



Outreach



January
2025

“Be of the same mind—let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 2:2, 5). No matter the year this is the mission of the Church. We’re called and empowered to share and sacrifice for the sake of community as we grow into fruitful harmony and unity with one another. In keeping with this aim, in 2024, we were more consciously aware of each other’s needs, as we strategically pooled our resources and more actively sought to share as Christ shares with us. The result was we shared more as we invited, welcomed, fed, and included more.



But being of the same mind, particularly when it’s Christ’s all-knowing and sinless mind, is as elusive as resurrection itself. It’s why after he calls us to be of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus St. Paul goes on to write, “This one thing I do. Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 3:13-14). In the Church, one success quickly gives way to tackling the next personal or communal obstacle. In the Church, one year in no time at all fades into another year and the continuing, ongoing goal of living in unbroken union with God, community, and one another.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

As 2025 begins, and we keep pressing on, we welcome Amelia Clarke as Executive Assistant for Administration. Working full-time and drawing upon decades of helpful accounting and management experience, Amelia will take over Ron Helton's former responsibilities and assume some of my current administrative tasks. Meanwhile, Pastor Lisa will continue to look for additional administrative assistance at ALC through her ongoing work with a variety of temp agencies. Working with a changing cast of characters does work against continuity, but it's much better than committing before the right person is found for what Pastor Lisa and I know can be a very tough position to fill well. In 2025, we'll also be welcoming and including the part-time gifts of a variety of mission related vendors. Together, these vendors will focus our promotional message, further improve our written and visual presentations, and ensure we're doing all that can be done to get ourselves out there most effectively in this increasingly online age.

Even so, this year's ministry plan takes a smaller leap of faith than last year's plan. Those responsible for managing your gifts are faithfully frugal. With final reports for 2024 still being prepared, budgeted expenses are presently down by 10%, which is a little over \$100,000. Increasingly reasoned and realistic goal setting has also been helpful. By way of example, last week we easily accomplished 2024's contribution towards being debt free in seven years and this is very much set to happen again this year. Also helpful has been the offsetting impact of new members who this past year compensated for membership losses much more than expected. In the growing metroplex of Phoenix, Arizona, this will keep happening as long as we invite, welcome, feed, and include with passionate regularity.

As for more established members, they too have quite noticeably stepped up. Two years running, and with minimal pressure or encouragement, over sixty percent have increased or maintained giving, with the average weekly increase being \$13. More of the same happening in 2025 puts us over budgeted need by about 3.5% and given how naturally and

organically giving has been growing this too seems realistic and reasonable. How wonderful it is to serve a congregation as naturally generous as American Lutheran Church!

One helpful growth point in 2025 would be for everyone to be even more diligent about tracking year to year contributions. For two years running, more than half of our giving decreases have come out to a weekly difference of \$5 or less. This should be easily correctable in most cases and would increase our anticipated wiggle room for 2024 from 3.5% to 5%. Quite clearly, a little goes a long way when we all come together and are of the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Thank you in advance for this!

Your Appreciative Partner in Mission and Ministry,

Pastor Scott

New members are received on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you know of anyone interested in ALC membership, please see Pastor Scott.

ALC Welcomed
3 New Members in December:
Len & Moneita Kalas and Lisa Slade.



From the desk of Janet MacDonald

Music And Worship – Choir

Happy New Year from the choir! We all enjoyed the Advent music focusing on preparation and the wide variety of music at the Christmas Eve services. A huge thank you to all musicians and the crew that decorated the sanctuary.

For those of you who may have missed part or all of December or wish to hear the music one more time you are in luck. **The annual “Echoes of Advent and Christmas” concert will be presented on TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 at 4:00 p.m. in the SANCTUARY.** Please make note of this change and do invite friends and neighbors to attend this free annual concert which has become a favorite of so many.

