



Outreach



January
2024

A year ago, I was packing up for what promised to be warmer weather. Compared to the arctic freeze experienced in Pennsylvania last Christmas, it is warmer in Arizona as I write these words on December 24th, and this has been the case all along since I arrived on February 3rd. Even so, I shouldn't have given away so many of my sweaters. In a bit of surprise, I've discovered they're needed at times in the desert otherwise known as the Valley of the Sun; so much so that yesterday I ordered some sweaters on markdown.



As Julia and I have been falling in love with you and our new state this past year, I've met a lot of kind and committed people. I shall be forever grateful for those who ensured I had an inflatable bed, a chair, and some dishes in what was essentially an empty house which would remain that way for a little over three weeks. This was kind; very, very kind. But along with the kindness, there was also commitment. Donna Borden, our outgoing president, rates right up there with the finest congregational presidents I have known throughout my

MISSION STATEMENT

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career. She's worked tirelessly as a servant of Christ who serves her Lord by serving you. But it's not just the effort which has mattered. Donna has also had the courage and the conviction to say no to division and yes to concord and cooperation the few times it's been necessary. I'm not sure you realize how much of a gift this is. Unfortunately, many congregations get bogged down because its leaders won't prioritize what's best for the church over individual agendas. Donna has not been one of these leaders and you should thank her for it. But what's true of Donna is also true of so many others at American Lutheran Church of Sun City. Commitment and kindness are not hard to find here, and I've been encouraged by how many have been willing to step up and fill the void Donna and others will be leaving when their council terms come to an end on January 30th.

Working as a team with both new and continuing leaders, what follows are a few of the things I hope happen in 2024.

1. I hope we grow further in our efforts to become a church that invites, welcomes, feeds, and includes without interruption and with consistent energy and passion.
2. I hope we retain and round out our existing staff.
3. I hope ALC develops an earned reputation for being a caring and loving congregation where no one ever falls through the cracks.
4. I hope we continue to consolidate our stewardship goals into an overall vision and then continue to make the absolute most of the treasures entrusted to ALC by the grace of God and through your generosity.
5. I hope we grow our social ministry program and the percentage of our income that goes to community impact and church-wide support.

6. I hope we can grow generosity and membership to the point where unbudgeted areas of profound importance like evangelism and social ministry can become part of our regularly funded program.

Your Thankful and Appreciative Servant and Sibling in Christ,

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 4 New Members in December: Ruth & Steve Grant and Jerry & Betty Kelly



From the 🎵 desk of 🎵 James Gerber

At the beginning of each new year, we often reflect on the year that has just past, and eagerly look forward to the beginning of the year that lies ahead. Many of us will make “new year’s resolutions” such as exercising more, eating a more healthy diet, or engaging in a meaningful activity more frequently. I, for example, may make a resolution to make practicing organ a higher priority (I think I just made a confession to you that I haven’t been practicing as often I feel I should!) All too often, our resolutions, whatever they may be, are eroded away over time and we slip into all our old habits.

I would like to propose that instead of a new year’s resolution, we make a daily resolution—to embrace the gift of faith we have received and to open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit moving within us in the coming day. We may be called to pray, show others compassion, or work in the service of others all in the name of Christ. This would be a resolution that would be the most meaningful for us and those around us.

The church, your American Lutheran faith community, is here to support you with your daily resolution to embrace the gift of faith. By virtue of our

baptism, we have entered into our lives in Christ. We are strengthened in our faith through Word and Sacrament during weekly worship with services that engage the mind and touch the heart. We have many opportunities here to study God's Word, serve others in our community, or simply to connect with other people. How is the Holy Spirit moving in you?

I love the ALC 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." This really summarizes how the Holy Spirit is working in our lives.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year

Dr. James Gerber
Organist/Worship Coordinator



Word of thanks from Pastor David Sivecz

Dear American Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for all the well wishes, cards, and gifts that were given to me when I left ALC. It was all an unexpected pleasant surprise. It was a joy getting to know all of you during the last two years and being a part of your lives. Your encouragement and support have made the first month of my new call enjoyable and exciting. Thank you again for everything!

