



# Central Lutheran Church

*Make the love of Christ visible*

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## June 2023



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## Our Location & Worship Times

12921 Sunland Gin Road  
Arizona City, AZ 85123  
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Summer Worship  
In Person  
9:15 am  
Fellowship to follow

Email at: [office@CentralLutheranAZ.org](mailto:office@CentralLutheranAZ.org)

## Mission Statement

We are an imperfect people seeking to make the love of Christ visible, accepting and walking with all in our community.

The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 15<sup>TH</sup>.

# Church Directory

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## Property Team

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## JUNE/JULY SCRIPTURE:

### June 4 The Commandments

No other gods  
Exodus 20:1-3 Psalm 14:1-2  
Mark 12:28-30

### June 11

Make no idols  
*Genesis 1:26-27 John 1:1-14*  
*Exodus 20:1-2,4-6*

### June 18

Don't take the Lord's name in vain  
Psalm 39:30-31 Romans 2:21-24  
Exodus 20:1-2, 7

### June 25

Remember the Sabbath, keep it holy  
Genesis 1:31 Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-7  
Exodus 20:1-2, 8-11

### July 2

Honor your father and your mother  
Ephesians 6:1-4  
Matthew 15:5-9  
Exodus 20:1-2, 8-12

### July 9

You shall not murder  
Romans 13:8-10  
Matthew 5:21-22  
Exodus 20:1-2, 13

### July 16

You shall not commit adultery  
Mark 10:10-12 John 8:1-11  
Exodus 20:1-2, 14

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS:

For a full & most up-to-date calendar  
visit: <https://clcaz.net/calendar/>

### **Sundays:**

Worship: 9:15 am in AZ City

### **Mondays:**

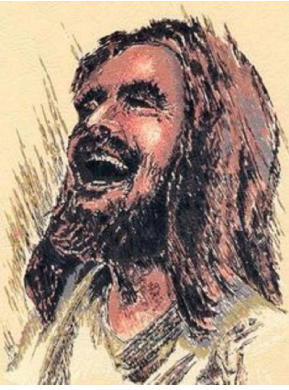
AA Meeting in AZ City 5:30 pm

### **Wednesdays:**

Food Bank Distribution in AZ City 8a-10a every  
other Wednesday  
Pastor Doug's office hours in Arizona City 9a-  
2pm

### **Thursdays:**

Dominoes Noon-4pm, Arizona City  
Praise Band Practice 6:30p-8:00p



## Vision / Mission

By Pastor Doug Dill

A couple of weeks ago your council went on a retreat to listen for the vision and mission that

God has for Central Lutheran.

As you know, since the retirement of Pastor Thom, a pandemic and two interims, all that dramatically changed the congregation. Now that I am pastor, that also has a change on the congregation. Like so many congregations, we will never be the same as we were pre-pandemic. What worked before needed to be revisited and with an open heart to where God is leading this congregation.

One of the things I noticed when getting

here is that there was no Vision Statement, which is what drives the congregations decisions in ministry. Basically, the vision is in the driver seat at all times. The co-pilot is the mission, which is really the GPS to get to the vision. Our new statements:

### Vision Statement

We seek to serve all God's children in this community and beyond, respecting their individual identities and recognizing we are all one in Christ.

### Mission Statement

We are an imperfect people seeking to make the love of Christ visible, accepting and walking with all in our community.

We will continue to seek out missions to engage the community, welcoming anyone

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## Food Bank Update

April offering collected \$75

We take this offering on the 4th Sunday of every month.  
Bring your loose change & even dollar bills.

**Every Cent Counts!**





## Step by Step – Conceptions of Constantine pt.1

**Reverend Seminarian, Jarrod Iversen**

Perhaps like many of you, I always had the conception that the Roman Emperor Constantine (CE 288 – 337) had legitimized Christianity for all of the Roman empire and that's when it became safe to be a Christian. However, Christianity didn't become the official religion of the Roman Empire until Emperor Theodosius I (CE 347 – 395). So, what then exactly did Constantine do?

He was the first Roman emperor to “convert” to Christianity. I put convert in quotation marks because exactly how much he converted to Christianity is still debated in academic circles.

To explain how he converted we need to back up a few decades to Emperor Diocletian (284 – 305 CE). Diocletian saw that the Roman Empire was so huge that it was impossible for one man to rule. He divided it up into two empires in the East and the West. Each would have its own emperor. Each region would also have a junior emperor as well. (Diocletian was the emperor behind the greatest persecution of Christians in early days of Christianity). The idea was that when the emperor died or stepped down the junior would step up and take his place and a new junior would be chosen as the next in line. This was very different than the family lineage dynasties that usually provided the next emperor.

