

The Messenger

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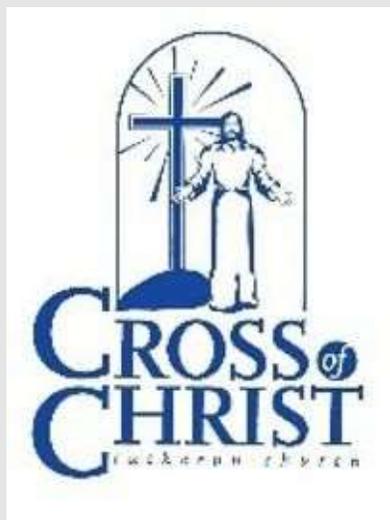
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

*Wed. 4:00 pm: at Flowers**

*Wed. 6:30 pm: at White Cliffs**

*4th Sun. 1:30 pm at White Cliffs**

Communion

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday, 4:15 pm, 6:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

**Worship services at White
Cliffs and Flowers are
currently suspended due to
COVID-19*

~~ OCTOBER 2020 ~~

Message from the Pastor

Stand up and Be Counted

Agree or Disagree? If you can't do something great, do nothing at all. The crew of a B-17 in WWII would surely disagree. On one mission, flak hit the gas tanks, but the plane did not explode. The morning after the raid, the pilot asked for the shell to keep as a souvenir. They found that not just one but six shells hit the gas tanks and five more hit the plane, but none exploded. The shells were opened but none had explosive charges in them. They were empty except one which contained a note in Polish. Translated, it read: "This is all we can do for now. God go with you."

A courageous forced laborer was disarming the German shells. He couldn't end the war, but he could save some planes. He could do something. So, he did it.

God does big things with small deeds. Against a nine-foot giant, a brook pebble seems useless. But God used it in David's sling to topple Goliath... Compared to the tithes of the wealthy, a widow's coins seem puny. But Jesus used them to inspire us... 12 disciples didn't seem like much but Jesus told them to "make disciples of all nations".

A conscience-stricken monk in Germany seemed like an annoyance at best. But God used Luther to lead millions back to the Bible and to Jesus in a movement called the Reformation.

An itinerant teacher from Podunk Nazareth seemed nothing. He had no army; wrote no best seller (although his followers did); was no political mover-and-shaker. What was he? He was the Savior of every single person who's ever drawn a breath. The homeless child of Bethlehem owns the Heavens and Earth. The one who was not important to the Romans has more followers than anyone else ever had.

Every one of the people mentioned above was willing to 'Stand Up and Be Counted'. How can you do that? Follow the Lord. Be in the Word and in Worship. Regularly. Live your life as the 10 commandments direct you. Do what is right, not what is easy. When the Holy Spirit leads you to faith through hearing the Word, when you are led to stand up, God smiles. Does God care about little ol' you? You bet-your-boots he does. He counted you and counts on you.



UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES	
SUNDAY/THURSDAY	TUESDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">-Romans Ch. 1-8 -Because of Bethlehem -Anger -Burden Bearing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Church, Mission, Ministry -What does it Mean to be Lutheran -The Life of Moses -Bible Studies for Maturing Christians</p>

Something to Think About Mentally Ship-shape?

Is your thinking accurate? One way to evaluate is to ask what lies we're guilty of believing. Chris Thurman in his book 'The Lies we Believe' explains this concept. "Your brain is like a tape deck (remember them?). It can both record and play back. It has access to a personal library of thousands of tapes, ready to play at a moment's notice. These tapes hold all the beliefs, attitudes and expectations that you have 'recorded' during your life.

Some of these tapes in your brain are truthful. Like, "You can't please everyone" or "You reap what you sow". Many however, are lies. Like, "It's easier to avoid problems than to face them" or "Things have to go my way for me to be happy" or "I'm a good person so God is pleased with me".

Many of the lies you tell yourself have been repeated so often that they actually seem to be true even if they aren't. The more frequent and personally beneficial, the more deeply you believe the lie. They can even play in your mind without you realizing it.

The challenge in living our lives in a Godly way is to make our mental tapes truthful. Then a person has emotional health, close relationships, a deep sense of purpose and best of all, a real relationship with the Lord. Thoughts produce after their own kind. Lies produce death; truth produces life."

When we recognize the truth that we are lost without Jesus because of our sins, and that He is the only way to be saved, we possess the greatest truth of all. The father of lies, Satan, wants us to think we are the have all, be all, end all of our lives. Adam and Eve fell for that. And we know how that turned out.

Thurman wants us to know and live the truth. Then we have the joy, not of being right, but of being redeemed. Then our identity is wrapped up, not in the praise of people, but in the declaration of God's forgiveness.