God Bless,

Pastor David Sivecz



From the desk of Janet MacDonald

Music And Worship – Choir

Happy New Year from the ALC Choir!

A huge thanks goes out to our Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Altar Guild, Staff, Pastors, Musicians and Congregation that made our journey through Advent and Christmas beautiful, meaningful, and memorable.

The ALC music department has adopted the tradition of an annual Twelfth Night Concert which has been renamed “Echoes of Advent and Christmas.” For those who travel during December, for our Saturday worshippers who miss the choir and bell choir, and those who simply love the seasonal music and want to hear it again, this concert offers a chance to experience it all at once in one relaxing afternoon concert.

Please join us on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You will hear from the Cristo Handbell Choir, various solos and ensembles, the Ah-Men Singers, ALC organist Dr. James Gerber, the ALC Choir and you, the audience. There is no charge for the event. Invite friends, family, and neighbors. All are welcome.

Another exciting event will take place on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 p.m. John Rutter's stunningly beautiful Requiem will be presented by the ALC Choir along with members of the greater Sun City area. Last year's Faure Requiem concert was such a wonderful experience for all; we decided to make it an annual event. Do encourage your singer friends to register at alcsuncity.org/Rutter.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Janet MacDonald, ALC Choir Director



American Lutheran Church of Sun City
Echoes of Advent and Christmas
Music from the Advent and Christmas Season

Sunday, January 7, 2024
3:00 PM

presented by the Music Ministry Department of ALC

 **Free admission**
17200 N Del Webb Blvd — Sun City, AZ



President Notes: January 2024



I sincerely hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas. Now we look with anticipation to 2024. We look forward to the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will have apple pie and ice cream in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm so please plan to attend. It is an important business meeting as we review and approve the budget, elect new council members and review the work that was accomplished in 2023. We have had an outstanding Council and each has worked with a committee to meet their goals. Please read the Annual Report carefully to know what has been accomplished this year for ALC.

We continue our Stewardship program for 2024 and hope you have submitted a commitment card. This is significant as we plan our budget to anticipate our revenue for the next year. The new generic envelopes have been well received by those who give through the envelopes. **A reminder: they are generic, and you must put your giving number on the envelope each time.** This enables it to be entered in your Realm account for your tax purposes. We will be distributing the envelopes again on January 6-7 and January 13-14.

We wish Pastor David well as he becomes the Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church here in Phoenix. We thank him for his service at ALC. We will have several Supply Pastors during the coming months to assist Pastor Scott. Please pray for them and for Pastor Scott as they serve our needs.

We wish each of you a blessed New Year.

Donna Borden, President ALC Council

What is the Mutual Ministry Committee?

Mutual Ministry is not a new concept. The ELCA created a Mutual Ministry Committee in 1988. It was adopted by ALC that year, then revised and reapproved in 2015. Our role is “to affirm and strengthen the mission of the congregation and the ministry of the staff.” We are your ‘sounding board’, a real life ‘suggestion box’ of sorts. We ARE here to listen, share and reflect with you. We are NOT here to receive anonymous gripes or to get in the middle of a conflict between two people (that’s called triangulation and is not healthy.) Of course, we’d love to hear what’s going right at ALC too!

One of our most immediate goals is to support Pastor Scott as he seeks an Associate Pastor. What are YOU looking for in an associate pastor? We encourage you to share your thoughts and dreams for this and other future directions for ALC. Talk to us!

Kathleen Helm	Jane Tschida-Olson
Dick Jorgenson	Terri Polk
Pastor Scott Klimke	Glen Schulz
Alan Olson	Linda Shirck

Angel Tree Update

A huge thank you to all who participated in our Angel Tree ministry. This year there were 84 children served by the angels on our trees. Your generosity fulfilled the Christmas wishes of all our “angels.” Next year we hope to have a similar number of children but with 2 suggestions for presents. That will allow more of our congregation to participate, as we heard several disappointed members when the Angels were already gone when they arrived.

Thank you for returning your gifts on time. It is essential to get the family bags packed and ready for distribution. (That should be better next year also.)

