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Spirit of Joy
LUTHERAN CHURCH

You are invited to Verde Valley Homeless Coalition's 2019 Fundraising Event

Meet Me at the Hop, a Fabulous '50s Party

*Complete Dinner with Dessert ... Well-Stocked Cash Bar ... Music and Dancing ...
Live Auction of Items Donated by Verde Valley Businesses ... 50-50 Raffle*

*Success Stories Told by People Whose Lives Have Been Radically Changed
Special Report: **Moving Forward, Creating Change**, Executive Director Raena Avalon
Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer, Tim Elinski, Mayor of Cottonwood*

Saturday, October 5, 2019, 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Cottonwood Community Club House (formerly Cottonwood Civic Center)

The stone building right on the curve as you enter Historic Old Town Cottonwood
805 North Main St., Cottonwood, AZ Free Parking behind the club house

*Dinner Tickets are \$50 per person ... \$27.50 is deductible on your income tax
www.VerdeValleyHomelessCoalition.org/Event or (928) 202-1176*

*This is your opportunity to become part of the change ...
Guiding homeless people in our community into a whole new life*

"It's going to be a blast!"

Cottonwood's Mayor Tim Elinski says this is a good reason for people to attend "Meet Me at the Hop, a Fabulous '50s Party," on Saturday evening, October 5. This fun-filled fundraising event will provide real, viable change for homeless people right here in our area through Verde Valley Homeless Coalition.

"Meet Me at the Hop" includes a full dinner with dessert, and a well-stocked cash bar, staffed by trained and experienced bartenders. You'll enjoy music and dancing, as well as a live auction of items donated by Verde Valley businesses. Mayor Elinski is auctioneer and master of ceremonies. A 50-50 raffle is on tap, half the proceeds going to the lucky winner, the other half to the Homeless Coalition to provide a hand up to people in need in our community.

People who have experienced radical change in their lives will personally share their heartwarming success stories. Through "Moving Forward, Creating Change," Executive Director Raena Avalon tells of the exciting plans that will bring even more positive and permanent changes to homeless individuals in the Verde Valley.

"Meet Me at the Hop, a Fabulous '50s Party" is Saturday, October 5th, from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., at the Cottonwood Community Club House (formerly Cottonwood Civic Center), 805 N. Main St. in Cottonwood. This is the stone building right on the curve as you enter Historic Old Town Cottonwood. Free parking is available behind the Club House.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this event. Tickets for the complete dinner and dessert are \$50 per person. You may deduct \$27.50 of this amount on your income tax return. Purchase your tickets online at VerdeValleyHomelessCoalition.org/events, or by phoning (928) 202-1176.

"Meet Me at the Hop" is your opportunity to be part of the change... guiding homeless people in our community into a whole new life.



October Birthdays

10—Patty Tjelmeland
16—Sharon Brown
19—Joe Mathe

Anniversaries

6—Jim & Sandy Prigge
11—Steve & Vicki Loeding
13—Pat & Sharon Brown



*If your special day is missing from our list,
please call the church office and let us know.*



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
330 Scenic Drive
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

928-634-4102

(We don't have call waiting; if you get voice mail, it may just mean that we're using the phone. Please leave a message or call back!)

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11:00am-3:00pm

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REWARD PROGRAMS

Spirit of Joy is the recipient of donations from the Amazon Smile Foundation and Fry's Community Rewards programs. You do nothing, other than register, and a percentage of your purchases will be sent to Spirit of Joy. Call the office for more details on enrolling. We received \$42.83 from Fry's and \$7.65 from Amazon Smile for the 2nd Quarter 2019 .

Thank you!

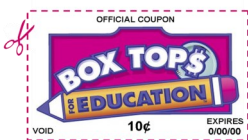


NOTE: Fry's Rewards need to be renewed **yearly**. Instructions and/or help for doing this are in the church office. Make sure you register your funds to go to SOJ in Clarkdale, AZ when signing up!!

