



THE LIVE WIRE

PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

HELP OUR PRESCHOOLERS GROW WITH THE ALS APPLE TREE FUNDRAISER!



Throughout the month of August, you can support American Lutheran School's Apple Tree Fundraiser. Stop by the Narthex, pick an apple from the tree, follow the instructions on the back, and turn it in to the church office. You can help us fund these vital classroom needs:



The Seed Sponsor (Adopt a Student – \$25): Equip one of our littlest learners with everything they need to thrive! Your gift provides a cozy personalized nameplate, an official preschool pencil, a learning journal, and a fully loaded supply box packed with crayons, scissors, and plenty of glue. (70 students)



The Blooming Blossom (Adopt Art Time – \$50): Fuel our messiest, most magical moments! This gift stocks our art center with vibrant tempera paints, stacks of colorful construction paper, and all the craft supplies needed to turn tiny handprints into refrigerator masterpieces. (9 months of school)



The Sunshine Supporter (Adopt the Playground – \$100): Power our big energy and outdoor adventures! This gift keeps our recess rocking by providing durable playground essentials – like heavy-duty sidewalk chalk, fresh playground balls, sandbox toys, and active gear. (9 months of school)



The Apple of our Eye (Adopt a Classroom – \$150): Be the ultimate hero for an entire classroom community! This gift ensures every child has their own designated carpet square for circle time, a durable snack cup, and full access to our exciting new hands-on science curriculum. (6 classes)

Ready to make a difference? Thank you for helping our children grow! Contact Director of ALS, Lori Barbe at 928.778.7049 or preschool@americanlutheran.net with any questions.

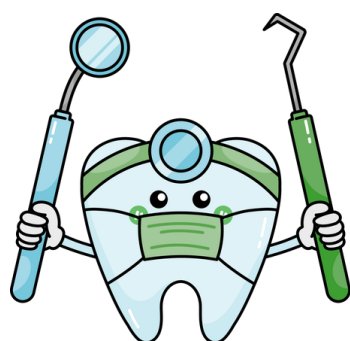


Make a Joyful Noise This Fall! Join ALC's Traditional Music Ministry

Whether you're an experienced musician or simply have a heart for worship, we'd love to welcome you to Traditional Music. It's a wonderful opportunity to use your gifts, build friendships, serve God and encourage others in worship. Rehearsals begin as follows:

- **Chancel Choir - Wed, Aug 19, 6:00–7:30 PM** in the Choir Room
- **Chancel Handbell Choir - Wed, Aug 26, 4:30-5:45 PM** in the Sanctuary

New members are always welcome, and no audition is required. For more info, contact Jeremy Neufeld, Director of Traditional Music at jeremy@americanlutheran.net or 928.445.4348 x312.



FREE DENTAL CLINIC AUG 15!

ALC and Compassion Connect will once again sponsor a **free Dental Clinic on Saturday, Aug 15 in the downstairs Activity Center from 9 AM – 3 PM**. Cleanings, fillings, extractions, and emergency exams will be offered. **Just added: Free hearing screenings by an audiologist** will be available as well.

Dentists, hygienists, assistants, and other volunteers are still needed!

Register on the church website under Events. Please email any questions directly to Constant Lu at constant@compassionconnect.com.



Meet Our New Pastor of Caring Ministries, Mark Degner!

Pastor Mark Degner was born and raised in Wisconsin. He is one of nine siblings. He has four grown children (2 men and 2 women) and nine grandkids (5 girls and 4 boys), who are his heart's delight and joy. He is a big football and hockey fan.

Mark loves the Lord Jesus Christ and has been in church ministry for 50 years, having been called to serve as a pastor when he was an infant in his mother's womb. He has served churches in Colorado, Arizona, and Nebraska. He also worked for nine years in a parachurch ministry called

PathWay Lutheran Ministries, consulting churches throughout the country and helping them to achieve their vision for ministry through vision casting and capital fundraising. The last church he served was in Blair, NE. Mark is also a police chaplain and will be leading our Sheepdog Fellowship ministry for veterans, law enforcement officers, and first responders (the new season begins Aug 24).

Mark and Linda were married twelve-and-a-half years ago. Linda is a licensed mental health therapist who specializes in trauma victims of all ages but also utilizes Biblical therapy for all life situations and challenges. They have a dearly loved, trained therapy dog named Maverick (please pet him when you see him). They love spending time with the grandkids and are looking forward to exploring Northern Arizona. Mark, Linda and Maverick are delighted to be serving the Lord at American Lutheran Church.

If you have a church name tag, please wear it each Sunday. It will help our newest pastor learn names and connect with our congregation more quickly. Thank you for your help!



WOW
Women of Wisdom

You're Invited to Fall WOW 2026!

Ladies, there's a place for you at the **Fall Session of WOW (Women of Wisdom)! Join us Wednesdays, Sept 9 - Oct 28**, from 9 AM to Noon for a meaningful morning of friendship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. View the full 2026-2027 WOW brochure on our website at americanlutheran.net/pages/womens-ministries.

Whether you're new to WOW or returning for another session, you'll enjoy connecting with women of all ages over coffee and refreshments while growing deeper in your faith through worship, prayer, and inspiring Bible teaching.

Free childcare is available for registered children, making it easier for moms to participate. Be sure to register in advance!

Registration for second-hour classes opens Tuesday, Aug 4 from 9 AM to Noon in the Parlor. You are welcome to pick up your class book at that time as well. Registration will also be available online starting Aug 4.

Class books may be picked up at the ALC office Monday – Thursday, or after Sunday services throughout the remainder of August.



