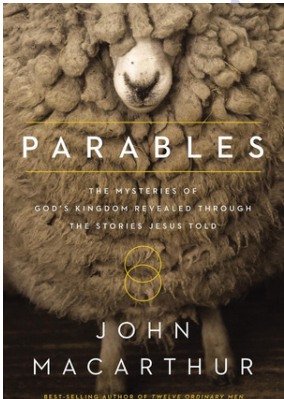




THE LIVE WIRE

PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER



NEW CONNECTIONS CLASS BEGINS SEPT 13!

Connections Adult Education Hour meets Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM in the downstairs Activity Center. The next session begins Sept 13, with a study on **John MacArthur's *Parables***. The mysteries of God's kingdom are revealed through the stories Jesus told. This is an **11-week class with a book and workbook**, led by Altha Cline. Cost for the class is \$10; scholarships are available.

Discover how Jesus' parables can help you better understand God's Word and how to live today. **All adults are welcome to participate.**

Have you ever wondered why Jesus often spoke in parables? Are you curious about what lessons we can learn from these parables today? **Pastor and bestselling author John MacArthur breaks down the parables and teaches you how we can apply these deceptively simple stories to modern Christianity.**

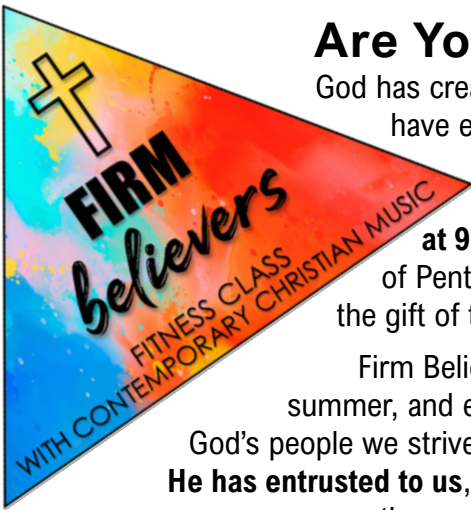
Jesus was a master storyteller, and the parables he often told were no exception. Beneath these unassuming stories were deeply profound spiritual lessons that were designed to reach all who heard them – from the faithful to the faithless – and they're still relevant today.

In *Parables*, MacArthur argues that these short, memorable stories represented more than just symbolism or a clever teaching style – **they were carefully crafted tales that made the mysteries of the Gospel more accessible to everyday believers.**

Parables will help you see Jesus' teachings in a brand-new light, addressing some of the most common questions on the topic, including:

- When did Jesus start teaching in parables?
- What makes parables so accessible?
- How can we interpret these stories?
- What common threads link each of the parables together?
- What do parables teach us about the kingdom of God?

John MacArthur has spent a lifetime sharing the Word of God in clear and comprehensible terms with believers of all walks of life. Let him be your guide as he sheds light on the essential lessons contained in the most infamous and influential short stories the world has ever known.



Are You a FIRM BELIEVER?

God has created our bodies, and as Christians, we have every reason to delight in this creation! **Firm Believers low-impact exercise class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:50 AM in the Narthex.** As the season of Pentecost continues, our music celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and His work within us.

Firm Believers classes continue throughout the summer, and everyone is welcome to participate! As God's people we strive to be **faithful stewards of the bodies He has entrusted to us**, maintaining our strength and mobility so we can continue serving Christ and one another. Contact group leader, Lynda Parrish through the church office for additional info.

FREE DENTAL CLINIC IS SAT, AUG 15!



ALC and Compassion Connect will once again sponsor a free Dental Clinic on Aug 15 from 9 AM – 3 PM. First come, first served; register in the Fellowship Hall lobby. Cleanings, fillings, extractions, and emergency exams will be offered, with treatment needs determined by a volunteer licensed dentist. Free hearing screenings by an audiologist will be available as well.

Looking for your next inspiring read or watch? Be sure to stop by the Library cart and browse our newest additions! Whether you're interested in deepening your faith, growing in your Bible knowledge, or finding an encouraging devotional, there's something new waiting for readers and viewers of every age.

Historical Fiction

- *Thrones in the Desert* by Doug Peterson
- *Swords in the Desert* by Doug Peterson
- *The Queen's Cook* by Tessa Afshar
- *The Greatest Story Ever Told: An Eyewitness Account* by Bear Grylls

Nonfiction

- *When All Hell Breaks Loose* by Jake Madlock (2007)
- *Trauma Identity* by Jake Madlock (2026)
- *The Israel Decree: Understanding God's Unbreakable Covenant* by Amir Tsarfati (2024)
- *The Spirit Code: 40 Truths About the Holy Spirit* by O.S. Hawkins (2024)
- *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund (2020)
- *Keep the Faith: How to Stand Strong in a World Turned Upside Down* by David Jeremiah (2024)
- *The Great Disappearance: 31 Ways to be Rapture Ready* by David Jeremiah (2023)
- *Everything to God in Prayer: Guided Prayer for Your Deepest Needs and Biggest Dreams* by David Jeremiah (2025)

DVDs

- *A Great Awakening*
- *David and Goliath* (animated)
- From the "Love Comes Softly" series: #7 *Love Takes Wing*, #8 *Love Finds a Home*, #9 *Love Begins*, #10 *Love's Everlasting Courage*, and #11 *Love's Christmas Journey*

Have a recommendation? We'd love to hear from you! If there's a book, author, or DVD you'd like to see in our collection, please contact our Library Attendant, Sharon Bock through the church office.