Thank you to staff for setup, announcements and slides at services. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Brigitte Miedzybrocki helped with member selection of the angels and shopping and packing of the family bags. The crew for packing the family bags was Glen Schulz, Joyce Wikum, Char Riebe, Brigitte and Steve Miedzybrocki. Your help was amazing. You are a dedicated team to assist in this worthy ministry.

The representatives Ramon, Evelia, and Amy, from Iglesia Bautista Central Church picked up the gifts December 4th and distributed them at a Christmas party held for the children where they also delivered a message of the Gospel and true meaning of Christmas.

Well done fellow ALC Members!

Blessings, Ann Skidmore



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
1/6&7		
1/6&7		
1/13&14		
1/13&14		
1/20&21	Uta Haller & Fred Anderson	In celebration of their wedding
1/20&21		
1/27&28		
1/27&28		



ALC STEPHEN MINISTRY

2024

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. 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 69 of our members are trained 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 the 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, and we are blessed once again to have enough interested members to conduct our training sessions in 2024. This year our classes will begin on Jan. 12th. 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!

ALC Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

For the Health of It!

Invite your friends and neighbors to our monthly community education programs. All sessions will be held in Education A&B and are free and open to the public. Please call the church and **register** (623-974-2512).



Planned for the months ahead...

January 10 10:00-11:00am

Knowing the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Sun Health Memory Care Navigator, Marty Finley to learn the most common signs of Alzheimer's. For anyone concerned about memory & cognitive changes noticed in themselves or a loved one. **Registration Deadline 1/5**

January 25 Painting Tutorial 10:00-11:30am

by Julie American Lutheran Church This is limited to the first 20 people that sign up-all painting supplies are provided free of charge. Participants will be tutored on how to paint so it will be an interactive session. **Registration deadline 1/18**

February 14 10:00 - 11:00 am

Berry Bliss Stuffed Strawberries for Heart Health

Awareness— Savor the sweetness of Stuffed Strawberries during Heart Health Awareness Month. Join Sun Health experts to learn how to create these delectable heart-healthy treats and valuable dietary insights. Join us for a delightful journey to nourish your heart and satisfy your sweet tooth! **Registration Deadline 2/1**



We will be coming to your community soon!

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

American Lutheran Church

17200 N Del Webb Blvd.

Sun City, AZ 85373

Visit:

<https://january242024.youcanbook.me>

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Our comprehensive screening is \$200
(Schedule your appointment online and save \$10)
If you can't book online call 602-254-7130


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cardiovascular and abdominal ultrasound
screenings, BP, Pulse & O2 level checks.**

(Heart ultrasound, Atrial Fibrillation, Carotid Artery, Thyroid
ultrasound, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aorta, Liver,
Kidney, Gallbladder, Pancreas and Spleen screenings)

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 New Years Day Church Office Closed 5:00 I-Help Serving Dinner	2 9:30 Memory Care Group 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 2:00 Evangelism Committee Mtg 3:30 Bell Choir	3 9:30 Grief Support Group
7 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 3:00 Music Ministry Christmas Concert 4:30 Music Ministry Appreciation Dinner	8 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing 10:30 Good Book Group 1:00 Social Ministry 1:30 Card Making 1:30 Personnel Mtg	9 9:00 Gifts & Memorials 9:30 Memory Care Group 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 Trust Committee Mtg 3:30 Bell Choir	10 9:30 Grief Support Group 10:00 10 Weeks of Prayer 4-7 pm Wednesday Night Alive
14 8:30 Worship 9:30 Stewardship Presentation 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:30 Stewardship Presentation	15 MLK Day 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing 1:30 Card Making 1:30 Personnel Mtg	16 9:30 Memory Care Group 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Finance Committee 3:30 pm Bell Choir	17 8:00 Quail Hill Neighborhood Meeting 9:00 Executive Committee 9:30 Grief Support Group 10:00 Ikebana 4-7 Wednesday Night Alive
21 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	22 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing 1:00 Bandage Spinning 1:30 Card Making 1:30 Personnel Mtg	23 9:30 Memory Care Group 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 Council Mtg 3:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Game Night	24 8—4:30 Right to Life Health Screening 9:30 Grief Support Group 4-7 Wednesday Night Alive
28 Stewardship Weekend 8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship	29 9:00 Connecting Threads Sewing 1:30 Card Making 1:30 Personnel Mtg 3:30 ALC Tailgate Party	30 9:30 Memory Care Group 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 2:00 Pie Social 3:00 Annual Mtg	31 9:30 Grief Support Group 4-7 Wednesday Night Alive

