

American Lutheran Church
of Sun City



**Wednesday
Night
Alive!**

2022-2023 Season



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Welcome to Wednesday Night Alive!

Wednesday Night Alive! has been an integral part of American Lutheran Church of Sun City for over 25 years! The purpose of WNA is to combine congregational fellowship with community outreach that inspires personally and spiritually, educates, and entertains. All WNA programs and meals are open to church members and non-members.

The WNA season begins on the first Wednesday in November with a special Gala program and continues Wednesday evenings until Holy Week.

Each WNA consists of a program in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 5:00 p.m., and concludes with a program in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. During Advent and Lent, a church service replaces the 6:00 p.m. program. Attending the WNA program is free, but there is cost for the dinner (more information on the back).

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. WNA is a great way to introduce others to our spirit-led congregation, American Lutheran Church of Sun City!

Join us for Worship

Saturdays at 4:00 pm

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 am

November 2, 2022

WNA Gala Event

4:00 pm

**The Many Sounds of Nine Southwest:
“Here, There, and Everywhere”**

This popular group returns to ALC to kick-off our 2022-2023 season. Each of these nine talented musicians plays multiple instruments, creating a Big Band sound that will make you want to get up and dance.



Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, glazed carrots, Gala cheesecake. [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]



6:00 pm

**Suzan Hanson, Opera & Broadway
Soprano**

Headlining our 2022-2023 WNA Gala, Suzan Hanson is blessed with a soprano voice of exquisite beauty and power. Based in California, she performs in opera and musical theater companies throughout the U.S. and internationally.

November 9, 2022

Veterans' Day Celebration

4:00 pm

Presentation: Rev. Ralph Rienke:
"Remembering World War II"

Reverend Ralph Rienke is a historian and World War II veteran. In this Veteran's Day program, he will share historical and first-hand perspectives on the war that changed the face of Europe, Asia, and the world.



Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, garden salad, golden corn, American apple crisp. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm

Dan Reed and the Patriotic Brass



The multi-talented Dan Reed is a favorite of ALC. He returns to perform patriotic music honoring those that served in the United States Armed Forces.

November 16, 2022

4:00 pm

Presentation: Lt. Col. (Ret.)

Kathy Gallowitz:

"Beyond 'Thank You for Your Service'"

Retired Lt. Col. Kathy Gallowitz is committed to equipping civilians with approaches that provide meaningful, practical support to those who are in active service and to our many veterans. She will share how we can all become "Veteran Champions."



Roasted turkey, savory stuffing, cranberry Jell-O salad, festive peas & carrots, pumpkin pie. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm

Nicole Pesce, piano:

"Thanksgiving Feast"



Pianist, composer, and arranger Nicole Pesce entertains with a unique blend of virtuosity, humor, and pizzazz. We are thankful to have Nicole find time for us in her busy schedule for this special Thanksgiving performance.

November 30, 2022

4:00 pm

West Valley Chorale's Renaissance Singers

These professionally trained musicians will open our Advent season by performing a cappella madrigal-style Christmas carols, dressed in a colorful array of Renaissance period costumes.



Shepherd's Pie, country green beans, tossed salad, Best brownies. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Advent Mid-week service

December 7, 2022

4:00 pm

The Sun City Ringers: Christmas Concert

This community 5-octave handbell choir has been performing in Sun City for over 45 years! Come enjoy the music of this talented group as they share with us a delightful and ringing selection of Christmas favorites.



Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, almond green beans, pickled beets, Georgia peach cobbler. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Advent Mid-week service

December 14, 2022

4:00 pm

Christmas Carol Sing-along with Janet MacDonald and James Gerber

The members of American Lutheran love to sing! Join us as we celebrate the holiday season by singing many of our favorite Christmas carols in a lively and fun sing-along lead by ALC Choir Director, Janet MacDonald and James Gerber.



