



 **Saturday, September 26 | 2 – 6 PM** 

It's the event we've been looking forward to since last September! **Our annual Fall Fest is back**, and it gets bigger and better every year! What started as a fun afternoon of fellowship has grown into an exciting community event with something for every age to enjoy.

Bring the whole family – and invite your friends and neighbors – for an afternoon filled with food, sweet treats, a petting zoo, crafts, face painting, games, mechanical bull riding, live music by the worship band, tractor-pulled hay rides, and more! There will be plenty of fun, laughter and opportunities to get great photos and make memories together.

Best of all, Fall Fest is **FREE** and open to the whole community! So gather your crew and come celebrate the arrival of the glorious fall season with us.

 **Saturday, September 26**

 **2–6 PM**

 **ALC's Upper-Level Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall**

 **Free & Open to the Public**

We've been waiting all year, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!  

Come for the fun. Stay for the fellowship. Bring a friend!



For children in 3rd grade and older, Pastor Mark Johnson is offering a one-hour class to help children understand the meaning and importance of Holy Communion. The goal is for children to receive Communion with a deeper understanding of – and connection to – what God is doing through

this sacrament. Class will be held **Saturday, October 3 at 10 AM** in the downstairs Activity Center. Pastor Mark asks that at least one parent participate with their child(ren). Please register on the website or in the church office so we know how many children and families to expect. We look forward to sharing this special time of learning together!



FIRST FRIDAY
FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP **OCTOBER 2**

Where can you find fun, food and fellowship? First Friday Potluck dinners! We are a group that loves the Lord and enjoys sharing time together. Come join us and bring a dish to share. Bring a friend as well!

- 1) Mark your calendar for the first Friday in October (October 2) and let the church office know you're coming*;
- 2) Bring a dish to share: appetizer, salad, casserole, crockpot item, veggie, dessert – all are welcome on the buffet tables; and
- 3) Come to the lower-level Activity Center at 5:30 PM and enjoy the evening.

**It's nice to know how many are coming, but reservations are not essential.*

Questions about First Friday Potluck Dinners? Contact Renee Grojean through the church office.



SIX FLAGS YOUTH OUTREACH TRIP
November 13–15 | 2 Nights • 3 Days

Our youth are looking forward to a weekend at Six Flags Magic Mountain focused on outreach, friendship, and building relationships with God. Students are encouraged to bring friends who might not otherwise have an opportunity to connect with our church.

Trip cost is \$250 per student, and registration is open. Details and registration can be found by scanning the QR code at the right, on the church website under Events, or in the Church Center app under Event Registrations.



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is a special time to celebrate and give thanks for our Pastors and the many ways they serve our congregation. From preaching and teaching God's Word to visiting, counseling, praying, leading, and walking alongside us through life's joys and challenges, their ministry makes a difference in the lives of so many.

We encourage everyone to take a moment to express your gratitude. A handwritten note, a kind word, a prayer, or simply letting both Pastor Marks and Pastor Christian know how much their ministry means to you can be a meaningful gift. Let's surround them with encouragement and thank them for faithfully sharing God's love with us!



NEW ON STAFF: ZACK WILLIAMS

Please join us in welcoming Zack Williams, our new Facilities Assistant, to the church staff! Zack will join Eddie Marian in keeping our building clean, safe, well-maintained, and ready to welcome our congregation and community each week.

Zack grew up in Prescott and is a regular attendee at ALC with his wife, Erin. He describes himself simply as a child of God, husband, father, sinner, saint, and a pilgrim on the road to Zion. His words reflect a humble perspective on life: "Not better than anyone else. Not worse than anyone else. Just a guy – loved by his Creator." Zack brings that humility and faith to his work and reminds us to live honestly – with God, with ourselves, and with our families. He also offers these words of encouragement: "Tomorrow is not something you get to own. If you mean it, you'll do it. And God loves you."

We are grateful to have Zack serving with us and look forward to getting to know him better. Welcome to the ALC staff family, Zack!



WHAT WE BELIEVE CLASS & DINNER

Thinking about becoming part of our church family – or just curious about what we believe at ALC? Join us on Monday, October 19 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

In a relaxed, friendly setting, Pastor Mark Johnson will walk us through the basics of the Christian faith and what makes us distinctly Lutheran. It's a chance to ask questions, meet new friends, and discover what it means to belong here. Whether you're brand-new to church, exploring faith, or transferring from another congregation, you'll feel right at home.

Dinner will be served, and childcare is available with advance request. RSVP by Thursday, October 15 on the Events page of the church website or Church Center app, or in the church office.



