

The Messenger

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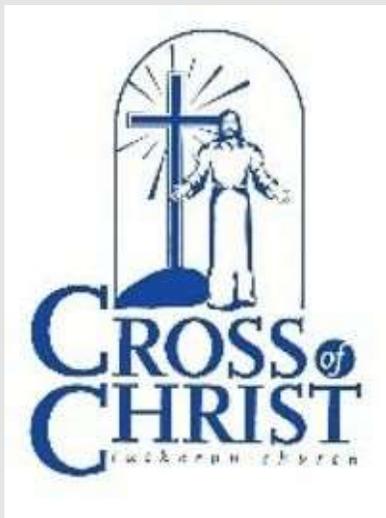
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wed. 4:00 pm: at The Gardens

Wed. 6:30 pm: at White Cliffs

Worship at White Cliffs every

Fourth Sunday: 1:30 pm

Communion

First and third Sundays and

Wednesdays of each month.

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday: 1:00 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Thursday 4:15 pm (Catechism)

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

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Message from the Pastor

AN INVITATION TO FOOLISHNESS

A U.S. senator in the 1800s declared that the introduction of the railroad would require the building of hundreds of insane asylums. Why? Thousands of people would be driven mad with terror at the sight of locomotives rushing across the country. Like-minded 'experts' in Germany claimed that if trains went at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour, blood would spurt from the travelers' noses and passengers would suffocate when going through tunnels.



It's easy to scoff at such ideas today (especially when we travel in planes that reach speeds of 650 m.p.h. or more!) But to people then, that was gospel truth, and only fools or Satan's kinfolk would even try such a thing.

Could there be ideas, still around today, which are just as groundless and paralyzing? I think so. I see it often in people's spiritual lives. Three common fallacies I hear are these: God couldn't love me; I don't need God (which may not be spoken aloud but only in a person's thoughts and actions); and, Going to church is unnecessary. All these are just as foolish as tunnel suffocation.

First, God could never stop loving you. By choice, he made you; he died for you and your sins; and he wants everyone to be in Heaven with him. Second, saying you don't need God is like saying you don't need people. Think about trying to exist without them! God gave you your body and soul, intelligence and resources, freedom and forgiveness. Third, going to church is a way of saying thanks to God. It's voluntary and motivated by the love we receive from God. Going to church is like going to a spiritual doctor for the cure from sin.

Imagine how different our world would be if people submitted to the fears of rejection or ignorance. Actor

Gary Cooper said, “‘Gone with the Wind’ is going to be the biggest flop in history. I’m just glad it’ll be Clark Gable who’s falling flat on his face and not me.” Trish Speaker said, “Babe Ruth made a big mistake when he gave up pitching.”

The ‘experts’ in life have spoken: “Church isn’t a place for you!” “You’d never fit in with the Christian crowd.” Those ‘experts’ may come in the form of friends, a relative, or perhaps your conscience. “You don’t belong.”

But listen to the real expert...the Lord. God says: “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*” (Matt. 11:28.) “*Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins; not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world*” (1Jn 2:2.)

The invitation of the gospel – namely, free forgiveness of all sins, a peaceful relationship with God, life forever in the glory of heaven – is open to you. Jesus Christ, God’s son, suffered death and hell as the all-sufficient substitute for all people of all time. “*Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life*” (John 3:16.) That includes you! The invitation being extended to you today is not just an invitation from our church, but even more so, it is an invitation from the Lord.

Fears related to going to a church for the first time—or coming back after a long absence--include: “Everyone is going to be looking at me.” “I won’t fit in.” “I won’t be familiar with the service.” “I’ll stick out like a sore thumb.”

Please, don’t be afraid to come to our church. I believe you’ll find our church to be a caring place, a comfortable place, a loving place, a sincere place. Don’t let fear paralyze you from seeking to develop or restart a meaningful relationship with God. We believe in ‘the more the merrier’.

More importantly, don’t fear rejection by the Lord. Yes, he’s powerful. Yes, he knows all about you and your past. But above all, God is love. He loves you! He’s already forgiven you. He’s invited you to come to receive it.

