

Apostles Lutheran Church Visions

To Know Jesus and make Jesus Known



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Dear Friends,

We have a chance to do a great service for our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It's something we have done before. We have a chance to help train and form a pastor. This is a good thing. St. Paul calls pastors, teachers, evangelists, and prophets his gifts to the church. "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the **pastors** and teachers," (Ephesians 4:11)

Even though not everyone is up to the task of being a pastor, it is a good thing to desire.

"Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task." (1 Timothy 3:1)

Many of you know Ryan Gentry, who was recently elected as chair of our Youth Board. He and his children are active in Sunday School and 11:00 worship service. He has been moved by the Holy Spirit to begin studying for the pastoral ministry. When I was preparing for the pastoral ministry in the mid-late 1980s there were two choices, you packed up and moved to St. Louis, MO or you packed up and moved to Ft. Wayne, IN. There were also a couple of Canadian seminaries, but they were too far away! Many, many things have changed since those days, including seminary education. The pack up and move option is still available, but so are other ones. Ryan has the option to stay here with us at Apostles. He plans to continue his current job with the state of Arizona to support himself and his family, and begin a program of study offered jointly by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia University, Irvine, CA. This course of study is called the Cross-Cultural Ministry Program. When he graduates, he will have a

Master of Divinity and be fully certified as a pastor in the LCMS, the same as myself and Pastor Ramon.

Not every man who wants to study to be a pastor can afford to uproot and disrupt their lives by moving across the country. Many have family responsibilities and other obligations that make a move impractical. So a program of study using in person summer intensives, online learning, and a cohort class structure for support is used to provide education for these men.

This is where Apostles comes in. Instead of sending the student to a year of internship (commonly called a vicarage in our circles) at a congregation somewhere, the student stays in his home congregation and becomes a vicar there. He continues to learn and practice preaching, teaching, administration, etc. where he already is. Only his vicarage lasts all four years of his program instead of just one year.



A special Voter's meeting has been called for Sunday March 3rd at 9:30 AM during the Pastor's Forum. The only topic of discussion will be to vote to ask Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to assign Ryan to us as a Vicar. They would not send him anywhere else, but we as a congregation have to go on record as supporting him in his effort to become a pastor and welcoming him to work and learn in our congregation. The required official notices of the meeting have been published in the weekly bulletin and this newsletter article serves as additional notice. Please pray for God's blessings on this opportunity and please bring me or Ryan any of your questions or bring them to the meeting on March 3rd.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Andrew

Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, March 3 9:30am (During Pastor's Forum)



“What Wondrous Love is This?”

the Passion (suffering) of Jesus
according to St. John

Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services 7:00pm

- Mar 6 Midweek 4 Whom Do We Follow?
 Mar 13 Midweek 5 Wisdom Has a Friend on the Cross
 Mar 20 Midweek 6 Jesus Finishes the Battle for
 Your Salvation
- Mar 28 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 pm
 Mar 29 **Good Friday** 1:00pm & 7:00 pm
 Mar 31 **Easter Sunday** 6:00am ,8:00am , 11:00am
 Breakfast served 7:00am -10:00am

Human Care Ministry

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is funded ,in part, thanks to a grant from the West Valley Lutheran Thrift Shop. Our sincere thanks goes out to them. If you, or someone you know, need a food box, please fill out the Food Box Request form on the Human Care Ministry table in the Narthex. Place your request in the box on the table. Food boxes are available for pick-up on Tuesdays from 9 to 11.



Narthex and Window Cleaning

Monday March 4 9am

We hope you can join us for a morning of cleaning and fun conversation. Contact Jean Morriss (623-878-1051) or Gayle Andrejack (602-938-6482) with any questions you may have.



Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate flowers for a special occasion, the cost is \$25. Please sign the flower chart located in the Fellowship Hall. If you sign up for flowers after the newsletter has been sent for that month, please call the church office. We have space for **2** arrangements per Sunday with a cost of \$25 per arrangement. You can place your payment in the offering box clearly marked FLOWERS.