SAVE THE DATE

Women's 2-Day Retreat: "Courage for the Next Step" with Stephanie & Joel Midthun - Nov 6 & 7

Register for Your 2027 Giving Envelopes

Would you like to receive **custom 2027 giving envelopes** mailed directly to your home?



Register online

<https://americanlutheran.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3893765>



Or through the Church Center app

(available on your mobile device)



If you need assistance registering, please contact the church office: **928.445.4348**.



Envelopes will be mailed in December.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, November 2

Thank you for helping us keep our giving records accurate and up to date!



PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN FULL-TIME MINISTRY

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and an opportunity to intentionally pray for all those who have answered God's call to full-time ministry. We lift up pastors, missionaries

serving at home and around the world, church and ministry staff, worship leaders, teachers, chaplains, counselors, outreach workers, and all who have made serving God and His people their life's work.

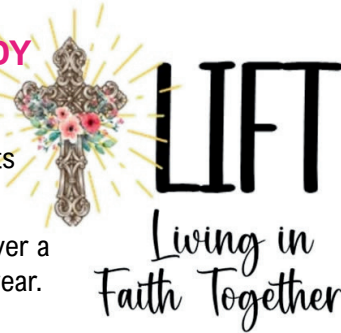
Full-time ministry brings great joy, but it also carries unique challenges. Those who serve balance their calling with the everyday realities of family, finances, relationships, and the need for rest, while often carrying the burdens of those they serve. Missionaries may also face separation from family, unfamiliar cultures, financial uncertainty, or difficult and even dangerous circumstances. And because their work advances God's Kingdom, they face spiritual battles as well.

This month, let us surround them with prayer – for strength when they are weary, encouragement when they are discouraged, protection for them and their families, provision for their needs, wisdom in their calling, and steadfast faith as they serve the Lord.

An Example Prayer: *Heavenly Father, Thank You for those You have called to dedicate their lives and work to serving You. We lift up pastors, missionaries, church staff, ministry leaders, and all those serving in full-time ministry. Strengthen them when they are weary, encourage them when the work is difficult, and protect them and their families. Provide for their earthly needs and continually renew them spiritually. Guard them against discouragement, temptation, division, and spiritual attack. Give them wisdom, courage, and joy in their calling. Help us to faithfully encourage, support, appreciate, and pray for those You have called to serve. May they always remember that their labor in You is never in vain. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

LIFT: WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The next session of LIFT begins Tuesday, October 6 with the study, ***Surviving Epic Trials: 10 Lessons from the Life of Noah*** by Robyn Coffman. LIFT meets from 3-5 PM in the Library.



When life gets hard... Noah knew it would rain for over a month. He didn't know he'd be confined for over a year. His trial was epic. And so is yours.

Whether you're facing an intense personal struggle, or still finding your footing after something difficult, this in-depth Bible study created for deep personal transformation will help you navigate through your hardest times and find hope.

Participants can purchase the workbook on Amazon for approximately \$20. It contains a 164-page study guide with quick guide, timeline, trauma-processing tools, and the N.O.A.H. Study Method.

LIFT welcomes all women! Contact the church office for more information on LIFT.

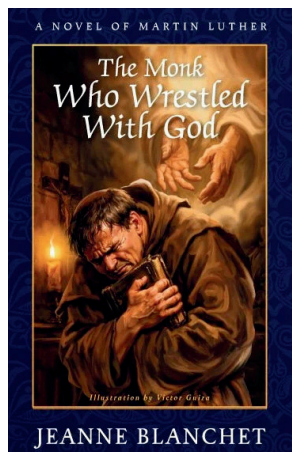


GRIEF SHARE FALL SESSION CONTINUES THROUGH DEC 10

Grief can be one of life's most difficult experiences, but you don't have to go through it alone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who understand what you're going through and will walk alongside you as you navigate the grieving process.

Our Fall 2026 GriefShare seminar is meeting Thursdays through December 10 from 1–3 PM in the Parlor. This group provides encouragement, support, and practical help as you work through grief and begin to find hope and healing. To register, contact GriefShare Coordinator, Julie Backous through the church office, or visit www.griefshare.org under Find a Group. Walk-in registrations are welcome anytime.

If you're grieving the loss of someone you love, we invite you to join us for this season of support, understanding, and hope.



BOOK LOOK

Just in time for the celebration of Reformation on October 25: a brand-new historical fiction novel, *The Monk Who Wrestled with God* has arrived!

From the book's jacket: “In *The Monk Who Wrestled with God*, award-winning author of historical fiction, Jeanne Blanchet invites readers into the turbulent, breathtaking world of Martin Luther – a man torn between devotion, doubt, and a destiny he never sought. With the vivid immediacy of lived experience, this gripping novel follows Luther through the triumphs, trials, and soul-searching questions that shaped a revolution. Written with objectivity and deep humanity, it speaks to readers of all ages and belief, offering an unforgettable journey into the heart of a German monk/priest who dared to challenge both himself and the world. Open these pages, and you won't just read the Reformation giant's story, you'll feel it.”

