

Welcome to LOC's Weekly E-News

E-News for Sunday, October 17, 2021



“Another Lesson on Greatness from God’s Perspective”

Four weeks ago, Jesus already began to address the struggle within his own inner circle around power and position. Now we see the brothers, James, and John, wanting to ask Jesus a pressing question about seating arrangements when he comes into his kingdom. I can just picture Jesus’ face, the shock or the disappointment of these, his beloved students, just not getting how God’s reign or kingdom works...., **“whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.”** If this little message is not clear enough, Jesus brings it home with **“For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”** The church in North America is in a steep decline. A significant factor is the pressure to market religion as another consumptive experience that must compete with all the entertainment options people have today. Where do our children, youth, or even ourselves hear clearly and believe we have a call from God to be servants, not consumers?

Memorial Service

PETER ROBERTS' CELEBRATION OF LIFE WILL BE THIS SAT., OCT. 16 AT 11AM IN OUR SANCTUARY. PLEASE KEEP PATTY, GEORGE & GAIL ROBERTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS.



“Trusting in God’s Abundance”

This is our theme for our Annual Financial Campaign for 2022. As we who consider LoC our primary faith community, how does our sharing of freewill offerings reflect our trust in God’s abundance?

On Sunday, November 21, all LoC households will be asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge of their financial support of Christ’s mission through this congregation for 2022. Because of God’s faithfulness, your generosity, and careful management of all gifts received, the requesting of financial support, even during a pandemic, has not dominated our lives in this community. What a privilege it is to be able to see God’s abundant provision meeting the needs of this congregation as we seek to minister with compassion to those in our community and around the world, as we form the faith of disciples of all ages, and as we maintain our large and beautiful campus. It is hoped, that as followers of Jesus Christ, we will each prayerfully look at how God has abundantly provided for our needs and consider growing in sharing with gratitude in 2022 out of the abundance entrusted to us by God.



Holy Communion is offered at the close of all Sunday Services.

All who are baptized are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper at Love of Christ.

If any household requests communion at home, one of the pastors will be happy to bring communion to them.



Who is the focus of our worship?

To worship God involves offering our very selves to God with praise and thanksgiving for what God has given us in and through Jesus Christ



Gratitude begets gratitude, just as love begets love

Gratitude is the most fruitful way of deepening your consciousness that you are not an “accident,” but a divine choice. It is important to realize how often we have had chances to be grateful and have not used them. When someone is kind to us, when an event turns out well, when a problem is solved, a relationship restored, a wound healed, there are very concrete reasons to offer thanks: be it with words, with flowers, with a letter, a card, a phone call, or just a gesture of affection. . . . Every time we decide to be grateful, it will be easier to see new things to be grateful for. **Gratitude begets gratitude, just as love begets love.**-Dr. Henri Nouwen



Save the Date!

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Sanctuary

5-7PM

Contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org
to participate in Trunk or Treat! No need to decorate
just bring candy for the kids!

It's finally time to come together for a new Love of Christ celebration, the Fall Festival! Plan to spend a fun evening Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5 – 7 p.m. We will be having an all-ages event, including our Preschool and welcoming returning Winter Visitors, and celebrating the start of our seasonal events.

Fall Festival will have age-appropriate games for the kids, Bingo for the adults, and free hot dogs in Food Alley. You will be treated to music on the patio as the sun is setting, and the kids will be Trunk or Treating. This will be a special time to enjoy cooler temperatures while visiting with those you haven't seen in a long time, and taking that moment to thank God for the many ways LOC has been blessed.

There is no sign-up and no charge for this event. We look forward to this special time together in celebration and hope to see you there!



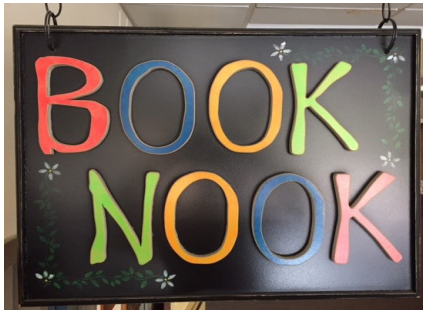
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Livestream our 9:00AM and 11:00AM services on Facebook and YouTube

If you experience any audio or visual issues with the livestream or later download, please let our AV Tech Rob Mills (robmills@loclc.org) know.



LARGE PRINT BOOKS

Do you need a book with large print? The Book Nook has quite a few large print books. Some of the authors are Tom Clancy, Nora Roberts, and Debbie Macomber, to name a few. Please stop by and we will be glad to show you our large print book shelf. And if you have large print books that you no longer want, please donate them to the Book Nook.

GREAT COURSES

We have a large donation of the popular Great Courses lesson books and CDs. They are all religious studies. Some of the titles are:

Science and Religion

Luther: Gospel, Law and Reformation

The New Testament

The Historical Jesus

Please stop by and see these titles and the other titles we have available. They are reasonably priced at \$5 and \$10. We would love to help you with these incredible course CDs and books as well as many other books and gifts available.

Thanks to the many donations we receive, we have new items coming in all the time.

