



Central Lutheran Church

Make the love of Christ visible

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Sign up for electronic giving on our website or through our app.

Download app:

<https://clcaz.net/app>

You can text to give at:
520.636.0505

Our Location & Worship Times

12921 Sunland Gin Road
Arizona City, AZ 85123
520.466.5024
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Summer Worship
In Person
9:15 am
Fellowship to follow

Email at: 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 August Newsletter is July 20th.

Church Directory

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JULY SCRIPTURE:

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

July 23

You shall not steal
Jeremiah 7:8-11
Acts 5:1-10a
Exodus 20:1-2, 15

July 30

You shall not give false testimony
Deuteronomy 19:18-21
Matthew 15:18-20a
Exodus 20:1-2, 16

August 6

You shall not covet
James 4:1-3
Romans 7:7-12
Exodus 20:1-2, 17



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS:

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

Sundays:

Worship: 9:15 am in AZ City

Mondays:

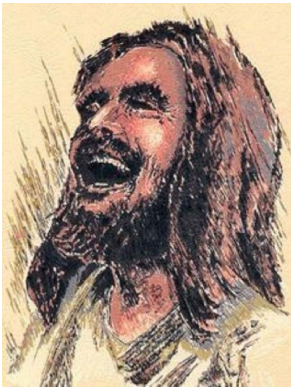
AA Meeting in AZ City 5:30 pm

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



Together we can

By Pastor Doug Dill

By now, many of you have heard or seen the vision a few times now. The goal is that we all

know the mission and vision so well, that as we live out our mission, to reach our vision, we can articulate both to anyone that we encounter.

In order for Central Lutheran to live into the vision together, it will take a commitment by everyone. That commitment is multifaceted. We need to live as disciples, taking the mission into our very being.

Vision, Mission, and all the aspects that surround a congregation, needs people support, by the children of God.

In January we passed a budget that was to allow us to do significantly reduced amount of ministry compared to the year before. To keep ministry as it was last year and have the potential to expand, the proposed amount was \$248,926. The budget that passed was, \$196,401.

Because of the lower budget, multiple cuts had to be made that many were not prepared for and not explained at the annual meeting.

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Food Bank Update

June offering collected \$25

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.2

Reverend Seminarian, Jarrod Iversen

We left off in pt. 1 with Constantine becoming Emperor in 324 CE and recognizing early Christianity as a legal religion in the Roman Empire.

However, Constantine was soon to discover that his newfound religion came with a whole mess of issues of its own. Constantine could see that these issues were causing strife across the empire that he was trying to keep together.

Chiefly among these issues was “personhood” of Jesus Christ. How to define Christ’s divine nature. If there is only one God, how do we have Jesus? And which came first his divinity or his humanity? Was Jesus a human that divinity possessed? Was Jesus really God in disguise like Zeus had done in so many Greek myths? If Jesus was God. How did he die? Did he really die? Can you kill God? Let’s keep in mind that we are talking about an age when Philosophy was king. Many brilliant persons sat around and thought about these kinds of questions. They didn’t have Netflix. Heck, they didn’t even have books in mass production. Thanks to the early Greeks, these kind of philosophical debates had been going around for some time before Constantine came along, (A lot of the more bizarre answers to these questions gave us the Gnostics but that’s a completely different newsletter series). But, with Constantine making Christianity legal the cat was let out of the bag.

In 325, Constantine called together Bishops from around the Empire to meet in Ancyra, (Where modern day Ankara), which was the seat of Roman power in the East. But he then decided to move the meeting to Nicaea which was closer to his military headquarters. (We could have had an Ankarian Creed instead of Nicæan).

There were four key assertions to come out of Nicaea.

- Christ was true God from True God.
- Christ was consubstantial, (being made of the same stuff) as God the Father.
- Christ was begotten not made. He was not made like us and the rest of creation.
- Christ became human for us and for our salvation.

Here’s how the first Nicene Creed went. It has changed since it’s first writing.

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages.

Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried.

And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;

and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit.

The council’s deliberations, discussions and results would have an everlasting effect on Christianity. Their decision on Christ’s divinity/humanity set the way for Christian Orthodoxy and church rules and regulations. How the church should “be” and the powers of the church.

There’s much more on the Council or Nicaea and their questions and arguments they voiced. Needless to say it was important and I’m glad I have Netflix.

Laundry Love Update

June offering collected \$363.66

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Together We Can Continued

make the love of Christ visible, accepting and walking with all in our community.

You have a new council that is committed to working towards a successful congregation as we walk together. Together is the key for this journey we are on. Financially we are not meeting our giving needs to support even the reduced budget.

We really need to have everyone committed to giving to support the ministries we do. We realize "We are an imperfect people seeking to make the love of Christ visible, accepting and walking with all in our community."

Without continued and increased financial support, the savings we have, will not make it much longer.

Your current council has made a significant commitment to up their giving, by an average of 38 %. How will you be involved in keeping ministry going?

Pr. Doug

Anchor Church

As you may recall from our conversations about Anchor Church, we were waiting to here more information. Following the council retreat, we submitted our goals and ideas to the pastor at the potential Anchor Church.

At this time, this is not a beneficial relationship for both congregations. As such, the congregation we had hoped to anchor with, has declined to take us on. That is today, but that does not mean tomorrow.

