

# Bethlehem Star

March, 2017

## Ash Wednesday Worship Schedule

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Worship: Noon

Heart Fire: 5:00-6:00pm

Dinner: 5:30-6:30pm

Choir: 6:00 pm

Worship: 7:00pm

## Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
& April 5<sup>th</sup>

Heart Fire: 5:00-6:00pm

Choir: 6:00 pm

Worship: 7:00pm



Schedule  
of Worship for  
Holy Week

## Holy Week

Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Passover Seder  
Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm: Communion only  
7:00 pm: Worship

Good Friday  
Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm: Worship

## FROM THE PUGH...

Lent begins March 1<sup>st</sup> on Ash Wednesday this year. Lent is a solemn religious observance in the liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends six weeks later with Holy Week. The purpose of Lent is to prepare and cleanse ourselves through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial. The preparation and cleansing purpose is heightened in the annual commemoration of Holy Week. Holy Week marks the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, which recalls the tradition and events of the New Testament. Beginning with Palm Sunday on April 9<sup>th</sup>, then Passover on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> marked with a Seder meal, Maundy Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> with the Last Supper celebration and further climaxing with Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, which ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Lent, which is 1/10 of the year, many Christians commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penance. Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves nearer to God. **During Lent at Bethlehem we refrain from clapping during worship for music as we realize all the church music is a gift for and to God.** Some people mark the season with the traditional abstention from the consumption of meat. This is why many restaurants offer more fish options especially on Friday during Lent.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for forty days, in commemoration of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Before beginning his public ministry Jesus endured temptation by Satan, the deceiver.

Since this year is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, Wednesday nights during Lent we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00pm and read and discuss a booklet entitled "The Word at Work, History, Scripture, and Reflections on the Reformation." This booklet combines scripture, Lutheran history and discussion questions. The booklets will be provided by Bethlehem.

The Wednesday night Lenten schedule is as follows:

March 1<sup>st</sup>: Ash Wednesday

Worship at noon and 7:00pm

Ashes and communion

Meal at 5:30pm

March 8<sup>th</sup>: bible study @ 7:00pm

Words and the Word, Rash Words, Puzzling Words (no meal)

March 15<sup>th</sup>: bible study @ 7:00pm

Words to Debate, Peace, Freedom and Service (no meal)

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: bible study @ 7:00pm

Condemning Words, God's Word on Persecution, Faith (no meal)

March 29<sup>th</sup>: bible study @ 7:00pm

War of Words, Images of Faith, Scripture (no meal)

April 5<sup>th</sup>: bible study @ 7:00pm

Harmony, Belief, and Last Words (no meal)

I am excited about this bible study. It delves into Luther's works and foundational Lutheran beliefs. There are plenty of discussion questions and it lifts up the bible verses Luther was drawn to. I look forward to joining with you in this study Wednesday night during Lent!



## Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - Noon

Please have announcements and prayer requests to the church office by **10:00am Friday**.

## Choir Rehearsals During Lent:

Wednesdays at **6:00pm** in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, Kathy Davis will be happy to talk to you about this opportunity to make new friends, praise God, and have a great time doing it!

## What should be put into those blue, black, & green barrels?

### Green Barrels:

Clean plant matter that can be turned into mulch.

### Blue Barrels:

Clean, dry recyclables. Do not bag.

### Black Barrels:

Everything else. Must be bagged.

Why all the fuss about such a trivial matter as what goes into which barrel & how it should or should not be bagged?

1. It only takes a minute to do it right, but an hour or more to clean out unbagged garbage from the recycle or green barrel.
2. That is unfair to those who have to fix your mess.
3. The City of Mesa is very strict about what is placed into the recycling barrels and randomly sends inspectors to check that the rules are being followed. Hefty fines can be levied when garbage is found in these barrels.
4. And, most importantly: It's the right thing to do.



## Newsletter Deadline:

Articles must be received in the church office by **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the April Newsletter. If at any time you have an article for the newsletter, there's no need to wait until the deadline - write it up while it's fresh in your mind and send it in. It will be included in the following month's newsletter.

