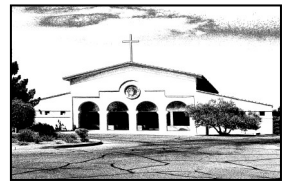


# Apostles Lutheran Church Visions


*To Know Jesus and make Jesus Known*



May 2024

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FROM  
THE  
PASTOR

 Look for the opportunities. As the temperatures are rising, our plans are shifting from settled winter/spring habits to summer suggestions. It's not summertime yet, but we know the heat is coming as it always does! Many people are already making their travel plans, "the-kids-are-out-of-school" plans, life after graduation plans, or life after retirement plans. And some of us are just making plans to go back to work and try to survive another hot summer here in Phoenix! Whatever your plans, look for the opportunities.

Look for the opportunities **to worship the God who loves you** more than he loves himself. Wherever, you are take time to pray and thank God for the blessings you have around you. Here at home see the blessings. On the road see the blessings. With family near or far look for the blessings and thank God with prayer. Also ask God for help for yourself and others as you see needs. You will always find what you look for. When you look for opportunities, you will find them. When you take time to talk to God, also take time to listen to him. That's the other part of worship. Maybe you have the chance to visit one of our sister congregations and worship with them. The same message can seem new when it's heard from a different voice. You always have the option of watching worship from Apostles on our Facebook page or catching it later on our YouTube channel. Our worship services will continue at the regular times all through the summer.



Look for the opportunities **to be a blessing**. And that includes being a **blessing to your own congregation** here at Apostles. If you normally put your offering in the basket when you are here in person, take some time to switch your contributions to Automated Giving while you are gone (contact Judi Markosian for help with that). Many people do the same for their utilities and other obligations while traveling, why not for church? After all, the Air Conditioner bills certainly go up around here at that time of year. Look for the opportunity to be a **blessing to the people that you find around you** this summer. It doesn't matter if you are at home or on the road. There will always be people around you who need the gift or talent that God has given you. God may send you as the answer to their prayer. And no matter what gift or talent God has given you, we all can love and encourage those around us.

There will no doubt be a lot of changes this summer wherever you are. Some we expect and some will seem to come out of nowhere. But wherever you are look for the opportunities and take this prayer with you:

Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

Peace,  
Pastor Andrew



The weather through April has been wonderful and we are feeling just a little bit spoiled. It makes you wonder what summer will be like this year, does this great weather mean a cooler summer or are we in for another record breaking hot summer? May will give us a clue to which it will be.

Our kiddos are gearing up for kindergarten, some are excited to go, some want to stay with Miss Kellie and Miss Susan, but we will have them ready by the end of June.

Apostles Preschool step up/graduation will be Friday, June 21st. Because we are a year round school, we shift into the 2024-2025 school year in July. Let friends and family know that registration is already underway for the new year and we look forward to welcoming lots of new students.

Our Preschool children have been enjoying some of the fresh veggies from our garden at snack time. They have harvested carrots, tomatoes and a zucchini so far this year. We are excited to watch the cabbage grow, with the anticipation of trying that soon. We will be adding a few more seeds to our empty planters soon, hoping to grow melons, wish us luck!

Miss Beckie, Miss Kellie, Miss Susan

## Apostles Lutheran Church Preschool

**On-going Enrollment**

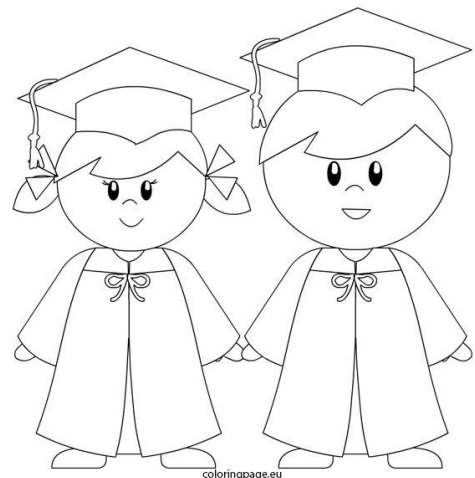
**Contact us today!**



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

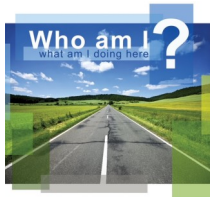
Need Based Scholarships Available  
Apostles Church Member Discounts

For details contact Beckie Ellis at 623-312-4831





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| 1 Shellie Ellis                  | 13 Scott and Shellie Ellis (34) |
| 1 Oscar Miller                   | 16 Donna Foxhoven               |
| 1 Deborah Rayburn                | 23 David and Dawn DuRocher (44) |
| 6 Jean Morriss                   | 25 Scott Ellis                  |
| Mike & Sharon Ferraro (46)       | 26 Andrew and Marie Byars (34)  |
| 7 Ariadna Cabrales               | 27 Bruce Brundage               |
| 10 Fred and Elizabeth Polak (49) | 30 Lynn Hodgden                 |
| 12 Julia Teuscher                |                                 |



## Men's Bible Study Prayer

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



## Apostles Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study resumes April 10, at 6pm in the conference room. We will be studying 1 and 2 Peter. Prayerfully consider joining us for study and fellowship. No book - no problem we have what you need.



