

Reformation Sunday Oct 25

COMBINED WORSHIP
10 AM in the Sanctuary

Wear Red!



REFORMATION SUNDAY POTLUCK – Join us for a potluck-style luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday worship service. We will be serving delicious fried and grilled chicken, desserts, and beverages, with side dishes provided by members of the congregation. Bring your favorite side to share!



**New Member
Welcome
DINNER**

Those joining the ALC congregation on Sunday, November 22 are invited to **dinner on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. This event is an opportunity to get to know one another and break bread together in the Fellowship Hall. **RSVP by November 12** on the

website, on the Church Center app, or by contacting the church office.



FIRM BELIEVERS low-impact exercise classes celebrate the many blessings God has given us using the theme “O Give Thanks!” for the month of November. Come move, smile, and give thanks with us! We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:50 AM in the Narthex, and all are welcome to participate!

There will be no classes Tuesday, November 24 or Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving week. Classes will resume on Tuesday, December 1. Contact Lynda Parrish through the church office for additional information.



WOMEN'S 2-DAY RETREAT NOV 6 & 7

“**Courage for the Next Step**” is a two-day women's retreat with featured guests, Stephanie & Joel Midthun, Executive Directors of Courage Worldwide Tanzania. Theme: Courage to Trust, based on the scripture Joshua 1:9.

Doors open at 4:30 PM on Friday, November 6, with dinner at 5:30 PM; Stephanie will speak at 7:00 PM. On Saturday, November 7, the doors open at 8:00 AM, with praise and worship from 9:00-9:30 AM. Stephanie will speak at 10:00 AM, and lunch will be served at Noon. Following lunch will be a prayer activity and discussion. The event will conclude by 4:00 PM.

Cost: \$55 (scholarships are available), payable by credit card online (our website or Church Center app), or by cash/check in the church office. **Registration deadline is Monday, November 2.** Questions? Contact event coordinator, Altha Cline at 928.499.1079.



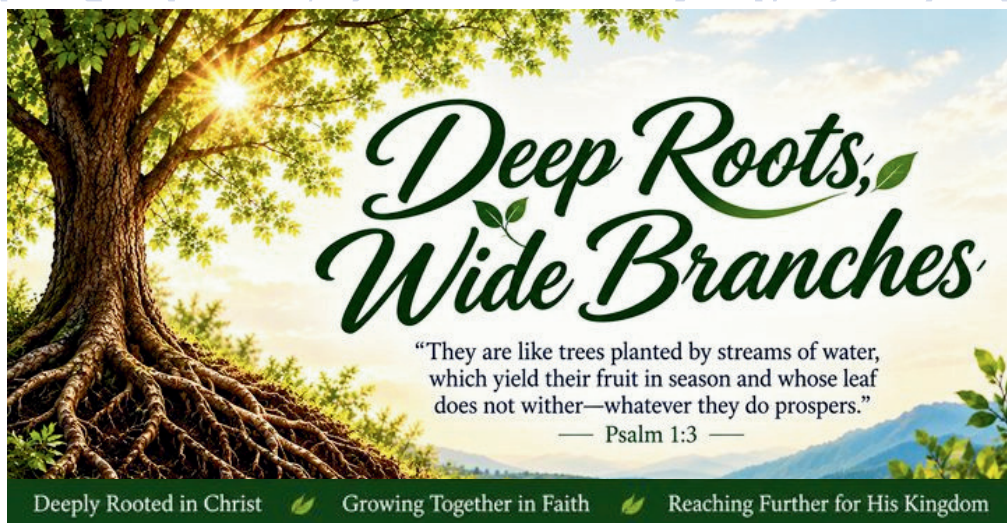
YOUR VOTE MATTERS: KNOW WHERE TO GO

As Election Day approaches, voters can visit yavapaivotes.gov for up-to-date information about voting options in Yavapai County, including:

- Early in-person voting locations
- **Election Day, November 3** vote center locations
- Secure county drop box locations for vote-by-mail ballots

If you vote by mail, consider using a secure county drop box to return your ballot rather than USPS, as mail may take additional time to reach the county elections office.

Please note: **American Lutheran Church is not a vote center for this election.** Be sure to check yavapaivotes.gov for an alternate voting location.