Support the Navajo Lutheran Mission School in Rock Point, AZ

With little effort YOU can support this ELCA mission school and its students. The school is able to use the money they receive from the Box Tops saved by ELCA congregations across the country.

Many products we purchase every day contain **Box Top\$ For Education**



Clip this "box top" and drop it in the jar located in the SOJ Fellowship Hall. It's just that simple! If you have questions, please contact Jan Taylor. Thank you for your support!

“Living in God’s Kingdom”

As we live in God’s Kingdom today, we understand that all persons are equal before God. But we also understand that all persons are NOT equal in our world or in our country; now were they in Biblical times. We continue to experience racism, sexism, ageism, economic and educational inequality. Why? Our sinful nature, our selfishness, our cultural experiences and expectations all have been blamed. Come join us as Torrey Barcanic continues to lead the discussion of the experiences, expectations, and amazing accomplishments of “Some Women in the Bible.”



At the end of October, we will begin the final series of video lectures of *The Historical Jesus*. Enjoy fellowship and then join us for lively discussions in Bible Study 1 Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.!

- 10-6-19 “Michal and Abigail, Wives of King David”
- 10-13-19 “Gomer and Mary of Magdala, Two Very Different Women”
- 10-20-19 “Mary and Martha, Friends of Jesus”
- 10-27-19 ***The Historical Jesus*** 17 – “The Deeds of Jesus in their Apocalyptic Context”

Who We Are Inquiry Classes

This class is for anyone who wishes to learn about who we are as Christians, Lutherans of the ELCA brand and members of Spirit of Joy. Learn about how we live out our faith in Christian community, our neighborhood and in the world. Especially for those interested in becoming members of Spirit of Joy, but all are welcome to attend as a *refresher*.

3rd Sunday of the month, beginning October 20th, Noon – 3:00pm (light lunch will be served)

Classes: October 20th November 17th December 15th January 12th – Receive new members

See Pastor Sharon for more details and to register, so the appropriate number of books are available, and for a lunch count. We will be using Daniel Erlander’s *Baptized We Live* in conjunction with *The Means of Grace* (ELCA booklet about the sacraments of baptism and communion).



Interfaith – One People One Planet

Workshops & Worship Service



Interfaith Workshops start October 20th from 2-4pm at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 901 S. 12th Street. Workshops and Worship service all begin at 2pm.

Speakers from a variety of religions will explore the spirit of “The Golden Rule” from their faith perspective.

- ◆ Oct 20 – Two Christian Theological perspectives
- ◆ Oct 27 – Buddhist and Hindu
- ◆ Nov 3 – Indigenous and Baha’i Faith
- ◆ Nov 10 – Jewish and Islam
- ◆ Nov 17 - **Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Worship Service** culminates the series of workshops



RECAP on Synod Council and Conference Deans Workshop

Tuscon, AZ— Sept 20-22

Until you come face to face with the reality of what it is like to live in the “borderlands” along the southern boundary of our state, you really cannot imagine what day-to-day life is like for those who are seeking asylum from violence, unrest, gangs, and poverty in their own country. No one wants to leave their home, but when families are in fear for their children’s safety and future, they are faced with a difficult choice.

I plan to have a presentation and discussion about our trip to Nogales, Mexico in the near future, and have asked a representative from Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) to speak about their history of resettling refugees and displaced persons since after World War II. Meanwhile, if you want to have a sense of the work that our Lutheran organizations are involved in at the border and accompanying refugees and migrants, here are three websites that will give you a clearer picture.

www.lirs.org

www.lss-sw.org

www.elca.org/AMMPARO

On the opposite page you will find answers to some common questions about this humanitarian crisis. Also available in the narthex is an information sheet from LSS-SW that shows the various paths refugees and asylum seekers take in the process of resettlement. With millions of displaced people across the globe, living for years in refugee camps, our response is a matter of faith.

Pastor Sharon



Calling All Creatures Great and Small! 13th Annual Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6th, 2 pm

Bring your beloved animals for a treat and a special blessing Sunday, October 6th at 2 pm in the parking lot. Cats, dogs, and other friendly creatures will receive a hands-on blessing and prayer from Pr. Sharon.