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Support	4 10:00 MS Support Grp 1:15 Ah-Men Singers 2:30 Choir Rehearsal	5	6 7:30 am 2H Neighborhood Grp. 8:30 am Westers Neighborhood Group 4:00 pm Worship
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Support day Night			

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The Ministry Behind Communion

I never really understood all the work that went behind giving communion. I just never really thought much about it. I assumed someone put the wafers and wine out and thought that was that! My goodness, was I ever wrong. I found this out after I first volunteered with the Altar Guild. You know, the people who work behind the scenes might, just might...be saints!

Do you realize all the work that this ministry does? They are cleaning and dusting the altar and communion rails, preparing the altar with the elements before and after each service, preparing the cups with wine and juice as well as the hosts/wafers for each service and in-between services. They prepare the collection buckets and put them out. They are responsible for preparing the Pew Minister trays and have to clean up after each service. They work with the head usher of each service, who leaves a “count” for them so they can prepare enough wine and hosts for each service. In addition, they also have a “delegate(s)” who is responsible for cleaning and putting on the correct paraments for each church season. (There are approximately 12 parament changes in the church calendar year.) In addition to all of these tasks they also launder towels and cloths they use. Whew! These “volunteers” are often not recognized and not thanked. You will see them after each service cleaning and preparing for the next service. Stop and let them know you appreciate their work.

Ever since the pandemic, it has been harder to get volunteers for this ministry. Many of the volunteers are snowbirds so they can't volunteer during the summer, and everyone needs to take a vacation at some point. Whether you are a snowbird or not, if this ministry is of interest to you, call Dr. James Gerber. He will be happy to add you to the list of volunteers. We work as a TEAM so you are never alone, and there is a designated leader, which I like, so I can just follow. Come check us out!

~ Terri Polk



Women's Ministry

•**Connecting Threads** meets every Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Multipurpose Room to plan and make quilts, knit Prayer Shawls, and work on sewing projects. Our dedicated ladies enjoy their time together in fellowship and prayer as they work. We invite all ALC women to consider joining us.

•**Global Health Ministries:** Our members meet the fourth Monday of the month in the Fellowship Hall to spin bandages for hospitals in the developing world. We meet from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. for spinning and time of fellowship together. Please consider becoming a part of this important ministry.

As 2024 begins our ALC Women's Ministry will be planning for two important events in February 2024. On February 3, ALC Women's Ministry has been asked by the Grand Canyon Synod to host a day with an author for the WELCA Gather Bible Study. Please plan to attend this insightful day of learning.

Be watching for the announcement of an ALC Women's Ministry Luncheon featuring representatives of charities where Women's Ministry distributes funds.

We are so grateful for the continued support of the ALC congregation. We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2024!

Jan Powell and the Women's Ministry Board

Food Pantries

Thank you for all the gift cards and food donations for our food banks. Your gifts are greatly appreciated at all times. The need for food for the shelves is constant.

Thank you, quilters, for your beautiful quilt donations. The quilts go in the free Christmas room, and one quilt goes to each family.

We continue to need food donations as there is always a need. Can goods, cereals, and personal products are the current need.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity. Larry and I appreciate your support.

Judie and Larry V. Stage



Social Ministry

Monthly Blue Bag Food For Thought!

In January we are featuring boxed milk for the food shelves. Families often don't have the means to buy milk/food so they use boxed milk for cereals and recipes. As always THANKS for remembering



January Social Ministry event

We will be tying fleece blankets in the fellowship hall between services on Sunday, January 28. You can socialize with church friends while doing a good deed for those in need of warmth



Upcoming February event

There will be sign up sheets in the narthex and fellowship hall on January 7th & 14th for working at "Feed My Starving Children" at Lord of Life Church in Sun City West. This event takes place on February 17th. We are limited to around 40 volunteers.