In addition to Sunday services and Thursday rehearsals, the choir will begin preparations for what has become the annual ALC West Valley Invitational Concert to on Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. We have four three-hour rehearsals every other Saturday from 9:00 – noon beginning on January 11th, and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 1. In conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration year we will present Mendelssohn’s “Come, Let Us Sing” based on Psalm 95 and the Vivaldi Gloria. And we will premier the commissioned anthem composed for ALC Golden Anniversary. The free concert will be about an hour with string quartet, trumpet, phenomenal soloists, and organ. We have many guest singers from the valley already registered. Registration will be open through mid January. Please contact me for information on how to register if you or someone you know might be interested in joining us. This concert fulfills the 4 points of our mission to invite, welcome, feed, and include.

Finally, a huge thank you to our vibrant singing congregation. Singing positively affects our health, improving the blood supply, increasing brain activity. The brain begins to work more intensively, memory improves, and information is easier to perceive. Keep on singing and praising God together in our glorious sanctuary.

Blessings and Peace,

Janet MacDonald



American Lutheran Church of Sun City

Echoes of Advent and Christmas

Music from the Advent and Christmas Season

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

4:00 PM

presented by the Music Ministry Department of ALC



Free admission

17200 N Del Webb Blvd — Sun City, AZ



Please note that this year the
‘Echoes of Advent and
Christmas’ concert is on
Tuesday, January 7th, 2025
at 4:00 pm.

January, 2025



On December 12th everyone who has an email address with the church should have received an email titled “Proposed Amended Constitution.” With that email is a link that, when clicked, allows you to pull up a complete copy of an updated constitution that the Church Council has approved and would now like the congregation to approve. Before I go further, let me recommend that anyone who is truly interested take the time to either read the updated Constitution on their computer or pick up a hard copy that is available in the church office to any congregation member. It is a lengthy document, laden with more legalese than our current version, but that is inevitable.

I will forgo a review the history of the Constitution and why we have not updated ours since it was originally adopted in 1988 – that was mentioned in the email (and in detail in my column in the October issue of this newsletter). The ELCA Model Constitution on which our new updated one is based has incorporated multiple changes that churchwide assemblies have made since the late 1980s, which are all to the good. That Model has sections which the ELCA *requires* and others that it allows congregations to adapt to their individual wants and needs. The required sections are denoted by an asterisk (*). Some of those sections, particularly the earlier ones, have changed very little since 1988. Others have been updated and modified extensively, with significant additions. *The ALC Council has no issues with the required passages of the Model Constitution.* (Well, aside from that matter of disallowing Associate Members to vote or hold office, and we now have approval to use wording that allows them to do so!)

So what changes are possible that the ALC Council is recommending in the new update? I’m glad you asked... In Chapter 10 we make provisions that allow meetings to be held electronically, over the internet or by phone, something which we’ve been doing anyway – now that will be

recognized. Chapter 12 of our *current* Constitution has locked in Council membership at 15 people. The new wording will allow flexibility, stating that it “shall consist of the officers and not more than 12 nor fewer than 6 members of the congregation.” (The officers being 3 or 4, depending.) Also, the new update will allow Council members to be re-elected to two consecutive 3-year terms, whereas before they were limited to a single 3-year term. There are a few other very minor wording changes, but... that’s pretty much it.

In order to make any changes to our Constitution, not one but two meetings and votes are required of the congregation. The first will be a specially called meeting between the services on Sunday, January 19th. Assuming the updated Constitution is passed then, it will go before the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 28th.

I plan to conduct information sessions about the new Constitution for anyone interested between services on January 12th and 26th, and hopefully also before or after (to be determined) Saturday services on the 11th and 25th. These are planned to be in conjunction with presentations on the 2025 budget as well.

Let me say in summary that the update is a very good thing for American Lutheran, and the Council recommends and hopes that the congregation will approve it. In the hope that it is approved, a committee of the Council has begun to work on the Bylaws of ALC, to update them and to fit them with the updated Constitution.

This will be my last Outreach column as congregation President, as my term is expiring as of the Annual Meeting at the end of this month. It’s been an honor and a privilege to serve ALC in this office. And – as always – I look forward to seeing you in church.

