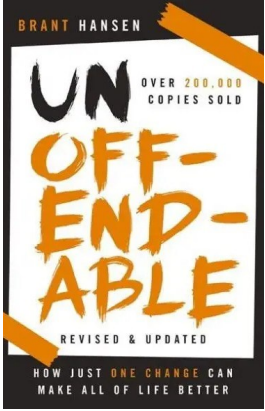
LIFT
Living in Faith Together

Need a Faith LIFT this summer? One of ALC's best kept secrets is LIFT: Living In Faith Together. Our women's Bible study meets Tuesday afternoons 3-5 PM. Our 8-week summer session will run July 28 through September 1. Join us as we learn, study and discuss what the Bible says about anger and offense through Brant Hanson's book "Unoffendable" and accompanying videos. Brant challenges Christians to live unoffendable, without anger. In our easily offended, cancel-culture society, we will learn how to replace perpetual frustration and anger with refreshing humility and gratitude.

The book is available on Amazon for \$10. Please notify the office at 928-445-4348 if you plan to LIFT your Faith with us this Summer.



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Together as a Church Praying at Home



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