- March 3 Skip & Deb Kamps in honor of their grandson, Ryker's birthday
 March 10 Skip & Deb Kamps in memory of father, Roger
 March 17 Cindy Nuun in loving memory of Paul
 March 24
 March 31 Skip & Deb Kamps to the Glory of God



March is a wonderful month. This is Easter Season, filled with the love of Jesus, lessons about His forgiveness for us, and family time. We are celebrating at preschool with Easter lessons during weekly chapel, a class party of course and sharing a mini version of the last supper with the children in class. The children have been practicing and will be singing at the 11am church service on Palm Sunday, March 24 .

We have had three new children enroll in school since January. All three have had a sibling attend here, so we welcome the family back to Apostles Preschool. It is nice when families have had a good experience here and remember us even many years later to make sure their youngest children get to have that same foundation of education.

We still have space for a few more children if you know anyone looking for a preschool. We are licensed for 3-5 year olds who are fully potty trained. Register now to get a jump for next years enrollment.

We wish you all a fabulous Easter,

Miss Beckie, Miss Kellie, Miss Susan

Apostles Lutheran Church Preschool

On-going Enrollment

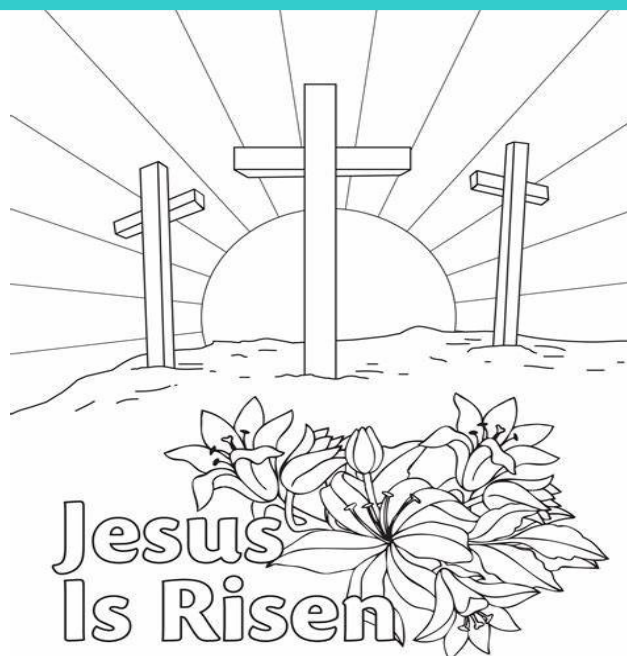
Contact us today!



Monday—Friday 7:30 am—5:30 pm
School Hours 8:30 am—Noon

Need Based Scholarships Available
Apostles Church Member Discounts

For details contact Beckie Ellis at 623-312-4831





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| 02 | Nancy Adams |
| 06 | Kyrabelle Gentry |
| | Janet Schleier |
| 07 | Vicki Liebert |
| 11 | Lysa Ellis |
| 14 | Mike Tressler |
| 17 | Naomi Abraha |
| 20 | Grace Peserik |
| 21 | Viki Ellis |
| | Tomoko Mueller |
| 25 | Jessica Lair |
| 27 | Connor Edmondson |
| 29 | Dorothy Nicol |
| 30 | Jonathan Ellis |
| | Lisa Waltz |
| 31 | Mary Otte |



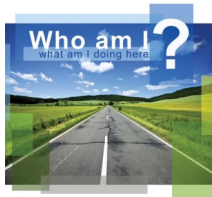
If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact the church office so that we can pray for you and so that one of the Pastors or Elders can visit.

Prayer requests can be made through the church office either by sending an email to secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com or calling 623-979-3497.