In His Service,
Dave Hjortland

Altar Flowers



American Lutheran Church invites you to celebrate a special occasion or remember loved ones by providing flowers for worship on a particular weekend. The contracted florist delivers two bouquets each week that enhance our beautiful sanctuary as we gather to praise God together. Contact the church office for more information or to sign up.

Many 2024 dates are still available.

Date	Given by	In thanksgiving, memory or celebration
1/4&5	Paul Carlson	In memory of Mary Lou Carlson's birthday.
1/4&5		
1/11&12		
1/11&12		
1/18&19	Fred & Uta Anderson	In celebration of our 1st wedding anniversary.
1/18&19		
1/25&26		
1/25&26		

Women's Ministry



Happy 2025 to everyone!

- **Connecting Threads**

Every Monday, 9:00 a.m.- 12 noon in the Multipurpose Room. We will be working on quilts for our March Quilt Sale.

- **Spinning Bandages**

Fourth Monday, January 27, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the west corner of the Fellowship Hall.

- **Special Volunteer Opportunity**

To prepare the Love Offering Letters for mailing. January 21, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

- **Please Save the Date!**

February 6, 10:30 a.m. WM Love Luncheon featuring our Scholarship Students from Luther Seminary: Ann Emilie Tjorhom, and Dr. James Gerber, as well as our Advisor Alison Roberts.

We look forward to working with you as we strive to make a difference in the world.

Happy New Year!

Jan Powell and the ALC Women's Ministry Board



Did you know:

I am here 40 hours per month to assist individuals with connecting to resources for a variety of reasons and situations. I would love to meet with you.

This is a free service that the American Lutheran Church provides for the congregation and the community.

It takes Teamwork to make the Dreamwork, so I need your help in spreading the word that I am here at American Lutheran Church on Wednesdays and Thursdays to assist you, your neighbors, friends, enemies and any strangers on the street with connecting to resources in-house and in the community.

Here is a glimpse of what services have been provided for the month of November and a couple of success stories:

-Services provided were connections to transportation, housing, prescription assistance, counseling services, debt management services, health series presentation, nutrition assistance, utility assistance, behavioral health services, unemployment application assistance, distribution of gift cards and networking opportunities.

Success Stories

Gail B. came into the office as a referral from Surprise Resource Center. She is a 67-year-old, United States Army Veteran, who recently lost her husband leaving her with no life insurance or savings to sustain her. When he passed, she could not afford to move out of their current apartment due to cost of moving and expenses needed for new housing.

Her rent takes up 90% of her social security income, and a recent car accident left her without transportation. She eats very light meals to help stretch out her groceries as she doesn't have the means to get to food banks. She has no family in the area, and due to recent medical issues she is no longer able to work.

By connecting with American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest through the Resource Ministry Program, she was able to get connected to the Department of Economic Security Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and

was approved for \$132.00 per month worth of assistance. She was issued a \$25 gift card for Uber services to assist her with her transportation needs, and help with her APS bill in the amount of \$203.50. She was given resources to a Senior Center for socialization, and guidance in completing her unemployment application packet.

She was provided information about lower cost rental options i.e. The Veteran Affairs Support Housing (VASH) program and space sharing housing program which would possibly allow her to have more money available to her to help her toward paying off her credit card debt which she incurred by using the cards for basic living expenses.

Her testimony to our services:

“I cannot thank you enough for all you’ve done for me in the 2 times we have met this month. You set me up with resources I needed during this very difficult time; including food stamps, food banks, different numbers for housing, and help from the VA. You helped me navigate through the confusing application for Unemployment and made it possible for me to get caught up on my APS.”

2nd Story

Jon A. is a community member who was referred to us by another church for assistance. Jon recently moved back to AZ so that he could take custody of his 2 small children who were living in a unsafe; situation. He is employed, but was in-between paydays when one of his children needed medicine. The challenge of meeting medical expenses and the cost of gasoline to get to and from his job was causing a problem as there just weren't enough funds available.