Holiday sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, creamy coleslaw, California blend vegetables, Christmas cake. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Advent Mid-week service

January 11, 2023

4:00 pm

Presentation: Jocelyn Obermeyer:
“Music that Soothes the Soul”

Jocelyn is an accomplished harpist and Program Director for the Therapeutic Harp Foundation. Jocelyn will describe how she brings the soothing music of the harp to newborns, developmentally and physically disabled children, oncology patients, and those in hospice settings.



New Year’s Chicken Divan, fluffy rice pilaf, glazed carrots, Asian salad, luscious lemon bars. [Dinner tickets: \$10]



6:00 pm

The Tremble Clefs

The Tremble Clefs was founded in 1994 to provide music therapy for people with Parkinson’s disease.

Singing with the Tremble Clefs enables those with Parkinson’s to strengthen their vocal cords and their voices and gives them an opportunity to give back to the community by sharing their love of music and performance. The musicality and heart of this program will surprise and inspire you.

January 18, 2023

4:00 pm

Presentation: Ann Jones — *Do You Know What to Do?*

If an emergency arises, do you really know what to do? How do you know if it is an emergency? Who do you call? When should you provide first aid? What do you do before help arrives? Ann Jones will give you clear guidelines on how to discern an emergency and what to do next.



Lasagna, garlic bread, garden greens salad, California blend vegetables, pleasing pudding. [Dinner tickets: \$10]



6:00 pm

The Hudson Harmony Family

The Hudson Harmony Family returns to ALC! Each member of this talented family of six plays at least 5 instruments. They will perform a variety of energetic and entertaining music: bluegrass, classical, Cajun, folk, and gospel.

January 25, 2023

4:00 pm

Presentation:

Dr. David Williams — *Latest NASA Research*



Dr. David A. Williams is a Research Professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University and Director of the Ronald Greeley Center for Planetary Studies, the NASA planetary data center at ASU. He will share the most recent and exciting NASA research findings about our solar system.

Meatloaf, baked potato, golden corn, tossed salad, apple crisp. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]



6:00 pm

Sun City Orchestra

Under the direction of ALC's George Zoske, The Sun City Community Orchestra returns to ALC to perform a wide variety of musical selections from classical to contemporary to jazz. This amazing orchestra is made up of musicians residing in Sun City and includes many ALC members.

February 1, 2023

4:00 pm

Rosewood Rascals Marimba Band

The Rosewood Rascals is a small ensemble with a big sound, consisting of three marimbas, a xylophone, and a drum set - and occasionally other instruments! Their refreshing and unique sound with a vibrant beat is sure to please.



Pork Loin with Mushroom, applesauce, cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, peach cobbler. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]



6:00 pm

Ellie Chaffee Trio: *Love Songs*

Ellie Chaffee has performed at ALC several times and has always been a highlight. In this performance, she brings two friends with her and together the trio will belt out love songs to get us in the mood for the Valentine season.

February 8, 2023

4:00 pm

Grand Canyon University Critical Mass Choir



Critical Mass, with songbird voices and pitch-perfect harmony, is a small a cappella ensemble from Grand Canyon University that performs a wide range of music, from pop, classical, jazz, gospel, and contemporary hymns to classics.

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, strawberry fields salad, country green beans, apple pie. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]



6:00 pm

Liberty Quartet

The Liberty Quartet is a professional gospel group from Idaho that performs throughout the U.S. and Canada. They frequently perform at the Southwest

Gospel Music Festival and have shared the stage with some of the biggest names in gospel music. We are fortunate that they have agreed to perform at ALC! A free will offering will be taken for the Quartet.

February 15, 2023

4:00 pm

Glenn Henriksen — Gospel sing-a-long

Glenn is no stranger to ALC! His performances are always extremely popular and well loved! The entire night will be dedicated to Glenn and his music. At 4:00 pm, Glenn will lead a sing-along of his favorite songs and hymns.