Look for this 2026-published work – along with other fascinating Reformation materials – currently featured on the Library cart.



ALS FLOWERING BULB FUNDRAISER ENDS SEPTEMBER 29!

Brighten your garden next spring while supporting our littlest learners! The preschool is hosting its annual bulb fundraiser to purchase new classroom furniture.

For your convenience, **stop by the ALS table to order your bulbs for fall planting on Sunday, September 27 during Hospitality Hour.** You may also order

online: visit www.dutchmillbulbs.com, go to the “Shop to Support a Group” page from the top menu, then choose American Lutheran School in the dropdown menu on the right.

Packages of 6–24 bulbs are \$15 each; there are great choices for flower beds and potted plants, plus deer- and rabbit-resistant varieties.

Thank you for your continued support of our preschoolers!



JOHAN GLIDDEN HOMETOWN ALBUM RELEASE SOLO CONCERT Friday, October 9 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary General Seating / Pay What You Can

Johan Glidden is a folk-pop Christian singer-songwriter from Prescott and ALC, now based in Nashville, TN. His forthcoming album, *Sweet Little Drop in a Bucket*, is a collection of 11 songs recorded in Nashville, mixed by 3-time-Grammy-winner Sean Moffitt, and featuring studio work

from many virtuosic musicians. The album is an invitation to embrace limitation in a culture of unlimited options, to lean on friends in an era of disconnection, and to trust a loving and powerful God in a world of algorithms. Johan's concerts feature not only great songs, but also intimate hospitality, humor, and time enjoyed together as little children of God. Expect to be drawn in closer by each song — into nostalgia, humility, and hope.

FIRM BELIEVERS FALL SCHEDULE

The fall session of Firm Believers low impact group fitness class continues on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:50 AM** in the Narthex (no class on September 29). Contemporary Christian music is used, following the theme, “Walking in Step.” **Everyone is welcome to participate!** Come join us as we walk, move, and grow together in fellowship and faith. Contact Lynda Parrish through the church office for additional information on Firm Believers.



BLANKETS 4 KIDS: HELP WARM HEARTS THIS SEASON

It's that time of year again for Blankets 4 Kids to begin preparing for fall and winter deliveries throughout Yavapai County. Calls will soon be going out to partner organizations, including Head Start schools, first responder organizations, police and sheriff's patrol cars, veterans' shelters, and the Yavapai Food Bank.

To meet these needs, B4K's supply of handmade blankets needs a kick-start and an upgrade! Knitters and crocheters, get those needles and hooks going! Every blanket, hat, scarf, and other comfort item can make a meaningful difference to a child or family who needs a little extra warmth and care.

A Special Need at Havasupai: Following the recent flooding in the Grand Canyon, B4K has also received a request for comfort items for the children of the Havasupai Reservation in Supai Village. B4K would like to send an additional 75–100 items by Mule Mail, including blankets, hats, scarves, and teddy bears. The children and families in Supai Village can be especially vulnerable when severe weather affects the area. This is an opportunity for B4K to reach out with practical comfort and remind these children that their community cares about them.

Whether you knit, crochet, sew, or simply have items to donate, your help is needed. Together, the shelves can be filled, regular Yavapai County deliveries can be met, and special shipment of comfort items for Havasupai can be prepared.

A collection box is available in the Narthex hallway at ALC.

Thank you for helping Blankets 4 Kids wrap our community – and especially its children – in warmth, comfort, and love.



PRESCOTT SYMPHONY CHORUS FALL CONCERT AT ALC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 3 PM

The Prescott Symphony Chorus (formerly Pops Festival Chorus) is now presenting a choral concert each fall and spring. This year's fall concert will be held in the Sanctuary at ALC and will feature Americana music – spirituals and traditional American songs – together with choral standards and fresh new music. The chorus will be accompanied by piano and some solo instruments. In true Prescott Pops fashion, the music will be fun, inspiring and entertaining! The concert will also showcase the Prescott Brass Band, comprised of members of the Pops brass section. Darrell Rowader and Joseph Place will conduct.

Tickets are only available in advance (NO DOOR SALES) via the Jim & Linda Lee Performing Arts Center box office: by phone at 928.776.2000 or online at www.ycpac.com. Tickets are \$15 plus a \$3 ticket fee. Youth under 18 years old will be admitted for free. Email info@prescottsymphony.com with any questions, or visit www.prescottsymphony.com.