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Make a New Year's Resolution you can actually keep!

Think back on all the resolutions you've made over the years lose weight, start exercising, call your mother more often - those things are hard - no wonder we failed! But, volunteering at the Lutheran Thrift Shop is easy! And the good we do makes you feel like a winner.

Most volunteers work 3 hours a week - who doesn't have 3 hours? Processing donated items like clothing, books, housewares, linens, appliances, crafts, artwork and holiday things keep volunteers busy in a clean, friendly environment. We also have people who accept donations at our drive-up door and those who go out on our truck to pick up donations.

As you can see, it's volunteers and donations that make this place successful. This is your chance to be a part of something awesome and actually keep a New Year's resolution. WIN/WIN.

Call us today 623-815-7061

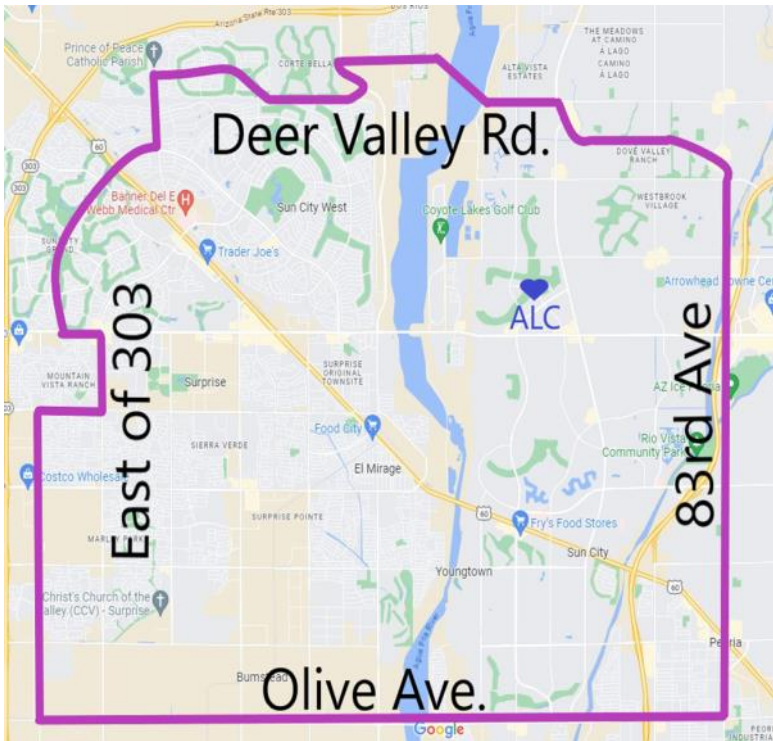
Would you like a ride to church?

The ALC Bus is available!

*For information or to reserve your seat,
call the church office at 623-974-2512 .*



New Bus Boundaries



Game Night Fun!

Join us for Game Night 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 Night
Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 pm
Everyone's invited!**



The Good Book Club

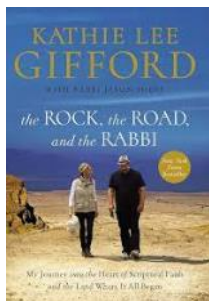
Monday, January 8th at 10:30 am in A&B

January: *"Just a Regular Boy"* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. A heart wrenching story about an orphaned boy raised by a survivalist and his entry back into civilization. Claudia Cooley will lead the January discussion.

February: *"Samurai's Garden"* by Gail Tsukiyama
Everyone is welcome.

Eleanor Dickinson 623-972-2689 or
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FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**Friday mornings at 9:30 in A & B
beginning 1/12/2024.**

The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi –

Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel. In this six-session video study, Kathie Lee invites you to join her as she visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. As she shares her story, Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi who was trained in the ancient rabbinical way, provides fascinating background details into the language, culture and heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive.