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](mailto: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.)

*Those Serving Us This Month*

8:00 am

11:00 am

May 5 Video operator: 8am– Tom Schleier 11am - Abel Abraha Counters - Joyce Heil & Karen Nicol Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss	Skip Kamps, elder Rick Grulke, usher Terri Grulke, usher Ginnie Bargmann, reader Pat Bilovesky, altar guild Sawyer Edmondson, acolyte	Don Miller, elder Amaris Baldwin, reader Lynn Hodgden, altar guild Henry Baldwin, acolyte
May 12 Video operator: 8am– Tom Schleier 11am - Abel Abraha Counters - Martha Danner & Karen Nicol Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss	Duane Bargmann, elder Stephen Waltz, usher Tom Nass, usher Pat Bilovesky, reader Connor Edmondson, acolyte	Joel Helsper, elder Joyce Heil, reader Kyrabelle Gentry, acolyte
May 19 Video operator: 8am - Tom Schleier 11am - Judi Markosian Counters - Ron Bissey & Judi/Brian Markosian Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss	Skip Kamps, elder Lyle Schlenz, usher John Nicol, usher Tom Schleier, reader Leah Peserik, altar guild Sawyer Edmondson, acolyte	Russ Hodgden, elder Amaris Baldwin, reader Joyce Heil, altar guild Henry Baldwin, acolyte
May 26 Video operator: 8am - Tom Schleier 11am - As God Provides Counters - Brenda Smith & Skip Kamps Pew Maintenance - Eva Ellis & Jean Morriss	Russ Hodgden, elder Barry Yohnka, usher Joel Helsper, usher Pat Bilovesky, reader Connor Edmondson, acolyte	Joel Helsper, elder Nikki Key, reader Kyrabelle Gentry, acolyte

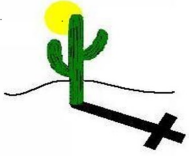
If you wish to donate flowers for a special occasion, the cost is \$25. Please sign the flower chart located in the Fellowship Hall. If you sign up for flowers after the newsletter has been sent for that month, please call the church office. We have space for 2 arrangements per Sunday with a cost of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

May 5

May 12 Skip &amp; Deb Kamps in memory of mother, Dorna

May 19

May 26 Skip &amp; Deb Kamps in memory of all my fallen brothers-in-arms and in honor of our granddaughter, McKenzie's birthday



Lutheran Thrift Shop  
10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City  
[www.wvlutheranthrift.com](http://www.wvlutheranthrift.com)

**So much going on - So little time!**

Once a month, on the **3rd Thursday**, all the thrifting establishments on the corner of 107th & Peoria in Sun City re-open at 5pm and stay open until 8pm with special deals. A good option for people who work (or golf) and cannot make it during our regular hours. This month, the 3rd Thursday experience is May 16th. We'd love to have you join us!

Did you know we pick up furniture donations? We send a truck and a few good men to come into your home and take out your donations which are too large for you to haul. Appointments are necessary for this service so call and get on our schedule. (On the 3rd Friday of each month we are exclusively in the Vistancia/Trilogy area) Items that fit in your car can be brought to the shop on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9-2pm. Come around back to the red door.

Have you heard about our ongoing Silent Auction? It's one of the shop's most popular draws and has attracted literally thousands of customers. Bidders have dozens of vintage, collectable and designer art, jewelry, handbags, furniture, clocks and clothing on which they can bid.

You can find out about our weekly sales, current raffles and special items for sale by following us on [Facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop).

1329 N 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite E-15,  
 Phoenix, AZ

Our front door faces I-10  
 (2 blocks south of McDowell Rd. on  
 29th Ave  
 see our sign by the gate)

Secretary Susan Thomas @  
 480.621.9251;



**April workdays are**  
**April 13 & 27**  
**8am to noon.**

**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.



Please join us for a morning of sorting and boxing of newly collected donations.

