

Summer Camp for our Youth Campers attending Campfirmation! June 28-July 3

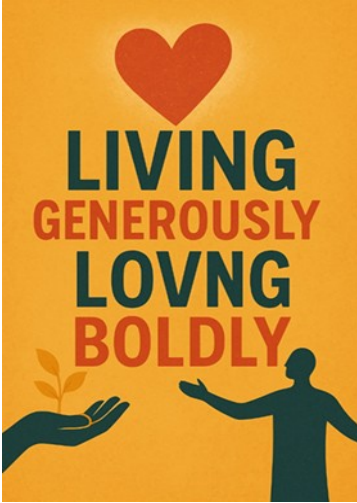


Please hold our youth in prayer for safe travels and a week of growing deeper with God at our Campfirmation beginning on Monday, June 28-July 3. We are sending 3 councilors (Jesse Olmedo, Mason Weatherly, and Katie Weatherly) to Campfirmation at Camp Pine Rock in Prescott. We are also sending our Confirmation students: Delilah, Ayla, Aubrie, Belle, Kyler, and Emily.

CHIME CAMP!
RING TOGETHER, MAKE MUSIC!
Learn, play, and ring together!
KIDS FROM 3RD GRADE AND UP!
JULY 20 ~ 23
4PM ~ 6PM
IN THE GREENROOM
★ PERFORMANCE: SUNDAY, JULY 26 9AM & 10:30AM
PLEASE CONTACT **JUNG LEE**
jungmusic@loclc.org

Summer Chime Camp

Registration is now open for children entering 3rd grade and up. The camp will be held July 20–23 from 4:00–6:00 PM in the Greenroom.



40th Anniversary Gift Challenge Update

The Board of Directors chose to honor the 40th anniversary of the ministry of Christ through Love of Christ by challenging our congregation to raise \$40,000 by the end of 2026 to share to support new and emerging missions in our synod.

Two were selected. First Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Mesa, which for two decades has been seeking to do ministry with its majority Hispanic neighborhood through hosting an LSS-SW Food Pantry, a public charter school, and offering community education offerings. They also continue to provide weekly worship led by Pastor Luis Ochoa.

The other mission partner is Crossroads Lutheran Church in San Tan, which runs a coffee shop in downtown Florence, while worshipping in an industrial space shared with a Cross-Fit tenant. San Tan has been one of the fastest growing areas of the metro Phoenix area. Many large retirement communities have been planted in the Florence/San Tan area. Pastor Ryan Marsh has just begun a three-year commitment to develop this ministry to become self-sustaining.

40th Anniversary \$40,000 Challenge Gift Update as of 6/22/26-\$29,850



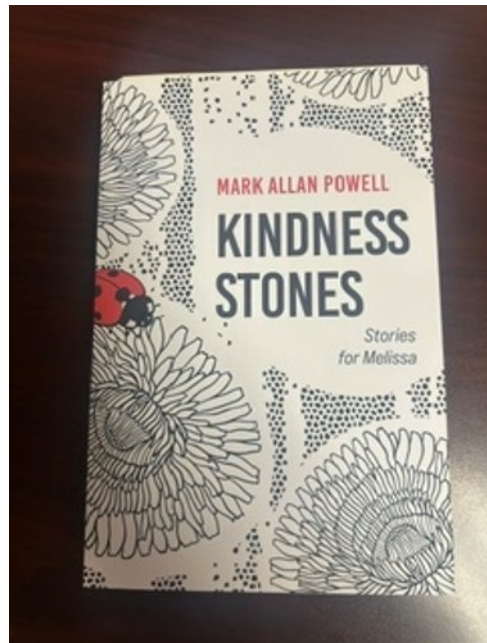
VBS is July 6-10 from 8:30 am to 11:00

VBS is full, but we need more volunteers to help

Thank you so much for all of your help and support; I am so grateful for you!

Laura Ontiveros

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LoC member Dr. Mark Allan Powell has recently published a new book.

“In this book,” Mark Allan Powell says, “I offer the world the best that I can do: often humorous but sometimes poignant stories to engage the heart, soul, and mind.”

Here readers will meet a man who has fallen in love seven times, but never fallen out; a teacher whose devotion to children has (so far) distracted her from a guilty past and a present loneliness; a troubled soul who finds meaning in life by recounting tales of Greek mythology to Girl Scouts and vagrants; a retired priest who is (literally) haunted by memories of a girl he once loved.

The stories differ wildly in mood and genre: they may be raucous, sentimental, sexy, or spooky—but they are all entertaining.

Powell says, “Perhaps you’ll laugh; perhaps you’ll cry; perhaps you’ll think (but not too hard—that would not be the point). Enjoy!”