Beef stroganoff, buttered noodles, coleslaw, peas & carrots, cherry crisp. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm

Glenn Henriksen — Piano Concert

The evening continues at 6:00 with Glenn performing a concert of his favorite piano pieces.

February 22, 2023

4:00 pm

Lynn Drye — Glass Armonica

The glass armonica is a strange and delicate instrument that only a handful of people in the world can play. With an otherworldly sound, it is eerily beautiful. Lynn Drye of Prescott, Arizona will perform works written for the instrument as well as arrangements of folk, classical, and contemporary works, and even some of her own



Soup Supper: chicken noodle or minestrone, crusty bread, fruit cup, cookies. **Sponsored by ALC**
[no charge, advance reservations required]



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

March 1, 2023

4:00 pm

Dale Elliot — Gospel Hymns Concert

We welcome back Dale Elliot who brought the house down last season! This evening he will perform a selection of everyone's favorite gospel tunes accompanied by himself on the keyboard.



Apricot chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, golden corn, chocolate pudding. [Dinner tickets: \$10]

6:00 pm Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer

March 8, 2023

4:00 pm

Desert Winds Steel Orchestra

Led by Jerry Lopatin, Desert Winds Steel Orchestra is a 15+ steel “pan” or drum orchestra with a repertoire of Latin, pop, and island tunes that create an atmosphere of pure joy.



Penne Pasta Italian Sausage Bake, Caesar salad, California blend vegetables, pie. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Lent mid-week service: **Holden Evening Prayer**

March 15, 2023

4:00 pm

Sun City All-Stars Big Band

This popular Sun City group was built upon a love of the Big Band sounds of the ‘40s and ‘50s. Under the direction of Duane Moore, the group consists of 17 retired music professionals residing in the west valley. Their goal is to keep the sounds of Big Band music alive and well.



Hearty Shepherd’s Pie, country green beans, St. Patrick’s Jell-O, Shamrock sheet cake. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Lent mid-week service: **Holden Evening Prayer**

March 22, 2023

4:00 pm

High Strung — *Music of Appalachia*

A hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, guitar, and vocalist make up the Phoenix group “High Strung.” They play authentic “old time” music that is often associated with the Appalachian Mountains. You’ll come away with a greater appreciation of the home-spun tunes of our American



Chicken Enchilada Casserole, chips & salsa, refried beans, taco salad, dessert. [*Dinner tickets: \$10*]

6:00 pm Lent mid-week service: **Holden Evening Prayer**

March 29, 2023

4:00 pm

**James Gerber, organ —
Johann Sebastian Bach, an
Expression of Faith.**



Johann Sebastian Bach was a devout Christian who dedicated many of his compositions to the Glory of God, *Soli Deo Gloria*. ALC Organist and Worship Coordinator, Dr. James Gerber, will present organ works composed by Bach that express the great master's Christian faith as a finale to the 2022-2023 Wednesday Night Alive! season.

Fried Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, ice cream.
[Dinner tickets: \$10]

6:00 pm Lent mid-week service: **Holden Evening Prayer**

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OUR MISSION IS:

*To proclaim the love of Jesus Christ,
invite others to participate
in our faith community,
and be a blessing to all
in word and deed.*



Join us for dinner

Each week between programs, a catered dinner is served in our fellowship hall . You are sure to enjoy the variety of meals served over the course of the year.

Tickets for dinner are only \$ 10

Gala dinner tickets are \$12 (November 2, 2022)

Please purchase your dinner tickets in advance, no later than noon on the prior Monday.

Tickets may be purchased between Sunday worship services at the WNA table, in the fellowship hall following a WNA dinner, in the church office on Thursdays, Fridays, and Monday for the following Wednesday, or online at alcsuncity.org/wednesdaynightalive.

Please note: cash or checks are accepted when purchasing tickets in person; a credit card is necessary for purchase online. Telephone reservations cannot be accepted.

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