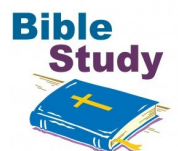
Be sure to have them properly leashed or kenneled for their own safety!

Gather Bible Study

The Women’s Bible Study Group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room until May. We use the Gather Magazine for Bible study; the magazine also includes a collection of very interesting articles written by WELCA women today. The magazine can be ordered in paper copy or digital format --minimal cost is \$15 at www.gathermagazine.org or call 844.409.0576. We invite all SOJ women to attend, whether they participate in WELCA meetings or not. The studies are very interesting. Check with one of the attendees if you would like to see an old copy of Gather or call Judy Haslow at 639-4291.

Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study starts this week on Friday morning at 9 am in Bible Study 1.
All men are invited to join this weekly group.



ON THE BORDER: Myths vs. Reality

Some Common Misconceptions About Asylum Seekers and Life at the Border

Myth	Reality
Asylum seekers at the southern border all come from Latin America.	The southern border has seen immigrants from such countries as India, Russia, among others.
Asylum-seekers crossing the border into the United States include gang members, criminals, and drug traffickers.	Applicants for asylum are vetted and anyone with a criminal record or gang affiliation is deported. Only the applicants with clean criminal records, proper identification documents and who express a credible threat to their lives if they return to their country of origin are given continuance status.
The current asylum seekers are part of the wave of illegal immigration into this country.	The people who are turning themselves in at a port of entry, are given a number which establishes an appointment to be interviewed by port authorities. Approximately 90% of these applicants are given continuance status and permission to travel to a sponsor, usually a family member or friend, and are called to an Immigration Court appearance at the location where they are headed. These people are entering our country legally and are doing things the right way. They are not illegal immigrants. These people wait for their interviews in Mexico.
Anyone crossing the border is being given asylum.	Approximately 95% of people who enter our country illegally are being deported with only 5% continuing the process. If they cross illegally, they are already committing a felony and thus do not have a clean criminal record.
Asylum seekers are bringing in diseases from their countries of origin.	The immunization rates in the countries of origin are actually higher than in Arizona. Immunization is not optional in many of these countries. For example, the immunization rate in Arizona for communicable diseases is 93.4% compared to Guatemala whose rate of immunization is between 95-98%.
The U.S. government is paying for asylum seekers travel within the United States.	Family members or friends who come forward as sponsors are paying for the asylum seekers travel to their destinations.
Many Mexicans are seeking asylum just to get into the U.S.	The vast majority of applicants come from Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. The applicants that are Mexican are from the southern region such as the states of Guerrero and Chiapas

In-Reach/Outreach/Social Ministries

HELP!

The In-Reach/Outreach Social Ministry Committee is meeting now again and because we lost some very vibrant members, we are looking for help! Below is an outline of the projects we cover with brief descriptions of how you can assist us.

We all have different talents to share. Perhaps your time is limited or you just want to do a little something extra to thank the Lord for all you have. Please consider the following ways:

1. Join the committee. We meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00 am in the conference room to discuss the various ongoing projects. We are always open to suggestions of in-reach-outreach-social ministry.
2. Deliver goods collected to Angie's House. These items include bedding, sheets (twin only), towels and personal hygiene items.
3. Coordinate our laundromat project—providing \$\$ for wash, getting laundromat owner to pay for drying costs, set date, provide water and treats.
4. Help with greeting card project spearheaded by Marie Parkinson
 - a. Provide in-kind donations for stamps
 - b. Donate birthday, get-well/thinking of you & sympathy cards—she has many blank note cards, so no more needed here
 - c. Help Marie with the mailings
5. Support Pastor's "Who We Are" project for new and continuing members with food donations
6. Help with Annual Christmas Dinner for those with out-of-town guests or no family in town. Eileen Sydow is again willing to coordinate this project. She asks for help with cooking turkeys, donating side dishes, desserts, etc. Also with setup, serving and cleanup.
7. ATTN Ushers & Greeters: We are a very welcoming congregation here at SOJ. Two programs that supplement that are the Poppin' Bags and the Welcome Cards. The Poppin' Bags are filled with a bag of microwave popcorn, a church brochure and other welcoming items. Please find these on the shelves on the right hand wall in the narthex. Whenever you see someone new, give them one. If the bags are gone, call Connie Harms who keeps these available for you. Also hand out new Welcome Cards Pastor has provided in the narthex and have guests sign the guest book. They can place cards in offering plate. We are starting this more fully in October once Pastor has returned from two weekends away in September. If they are reluctant to sign, please give them the welcome card anyway. They will be in the folders in the pocket of the sanctuary chairs and will replace the pew pads. Pastor will introduce these welcome cards over the next month, and will invite visitors to complete them and put in the offering plate. Our committee relies on the addresses (email or residence) which people provide to send a follow-up letter to them. Again: make everyone feel welcome.

Committee Members

Marie Parkinson, In-Reach Council Liaison/Representative
Donna Woodruff, Outreach Council Liaison/Representative
Social Ministry (yet to be filled) Council Liaison
Connie Harms
Roger Dunn
Patti Tjelmeland
Judy Haslow



Weekend Worship Leaders for October

Volunteers are need in all areas of worship. See the sign up sheets in the narthex.



Out to Lunch Bunch will go to **Grasshopper Grill in Cornville** on Sunday, October 6th at 12:30pm.

Enjoy lunch and fellowship with friends after Sunday worship.
Invite your friends and neighbors!

Call the office by Friday, October 4th to reserve your spot!

There's a coupon for Grasshopper Grill in the Sept/Oct Verde Valley Values booklet (near the back).

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church of the Verde Valley will take place on Sunday, November 10th, at 9:30am in the Worship Center.

All are welcome to attend.

(Members have voice and vote, Associate Members have voice but no vote, friends of the congregation have neither voice nor vote.)



WELCA NEWS



All ladies are invited to the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) meeting on October 10th at 9am. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments provided.

Agenda items for the October 10th meeting include:

- ◆ Further discussion and planning for our annual Taste of Christmas Sale which will be held on Saturday December 7th.
- ◆ Final planning and sign up for Pastor Ed and Jean Womack's Farewell Fellowship following the 8:30am service on October 13th.

All members are encouraged to attend the Womack's Farewell Fellowship. Please sign up to bring food items. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Please attend the SOJ Rummage Sale to be held on Saturday, October 5th. Several people have signed up for tables to sell items. All are welcome to sell items. Sign up sheets for tables are located in the Narthex. The cost is \$5. Lot's of treasures to be found at the SOJ Rummage Sale!

See you October 10th for the next WELCA meeting, a ministry of Spirit of Joy Church .

Eileen Sydow, Jan Graham, co-leaders

President: Micah Swenson
Secretary: Donna Woodruff
Finance Officer: Eric Young/
Marcia Shanahan
Facilities: Dave Tjelmeland
Christian Education: Rita Dunn



In-Reach: Marie Parkinson
Outreach: Donna Woodruff
Stewardship: Micah Swenson
Worship: Jan Graham
Youth: Micah Swenson
Social Concerns: Vacant

Our next Church Council meeting will be at 4:30pm on October 16th.

Joyful Community



Joyful Community meets every Monday morning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are knitting and crocheting baby blankets and prayer shawls. All are welcome—from beginners to experts!

Daytime Book Group

Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

Chuck O'Brien, 2018
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 352 pp.
ISBN-13: 9781328876645

Summary

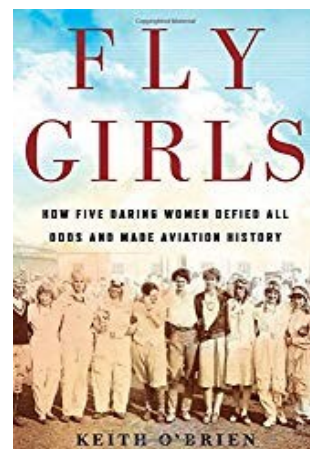
The untold story of five women who fought to compete against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s — and won!