Constantine's father was one of these dual emperors. When he passed, Constantine thought it

should have been himself who became the next emperor and not the junior. So, he got an army together and made that happen. After conquering half the empire, he set his sights on the other half.

The pivotal battle between the two halves of the empire took place at the Milvian Bridge in 312 CE, outside of Rome. This is where Constantine's conversion took place. There are two stories about his conversion. One says that the night before the battle, in a dream Constantine was instructed to paint the Chi-Rho ✠ symbol on his soldiers' shields and they would be assured victory by God. The other says that on the morning of the battle, Constantine and his men saw a cross in the sky with the legend “In this sign, conquer”. Whichever way it happened, Constantine did conquer and reunify the Roman Empire.

In 313 CE Constantine created the “The Edict of Milan”. This proclamation permanently established religious toleration for the Christians in the Roman Empire. Additionally, the edict granted the return of personal or corporate property seized during the persecution.

Now let's look at the council of Nicaea... To be continued next month.



Constantine



### Laundry Love Update

May offering collected \$150.00

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## Vision / Mission Continued

as they are, not to conform, but to walk alongside. This means no matter their ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation, we will reach and welcome.

We can reach this vision by making the love of Christ visible to all we encounter. All the while, acknowledging that we are imperfect but will keep trying to be accepting people as they are and stay with them in their walk in life, in God.

If you have ideas that align to our mission to vision, let a council member know. We want everyone to participate.

I learned in May, there are no “public” parks in Arizona City. The Baptist Church on Sunland Gin, has a park that is open to the public. It got me thinking, with the growth that is happening, should we look at providing another park for the youth? Central Lutheran most certainly has the space, and we have kids around us.

Let us journey together on the vision that God has sent us.

Pr. Doug

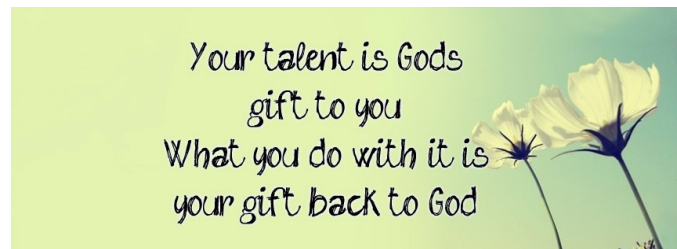
## I used everything You gave me.

### By Karen Debold Council Secretary

You may have heard the quote by Hunter S. Thompson “Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, “Wow what a ride!”. While I like the sentiment of this quote there is a quote by Erma Bombeck I think is even better. It is “When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything You gave me.”

Every one of us has been blessed with unique God-given talents. That includes you, me and every person at Cen-

tral Lutheran. As it says in Romans 12:6, “In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.” That is a promise we can count on! It means that God has given us talents to use for the betterment of our community. Currently Central Lutheran Church is poised and in position to do great things in our community. At the council retreat this past May the council members talked about the future of Central and what our vision and mission is. Where do we see God leading us? The one theme that consistently came up was what can we do to be of service to our Arizona City, Eloy, and Casa Grande community. The ideas were flowing out quickly and there are and will be many opportunities to use our God-given talents. Each of us has unique gifts and talents and were created to fill a unique role. Not only at Central Lutheran but our community needs you to do that also. I hope you will prayerfully use your gifts and talents and, like Erma Bombeck strive to have all our talents used up.



### Audrey's Hugs Prayer Patch/Shawl

TumbleBeans, AZ City

**First Saturday of the month**

**9:00-11:00 am**

Our Prayer Patch/Shawl ministries needs your help. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, then this group is for you! There is a new name, to the group, now called **Audrey's Hugs**.

Why the name change? To honor a young lady who the world was not ready for. She was born in 1996 and passed away quietly in her home in 2020.

Audrey loved to help people. Anyone she met, she showed kindness and love in her mannerisms and her words. Creating these patches and

shawls, to be freely given, was something she would truly appreciate.

We are running very low on Prayer Patches and could use your help. The knitter/crocheter's team would love for you to join us.

Help us to grow this ministry. Patches are prayed over, and can be given to anyway, anytime, or anyplace. The shawls are prayed over too, and bring healing comfort to anyone who maybe sick, injured, or in need of peace, or just a HUG.

If you need a shawl, or would like to hand one out, please see Kris Dill.

We are hoping to grow the ministry, so that along with the Manna bags the CG Police Department hands out, they could have shawls too. We also want to be able to allow Pinal County officer's to be able to provide the shawls as well.

Shawls given by the police department can be handed out to victims of violent crime, auto accidents, and to children too. These shawls are a way to wrap someone in God's love and comforting embrace.

See you on the first Saturday of the month from 9:00 -11:00 at TumbleBeans, on Sunland Gin Road, in Arizona City.