The church Library is open for browsing whenever the building is open (and no meeting is in session). Stop in after worship, explore the shelves, and check out a book or movie to take home. You might just discover your next favorite!



SHEEPDOG FELLOWSHIP RESUMES MON, AUG 24 AT 0900

Veterans, law enforcement officers, and first responders, you're invited to be part of Sheepdog Fellowship: a ministry dedicated to strengthening those who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

Sheepdog Fellowship provides a welcoming environment where participants can connect with others who understand the unique challenges of military service and first responder careers. Through biblical encouragement and Christian fellowship, the group **focuses on applying Christian principles to healing, supporting one another, and continuing a life of meaningful service.**

Whether you're currently serving or are retired, you'll find a place to build friendships, share experiences, and grow in faith alongside others who value camaraderie and purpose. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, we encourage you to join us. Everyone is welcome, regardless of where they are on their faith journey.

The group **meets twice each month, on Mondays at 0900 (9 AM)** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Pastor of Caring Ministries, Mark Degner at 928.445.4348 x324.



MomCo is still looking for volunteers to help care for little ones on Thursday mornings. Volunteers are needed from 8–11:30 AM and will help with children ages 1–8 years old. A breakfast meal is provided, and you're welcome to bring your own children or grandchildren! If you're available to lend a hand and help make MomCo possible, we'd love to have you join us! To volunteer, contact Director of Children's and Family Ministries, Ana Ruiz at 928.445.4348 x318 or ana@americanlutheran.net.



FALL 2026 SESSION STARTS TUESDAY, AUGUST 25!

at 5:30 PM at Pastor Mark's home (7005 Palomino St., Prescott). Please contact Pastor Mark through the church office for the time and location of forthcoming meetings: 928.445.4348.

If you are a dad of children at home, come join us for friendship and encouragement with other dads in God's Word. Led by Pastor Mark Johnson, EPIC Dad will meet on alternating Tuesday evenings for the 2026/2027 season. The first gathering on August 25 will be held



HELP OUR PRESCHOOLERS GROW WITH THE 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 your gift in to the basket in the church office. Thank you for helping our children grow!

Contact Director of ALS, Lori Barbe in the preschool office at 928.778.7049 or preschool@americanlutheran.net with any questions.



CALLING ALL STUDENTS, FAMILIES, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF!

As we begin a new school year, we invite you to join us for a **special time of prayer during both of the 10:30 AM worship services on August 30.**

Our congregation and pastors would be honored to pray for you, your family, and all those involved

in education as you embark on another year of learning, teaching and growing. Come receive God's blessing, encouragement and prayers for a safe, successful and faith-filled school year!

Journeys in Song

A HANDBELL SOLO RECITAL

A musical journey of faith, reflection, and rhythms from near and far.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
3:00 PM

 **AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**
1085 Scott Drive, Prescott

 Free will offering 
Shared with Meals On Wheels and ALC

Katie Staudt
handbell soloist

 **Jim Klein**
pianist

Save the date



FALL FEST - Sat, Sept 26
2PM - 6PM

FREE Community Event for All Ages
Food, treats, crafts, games, live music, hay rides & more!



Have you ever wanted to read the Bible while standing in the very places where its stories unfolded? ALC is excited to invite you to join Pastor Mark Johnson on a **once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Holy Land April 3-11, 2027**, with an optional four-day extension to Jordan through April 15. Hosted by Sunlight Tours, this 9-day pilgrimage will take us through some of the most significant biblical and historical sites in Israel and the West Bank. **An informational meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 29 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall – all interested are invited to attend.**

Imagine walking along the Sea of Galilee, visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, exploring Capernaum, and taking a boat ride on the waters where Jesus called His disciples. We will visit Nazareth and Bethlehem, reflect in the Garden of Gethsemane, walk portions of the Via Dolorosa, and stand at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. The itinerary also includes Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Jericho, and many other places connected to Scripture.

Optional Journey into Jordan: For those who want to continue the adventure, an optional 4-day Jordan extension will take us across the border to Jerash, Madaba, Mount Nebo, Petra, and Wadi Rum. We'll explore the ancient city of Petra, look out over the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, and experience the spectacular desert landscape of Wadi Rum.

Trip Details

Dates: April 3–11, 2027

Optional Jordan Extension: April 11–15, 2027

Tour: 9 days; 12 days with Jordan extension

Tour Host: Pastor Mark Johnson

Registration Deadline: October 1, 2026

The price for the Holy Land portion is \$3,200 per person, double occupancy, not including international airfare. The optional Jordan extension is \$1,700 per person, double occupancy.

Because travel to the region requires careful consideration, Sunlight Tours is currently offering “no-risk registration” for this trip. Details and conditions are available on the tour website.

If visiting the places of the Bible has been on your bucket list, this may be the opportunity you've been waiting for. Come walk where Jesus walked, see the land that shaped the biblical story, and experience the Holy Land together with your church family.

For the complete itinerary, registration information, pricing, and travel details visit the tour webpage at <https://sunlighttours.org/sacred-pathways-explore-the-holy-land-and-jordan-may-2026>.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

ALC is forming a **volunteer Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT)** to provide a calm, compassionate and organized response to medical emergencies until professional help arrives. Medical experience is welcome but is not required. Healthcare professionals and lay members willing to complete CPR/AED and MERT training are encouraged to participate.

Interested? Come learn how you can serve our church family in a very practical and caring way: **visit a MERT table following worship on Sunday, August 30**, available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall lobby, or email Mary Bennett at lovelymarybennett@gmail.com for more info.

Mark your calendar! CPR/MERT training will be offered on Sunday, September 27 from 1–5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

