



Central Lutheran Church

Make the love of Christ visible

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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
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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 September Newsletter is August 17th.

Church Directory

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AUGUST SCRIPTURE:

August 6

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

August 13

Love one another as I first loved you
Galatians 5:14-18
1 John 4:14-5:5
John 13-34

August 20

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 27

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
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

Tuesdays:

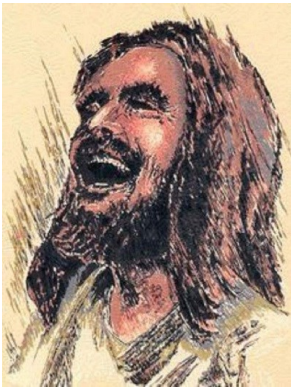
NA Meeting in AZ City 7 pm

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
NA Meeting in AZ City 7 pm



Farewell

By Pastor Doug Dill

If you have not heard yet, my final day in the pulpit of Central Lutheran, will be August 27th.

Because of the lack of funds to run the ministries of Central Lutheran, especially with a full-time or part-time pastor, I have decided to resign. By resigning, I am trying to remove the personal financial burden that would be placed upon the council members, to meet my compensation, while still under call to Central Lutheran.

Under the constitution, should a congregation be unable to pay the pastor, the members of the council become personally liable for the compensation due the pastor.

Once I leave, I cannot be the pastor of anyone still part of Central Lutheran. The interim or another called pastor would be the one to be the pastor of members of Central Lutheran.

It also means that I will need to self-distance in many other aspects of interaction. Please do not be offended should I not respond to email and Social Media posts. This is part of the process of leaving a congregation.

There is an upcoming meeting for the congregation with the Bishop, regarding the future of Central Lutheran, on Saturday August 12th at 9 am. All are encouraged to come and listen and participate in a constructive dialog.

Peace, and blessings
Pastor Douglas Dill



Farewell



Food Bank Update

July offering collected \$20

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

Every Cent Counts!



Step by Step –

“Sisters Are Doing it For Themselves”

Reverend Seminarian, Jarrod Iversen

The last two months I wrote about Emperor Constantine and what he did do for the early Christian movement. Constantine died in 337 CE. Christianity became the official religion for the Roman Empire around 379 CE under Emperor Theodosius I, (347 – 395 CE). During those 42 years the Empire went through 12 different emperors. Some tried to take the empire back to its pagan ways. Some couldn't care about religion at all and some saw Christianity as a needed unifying religion for the empire.

To promote this unifying idea certain laws and edicts were created. That gave leaders on the local levels motivation to promote it. Tax breaks etc. for starting or building churches or contributing to the churches in other ways. The elite and local rulers and church leaders became enmeshed with one and other. As a result, the church started to move away from the lives of everyday people and being of service to them. People wanted a connection to God and divinity in their own lives.

This need is how the early monastic movement began. People took scripture to heart, sold off their possessions and began looking for a personal connection with God. By a day of constant prayer and scripture study. This monastic willingness to give up everything to follow Christ would eventually be boiled down three simple ideas, which became vows, Charity, Chastity, and Obe-

dience. Some of Christianity's greatest theology came from those in the monastic life, Jerome, St. Benedict, Thomas Aquinas, etc. This would also give women their first control over their lives.

If you were in church when I preached on the 7th commandment, you will remember me speaking about ancient historical marriage and how women were considered property. There was pretty much only one way of life for a woman, being a wife and mother. It is true, that on rare occasions a woman could be the sole inheritor of her family or spouses' estate. But even in those situations the societal pressure to remarry so a husband could properly manage the estate was immense.

But in the fourth century when the Monastic movement began to take off, women suddenly had a choice. They could join a monastery. It doesn't seem like much of a choice to us today. Monastic life was still heavily scheduled. When you got up, when you ate, when you prayed, when you worked at your assigned chores, etc. But still it was THEIR choice. Women also studied scripture, just as men did. Which means they would have been educated. They were taught to read and write and allowed to contemplate, and able to discuss theology. Three women whose writings are still with us and influencing the church today are Hildegard Von Bingen, Hadewijch and Catherine of Siena. At the time all those centuries ago this must have seemed like a first taste of freedom to some women. The Sisters were finally doing it for themselves.

Laundry Love Update

July offering collected \$720

We take this offering on the 2nd Sunday of every month.
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Prayer Shawl Ministry

This has been a valuable ministry where, those in need received payers laid upon them through the shawls made. Kris Dill is stepping away from this ministry but encourages those who are participating, to continue the ministry. The ministry meets the first Saturday of each month at Tumble beans, in Arizona City from 9—11 am.

New Member Class

The new members class for November has been cancelled at this time.

Book Study

The book study on The Jesus I Never Knew is no longer being conducted by Kris Dill. She encourages each of you to still consider participating in the study together.

Shield a Badge

Kris Dill is stepping back from this ministry. If someone would like to be the lead on this with the Casa Grande police, please contact the office at office@centrallutheranaz.org.

Meeting with the Bishop

There will be a meeting with Bishop Hutterer at CLC on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at 9:00 am, for discussion (not rants), of our thoughtful suggestions for the future of CLC.

PLEASE, come prepared for this discussion session. If you are adding options for the future of CLC, they must be well thought out, researched, and show factual merit. We won't have time for any "thrown out"

for discussion with no backup. This will be a 90-minute discussion with the Bishop. We can certainly stay afterward and follow up with our own discussions.

This meeting is open to any and all congregation members. They too will be limited to positive discussion only or will be asked to leave.

Electronic Giving

Giving electronically, really helps Central Lutheran to meet all of its financial obligations to continue ministry.




















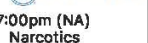


We have increased costs because of our summer heat. Some of our regular members and winter residents take off to the cool up north. However, ministry must still continue. We do not get the option to shutdown for the summer. People are still in need of the Food Bank, Manna Bags, Laundry Love, and now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

When you give electronically, you can set up reoccurring 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.

We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express and Google Pay.

Please consider setting up a reoccurring donation to Central Lutheran so we can keep doing ministry.

Do you need help? Ask a council member, who will help you get setup!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  Sunday Readings 9:15am Summer Worship 10:15am Fellowship After Worship 11:00am Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe	31  1:30pm On Hold until Further Notice Tai Chi (Arizona City) 5:30pm AA Meeting (Arizona City)	1  6:30pm Council Meeting Arizona City (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm (NA) Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	2 8:00am Food Bank Distribution (Arizona City) 9:00am Pastor Doug Office Hours (Arizona City) 6:00pm Asamblea Apostólica De La Fe En Cristo Jesús (Arizona City)	3  12:00pm Dominoes (Arizona City) 6:30pm Music Leaders Practice 7:00pm (NA) Narcotics Anonymous Meeting		5  9:00am Prayer Shawl/Patch Ministry
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