The next meeting of the LOC Book Club will be held on Sunday, July 19 at 10:15 am in the Leadership Room. We will be discussing

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. Here is a synopsis of the book:

One Spring morning, 86 year old Theo arrives in the small Southern town of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there - but when he visits the local coffee-house, where pencil portraits of people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. And so portrait by portrait, person after person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen and the importance of connection and the miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder. Who is this Theo of Golden? Is he too good to be believed?



It seems like school just got out but it's already time to think about new school clothes for our children in need. Starting Sunday, June 21st, there will be a cardboard cactus in the narthex of the sanctuary and the COC.

On them will be tags with information about gender and size for a child's clothing. Please help yourself to a tag, or more, and bring the purchased clothes back to church and place them in the box labeled Back to School Clothing next to the cactus. The last Sunday for donating is July 12th. There are so many children that don't get new clothes for school. Remember how excited you were when you got to go shopping for new school clothes each summer? We would like to have that happen to children in need. You are a generous congregation and we thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Vaglio, 509-741-7115.



An Invitation to Discern Your Call to Serve

Do you sense God may be calling you to serve in new or deeper ways—but aren't sure what that looks like?

The Grand Canyon Growing in Faith / Diakonia Program invites you to explore that call through a two-year journey of faith formation, learning, and service.

Designed especially for people with full lives—work, family, and church commitments included.

Diakonia is not about adding “one more thing” to your schedule.

It is about growing intentionally in faith, discerning your gifts, and discovering how God may be inviting you to use them.

This program is for:

- Lay people seeking deeper spiritual formation
- Those discerning ministry or leadership roles
- Anyone longing to connect faith with daily life and service

One Hour Information Sessions

Saturday, June 20 @ 9 AM - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83901638524>

Monday, June 22 @ 7 PM - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87320535473>

Tuesday, July 7 @ 5 PM - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87150113546>

Sunday, July 12 @ 3 PM - Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84383547553>

Questions or to register: tinag963@gmail.com

Take the next faithful step—talk to your pastor and see where God may be leading you. New Cohorts are forming now. Classes begin August 24 or 25. Options include Monday or Tuesday evenings from 6-9 PM. All classes are via Zoom.

Visit our Website for more information: www.diakonia.education

Music Notes....



Please contact Jung Lee at jungmusic@loclc.org for how you can be involved with the music program.

With gratitude and excitement,
Jung Lee



Calling All Bakers

Cookie Ministry is looking for people who like to bake. The Cookie Ministry is part of the Faith in Action programs at Love of Christ. This ministry makes cookies for our various events that are held here on our campus and beyond our campus. If you are interested in baking cookies for this ministry, please contact Eunice Ketterling at ketts4az@gmail.com

Community Garden News



Think about trying out a garden in the fall. We are all learning new things and getting to know new people in the fresh air. Contact Nancy. Dntoll74@gmail.com



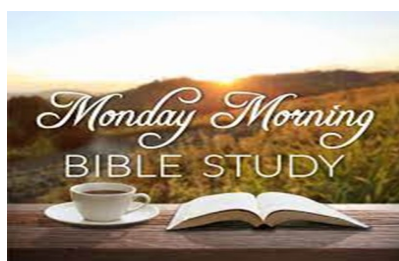
Naomi Circle will meet on July 13th, at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome—invite your friends!



Monday Men's Bible Study on 1st Corinthians at 6:30-7:30AM in the Leadership Room. Men of all ages are welcome to participate.



Online Video introductions provided by our pastors of Sunday Lectionary readings are offered each week. They may be found on Facebook, YouTube or loveofchristchurch.net



**Monday Morning Bible Study in the Leadership Room
Coffee Fellowship at 10:30, Bible Study at 11AM**



Prayer Share Care Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to a weekly Bible study group called Prayer Share Care. ***This group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 in the Leadership Room.*** Please contact Ruth Leonard or Margrit Aeschbach at the following emails for more information. (Margrit: mswiss43@gmail.com and Ruth: ruthleonard@icloud.com)



YOUTH AT LOVE OF CHRIST
CALLED. GATHERED. SENT.

Youth meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in Youth room.
Contact Mason Weatherly for more info at masonw@loclc.org



Confirmation

Confirmation will resume in September. Any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at nanette@loclc.org

Faith Food and Fun



Grades 4,5, and 6 will meet again on Sunday, July 12th for an Overnight event in the CoC. Please contact Laura Ontiveros (laurakuegemann@gmail.com) for more information.



Sunday School will begin in August! Children age 4 to grade 2 come to church with their parents and are dismissed for Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to worship during Communion. For grades 3-6, Sunday school begins at 9:50 and they are done at 10:20. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Play room. For any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at nanette@loclc.org.