## Property Team

You may not know this, but there is a team that will help take care of the properties that God has entrusted to us. John Pieschl is the Team Chair, Paul Garrison is on the team as the Sexton (fancy church word for custodian) along with Scott Aasheim.

If you have concerns about the properties, please reach out to one of them. Recently lights were replaced in the sanctuary and we are looking to replace many of the fluorescents with LED daylight bulbs, to help save energy and brighten up the sanctuary. We have two major projects coming up, if you are interested in contributing extra to these or helping out. The parking lot needs to be re-striped and the doors in the fellowship help need to be fixed. You may have seen the signs.

Do you have a talent that can help out? How about holding a ladder and praying for those on the team. You can also donate directly to for the

Building and Grounds Maintenance fund. Thank you for your support to keep our buildings up, to work towards our mission and vision.

## Electronic Giving

Giving electronically, really helps Central Lutheran to meet all of its financial obligations to continue ministry. As we approach summer, it becomes so important that our cash flow continues.

We have increased costs because of our heat. Some of our regular members and winter residents, take off to the cool up north. However, ministry must still continue. We do not get the option to shutdown for the summer. People are still in need of the Food Bank, Manna Bags, Laundry Love, and now our newest addition to our ministry partners, Arts-n-Meals.

When you give electronically, you can setup re-occurring payments so that even when you are only able to participate online, you are still supporting ministry.

When you use electronic giving, you can use ACH, Automated Clearing House. In other words, it is taken directly from your bank account.

Do you get points for using your debit or credit cards? You can use those also. We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express and now Google Pay.

Please consider setting up a reoccurring donation to Central Lutheran so we can keep doing ministry. Giving is one of the Six Marks of Discipleship.

We have multiple people now on electronic giving, but we really could use more to assist in a better financial planning.

Do you need help? Ask a council member, or ask Pastor Doug. We will be happy to help you get setup!



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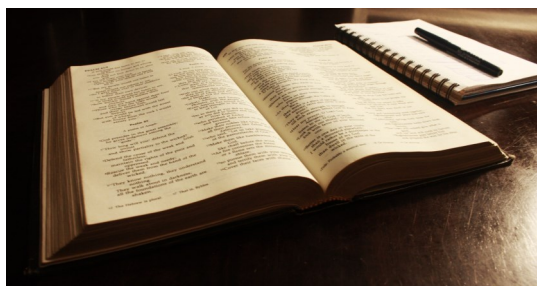
## WANTED: ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to teach adults to speak English or tutor them for GED test preparation? If you enjoy helping others achieve their personal development goals, this is the right opportunity for you. The flexible, one-on-one approach to teaching allows you to really focus on individuals' unique learning needs. A volunteer orientation will provide you with what you need to get started. Just complete and submit the Volunteer Interest Form found at

<https://clcaz.net/ged-esl-volunteer> or write to [CommunityEd@centrallutheranaz.org](mailto:CommunityEd@centrallutheranaz.org) to find out more about how you can get involved.

### Bible Scavenger Hunt

See if you can answer all of the questions below.



1. **1 Samuel 20:38** What did the boy pick up?
2. **Deuteronomy 6:9** Commandments should be written on the doorframes of houses and what else?
3. **Numbers 10:31** What are like doves?
4. **Luke 23:31** What's green?
5. **James 2:2** What is the ring made of?
6. **Matthew 21:33** What did the land-

owner put around the vineyard?

7. **Genesis 4:21** Jubal played pipes and what else?

8. **Zechariah 11:1** What should be opened?

9. **Mark 11:15** What was overturned?

10. **Joel 3:18** The hills would flow with what?

11. **Proverbs 18:15** What body part of the wise seeks knowledge?

12. **Genesis 22:6** Abraham carried the fire and what else?

13. **Matthew 23:25** You clean the outside of the cup and the what?

14. **Revelation 4:6** Before the throne was something that looked like a sea of what?

15. **Ezekiel 31:7** What was sent down to abundant waters?

**BONUS QUESTION:** What do all these verses have in common?













**Answers will be published in Timely Tidbits and July Newsletter**

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<https://clcaz.net/mailling-list/>



## June 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b>  <b>Sunday Readings</b> 8:30am Worship Arizona City 9:15am Fellowship Between Services 10:00am Worship Arizona City 11:00am Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe	<b>29</b>  1:30pm On Hold until Further Notice Tai Chi (Arizona City) 5:30pm AA Meeting (Arizona City)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am Pastor Doug Office Hours (Arizona City) 1:30pm On Hold until Further Notice Tai Chi (Arizona City) 6:00pm Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe En Cristo Jesús (Arizona City)	<b>1</b>  10:30am Arts-n-Meals (Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens) 12:00pm Dominoes (Arizona City) 7:00pm Music Leaders Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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