Because of American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, we were able to assist with the following: ALC assisted with \$50 QT gift card for gas and \$50.00 gift card for Safeway for his child's medication co-pays. LSS-SW was able to assist with a \$25 QT gas card. Jon was very thankful for the assistance.

November Encounters and monetary assistance:

Encounters-26

Gift Cards Distributed: \$150.00

Utility Assistance Provided-\$203.50

Total Monetary Assistance-\$353.50

For the Health of It!



Banner Olive Branch Senior Center Tour

January 9th, 2025 9-10 AM

Contact Terri Polk for more info 317-258-7590

Come take a tour and see the new and improved Senior Center's facility and services.

Heart & Lung Health; The Ultimate Relationship

February 12th, 2025 10-11 AM

In honor of American Heart Health Month, Dr. Wasiq Zaidi, MD from Cardiac Solutions will talk about the important relationship between these two vital organs and how to keep your heart and lungs healthy with each breath.

Scam Prevention

February 25th, 2025 9-10 AM

Resource Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly (ROSE) will deliver an effective and concise education presentation teaching about awareness of the types of scams that are prevalent and dangerous to the mature population and what can be done to avoid becoming a victim.

This is just a glimpse of the variety of resources and activities that are available; please feel free to give Annette a call at 480.848.7045 or come by and see her on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the office.

Invite your friends and neighbors to our FREE monthly community education programs. Please call to register (623-974-2512).

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Social Ministry

Blue Bag Item of the Month for January

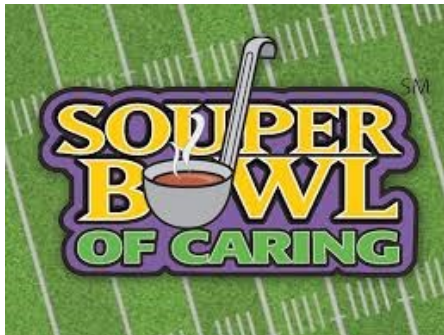


Personal hygiene items...



Coming in February!!!

Saturday Feb 10th - Sun Feb 11th



Saturday Feb 21st - Sun Feb 22nd



Thank You!

What a lovely luncheon took place on December 5th! We wish to extend our sincere appreciation for being able to gather and celebrate the Women's Ministry at American Lutheran Church. Thank you for the gifts, the fellowship, and the opportunity to share how God blesses and calls us all to share the good news of our Lord.

Fondly,
Your sisters in Christ
Pastor Lisa and Pastor Julia

Thank
You

"A huge 'thank you' to all the ALC family for your prayers, cards and visits as we continue to face our health challenges. Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year--
Ken and Sharon Friedrichsen"

Thank
you


I recently received a note from the Food Pantry, thanking ALC for a recent \$1,000.00 donation.

"Last year we served 29,788 clients. On Thanksgiving we provided 54 families with food to prepare meals for the holiday. We thank you ALC, for your continued support for food donations all year. Janet Bean, treasurer."


Thank you from Judie V. and Larry Stage

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedn
		Social Ministry Reminders: Personal Care Items	1 New Years Office Close 3:00 I-Help
5 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	6 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing 1:30 Card Making	7 9:30 Memory Care 1:30 Grief Support 2:00 Evangelism Committee 4:00 Echoes of Advent & Christmas Concert 5:00 Music Ministry Appreciation	8 10:30 Pastor Study 1:30 50th An 4:00 WNA
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Truckers - The MVP's of the Thrift Shop

When the Lutheran Thrift Shop first opened, donations were picked up and furniture purchases delivered by volunteers using their own pick-up trucks. Having the ability to pick up and deliver large items was crucial to the shop's initial success and continues to be a major component of our daily operation and very important to our customers.

Over the years, business has steadily increased and the shop kept up with a seven-passenger 14' box truck which is a major part of the shop's successful business plan. Picking up donations and delivering in the west valley keeps the truck rolling several days a week. The need for able-bodied men and women to help on the truck always exists and is a constant struggle for management.