Renewed Scott Aasheim

Blessings to all from the Central Lutheran Church Council. As you probably already know the Council is not meeting during the summer months, we will resume meetings again in September. This does not mean that things are not being accomplished

over the summer months. Feel free to contact any of the Council members any time with all of the concerns you may have.

In May the Council went on a retreat to prayerfully consider the Vision and the Mission statements for Central Lutheran Church. I am sure most everyone has probably heard or read the statements by now, if not here they are again.



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I left the retreat with a renewed excitement in what the future holds for Central Lutheran Church. So many people have such great hopes and dreams for what we can do together as a church in the communities that we live in. With God's help we can all work together to make those hopes and dreams a reality and engage with the people of the community along the way. I am looking forward to working with all of the council members and the congregation to incorporate both the Vision and the Mission statements into our daily faith lives here at Central Lutheran Church and throughout the community. I am excited to see the ways God will guide us along the way.

The Spiritual Corner

Kris Dill: Spiritual Director

As you may have noticed, Central Lutheran has a new mission and vision statement. These state-

ments, help guide us, as we continue our walk with Jesus and embrace the love God has for us.

Let's break both statements down a little more. You may or may not know the difference in the statements so let's start there.

A mission statement focuses on the present and a vision statement focuses on the future.

Central Lutheran can only have a future if we plan for it; but we can't plan for it if we don't know the mission. Jesus gave us one of the most important commandments that fits our two statements: "*I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. Remember the ways that I have loved you and demonstrate your love for others in those same ways.*" (John 13:34 The Voice Translation)

Our new mission statement reads: "We are an imperfect people seeking to make the love of Christ visible, accepting and walking with all in our community."

The bible tells us: "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness*" (2 Corinthians 12:9, ESV)

We are all imperfect, for only God is perfect. However, God still uses us. God uses your time, your talents, and your willingness to invite others to worship.

Our vision statement reads: "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."

The bible tells us: "⁴For in the same way that one body has so many different parts, each with different functions; ⁵we, too—the many—are different parts that form one body in the Anointed One. Each one of us is joined with one another, and we become together what we could not be alone." (Romans 12: 4-5, The Voice Translation)

Jesus was tired, maybe scared, and may have even questioned the presence of God, his Father; but he prayed. He went off on his own and prayed. Jesus walked among us and talked to the people. Imperfect people forget that we can pray for everything and still walk among those around us. We can spread the love of God in our words and actions. We can give thanks for another day, and still pray for our needs.

If we truly, try to live out our mission and vision

statement, we can know we are doing what God is asking us to do, "love one another".

So, what are you doing to live out CLC's Vision and Mission? Our ministries take time, volunteers, and money. One ministry is streaming. Streaming help is needed at the church. A perfect way for our online viewers to help out is, financial support. <https://give.clcaz.net>

If you have any questions on how you can help, please see a council member, or Pastor. All online viewers we love to hear from you too, drop us line and join the CLC family too!

Gracious and loving God, CLC was not put here for our benefit, but for yours. Offer us Your guidance and Your light. Help us to slow down, so we can hear Your word. Help our imperfect ways, to be used for Your purpose. Thank you, for being there always. AMEN.

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-stripped and the doors in the fellowship hall 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 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!

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 to find out more about how you can get involved.

Bible Scavenger Hunt


















Answers from June Newsletter

1. **1 Samuel 20:38** What did the boy pick up? **AAROWS**
2. **Deuteronomy 6:9** Commandments should be written on the doorframes of houses and what else? **GATES**
3. **Numbers 10:31** What are like doves? **EYES**
4. **Luke 23:31** What's green? **WOOD**
5. **James 2:2** What is the ring made of? **GOLD**
6. **Matthew 21:33** What did the landowner put around the vineyard? **FENCE**
7. **Genesis 4:21** Jubal played pipes and what else? **LYRE**
8. **Zechariah 11:1** What should be opened? **DOORS**
9. **Mark 11:15** What was overturned? **TABLES**
10. **Joel 3:18** The hills would flow with what? **MILK**
11. **Proverbs 18:15** What body part of the wise seeks knowledge? **EAR**
12. **Genesis 22:6** Abraham carried the fire and what else? **KNIFE**
13. **Matthew 23:25** You clean the outside of the cup and the what? **PLATE**
14. **Revelation 4:6** Before the throne was something that looked like a sea of what? **GLASS**
15. **Ezekiel 31:7** What was sent down to abundant waters? **ROOTS**

BONUS QUESTION: What do all these verses have in common? **THEY ARE ALL FOUND IN THE BIBLE!**



July 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25  Sunday Readings 9:15am Summer Worship 10:15am Fellowship After Worship 11:00am Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe	26  1:30pm On Hold until Further Notice Tal Chi (Arizona City) 5:30pm AA Meeting (Arizona City)	27	28 9:00am Pastor Doug Office Hours (Arizona City) 1:30pm On Hold until Further Notice Tal Chi (Arizona City) 6:00pm Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe En Cristo Jesús (Arizona City)	29 12:00pm Dominoes (Arizona City) 6:30pm Music Leaders Practice	30	1  9:00am Prayer Shawl/Patch Ministry
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