Kathie Lee and Rabbi Sobel will take you and your group beyond the typical "Sunday school" teaching to examine the original texts of the Bible. Now you can walk with Kathie on a journey through the spiritual foundations of her faith. **The Rock (Jesus Christ):** Hear directly from Kathie about her life-changing and ever-deepening connection with Jesus, the Lover of her soul. **The Road (Israel):** Explore dozens of ancient landmarks and historical sites from Israel, the promised land of God's covenant. **The Rabbi (God's Word):** Go beyond a Sunday-school approach to the Bible by digging into the original languages and deeper meanings of the Holy Scriptures.

Come! Explore the land of Israel and mine the treasures of God's Word. There is so much more!

Sign up today (sign up sheet in Narthex and/or Fellowship Hall)

Questions, contact Dianne Garvey 575-551-4207.



Stewardship

Thank you to all of you who have returned your 2024 Commitment cards and picked up your envelopes.

Please remember, even if you give “online” we still need you to complete a commitment card so we can have an accurate count for our 2024 budget.

If you haven't picked up your envelopes and/or commitment card, please go to the office and they will be able to assist you. We will have one more Stewardship presentation (I have heard from people that the presentation was very helpful and speaks to our ALC needs) on **January 13 and 14 after the Saturday and Sunday services**, for anyone who has not been able to attend. Envelopes and commitment cards will be available at that time and we would ask that **all cards be returned by Sunday, January 28.**

- Terri Polk

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Worship & Music Ministry

For 2024 Rutter Requiem by John Worden
In Memory of Kathy Bachman by Ted Bachman

Women's Ministry Sewing Group

In Memory of Robert Logan by Arlene Logan

Debt Reduction

In Memory of Rich Bergfeld by Debbie Nielson
In Memory of Donald Amiot by Judith Morrison
In Memory of Marian Kostelecky by Judith Morrison
In Memory of Catherine O'Hern's Grandson by Terri
Polk & Jim Becker
In Memory of Gary Burt's Mother by Terri Polk & Jim
Becker

Undesignated

In Memory of Beth Ann Schempp by Kayla Howard
In Memory of Don Bortz by the Dave Hinchman Family

Gifts and Memorials

Annual Report January

2024

This committee was formed in April 2019 to work in conjunction with the Trusts Committee for the dispersal of monies donated as gifts or memorials. As a committee we oversee the dispersal of funds donated to us for use in all the ministries of ALC. We report monthly to Trusts and our Church Council

This year we were blessed with a substantial undesignated memorial gift from a long-time member. We discussed with Trusts, our Treasurer, the Finance committee and Pastor Klimke how to best use this gift for ALC. After a number of meetings a plan developed and has been put in place. We now have a separate "Savings" account with Morgan Stanley earning good interest and also some managed funds for growth. This account was divided into separate "buckets" for use as needed when budget funds run low. Two reserve funds were established, a Liquid Operating Fund and Liquid Capital Reserve.

The undesignated gifts and memorials are also available upon request from committees when needed for other than budgetary items.

If you are interested in joining this committee, we would like to hear from you.

Thank you for your amazing generosity in honor or celebration of family and friends.

Committee members are Donna Borden, Wally Eklund, Bob Sosa, Rita Van Stelle and Jane Tschida Olson as Council Liaison.

Ann Skidmore, Chair

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year-To-Date	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offering	\$843,545.26	\$840,634.91	\$2,910.35
Ministry Costs	\$857,472.27	\$949,235.57	\$(91,763.30)
Remaining For Ministry	\$ (13,927.01)	\$ (108,600.66)	\$94,673.65

DEBT REDUCTION

Paid in December	Special Gift	Paid YTD	Balance Due
\$4,125.00		\$106,983.00	\$1,569,227.00

IN LOVING Memory

BJ Johnston 11/12/1937 - 12/06/2023

Megan Renaud 04/04/1984 - 12/14/2023

LaDonna Hardt 03/23/1936 - 12/07/2023

Mercedes Stevens 01/14/1930 - 11/28/2023

Marlyn Wahlstrom 04/22/1938 - 12/09/2023

Pastor Chuck Paulson 07/14/1935 - 12/15/2023

Marthyn Buzz Argent 11/04/1943 - 12/11/2023

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

Rev. Scott Klimke

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