Would you make a good trucker? Are you a friendly, outgoing person who would make a good impression for the shop with our donors and customers? No special driver's license required and we have all the necessary equipment to safely handle furniture. We have also implemented "volunteer friendly" expectations for our truck crew; no sofa-sleepers & no stairs!

The open road, a GPS and something different every time you work is what you can expect as a truck crew volunteer. Call the shop and schedule a "test ride" to see if trucking with us is right for you. 623.815.7061

Check out our website www.lutheranthrift.com for more shop info and pictures and follow us on [Facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop) for weekly sales and special events.

Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers for a Successful Christmas Market

The air was filled with holiday cheer, and the ALC campus was bustling with joy—all thanks to the incredible efforts of our dedicated volunteers, staff, and vendors. This year's market was a resounding success, and it's all because of **YOU**.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the 40+ volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this event truly special. From those who spent countless hours planning the entertainment to the hardworking individuals who set up the venue the day before and worked tirelessly on the day of the event, your contributions did not go unnoticed. You made everything run so seamlessly, and it was a delight to hear so many attendees rave about how much they enjoyed their experience.

This year's market featured an impressive 57 vendors, and 6 different performances offering a wonderful variety of goods and gifts. We're thrilled to share that 50 of those vendors have already expressed their desire to return next year—a testament to the positive and welcoming atmosphere you all helped create.

Thanks to the sale of vendor spaces, raffle basket tickets, and the Peace Angel wool rug raffle, the event raised enough funds to cover all its expenses. This means ALC did not have to pay for any supplies or advertising. Your efforts not only created a memorable community event but also ensured its financial sustainability.

To each and every one of our volunteers: thank you for sharing your time, talents, and holiday spirit. Your dedication made this event a shining success, and we are deeply grateful for all you've done.

Here's to celebrating this year's achievements and looking forward to an even brighter **Christmas Market** next year!

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STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ALC 2025

ALC Stephen Ministers wish each of our ALC members a very Happy New Year. It is always exciting to start a new year, and while we do not make new years resolutions as such, we do reexamine our goals for each of our Care Receivers, and for our Stephen Ministry outreach here at ALC.

The first weekend in December was Stephen Ministry Weekend and we heard an inspiring temple talk by Pastor Lisa. We heard about the impact that a Stephen Minister can make in someone's life and we heard a bit about Stephen Ministry here at ALC. Did you know that ALC has been a Stephen Ministry Congregation since 1982 with our first group of Stephen Ministers being commissioned and meeting with their Care Receivers in 1984? We have one of the longest, continuously functioning Stephen Ministry programs in the world. Currently 61 of our members have been trained as Stephen Ministers; 36 remain active while others have retired; and some former Stephen Ministers now have a Stephen Minister. ALC's Stephen Ministry program has

been recognized by Stephen Ministry world headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri as a model program.

You might ask how one becomes a Stephen Minister, and the answer is by completing our Stephen Ministry Training and making a two year commitment to our ALC Stephen Ministry program. Today more than 600,000 men and women have been trained and commissioned in their home congregations world wide. Wouldn't you like to be among that number?

The annual Stephen Ministry Training at ALC occurs January thru March of each year. This year our classes will begin on Jan. 10th. God has given each of us unique talents, if yours might be extending a caring presence to someone in need, our Stephen Ministry Training will equip you to do so effectively and comfortably. Will you consider joining us in this important part of ALC's Care Ministry? We still have room and can accommodate several more potential care givers. To register for training or for more information, please call Ann Skidmore @ 623-606-7464 or Terri Polk @ 317-258-7590. What a blessing you will be! What a truly Happy New Year we will share!

Glen Schulz,

Leadership Information Coordinator



Special Commemorative 50th Anniversary Ornaments

The 50th Anniversary & Evangelism Committees will be selling special 50th Anniversary Ornaments for \$10 each in the office, after services, and at WNA. Hurry and get yours soon.

Look how lovely they look on display. Thank you to Lowanne Brokaw for sending in this picture of how she plans to display hers all year long!