These requests will then be forwarded on to all our members to include in their daily prayers.

stay connected
church directory

Are we missing your picture? Putting names and faces together is much easier if you provide a picture for the directory. Bring a picture to the secretary to be scanned, email a picture, or ask Pastor to take one on Sunday morning. Getting updates for your church directory is as easy as requesting that service to be provided to you. Drop your directory off in the church office (labeled with your name) and it will be updated for you. We make every attempt to print address changes and additions in the monthly newsletter so you can update your own directory. If you do not currently have a directory and would like one, we can print one for you. (The cost to print a directory in color is approx. \$8.)



Men's Bible Study Who Am I, what am I doing here?

2nd and 4th Saturdays
of the month
9:00 am
Administration Building

Apostles Women's Bible Study

Will resume after Easter



Shepherd's Canyon Annual Friends of the Ministry Celebration Luncheon

You are invited to the **Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry's** annual **Friends of the Ministry Celebration Luncheon** from noon-3pm on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The event is FREE, but you MUST RSVP at the link below. You will hear some amazing stories of God's healing from special guests who attended previous retreats, meet the new staff, sing some songs, and hear an update of our ministry and its future from the new Executive Director, Rev. Kevin Bueltmann. If you can't make it in person, you can watch a replay of the event on their website the next day. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org/celebration>

Upcoming Fellowship Events



March 17, 2024
5pm
Family Life Center

Wear your green and bring a friend or two. We will be having a potluck, games and our annual Corn Hole Tournament. Start now to brush up on your skills. Sign up for a dish to share and even a beverage to bring. Don't forget to sign up your team (2 people) for the tournament and come up with a unique name for your team. This is a good time to bring some new friends for fun and fellowship. For more information contact Duane Bargmann at (623) 486-3139

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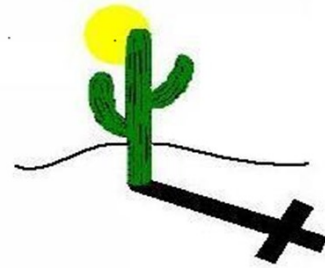
direct to a cause that's close to your heart.

Support your church or favorite nonprofit by directing them by March 3 (if you haven't already done so).

Choice Dollars[®] are just one of the many generosity benefits Thrivent is proud to offer our clients with membership.

What's more, your choices influence where Thrivent distributes its charitable grant funds each year.

Thank you for helping us give back.



Lutheran Thrift Shop
10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City
www.wvlutheranthrift.com

Spring is in the air!

We know when everything is blooming and beautifully green – and our allergies are out of control – that spring is here! Easter is right around the corner and soon many of our winter friends will be leaving for cooler summer climates.

The show must go on though and we need you to help us keep things rolling this summer! Most of our volunteers work a 3-hour shift but some work more than one shift or more than one day a week.

The jobs from which a volunteer may choose are as varied as the volunteers themselves. Some choose to hang, steam and price clothing. Others work with dishes and housewares or tools and appliances; pricing and putting them out on the shelves. We have an art department full of pictures and frames and we need people who like that kind of work. Our holiday department is a fun place to work & the craft department needs workers in the shop and working from home. Maybe a job with more “action” is more to your taste. How about being a trucker? We run the truck 3 days a week doing pick-ups and deliveries. **No** special driver's license required – and you get to meet a lot of interesting folks from all over. Are you a “people person”? Cashiers are the face of the shop having first-line contact with our customers.

Our “benefits package” includes fellowship, that ‘*great feeling you get when you do a good thing*’, a 20% discount on Thrift Shop purchases and yummy snacks at break time! Sorry, no dental plan ☹️

Join us, won't you? Shop with us, donate your gently used goods or come be a volunteer. Call us today to schedule a tour or a donation pick-up. 623.815.7061