## Fair Trade Coffee for Mission:

The coffee we use for Hospitality on Sunday, which is also on sale in the social hall, is bought through Lutheran World Relief. This is an Equal Exchange program which takes out the "middle man" so the small farmers get the fair trade value of their coffee. A small amount of our purchases go to support Lutheran World Relief. You may notice that we don't have as many different types of coffee as they were not selling. If there is a coffee type that you would like please let me know.

Thanks, Carol Savoie

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Check out our **Weather Station** mounted on the pergola in the Community Garden that reports the weather, real time, on line. On your computer go to [weatherunderground.com](http://weatherunderground.com). In the search window located at the top right of the screen, type in our weather station ID. KAZMESA121. You can view weather conditions real time and see graphs that report the history. Enjoy. The direct link on your computer is:

<http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KAZMESA121>

## Face Book:

If you are already on Face Book be sure to go to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Face Book page and like us. If you are not on Face Book, consider joining, and then like Bethlehem Lutheran Church. If you want more information on how to join Face Book let us know and we will walk you through it. Tell your friends, neighbors, family - spread the word to like Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Face Book and the Good News of the gospel!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethlehem-Lutheran-Church>

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month:

## WELCA

At our February meeting a vote was taken to try to entice more women to attend our monthly meetings by changing our meeting time from 9:00-11:00am to 10:00am-Noon. We will try to see if this time change will bring more women to attend. If not, then this will be re-addressed at another meeting. We will continue to have a short business meeting followed with a Bible study using the Gather magazine.

At our March meeting we will be nominating and voting for new officers. Please pray about considering holding an office.

WELCA supports many missions of the church: we manage the kitchen supplies, obtain coffee for sale and for use; donate food monthly to the food bank at LSS-SW; support the quilter's group; provide food, servers, and clean up for funerals/memorial services; provide Bibles for the Kindergarten graduates at Noah's Ark; sponsor the Angel tree for needy families; supports Harvest of Hope Community Garden; and many other things that come up from time to time.

**None of this is possible unless we have the participation of the women here at Bethlehem. So, come and let your voices be heard, Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am!**

Blessing,  
Arlene Jacobson & Carol Savoie, co-chairs

## Blue Clipboard

There is a blue clipboard in the Narthex for everyone to update current address, phone number, and email address.

We are always looking for **Prayer Warriors** who want to be informed of immediate prayers via the telephone or email. Let us know if you want to join. Perhaps you would like to receive the email prayer list on Thursdays; if so, just let us know.

**This year the offerings for the Wednesday Lenten services and the Easter egg "noisy offerings" have been designated for the sound system upgrade.**

## Spring Brings Trike-a-thon

With the onset of spring in Arizona, the sight of children in-line skating, jumping rope, bouncing on trampolines, riding scooters and bikes becomes a typical sight.

How often we take these activities for granted. On March 10<sup>th</sup> the children of Noah's Ark Preschool and Kindergarten will be participating in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Trike-a-thon. All the children from 2 years through 6 years of age bring their scooters, trikes and bikes to school to ride ( must bring helmets to wear or cannot ride). Each child is sponsored by as many individuals or groups as wanted. The sponsors pledge a dollar amount they are willing to donate per lap completed by the child on his/her vehicle. With periodic pit-stops for water, the children ride from 9:30 to 11:15am. To finish off the event the children and families share in a pizza party. All funds collected go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In return the children may earn a medal for on-line donations, a logo t-shirt, a Bikewell Bear or Pedal the Bunny puppet or pillow, or inflatable hoppers or logo backpack.

In these difficult financial times, when giving happens we want our children to know what being part of a community means. That community does not necessarily mean just our neighborhood or our school. The community we all belong to is the community of humanity. Now more than ever it is our obligation to help sustain a positive outlook and mentor our young ones in the gift of giving. This is our way of using what we have been given in the way of healthy bodies to help those who are not as fortunate.

Thank you in advance for the continued support of our school and this outreach program we are so passionate about.

We look forward to all the children taking part in this fun and worthwhile event.