WNA January Highlights

Can you believe it is already 2025! Our December programs had an Advent theme to get us into the spirit of Christmas. Because Advent services were held on Wednesday at 6:00 pm, we had only 4:00 pm programs. I hope you were able to attend the Sun City Handbell Ringers on December 4, the Desert Brass Band on December 11, and join in our annual Christmas Sing-along on December 18.

Our WNA season ramps up in 2025 with a variety of great programs at 4:00 pm and at 6:00 pm, and a catered dinner at 5:00 pm*.

On January 8 at 4:00 pm, we host Noell Johnson, known as the AZ Plant Lady, a horticulturist, author, and speaker who will talk on how to have a heat-proof garden here in the Southwest. At 6:00 pm we liven things up with the Many Sounds of Nine Southwest, in a concert of Old Time Rock & Roll. It should be a lot of fun!

On January 15 at 4:00 pm, we have Phoenix's number one magician, Eric Giliam, performing. He frequently performs in the West Valley to great acclaim. This event will be amazing! At 6:00 pm we will have a fun concert by the Fountain Hills Saxophone Quartet doing music from spy and secret agent movies. Think the Pink Panther and more!

On January 22 at 4:00 pm, we will have an old-fashioned hootenanny led by The Monday Group. This Sun City group includes musicians that are members of American Lutheran. Be prepared to sing along! At 6:00 pm, two absolute favorites are returning to ALC: Dan Reed and Nicole Pesce. These performers always bring the house down and we are privileged to have them back.

On January 29 at 4:00 pm, we will have a speaker from the Vatican Observatory talking about the astronomical research that the Vatican has conducted since 1582. The Vatican has an observatory outside of Tucson, and our speaker, James Renn, will talk about what they do and what they have learned, as they try to better understand the magnificence of God. At 6:00 pm we will have a concert by the Sun City Orchestra. Recently, American Lutheran's George Zoske retired as its conductor and Clark Chafee has assumed the position. This large group of talented musicians perform classical and popular selections.

*Reminder: To attend a meal, you must buy a ticket no later than the preceding Monday at noon – meals cost \$12. Attending any program is free, and you don't need to register or attend the dinner to attend a program. You can buy meal tickets in person or online. We cannot accommodate walk-ins for the dinner. See the WNA program brochure or check out the ALC website alcsuncity.org for details.

Stay tuned for our February programs, described in next month's Outreach! The February 5 4:00 pm program is being coordinated by the 50th Anniversary Committee and will include former senior pastors and a synod representative in a commemoration of the founding of American Lutheran Church of Sun City in 1975.

Deb Hjortland, Co-chair of WNA





The Good Book Club

The Good Book Club is open to all and meets the second Monday of the month October-April. Meetings are in Education A&B and start at 10:30 am and run about an hour.

Upcoming Books

- ♦ **January 13,**
“Allie and Bea” by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- ♦ **February 10,**
“Beneath A Scarlet Sky” by Mark T Sullivan
- ♦ **March 10,**
“The Incredible Winston Browne” by Sean Dietrich
- ♦ **April 14,**
“An Unfinished Love Story” by Doris Kearns Goodwin



Contact Tom Haugsby for more information
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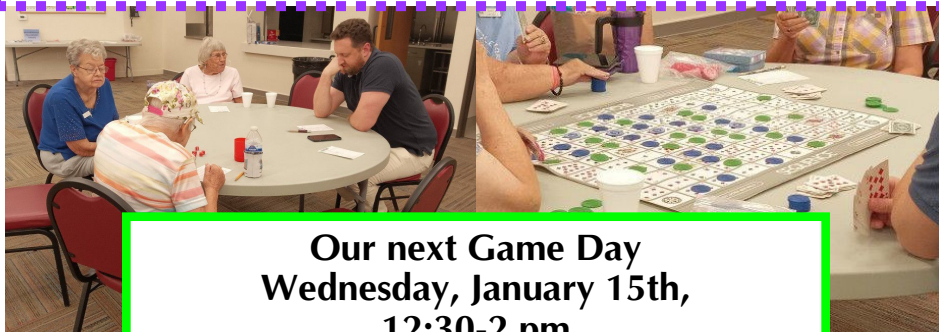
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**Volunteer Drivers needed
to help our neighbors get
around town.
Call Annette DeJesus at
623-974-2512.**



Game Day Fun!