Those Serving Us This Month

8:00 am

11:00 am

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| March 3 Video operator: 8am– Tom Schleier 11am - As God Provides Counters - Joyce Heil & Steve Sears Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss | Joel Helsper, elder Rick Grulke, usher Terri Grulke, usher Steve Sears, reader Joyce Dickerson, altar guild Connor Edmondson, acolyte | Russ Hodgden, elder Amaris Baldwin, reader Lynn Hodgden, altar guild Henry Baldwin, acolyte |
| March 10 Video operator: 8am– Tom Schleier 11am - As God Provides Counters - Martha Danner & Karen Nicol Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss | Duane Bargmann, elder Stephen Waltz, usher DeWayne Klockow, usher Dick Hanson, reader Sawyer Edmondson, acolyte | Don Miller, elder Joyce Heil, reader As God Provides, acolyte |
| March 17 Video operator: 8am - Tom Schleier 11am - As God Provides Counters - Ron Bissey & As God Provides Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss | Skip Kamps, elder Lyle Schlenz, usher John Nicol, usher Lisa Lonsberry, reader Leah Peserik, altar guild Connor Edmondson, acolyte | Don Miller, elder Amaris Baldwin, reader Joyce Heil, altar guild Henry Baldwin, acolyte |
| March 24 Video operator: 8am - Tom Schleier 11am - Abel Abraha Counters - Brenda Smith & Joel Helsper Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss | Russ Hodgden, elder Barry Yohnka, usher Joel Helsper, usher Vicki Sears, reader Sawyer Edmondson, acolyte | Joel Helsper, elder Nikki Key, reader As God Provides, acolyte |
| March 31 Easter Sunday Video operator: 8am - Judi Markosian 11am - Abel Abraha Counters - Brenda Smith & As God Provides Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss | 6am Joel Helsper, elder Gayle Andrejack, altar guild | 8am Duane Bargmann, elder Pat Bilovesky, altar guild 11am Skip Kamps, elder Gayle Andrejack, altar guild |



The Elders will be serving Easter Breakfast again this year from 7am to 10am. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for donations. Men are encouraged to volunteer to help with the cooking and clean up it is always a good time and great fellowship.

Please let Russ Hodgden (602-885-5412) or Skip Kamps (623-261-4871) know if you will be able to help



February 05, 2024

87 Hygiene Kits Delivered



Saving Grace Lutheran-Queen Creek, AZ brought in 87 hygiene kits and eight people worked at the warehouse. This group drove forty-five minutes to share their time and talents – Thank you!

Our address is 1329 N 29th Ave, Suite E-15, Phoenix, AZ

Our front door faces I-10

(Take McDowell Rd to 29th Ave, we are 2 blocks south of McDowell Rd. see our sign by the gate)

Secretary Susan Thomas @ 480.621.9251; 414stthomas@gmail.com.

Our Mission: In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied and sometimes as a child well fed.

Directory Updates:

New Address: Klockow 9817 W Pineair Dr Sun City 85351

New Member: Heather Reinemann 17456 W Charter Oak Rd Surprise 85388 920-973-5409 heatherbleier@hotmail.com

Dave & Dawn DuRocher 13292 W Gelding Cir. Surprise 85379 3ddurocher@cox.net



ALOMA'S BURGER BASH

JUNE 15TH 12PM

YEAR 51 AND WE ARE STILL HAVING FUN! JOIN US THIS SUMMER
FOR A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN GOD'S CREATION.

RSVP
office@campaloma.com
928-778-1690

The annual Camp ALOMA Burger Bash is on June 15th this year! This day is spent in the nice breezy pines of Prescott Arizona enjoying activities such as archery and hiking. Good food and good company awaits you if



CAMP ALOMA SUMMER 2024

Registration Fee: \$365

Join us for a summer of **ADVENTURE and FUN!**

Activities:

- Bible Study
- Canoeing
- Archery
- Rock Climbing
- Nature Hikes
- Campfires
- Gaga ball

Dates:

- Week 1 Jun 2nd-7th (Ex/Pio/Jr/JST)
- Week 2 Jun 9th-14th(Mini/Ex/Pio/Jr)
- Week 3 Jun 16th-21st(Ex/Pio/Jr)
- Week 4 Jun 23rd-28th(Ex/Pio/Jr)
- Week 5 June 30th -July 5th(Ex/Pio/Jr/JST)
- Week 6 July 7th-12th (Ex/Pio/Jr)
- Week 7 14th -19th (Jr/HS)

Address:
300 S Margaret Dr.
Prescott AZ 86305

Email:
office@campaloma.com

Phone:
928-778-1690

Register now at:
campaloma.com

Registration is OPEN!