Twenty-six students and chaperones traveled to St. George, UT for **Youth Summer Camp, July 27-31!** A special **"thank you"** is extended to those who **donated supplies and gave financial gifts** – your support helped provide a meaningful, memorable experience where young people could grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and experience God's love in a special way.



August Prayer Focus: Students, Families, Teachers, and Schools

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." — Proverbs 22:6

As summer comes to a close and a new school year begins, let us lift up our children, families, teachers, administrators, and school staff in prayer. The start of a school year brings excitement, anticipation, and often a little anxiety. Whether children are entering kindergarten, starting college, being homeschooled, or returning to familiar classrooms, they face new opportunities and challenges.

God has entrusted parents and caregivers with the important task of guiding and nurturing the next generation. Let us pray that our homes would be places where faith is lived out daily and where children grow in wisdom, character, and love for the Lord.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the children and families in our church and community. As a new school year begins, we ask for Your hand of protection and guidance over every student, teacher, administrator, and staff member. Grant wisdom to those who teach and learn. Give parents strength and discernment as they lead their families. Help our children grow not only in knowledge but also in faith and character. May they know Your love, walk in Your truth, and trust You in every circumstance. Bless this school year and use it to draw hearts closer to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Celebrating a Milestone by a Member of the ALC Family!

We are thrilled to announce that our very own Deatra "Dee" Isham has published her first book, *Twixt the Poles of Heaven and Hell: My Soulful Journey from Darkness to Light*. Dee shares that after opening up about the hard seasons of her life, friends encouraged her to put her stories into words. What began as personal reflection turned into something much bigger: a spiritual journey of discovery, honesty, and healing that she believes can help others walking through similar struggles.

In her own words: "I want others to know with certainty that God takes our sufferings and offers us remedies through scripture... Once we trust in the sovereign nature of God, we open the door to a spiritual journey that can enlighten and guide us so we can become the beautiful person that God created us to be."

This book is a testimony of honesty, faith, and God's redeeming grace – and we couldn't be prouder to see one of our own share her story so boldly for His glory. Please join us in celebrating Dee and picking up a copy of her book! *Twixt the Poles of Heaven and Hell* is available now on Amazon.

THANK YOU for Supporting Our Troops!

You were asked, and you gave: not 500 cards of thanks and support to our troops, but **641 cards!** That equates to **19.45 lbs** of love, support, caring, and thanks! Bless your hearts for your generosity. –Susan Friedman



BEEP BEEP! The Bus Ministry is in great need of another driver and a "ride-along" assistant for Sundays (9 AM-12:30 PM shift), with volunteers scheduled once every 4-6 weeks.

No special driver's license required. Can you help in either capacity? Please contact Deb in the church office: 928.445.4348 or deb@americanlutheran.net.



THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION sermon series runs Sundays through Aug 30.

A small group discussion guide is available on the Church Center app and on our website under Resources, to help deepen your understanding along the way.



U.S. Vets Prescott is collecting new and gently used clothing for veterans. The "Stand Down" event on Sept 25 provides veterans experiencing homelessness or other hardships with access to resources, services, and basic necessities, and having clothing available can make a big difference. If you're able to help, **they are accepting donations of clean, gently used clothing, jackets, coats, shoes, and other wearable items. New socks and underwear are especially appreciated!**

Donations may be dropped off at these locations through Wed, Sept 23:

- Veterans Connection Hub, 2825 N. Glassford Hill Rd., Ste. A, Prescott Valley
- U.S. VETS Prescott, 1040 Whipple St., Prescott



THE MOMCO @ AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH Starts Aug 20!

MomCo (formerly Connected Motherhood) is a Christ-centered ministry for mothers who have children from ages newborn through the teen years. MomCo meets twice a month during the school year, Thursdays from 9-11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy breakfast and fellowship with one another before diving into a variety of topics on motherhood, faith, and beyond. There will be speakers, videos, activities, crafts, a service project and more. Throughout the year, MomCo will also host "mom's night out" events and playdates. Childcare is provided, and homeschooled families are welcome! **See what it's all about at themom.co/groups/alcprescott and facebook.com/groups/momcoprescott.**

Wherever you are in your walk in faith, we encourage you to check out MomCo as we walk together and connect with one another through the ups and downs of motherhood.

Cost for the 2026-2027 season is \$37 for the year, with limited scholarships available for families in need. **ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Visit themom.co/join, then enter code P93M.** For details, contact Director of Children's & Family Ministries, Ana Ruiz at 928.445.4348 x318 or ana@americanlutheran.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP US WATCH SOME KIDDOS ON MOMCO THURSDAYS!

THINGS TO KNOW

- From 8:00 am to 11:30 am
- Breakfast provided
- Help with kids ages 1 year to 8 years
- Can bring your kids or grandkids

JOIN NOW

- ☎ (928) 445-4348 ext. 318
- ✉ ana@americanlutheran.net



RECOMMENDED READING

***Whom Shall I Fear?: 366 Scriptures for Following Christ and Facing Persecution* by Voice of the Martyrs**

Just days before Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand was arrested by the Romanian secret police, he read that Scripture contains 366 instances meant to help Christians overcome fear — one for each day of the year. This discovery deepened Richard and his wife Sabina's study of God's Word and gave them strength to stand firm through opposition, imprisonment, and torture.

Featuring testimonies from the Wurmbbrands and other persecuted Christians throughout history, *Whom Shall I Fear?* invites you to encounter 366 biblical passages that ground your faith in God's character, moving you beyond anxiety and fear as you live obediently for Christ.