Dear Saints of American Lutheran Church,

It's Fall again, and we are reminded that God's goodness follows us wherever we go. This is the time of year we look back to see the ways God has provided for us and we look to the days ahead and prepare for the ministry God has set before us. As we enter this season of stewardship, we are reminded that generosity is not simply about what we give – it is about who we are becoming together as people of faith.

This year, we invite you to consider the word **LEAVES**. Leaves are a beautiful reminder of God's abundance. They grow, provide shade and shelter, bring beauty to the world, and eventually fall to nourish the soil for what comes next. In much the same way, our lives and our gifts can become part of something larger than ourselves – blessing others today and preparing the way for generations to come.

L — Live Generously

Generosity is a way of life. We are called to share not only our financial resources, but also our time, talents, compassion, and love. When we live generously, we reflect God's own abundant generosity.

E — Engage Faithfully

Our congregation is strengthened when each of us participates faithfully in the life and ministry of our church. Through worship, service, prayer, fellowship, and giving, we become active participants in God's work among us.

A — Act with Purpose

Every gift matters because every gift helps make ministry possible. Our giving allows us to respond to needs, support meaningful ministries, care for one another, and put our faith into action. Together, we can give with intention and purpose.

V — Value Community

Church is more than a building or a weekly gathering. We are a community: a place where people are welcomed, encouraged, challenged, comforted, and loved. Our generosity helps create a community where all can find belonging and experience God's grace.

E — Extend God's Reach

The ministry of our congregation reaches far beyond our walls. Through our outreach, missions, hospitality, service, and witness, we carry God's love into our neighborhood and our wider world. Our gifts help extend that reach to people and places we may never encounter ourselves.

S — Sow for the Future

Like leaves returning their nutrients to the earth, our gifts can nourish what comes next. Stewardship is an investment in the future of our congregation and in the generations who will come after us. We have received much from those who came before us; now we have the opportunity to sow seeds of faith for those who will follow.

As you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment for the coming year, we invite you to think about what it means to be a **LEAVES** congregation: a people who **Live Generously, Engage Faithfully, Act with Purpose, Value Community, Extend God's Reach, and Sow for the Future.**

Sunday, November 22 is Celebration Sunday, where we will celebrate God's goodness for this past year as we make our commitments for the coming year of ministry. **Hard copies of commitment cards are available** at the main entrances and in the church office, where you can indicate your commitment for this coming year. Bring your completed card with you to worship on the 22nd, or deliver it to the church office anytime between now and then. **You may also register your 2027 commitment electronically** on the website (under “Give”) or via the Church Center app.

May our giving be an expression of gratitude for all that God has given us. And may the gifts we offer – large and small – become blessings that continue to grow, nourish, and bear fruit for years to come.

With gratitude for each of you and for the many ways you help make our congregation a living expression of God's love.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark Johnson

GET SOCIAL WITH US!
A Little Click Can Make a Big Difference

One of the easiest ways to share the love of Christ and help others discover American Lutheran Church is right at your fingertips! Our Facebook and Instagram pages and YouTube channel are great ways to stay connected with what's happening at ALC, hear inspiring messages, learn about upcoming events, and see how God is working in and through our church family.

You can help spread the word about ALC with just a few clicks. The next time you see one of our posts or videos, try one (or more!) of these simple actions:

FOLLOW us on Facebook and Instagram, and **SUBSCRIBE** to our YouTube channel so you don't miss what's happening.

WATCH our sermon clips, worship highlights, ministry stories, and event videos.

LIKE the posts that encourage, inspire, or inform you. It's a simple way to show your support!

SHARE a post or video to your own social media page so your friends, family, neighbors, and others throughout the Prescott community can see it, too.

TAG someone who might enjoy a message, benefit from an event, or want to learn more about ALC.

SAVE posts you want to revisit later or keep handy when an event is coming up.

COMMENT with an encouraging word, a reflection, or a simple "Amen!" to help start a conversation.

INVITE friends and family to follow our pages or subscribe to our channel. You never know who might be looking for a church community just like ours!

SEND a post or video directly to someone who might appreciate it. A personal message can make sharing your faith feel natural and meaningful.