If you haven't heard summer 2024 is up and running! A week away at camp is the



HIRING SUMMER STAFF

Grow in your faith and build community


Unleash your inner kid

Stay active all summer long

APPLY NOW

Start Date
May 25th 2024

Camp ALOMA
300 S Margaret Dr.
Prescott, AZ 86305



CAMP ALOMA

ELEMENTARY RETREAT

WHEN?
Check-in 3:30pm March 15th
Check-out 11am March 17th

GRADES?
1st-6th grade

COST?
\$100 per camper

OUR FUN ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Bible Study
- ✓ Camp fire & S'mores

FOR MORE INFO:
WEBSITE: CAMPALOMA.COM
EMAIL: OFFICE@CAMPALOMA.COM
PHONE: 928-778-1690



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice” (John 10:4)

Mite Sunday is March 31, 2024 – a freewill offering will be taken at the 8am & 11am services. Your offering will help support missions locally, nationally, and internationally.

Mite Sunday is March 31, 2024 – a 2nd freewill offering will be taken at the Sunrise, 8am & 11am services. Your offering will help support missions locally, nationally, and internationally.

2023-2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 5

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TYLER, TEXAS | \$50,000



Serving Those Affected by Natural Disasters

The Disaster Response Team at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, was established in 2017. Members of other LCMS congregations from the Texas District and other districts come and join them as they set up base camps to respond to natural disasters. They participate in the LCMS training, Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT).

Natural disasters (hurricanes, tornados, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes) occur without warning. They cause loss of lives, damage to property, roads, bridges, buildings, and powerlines. There is a lack of food and water. All these conditions cause injuries and impact the health of those affected by the disaster. To respond to the disaster, it is important to have equipment and trailers. It is important to maintain the tools and equipment as well as purchase new updated equipment. Some members stay for the duration and others rotate out on a weekly basis.

Reflecting on the words of St. Paul, *If one member suffers, all suffer together* (1 Corinthians 12:26), the Disaster Response Team responds to clean up the damage caused by the natural disaster, and they also reach out and listen to the victim's stories and feelings of despair and hopelessness. They share Jesus' love, compassion, and concern. Victims hear the Words of Jesus that bring hope, healing, and comfort during their time of despair. This mission grant will help maintain current equipment and purchase needed equipment to help the team as they respond to natural disasters and bring comfort, peace, and healing to the troubled hearts of victims of natural disasters.

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As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him (Psalm 103:13).

Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:3).

Through love serve one another (Galatians 5:13).

You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Galatians 5:14).

I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).



New Property Chairperson—please note, Stephan Waltz is now the property chairperson. His cell phone number is 623-810-3700. If you should spot something at the church that needs fixing or other attention, please contact the church office to report it. If it is an emergency during non-office hours, please call Stephan.

Apostles Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP

8:00am & 11:00am Worship
(communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:30am Bible Study

Facebook.com/apostleslutheranchurchaz

[www.Youtube.com/ApostlesLutheranChurch Peoria AZ](https://www.Youtube.com/ApostlesLutheranChurchPeoriaAZ)

Prayer Chain

Church Office (Mon—Fri) Phone 623-979-3497

Email: secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com

April newsletter Deadline

Monday March 18

(All information and articles **must** be on the secretary's desk
by 9am on deadline day)

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Senior Pastor

Rev. Andrew Byars pastorbyars@phxcoxmail.com

Associate Pastor

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Deaconess

Maria del Carmen Cabrales

Deacon

Duane Danner

Parish Administrator

Kris Lindsay secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com

Preschool Director

Beckie Ellis preschool.apostles@phxcoxmail.com