Time 8AM – Noon

Where: OGT warehouse 1329 North 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite E15, Phoenix, AZ

Major cross streets: 35<sup>th</sup> Ave and McDowell Road

At 10:00 AM will be our "mandatory" break for prayer, fellowship, and refreshments.

Come for as many hours as your schedule permits.

UPCOMING SORTING DATES:

May 11, 2024

May 18, 2024

**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.

**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**

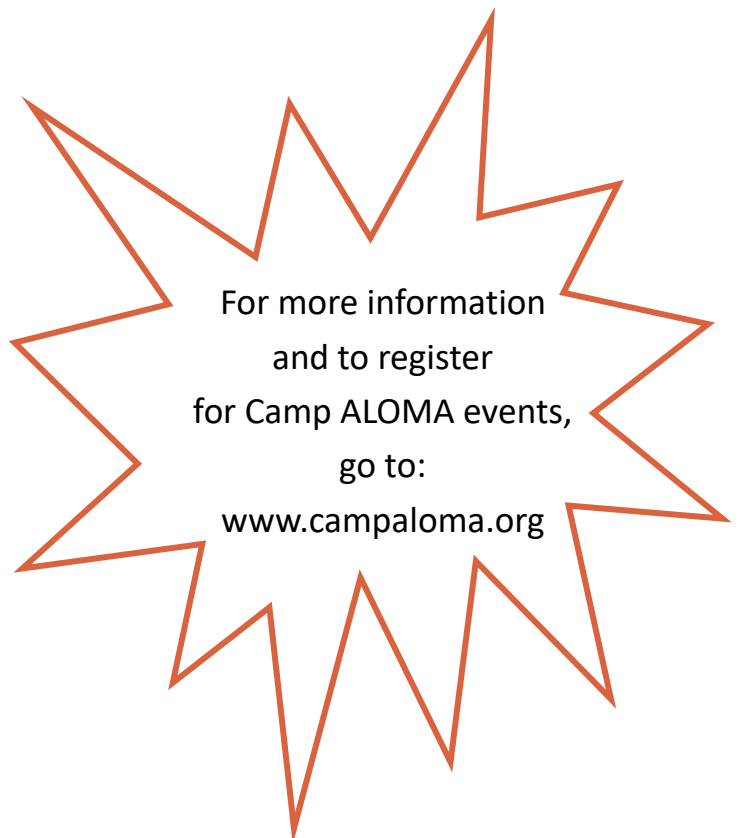
**SUMMER STAFF**

- 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





## 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.

## Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans Receives Mission Grant Check



Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans Student Council Executive Board with LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District President Michelle Zollinger and New Orleans Zone President Gladys Brown

Michelle Zollinger, **LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District** President was honored and thrilled to be able to present the mission grant funding payment for MG#12 Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth — **Lutheran High School (LHS) of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana.**

LHS, the only high school in the **LCMS Southern District**, has been serving youth for over 50 years. It provides students with the opportunity to academically succeed in a safe environment, while educating them about their Lord and Savior through the teachings of the LCMS. Many of the students being served by the school are disadvantaged, culturally diverse, and unchurched. These grant funds will be matched by five generous donors and will be used to pay the tuition costs of ten students.

Michelle Zollinger and Gladys Brown, New Orleans Zone President, were present on February 27, 2024, when Religion Teacher Rev. Nare, students, and faculty opened the weekly Tuesday morning LHS Chapel Service held in adjacent First English Lutheran Church, in the name of our Triune God. The student choir and guitarist led two praise songs. Following the conclusion of the Chapel Service, the final payment check for Mission Grant #12 was joyfully presented and received. The student yearbook photographer captured the smiles in this presentation.



(L to R) Principal Nancy Hernandez, LWML Louisiana-Mississippi District President Michelle Zollinger, and New Orleans Zone President Gladys Brown.

Glory be to our Triune God for blessing us with Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans and this LWML Mission Grant funded by Mite Box offerings to extend His kingdom and to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.

LHS ... Love, Honor, and Serve Christ who chose us.

**Mite Sunday is June 30, 2024** – a 2<sup>nd</sup> freewill offering will be taken at the 8am & 11am services. Your offering will help support missions locally, nationally, and internationally.

**Apostles Lutheran Church**

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www.apostles-az.org

**WORSHIP**

8:00am & 11:00am Worship

(communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

9:30am Bible Study

Facebook.com/apostleslutheranchurchaz

www.Youtube.com/ApostlesLutheranChurch Peoria AZ

**Prayer Chain**

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

Email: secretary.apostles@phxcoxmail.com

June newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, May 15

(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

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Maria del Carmen Cabrales

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