

“What You Have First Given Us”

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Lutheran Book of Worship Offering Prayer)

Grow in giving for our growing ministry by joining the “One Hundred \$100’s” program.

We now have 100 commitments of an additional \$100 to the offering!

These 100 commitments will increase our funds by \$10,000!

Internship Fund

The internship program continues to be a part of our ongoing stewardship effort.

We have received 39 pledges, for a total of nearly \$25,000, and have received over \$25,000 in contributions.

You are encouraged to continue to make your donations to support a future internship. Watch for more news on how you can help with this program.

Casa Grande Land Fund

Our property “growth fund” has a balance of \$6,676, for the purchase of a permanent Casa Grande site. Discussion of future possibilities is ongoing.

“Get Linked”

Remember to check the Central Lutheran Church website,

www.centrallutheranaz.org for the schedule of events and news.

For the monthly **newsletter** and **sermons** go to the “Get Linked” page.

Our **Photo Album** has been updated and is available online.

From an e-mailed newsletter click on this link:

<http://www.centrallutheranaz.org/images/CLC%20Photo%20Album.pdf>.

Once the photo album is displayed in the browser, you can save it to your computer and then view it in Adobe Acrobat.

Note: to download Adobe Acrobat for free click here: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

You can contact Pastor Thom through the website or at pastor@centrallutheranaz.org

Upcoming Council Meeting: Tue, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Arizona City – submit all agenda items to Sandy Christopher.

Financial News

Account balances through May: Offering Income: \$12,380

Balance General Fund: \$17,115 Average Monthly Expenses: \$17,000

Capital Fund: \$ 74, 315 – includes the Internship Fund: \$26,098

Casa Grande Land Fund: \$6,676

Balance of Mortgage with Thrivent: \$323,908 (12/31/14)

Central News

June 2015

Reflections on Fathers

To be a good father and mother requires that the parents defer many of their own needs and desires in favor of the needs of their children. As a consequence of this sacrifice, conscientious parents develop a nobility of character and learn to put into practice the selfless truths taught by the Savior himself. – James E. Faust

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me. – Jim Valvano

Would not the child's heart break in despair when the first cold storm of the world sweeps over him, if the warm sunlight of love from the eyes of mom and dad did not shine upon him like the soft reflection of divine light and love? – Max Muller

*When a father gives to his son, both laugh;
when a son gives to his father, both cry. – William Shakespeare*

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, “You’re tearing up the grass”; “We’re not raising grass,” Dad would reply. “We’re raising sons.” – Harmon Killebrew

This is the price you pay for having a great father, you get the wonder, the joy, the tender moments; and you get the tears at the end, too. – Harlan Corben

The father of a daughter is nothing but a high-class hostage. A father turns a stony face to his sons, berates them, shakes his antlers, paws the ground, snorts, runs off into the underbrush, but when his daughter puts her arm over his shoulder and says, “Daddy, I need to ask you something,” he is a pat of butter in a hot frying pan. – Garrison Keillor

As the Father has loved me, so I love you. – Jesus

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Worship Schedule

Arizona City

Sunday -- 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School

For information on Sunday School for children contact Linda Gal (705-1450).

Casa Grande

Sunday -- 10 a.m.

Youth Night in Casa Grande

Call Kara Cooper (426-9228 eve) to learn about youth weeknight program.

Fellowship is held at both sites each Sunday.

Our Worship

Our focus is on the good news shared by God through Jesus Christ, and is celebrated through the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at all services.

Worship Assistants

You are needed to help as greeter, usher, reader, communion server, offering counter, and nursery care. Sign-up and you will be contacted regarding the date to help.

Altar Flowers -- Sign-up to provide flowers on the altar for a special remembrance or event.

Name Tags -- We would like to have name tags for all of our worshipers. Sign up for yours.

"To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer." – Martin Luther

Thailand Trek

Vacation Bible School

July 6-9th 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

Casa Grande

A cross cultural adventure for our young children. The children will discover an amazing new culture, play Thai games, eat unique snacks, take part in new adventures, and learn new songs.

You can help by being a leader or helper, or making a donation.

A list is available of needed supplies and items that the program would like to borrow for the week.

Pick-up volunteer information and sign-up forms.

To learn more talk with Ruthann Raitter (421-2586).

Youth Night Classes

During the summer our weekday Bible studies and events for elementary, middle school and high school students will be held on specified **Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m.** at the Casa Grande campus.

Classes for the different age groups are led by Kara Cooper, Anne-Marie York, and Pastor Thom.

Our Mission: "We are a Spirit-filled community of loving and caring, light-hearted people who joyfully invite all to share, through the Gospel, the love of Christ."

Community Education Ministry

Thank you for the \$5,600 in donations received for this ministry!

You can help adults learn English and develop basic math skills. Volunteer as a tutor or make a donation (designate as "adult education") For information, contact Alyson Stephens: 602-721-1673 or alysonstephens@q.com.

Community Food Pantry

Our congregation has donated thousands of food items to the Casa Grande Food Bank. The second **Sunday of each month** has been designated as a day to support those in need. You are encouraged to make it a practice to bring food items each month for the food bank. Food bins are located at both of our sites.

Hot Lunch Program

You can help the Eloy lunch program on Wednesdays by providing 25-50 homemade or purchased "treats." For information call Judy Smith (466-6227). You can bring your "treats" to worship on Sunday and they will be delivered to the program site.

Summer Softball Season

Your Central Lutheran "Saints" have begun the summer season. Schedules for the Monday evening games are available. Games are played at the Paul Mason Sportsplex on Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande.

Life Line Screening Event

Friday, June 26th

Casa Grande Campus

Prevention health screenings can detect your risk for serious disease – stroke, diabetes and heart disease. You can register for a screening and make an appointment by calling 1-888-653-6450.

This consultation is entitled to Medicare beneficiaries, designed to help you and your doctor keep you healthy.

Information and registration forms are available.

Happy Fathers' Day

June 21st

Remember in Prayer

Ada Biese, Harry Brink, Maxine Cadman, Ruby Craun, Pam Gardner, Mark Gerrish, Ray Grant, Bob and Patricia Hedblum, Ken and Betty Hunter, Rolland Karlin, Elaine Keane, Gertie Kenyon, Bill Liebhart, Gene and Paula Luft, Walt Neulieb, Neil Northey, Jon Schmidt, Sharon Syvertson, Gary Towle, Larry West, Elaine Woodall, Ski Wrybowski, Helen Zaudtke.

Bereavement: Bonnie Murphy and family following the death of Don. Joyce Foss and family after the death of Bryon in Illinois.