Supporting the Book Nook helps the Book Nook support small groups at Love of Christ.

Faith in Action



Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Fundraiser

Loc members and friends are invited to support our chartered troop and pack through dining at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6560 E. Superstition Springs Blvd, Mesa, AZ 85206 on **Sunday, October 17th** (9:30am to close), and is good for Dine-In as well as Take-Out. 10% of the overall bill (before tax and tip) will come back to the scouts for everyone who mentions that they are there for the Scouts' fundraiser when they place their order.

Faith in Action



Love of Christ Blood Drive

Vitalant

**When: Sunday, November 7th
7:30am to 11:30am**

Any questions, please contact Dianne Oien at dianneoien@loclc.org or 480-681-0941

Located next to columbarium in the south parking lot

Please sign up to donate blood on Sunday, November 7th. It is as easy as clicking on the link provided in this article or going to our website at loveofchristchurch.net. Click on the button on the Home Page labeled "Blood Drive" on our website and it will take you to the link to sign up on line. Regardless of vaccination status, all donors must bring and wear a mask or cloth-based face covering. Because of you, life doesn't stop. Thanks for donating!

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=6xJacB3JuGhb%2BFViSUUyOJU5mXYw5QSK5BAq8mhLVko%3D>



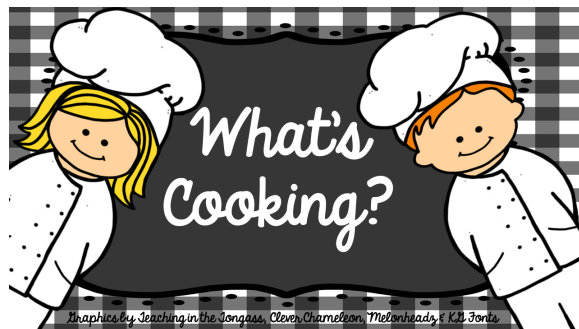
From victims of earthquakes, wildfires, hurricanes and evacuation efforts in Afghanistan, our church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through partner relationships works to deliver 100% of donations we offer to help those directly on the ground. For more information go to <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

Faith in Action



The official kickoff and wall signing ceremony is scheduled for October 16th for our 18th house with Lutherans Building for Christ Coalition. The location is MUCH closer to our campus this year - **697 W. 19th Street in Tempe**. More info is at our Habitat kiosks outside the Sanctuary and in the back of the CoC.

Please contact our LoC Habitat Leaders, Jack and JoAnn Grant, for additional information at jjjgrant@verizon.net.



An opportunity to serve:

We are in need of a kitchen coordinator to help with Wednesday nights. This person would be asked to shop, help with the menu, and help cook the meals. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Anderson or Pastor Nanette Christofferson. (kevinanderson@loclc.org or nanette@loclc.org)

I-HELP: The ladies are in need of a few items. Liquid travel body wash (not bars of soap because they are hard to reuse with no container to keep them in) and lotion. Barbara makes a sack lunch for the ladies to take with them. Fruit cups and granola bars would be greatly appreciated. Bottled water also appreciated. Donated items can be left in the pink bins in the COC and by the kitchen in the sanctuary. As always, we thank all of you for your very kind donations.

Faith in Action

Feed My Starving Children packing event will be in November 4, 5, and 6.

Mark your calendars now!



The packing days and times are as follows: Thursday, November 4th at 6:00 pm. Friday, November 5th at 6:00 pm, and Saturday, November 6th at 9:00, noon, and 3:00 pm. There are a couple of different ways to register: Sign up sheets are available at special tables at all 3 services with someone to assist in the signing up. Or you can call the church office with your name, email, phone, and which shift you would like to pack at. Here is a link to the Feed My Starving Children website to see the impact these meals have. <https://www.fmssc.org/impact-of-our-work/success-stories>



Support our Food Banks at Victory Lutheran, 5946 E. University Dr, Mesa, AZ or First Evangelical/ La Primera, 142 N. Date St, Mesa, AZ



Sunday School and Confirmation from 10:00 am-10:30 am.

- Pre-K-4th grade Godly Play Room Leaders Eric & Abby Walberg and Amy Peters
- 5th and 6th Grade in room 14,15 Leader Angie Obert
- Confirmation 7th and 8th Grade rooms 48,49,50 Leader Bev Gjersvig
- Confirmation 9th Grade Fellowship Hall Leader Pastor Steve and Pastor Nanette



Word on Wednesdays - Something for just about Everyone! 5:30-7:00 pm.

- Dinner beginning at 5:30-6:00 pm.
- Kids (K-8th grade) come and join our Musical called "Back to the Beginning"! (6:00-7:00 pm)
- Grades 7-12 meet in the Youth Room
- **Adult Bible Study: The Greatest Story: Genesis to Revelation:** Whether we are children or adults, we love to hear good stories. They are part of our earliest memories. We are captivated by family stories that tell of our family roots. We are fascinated when our grandparents tell how they met and fell in love. Stories shape us and connect us. This study on "**The Greatest Story: Genesis to Revelation**" will explore the mystery of who God is and how God acts in the world. It is an opportunity to discover God's overarching plan through the Bible. Sign up on sign up Genius on our website or by using the link below and let us know if you will be attending in person or on ZOOM. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AACA62EA3FA7-wednesday17>.