I hope you want to begin or re-ignite a relationship with Jesus. We’re here to help. We’d like nothing more than to say ‘Welcome Home’. Nov. 3 is the day when we hope to have every able-bodied member in church. We hope to have 20 new faces join us too. Make plans now!



**RUMMAGE SALE
DONATIONS NEEDED**

RUMMAGE SALE. Update!!! We will not be having a fall rummage sale this year. We will continue to accept donated goods and prepare for a rummage sale in the spring/summer of 2020.

A table has been set up in the back of the Fellowship Hall and has been designated to display items that are available to our congregation to purchase by way of a donation. Place your donation (cash/check) for the item/items you are purchasing in the collection container on the table. The money collected will be put into the church’s “Rummage Sale” account. These monies are utilized for many projects around the church. Hope you find something special on the table!!! Items will be added as table space allows.

Thank you for your donations!

QUIZ ... on the REFORMATION

- 1) The reason the 95 theses caused such a stir was because
 - a. this was one of the first times anyone had challenged the Catholic church
 - b. the writings were heresy
 - c. the writings could lead to war
 - d. Martin Luther was a celebrity and it was in all the gossip magazines
- 2) Luther was called on to retract his writings before the Pope and the Emperor. He refused and said
 - a. God will prove me right
 - b. This is not a valid trial
 - c. Here I stand! God help me otherwise.
 - d. Let's make Germany great again. Give me liberty or give me death.
- 3) Luther was excommunicated from the catholic church because
 - a. he wanted to get married and priests can't get married
 - b. he found several teachings of the church to be contrary from the Bible
 - c. he wanted German independence from Rome
 - d. he was downloading choir music illegally on his i-pod
- 4) The key teaching of the Lutheran Church is Justification by Grace through Faith. That means
 - a. that we're saved by believing in Jesus alone by God's undeserved love
 - b. that we have to make up for our sins and hope God is satisfied with our works and faith
 - c. that if we are better than most people, God will save us
 - d. that the pastor should be the highest paid member in the church because God wants him to be happy, very happy



(Answers to quiz later in newsletter)

FAVORITE HYMN FESTIVAL – We remember the Reformation begun by Martin Luther in the 1500s with a song service featuring hymns chosen by the congregation. Oct. 31, 1517 was the day Luther posted the 95 Theses, a document which sought discussion on teaching of the Catholic Church which conflicted with the Bible's teachings. This eventually led to the break with the Catholic Church and the start of the Protestant Churches, the Lutherans being the first (and best). Luther loved singing, so we're remembering our heritage by singing God's praises. Everyone is invited to vote for their favorites twice; for up to eight songs each time. Nov. 3rd is the date.



AREA REFORMATION SERVICE – We get to host this annual celebration Nov. 3rd at 4:00. Family of God in Fort Mohave and Our Savior in Havasu will join us. We'll hear Luther 'speak' to us that day with a meal to follow.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – God has blessed us for 50 years as a church. A Special celebration with a catered meal is being planned. Look for more details for this April 2020 anniversary.

- HUMOR -

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. So, he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth. When he returned, he told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are behaving.

God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion". So, God sent another angel to Earth for a time. When the angel returned, he went to God and said, "Yes, it's true. The Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving sinfully, but 5% are being good."

God was not pleased. So, He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good, because he wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what the e-mail said?

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That's Okay. I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

Answers to quiz 1 - A, 2 - C, 3 - B, 4 - A

(A comment on 4: Lutherans believe we will go to Heaven simply by the faith we have in Jesus. He died and rose to take away our sins. Some churches add to that by saying you must do good works in addition or you won't make it to Heaven.)



WELCOME HOME SUNDAY. The goal of Welcome Home Sunday is to have a day when everyone that is part of our Christian family comes together. After all, church is supposed to be a home, and believers are 'kin'. Our focus of worship on that day is the blessing of Christian community. Thus, we want 100% of our able-bodied members there.