When we are living in the truth that I have all I need in Jesus, I can live the rest of my life with openness and a joy that can't be taken away. If all our sins and weaknesses and failures have been fully covered by the blood of Jesus, then we live in the truth and are mentally ship-shape.



Every marriage has its “moments.” That’s why marriage needs moments of encouragement and refreshment. Beginning this October, Marriage Moments are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question.

You can subscribe to receive the devotions in a weekly e-mail. (<https://welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/>)

Healthy congregations need healthy homes. And healthy homes benefit when couples hear what God has to say about their marriages. Whether a marriage is great or struggling, may God use his Word to bless it!



CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM PRESENTS

The Life of Luther Seminar

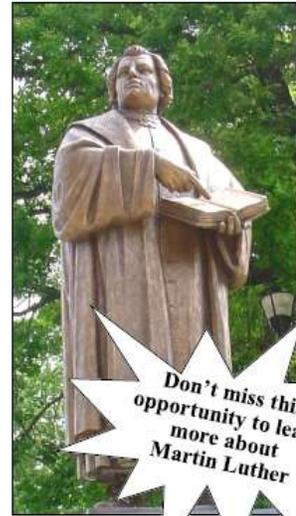
No man since St. Paul has played a more important role in the history and direction of the Christian church.

This seminar is intended to help Christians become better acquainted with the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther.

Learn why people who claim that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation still name their churches after this man!

See how his understanding of Bible teaching allowed Luther to defy pope and emperor!!

You will find this day of fellowship and study rewarding and strengthening for your own faith.



Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Martin Luther

Sat., October 31, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hope Lutheran Church

1010 N. Road 1E
Chino Valley, AZ

*Childcare available, upon request
Free will offering lunch will be provided*

Guest Speaker

Prof. Brian Hennig

Theology & Social Sciences,
Martin Luther College

To Pre-register Contact

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928-235-7255**

Registration: \$10 per person.

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FAVORITE HYMN FESTIVAL



Our annual celebration of song will take place Sunday Nov. 1st in the 10:00 service. Ballots will be distributed starting Oct. 11. Please vote no more than twice; no more than eight songs each time. Anyone can vote.

RUMMAGE SALE

We are accepting donations for our next sale **OCT 2-3 from 8:00-2:00**. Call the church office at 928.757.3543 for pick-up service. Don't miss the sale either. We have three buildings filled with 'must-have' stuff.



HUMOR

The minister advertised for a manservant and the next morning a nicely dressed young man rang the bell.

"Can you start the fire and get breakfast by seven o'clock?" asked the minister.

"I guess so," answered the young man.

"Well, can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes, and keep the house neat and tidy?"

"Say, parson," said the young man, "I came here to see about getting married – but if it's going to be as much work as all that you can count me out right now."



Sundae Schooled. After church, my brothers and sisters and I could usually persuade our father to buy us sodas and ice cream. But one Sunday he protested: "Where does it say that you kids should always get something to eat and drink right after church?"

"In the Bible," my sister responded. "It says, 'blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness.'"

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NO SIR ... WE WERE NEVER ABLE TO FIND A LITTLE BOY WITH BUTTER AND TARTAR SAUCE

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THE LADIES CIRCLE

OCTOBER NEWS

We are excited to get back to our regular monthly meetings!!

The October Ladies Circle meeting is scheduled for

**Saturday, October 10th*
at 9:30 am**

In the Education Building

(*Regular monthly meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month from September thru May)

Call leaders will contact you prior to the meetings.

In the October meeting, we will wrap up the 2019-2020 year-end business, and talk about future events and fundraisers.

Note: In order to vote on any business item(s), we need at least 8 attendees at any monthly meeting.

We will be practicing the CDC guidelines with regard to COVID 19; wearing of masks and social distancing.

***STAY HEALTHY & SAFE
GOD BLESS***



OCT USHERS

**Tim Mangelsdorf
Duley Nelson
Jesse Mangelsdorf
Don Nomann**



OCT BIRTHDAYS

7th Shelby Vincent
11th Petrina Bigford
18th Carol Staley
20th Jordan Maczuga
21st Deborah Clark
21st Gage Wolfe
24th Laura Jarcik
24th Joshua Vincent
25th George Henry
30th Marina McCoy



OCT ANNIVERSARIES

26th Jesse & Holly Mangelsdorf
26th Mark & Marina McCoy

October 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service	6:00 pm Elders Mtg	8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class	4:15 pm Catechism 6:30 pm Bible Basics	1:30 pm Bible Class		9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Ladies Circle Meeting
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