Between the world wars, no sport was more popular, or more dangerous, than airplane racing. Thousands of fans flocked to multi-day events, and cities vied with one another to host them.

The men were hailed. Female pilots were more often ridiculed than praised for what the press portrayed as silly efforts to horn in on a manly, and deadly, pursuit.

Fly Girls recounts how a cadre of women banded together to break the original glass ceiling: the entrenched prejudice that conspired to keep them out of the sky.

We meet on October 24th, the fourth Thursday of the month, at 2:00 pm. The YLN Portal has 10 copies available as of Sept. 16—all copies available. Judy also has a copy she will share. Please join us for this very interesting book. Call Judy at 639-4291 for more info.



OUR PRAYER LIST

as of 9-25-19



SOJ Members and Friends

Valerie Behnke, Dave Steinke, Karen Harvey, Doug & Jan Sanderson, Lisa Mathe, Dottie Sperger, Lynn Makow, Dee Fronko, Norma Davidson, Dave & Connie Harms, Jim Schulz, Sam Chaudoin, Carl Mason, Myra Piechowski, L. K. Fredericksen

Friends, Neighbors, Family Members

Health Concerns: Jim & Marilyn, Pat, Judy, Ian, Peter, Ellen, Mark, Vernon, Bob, Kailee, Luis, Kailee, Bill, Dawn, Lars, Dave and Trish, Len, Julie, Jarrett, Linda, Kitty, Ann, Anita, JD, Hannah and baby, Anita, Bobbie

Fighting Cancer: Margaret, Fred, Jim, Laurie, Christina, Moriah, Alyce, Brad, Jerry, Lisa, Laura, Heather, Manny, Barbara and David, Allison, Mike, Donna, Jeff, Herb, Bailey, Tom, Dave, Mark, Char, Thom, Pat, Brent, Greg, Charlie, Bill, Jerold, John, Linda, Terri, Nick, Gina, Steve, Heather, Joan, Daniel, Dave

In Hospice: Donnie, Larry, Mike, Chris, Kimberly, Scott, John, Ann, Joyce

Other Concerns: the family of Cindy Mason; Kim & Cade Densmore and family; the Alex Valdez family; the family of Tommy Brennan; the family of Anita, Dave & Patty Tjelmeland; the family of Adam; Clifford, Sarah and family, the family of Earl Zimmerman, Vickie and family, the family of Sandra Roby, family of Dean Simpson, Pastors Gwen and David Brandfass

Those serving in the military, including: Peyton, Tina, Matt, Michael, Zach

Our Mission Partner, Crossroads Lutheran Church in San Tan Valley

Lutheran Campus Ministry at NAU

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

To add or update a prayer request, please email: prayer@sojaz.net

Weekend Bible Readings

October 6: Psalm 1; Mark 12:28-31; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

October 13: Psalm 40:1-8; Mark 3:33-35; Ruth 1:1-17

October 20: Psalm 150; Mark 11:8-10; 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5

October 27: Psalm 72; Mark 10:42-45; 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29





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Some October Highlights

Oct 4—Men's Bible Study starts, 9 am
Oct 5—SOJ Courtyard Sale, 8am—2pm
Oct 6—Blessing of the Animals, 2 pm
Oct 7—In-Reach/Outreach/Social Ministries Mtg, 10 am
Oct 10—WELCA Meeting, 9 am
Oct 16—Council Meeting, 4:30pm
Oct 17—Women's Bible Study, 2pm
Oct 20—"Who We Are" Class, Noon-3pm
Oct 24—Daytime Book Group, 2pm

Spirit of Joy Weekly Worship

SATURDAY WORSHIP—4:30pm
(Casual and Perfume-Free)

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Traditional Worship—8:30 am
Fellowship—9:30 am
Sunday School—9:45am
Adult Forum—10:00am
Praise Worship—11:00 am