Musical at WOW ***BACK TO THE BEGINNING!!***

► You heard it right! Do you want your kids to learn to sing, dance, and act? Have them join us! Please sign up online at loveofchristchurch.net

► Wednesdays from 6:00pm~7:00pm in the Greenroom (**K~6th grade**). All of the children have to wear a mask when they come to the church.

► Performance: Sunday, November 21

► Any questions contact Jung : jungmusic@loccl.org



Love of Christ community garden has a place for you to learn and grow a garden. If you have been thinking about getting outside and meeting some new people and learning about gardening in the desert, it's almost time to plant. Email Nancy at tollef@cox.net to get started

For Additional information about upcoming events or Faith Formation offerings, please go to www.loveofchristchurch.net or contact the Church Office 480.981.6199

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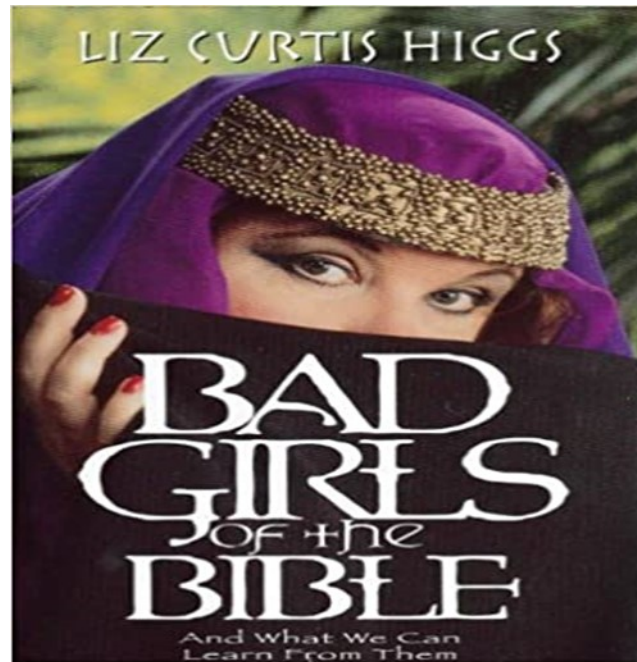


Thank you for joining us in worship this Sunday. If you need pastoral care, please contact the Church Office or one of the pastors for assistance.

Thank you to all who continue to support the ministry of Love of Christ with your financial gifts.

Multiple ways in which you can offer your financial support:

- Online/EFT-contact Dick Beckman, dickbeckman@loccl.org or 480.981.3550.
- Mail/Drop-Off at the Church Office.
- Text 844.975.1973-You will be prompted on how to register and give.
- Use the Donate Button on the Love of Christ Lutheran Church Facebook page.



Care, Share & Prayer Bible Study Begins Thursday, November 4th!

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs will be the study that is offered where ten of the Bible's best known femmes fatales parade across the pages of ***Bad Girls of the Bible*** with situations that sound oh so familiar. Come and join us at 1:00 pm in the Leadership Room as this study will take a look at some of the women of the Bible in the next six weeks! (Books will be available at the first class \$10.00) This study guides us into the truths of God's Goodness and His Love! Nov. 4, 11, 18 Dec. 2, 9, and 16. For more information contact Connie Lehrke, cmlehrke@yahoo.com

Greetings from the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA Nominating Board ~

I am looking for ladies that would like to take on leadership roles with the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA. Would you or does someone you know at Love of Christ have an interest in serving? There are many positions opened on the board, such as, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member. I am also looking for a lady that would like to be a voting member (delegate) for the September, 2023 Triennial Convention to be held in Phoenix. The only requirement is a desire to step up into a leadership role within the Grand Canyon Synod.

If you are interested, please let me know and I can forward the description for each position and the nominating form. You may also go to our website: loveofchristchurch.net, click on "Ministries", "Adult Ministry and Small Groups", scroll down and click on heading "Women's Triennial 2023" and you will be at the article which contains the forms or click the link: <http://www.loveofchristchurch.net/ministries/adult-ministry-and-small-groups/#TRIENNIAL>

The board meets about 4 times a year with other ladies from all over Arizona and Nevada.

Pat Shaw

Scripture Lesson
A Brief Look at Isaiah 53:4-12
with Pastor Steve Talmage
(11 min)



YouTube: <https://youtu.be/McCqk42SDI8>

Facebook: <https://business.facebook.com/LOCLC/videos/389829185971483/>

Website: <http://www.loveofchristchurch.net/whats-going-on/sermons/category/lessons/>

Gospel Scripture Lesson
A Brief Look at Mark 10:35-45
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Online Introductions to Lectionary Lessons **are available by Wednesday of each week!**

On Facebook, YouTube, and www.loveofchristchurch.net.



Pastor Steve's Sermon Title is: "Another Lesson on Greatness from God's Perspective"

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrew 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
6 as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:35-45

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'