Summer Overview for 2026 Save the Dates:

Campfirmation 6/28-7/3

July 6-10 VBS ages 4 -12 register online

July 20-23 Chime Camp – 3rd grade and up

Family Promise August 2-9

Summer Donation Opportunities:

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Donations needed for sack lunches to be given to Christ's Church respite center and for our own cooling center. Items needed:

Tuna or Chicken packs, Vienna Sausage small cans, soft chewy granola bars, boxes of a variety or chips or crackers, boxes of Capri-Sun. These items for sack lunches will be collected throughout the summer. (June-September)

Vacation Bible School: Back to school supplies including backpacks, notebooks, pencils, markers, erasers, crayons, scissors, and glue sticks.



Water Donation: Last year we donated water to the City of Mesa and to Grace in the City Lutheran Church. The money that is donated will be sent to these two organizations. If you would like to donate water, please place money labeled “Water Donation” in the offering plate, or go online and specify water donation, or bring a gift card.

Living Water Cooling Center and meals at Christ’s Church Respite Center

This July, Love of Christ Lutheran Church will open its doors on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. as a designated Cooling Center, providing a place of welcome, rest, and relief from Arizona's summer heat.

As temperatures continue to rise, many in our community face dangerous conditions, especially those who are unhoused or living in mobile homes and other residences that can become extremely hot during the day. Our Cooling Center will offer a safe, air-conditioned space where neighbors can come to cool down, enjoy a cold drink, and experience hospitality and care.

We are grateful for the overwhelming response from our congregation. At this time, we have all the volunteers needed to staff the Cooling Center throughout July. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to serve and to all who have supported this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, and generosity. If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Charles Martiny at cmartiny@cox.net.

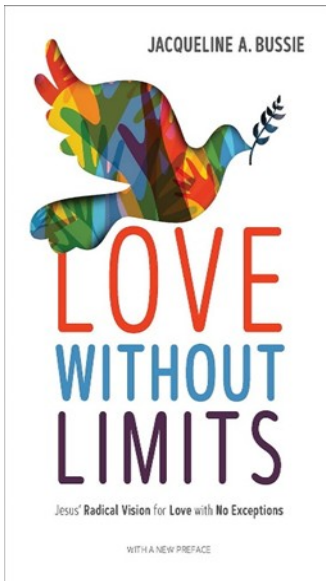
Love of Christ is also partnering with Christ Church Respite Center, which serves members of the Mesa community who need a safe place of rest and support. In addition to our Cooling Center ministry, we will be helping provide meals on Fridays at the Respite Center. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Cindy Wallin (cgeorgen3199@gmail.com) or Melissa Weiss-Riner (melissa@azfls.com) for more information.

As we did last year, we will also be providing sack lunches to Christ’s Church Respite Center and for our Cooling Center as well. If you have any questions about this, please contact Patti Delaney at pattidelaney03@gmail.com. Items needed for donation are listed above.

These ministries reflect our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Through simple acts of compassion, hospitality, and service, we have the opportunity to care for our neighbors and share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

Please continue to keep these ministries, our volunteers, and all who seek refuge from the heat, hunger, or hardship in your prayers. May God use these efforts to provide comfort, safety, and a reminder that every person is valued, welcomed, and loved.

We are Called, Gathered, and Sent to share the Love of Christ.



Love Without Limits will meet on Wednesday, July 1st at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

In her book, Jacqueline Bussie says nothing is more scandalous than a “love without limits.” How does a love without limits mirror Jesus and the God we are called to serve? How does this echo Jesus’ ministry in Luke 15 (the parables of being lost) or Paul’s proclamation in Galatians 3:28 (There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one Christ Jesus)?

This study is open to all women who are interested in learning about our God who loves without limits! They will be discussing Chapter 11.



Young Adults will meet again in July and do a service project! They will meet on July 12 at 12:00 in the CoC!

Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship with Lutheran Social Services:

Our Co-Sponsorship Team has been helping a refugee family from Syria. The help that is needed is working with the adults who are learning English. This team is making wonderful progress and forming some beautiful relationships with the family as well. We have provided back to school clothing and backpacks for each of the four children, along with teaching them English. If you are interested in learning more or think you might like to join this team, please contact Chris Norden at norden6162@gmail.com

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES



Did you know there is a way you can make a lasting impact with Love of Christ and receive guaranteed income for life? A Charitable Gift Annuity can make that happen.

What is a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)?