Join us for Game Day at ALC! Bring your favorite game to play with the group and join in this fun opportunity to get to know your ALC family.



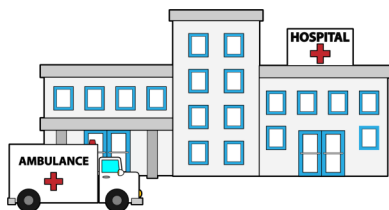
**Our next Game Day
Wednesday, January 15th,
12:30-2 pm
Everyone's invited!**



Flower Delivery

Be a Cheer Giver!

Flower delivery drivers needed on Sunday's after service. Drop off locations are 15 minutes or less from ALC.



Hospitalized?

Please contact the church office or one of the pastors in the event of a planned or emergency hospitalization. We would like to visit you! 623-974-2512

Friday Morning Bible Study Beginning Jan. 17th

9:30 am in Education A and B

We will be studying “Walk as Jesus Walked” with Author Ray Vander Laan.

Join Ray Vander Laan as he leads us through “Walk as Jesus Walked” Being a Disciple in a Fallen World. Becoming a disciple of Jesus demands more than merely a deep commitment to the text and complete devotion to Christian community. The Messiah is king, and believers are called to pick up their crosses in daily pursuit after becoming like Him. Come rediscover the fierce passion of the apostle Paul and our early Christian brothers and sisters as the rabbi leads you through cities such as Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, Lystra, and Cappadocia in ancient Asia Minor.

Sign up in the narthex!!!

All are welcome.

Contact Diane Garvey with questions.
digagarvey@gmail.com 575-551-4207

Saturday Service Fellowship Time

Starting January 11, we invite you to have Fellowship the first Saturday of every month following the 4:00 Saturday service.

Fellowship Hall will be open so we can "welcome, feed and include" members who attend Saturday services. Iced tea, water and light snacks will be available. Anyone who would want to host and/or greet members can call/text Terri Polk at 317-258-7590 or tpolk127@gmail.com.

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

Debt Reduction

In memory of Donald Tucker by Debbra Nielson
In memory of Donald Tucker by Judith Morrison
In memory of Charlene Young by Judith Morrison

Undesignated Gifts

Gift from The Multiple Sclerosis Group
In memory of Charlene Young by Char Riebe
In memory of Judy Jenson by Judy Goblirsch
In memory of Linda Schwartz by Kay Peterson
In memory of Karen Bergfeld by Rev. Lance Knouse
In memory of Mother Rose Kroeplin by Joyce A Devantier

Music Ministry

In memory of Charles N. Best by Wilda Best
In memory of Pat Parcher by Annette Garm
In memory of Charlene Young by Lowanne Brokaw
In memory of Margaret Gittus by Liz Glattly and Family

Social Ministry/I-Help

Gift by Jean English
In memory of Charlene Young by Charles & Denice Louderback

Memorial Gifts envelopes should be put in the offering plate or turned into the church office. Please make a note on the memo line.

Evangelism Goals Update through December 18, 2024

<i>Goal</i>	<i>YTD Progress</i>	<i>Prior Year Comparison</i>
1. Each One, Reach One for Christ and ALC	497 new visitors	Similar information not available
2. Keep the New Members Coming	66 new members have been received	54 new members Received
3. Maintain Last Year's Attendance Gains	379 people per week on average	378 people per week

Debt Reduction Update through December 17, 2024

Paid in	Special Gift	Paid YTD	Balance Due
\$3,513.00		\$53,986.65	\$1,422,769.00

*IN LOVING
Memory*

Dave Cox 9/14/1941 - 12/13/2024

Bonnie Gaarde 6/14/1937 - 12/22/2024

Lanny Kinnander 2/22/1943 - 9/29/2024

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let light
perpetual shine upon them.*

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