CHECK IN when attending an ALC event, when the feature is available. Let others know where you worship, serve, and connect with your church family.

Be Part of the Buzz!

Every like, share, comment, and new follower helps more people discover American Lutheran Church. A shared sermon clip might encourage someone who needs hope. An event announcement might connect a neighbor with a new community. A glimpse of our church family might help someone feel welcome before they ever walk through our doors.

You don't have to be a social media expert to make a difference. Simply engage with the content you enjoy and share what speaks to you. When we share ALC online, we open the door for others to connect, grow in faith, and experience God's love.

So, let's GET SOCIAL! Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and help us spread the word throughout Prescott and beyond. You never know whose life might be touched by something you share.

Thanks for being part of the ALC family – online and in person!

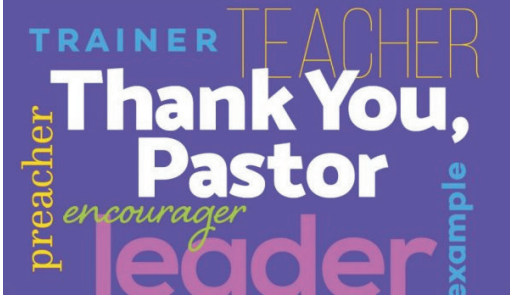
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BROCHURE RACKS AND COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARDS

For your convenience, all brochure racks have been consolidated in one central location in the upstairs main hallway. Bulletin boards are also available for posting community events and sharing information with the congregation. If you have brochures, announcements, or community information to share, please bring your materials to the church office for approval before posting.

LAST CALL FOR PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

There's still time to show our pastors some extra love and appreciation! Baskets for cards and notes of encouragement will be available at both main entrances through the end of October. Take a moment to share a kind word and let our pastors know how much they mean to the ALC family.



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.**

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

Envelopes will be mailed in December.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, November 2



THE GILDED PIANO - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 3 PM

Step back into the elegance and romance of a bygone era with **The Gilded Piano**, a special concert celebrating the 130th anniversary of ALC's beloved 1896 Steinway grand piano. Presented by ALC's Director of Traditional Music, this memorable afternoon will feature music by composers and popular songs from the Gilded Age, bringing to life the melodies and musical traditions of late 19th-century America. Enjoy the keyboard artistry of Jeremy Neufeld – with special guests Dr. Jeffrey Neufeld on organ and soprano Nicole Neufeld – in a celebration of timeless music and ALC's rich musical heritage. General admission, free entry.



No plans for Thanksgiving? You're invited! 🦃 Pastor Mark and Paula Johnson are hosting a special Thanksgiving Day Lunch – Thursday, November 26 from 11:30 AM-2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall – for our church family members who have no other engagements, or who would simply enjoy celebrating the holiday together. Lunch will be served at Noon. **RSVP by Tuesday, November 24.**

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and beverages will be provided. If you'd like to contribute, **we invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share**; options will be available at time of sign-up. Takeout container donations are also requested for those who would like to take leftovers home.

If you cannot attend but would like to help by donating a turkey or ham or by making a financial contribution, please contact either Pastor Mark at pastormark221517@gmail.com **OR** Paula Johnson at pjtjohnson9412@gmail.com.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **Kris Foster and the women of the Faith in Action ministry** for their dedicated work in preparing and distributing our new logo nametags! We appreciate your time and efforts in helping everyone get connected and recognized.

Interested in being part of Faith in Action? Contact the church office for details!

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 gatherings on October 27 and November 10 will be held at 5:30 PM at Pastor Mark Johnson's home, 7005 Palomino St, Prescott. Contact the church office for more info.

FIRST FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13
FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP

November's First Friday Potluck Dinner is November 13! RSVP to the church office (not essential, but appreciated) and bring a dish to share: appetizer, salad, casserole, crockpot item, veggie, dessert – all are welcome on the buffet table. The gathering is in the lower-level Activity Center at 5:30 PM. Questions about First Friday Potluck Dinners? Contact Renee Grojean through the church office.

SAVE THE DATE

Kinder Weihnachtsmarkt:
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Free Family Event
Kids' Christmas Shopping & Family Breakfast