A charitable gift annuity, or CGA, is a simple contract between you and Love of Christ that provides a fixed income payment for life for those age 65 or older. In exchange for making a gift now to the **Love of Christ Endowment Fund**, you will receive regular (quarterly, semiannual, or annual) fixed payments during your lifetime, and if you choose, for the lifetime of a spouse or another person. At the end of life, any remainder of the annuity will benefit Love of Christ. You may also choose a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity, which will allow you to receive your payments later.

Contact your financial advisor or get free information from the ELCA Foundation at <https://foundation.elca.org/charitable-gift-annuities>



Don Thompson Legacy Fund and LoC Board Gift provide \$14,950 to Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point, AZ for new commercial appliances to support Ho'zho' Café

What is “hózhó”? Hozho defines the essence of Navajo (or Diné) philosophy. It encompasses beauty, order, and harmony, and expresses the idea of striving for balance. A future with Hozho is the vision for our work in Rock Point. Through the Café, weekly meals gather community for those who face food insecurity or isolation. Pictured here are LoC VP Jake Solomon, Board member Elizabeth Danielson, LoC Secretary Mike Jones, Board member Richard Boldt, NELM staff members Patterson Yazzie and Patty Charley, and Pastor Nanette Christofferson. With this gift, the Don Thompson Legacy Fund has dispersed per the family's wishes, supporting our 40th anniversary with \$2,000 and this gift of \$9,695 to NELM.

BLANKETS FOR KIDS!!!



Questions? Contact Jan Barnett at: barnett105@gmail.com

- 2 Methods of finishing the edges of the blankets
- Sewing around the edges
- Crocheting around the edges
- Both methods start the same

Lay Fabric on a table, trim off the Salvage edges of the fleece;

- Sewing around the edges

Fold $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch around the edge ;

Pin the folded edges all around the edge;

Choose a decorative stitch on sewing machine and start sewing

If your machine only does Zig Zag, that is great also.

- Optional--Baste $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of fold around the edge of the fleece with a needle and thread (Optional)

OR

- Just fold the fabric over about $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch and cut very small slits in the fold;
- Slits should be no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in length and around $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch from the each other
- If you basted around the edges

Remove the basting from the fleece

- If you have a rotary cutter, you can purchase wheels that will cut the slits in the fleece material the same distance and the slit created is large enough to slip the crochet hook through. Then follow the remaining directions.
- If you just folded and cut the slits;

Start crocheting around the edge. (I start 6 or 7 inches from the corner of the fleece to make turning the first corner easier.)

1. Start by creating a slipknot.
2. Insert the crochet hook through a slit in the fleece and pull the loop of the slip knot through;
3. Chain 3 times (create a chain by yarning over the hook and pulling it back through the initial loop.); chain only 2 times if you have used the rotary cutter;
4. Push the crochet hook through the slit next to the one just used (back to front) and pull a loop back through the slit. (You will have 2 loops on the crochet hook.)
5. With the 2 loops still on the hook, yarn over the hook and pull through both loops. Now chain 2 more times.
6. Proceed around the fleece using steps 4 and 5.
7. To turn a corner, follow steps 4 and 5, but insert the hook again in the same slit and do 1 chain and then insert the hook again and perform steps 4 and 5, Then you should be on a new side of the blanket and proceed following steps 4 and 5

There is an additional set of slides which have instructions on how to start crocheting. If you do not need those instructions, ignore.

Scripture Lesson
A Brief Look at Jeremiah 28:5-9
with Pastor Steve Talmage
(9 min)

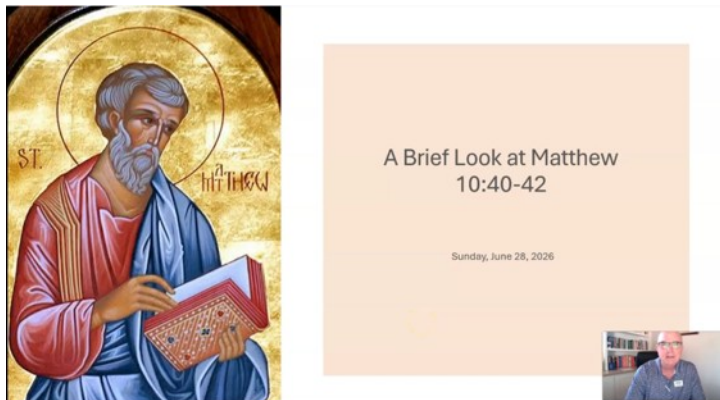


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Scripture Lesson
A Brief Look at Matthew 10:40-42
with Pastor Steve Talmage
(14 min)



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Sunday, June 28, 2026, 7:50 am, 9 and 10:30,

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Pastor Steve Crittenden “Hospitality Makes a Difference”

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Matthew 10:40-42

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.