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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS

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The new church secretary was a bit overwhelmed. So, when she had to assemble a funeral bulletin, she decided to just use the one from the last funeral. She would just replace the names. So, she set the computer to substitute the name Edna for Mary. She was more than embarrassed when they recited the Apostles Creed in the service and they stated that Jesus was "born of the Virgin Edna".

NEW BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS This class is designed to explore the main teachings of the Bible. If you have questions about the Bible, here is the opportunity you have been looking for! Pastor starts with how God gave us the Bible, then the life of Jesus, the Commandments, Prayer, Baptism and Holy Communion. It is taught in a way that makes the Bible easy to understand. Tell Pastor which day of the week works best for you. Right now, we're leaning toward Tuesdays.



**OCTOBER
FELLOWSHIP
MEALS SCHEDULE**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>
6 th	MEAT LOAF	Mark & Rhonda
13 th	SLOPPY JOES	Christine & Peggy
20 th	MEXICAN	Wilma & Irma
27 th	HOT DOGS	Laura

We are always in need of the following items for our Sunday morning meals:

- Lg. & small dinner plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert/Soup bowls (heavyweight paper)
- Forks, knives & spoons (heavyweight/plastic)
- Coffee (regular & decaf)
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Rolls of paper towels

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 Providing a dish to share at the Sunday meal or kitchen supplies & food items are greatly appreciated.



**OCT USHERS**

- Zeke Jarcik
- Dave Brock
- George Henry
- Syd Huxtable
- Leonard Rezac
- Dave Meza

**SEPTEMBER**

| <u>Worship Attendance</u> | <u>Fellowship Meal Attendance</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 & 4                     | 1                                 |
| 8 & 11                    | 8                                 |
| 15 & 18                   | 15                                |
| 22 & 25                   | 21 & 22                           |
| 29                        | 29                                |



**OCT BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Don Tuttle     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Shelby Vincent |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Audrey Sachse  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Carol Staley   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Jordan Maczuga |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Deborah Clark  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Gage Wolfe     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Laura Jarcik   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Joshua Vincent |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | George Henry   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Marina McCoy   |



**OCT ANNIVERSARIES**

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Bob & Andrea Ohlemann |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Mark & Marina McCoy   |



## **BOOK FAIR**



The September book fair started September 15<sup>th</sup> and ended on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

We hope everyone had a chance to see the great selection of Christian books and material supplied by Northwestern Publishing House that was set up in the Narthex. Book orders are being processed.

We will notify everyone once the books have been delivered and ready for pick up.

Any questions regarding your order contact Rhonda Hutchins.

**CRAFT FAIR** - The Ladies Circle is looking for craft donations of any kind to sell at the craft fair. Contact Rhonda Hutchins with donations or any questions.

The craft fair is scheduled from October 12<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**FUTURE ACTIVITY** - November Bake Sale/Fundraiser from November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:**



Date: Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

Devotion Series: Virtues of a Proverbs 31

Woman (Encouraging/Enlightening):

KJV, Proverbs 31:25 - Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

All ladies of the congregation are invited. We look forward to the Christian fellowship, planned activities and the missions we support!



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| Sun                                                                                                                                                 | Mon       | Tue                                                                                        | Wed                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                 | Fri       | Sat                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                     |           | <b>1</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class<br><br>6:00 ELDERS MTG                | <b>2</b><br><br>1:00 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs  | <b>3</b><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism Class  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                                    |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                             | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class<br><br>6:00 COUNCIL MTG               | <b>9</b><br><br>1:00 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs  | <b>10</b><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism Class | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast<br>9:30 am Ladies Circle Meeting |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                            | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>10:00 am Fellowship Committee Mtg<br>11:00 am Bible Class | <b>16</b><br><br>1:00 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs | <b>17</b><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism Class | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                                                   |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                            | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class                                      | <b>23</b><br><br>1:00 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs | <b>24</b><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism Class | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                                                                   |
| <b>27</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal<br>1:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class                                      | <b>30</b><br><br>1:00 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs | <b>31</b><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:15 pm Catechism Class |           |                                                                             |