In Christ,  
Ms. Jill

## The Nurse's Corner:

Each month I highlight a health topic in the newsletter. Feel free to suggest health concerns that you would like to see added in future months.

Blessings,  
Carol Savoie R.N.

### Chronic Kidney Disease

#### What is chronic kidney disease (CKD)?

Chronic kidney disease includes conditions that damage your kidneys and decrease their ability to keep you healthy by doing the jobs listed. If kidney disease gets worse, wastes can build to high levels in your blood and make you feel sick. You may develop complications like high blood pressure, anemia (low blood count), weak bones, poor nutritional health and nerve damage. Also, kidney disease increases your risk of having heart and blood vessel disease. These problems may happen slowly over a long period of time. Chronic kidney disease may be caused by diabetes, high blood pressure and other disorders. Early detection and treatment can often keep chronic kidney disease from getting worse. When kidney disease progresses, it may eventually lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain life.

#### The Facts About Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

- 26 million American adults have CKD and millions of others are at increased risk.
- Early detection can help prevent the progression of kidney disease to kidney failure.
- Heart disease is the major cause of death for all people with CKD.
- Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) is the best estimate of kidney function.
- Hypertension causes CKD and CKD causes hypertension.
- Persistent proteinuria (protein in the urine) means CKD is present.
- High risk groups include those with diabetes, hypertension and family history of kidney failure.
- African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Seniors are at increased risk.
- Two simple tests can detect CKD: blood pressure, urine albumin and serum creatinine.

#### What causes CKD?

The two main causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood pressure, which are responsible for up to two-thirds of the cases. Diabetes happens when your blood sugar is too high, causing damage to many organs in your body, including the kidneys and heart, as well as blood vessels, nerves and eyes. High blood pressure, or hypertension, occurs when the pressure of your blood against the walls of your blood vessels increases. If uncontrolled, or poorly controlled, high blood pressure can be a leading cause of heart attacks, strokes and chronic kidney disease. Also, chronic kidney disease can cause high blood pressure.

Other conditions that affect the kidneys are:

- Glomerulonephritis, a group of diseases that cause inflammation and damage to the kidney's filtering units. These disorders are the third most common type of kidney disease.
- Inherited diseases, such as polycystic kidney disease, which causes large cysts to form in the kidneys and damage the surrounding tissue.
- Malformations that occur as a baby develops in its mother's womb. For example, a narrowing may occur that prevents normal outflow of urine and causes urine to flow back up to the kidney. This causes infections and may damage the kidneys.
- Lupus and other diseases that affect the body's immune system.
- Obstructions caused by problems like kidney stones, tumors or an enlarged prostate gland in men.
- Repeated urinary infections.

#### What are the symptoms of CKD?

Most people may not have any severe symptoms until their kidney disease is advanced. However, you may notice that you:

- feel more tired and have less energy
- have trouble concentrating
- have a poor appetite
- have trouble sleeping
- have muscle cramping at night
- have swollen feet and ankles
- have puffiness around your eyes, especially in the morning
- have dry, itchy skin
- need to urinate more often, especially at night.

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Anyone can get chronic kidney disease at any age. However, some people are more likely than others to develop kidney disease. You may have an increased risk for kidney disease if you:

- have diabetes
- have high blood pressure
- have a family history of kidney failure
- are older
- belong to a population group that has a high rate of diabetes or high blood pressure, such as African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian, Pacific Islanders, and American Indians.

### **Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR)**

This is the best test to measure your level of kidney function and determine your stage of kidney disease. Your doctor can calculate it from the results of your blood creatinine test, your age, race, gender and other factors. The earlier kidney disease is detected, the better the chance of slowing or stopping its progression.

### **What happens if my test results show I may have chronic kidney disease?**

Your doctor will want to pinpoint your diagnosis and check your kidney function to help plan your treatment. The doctor may do the following:

- Calculate your Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR), which is the best way to tell how much kidney function you have. You do not need to have another test to know your GFR. Your doctor can calculate it from your blood creatinine, your age, race, gender and other factors. Your GFR tells your doctor your stage of kidney disease and helps the doctor plan your treatment.
- Perform an ultrasound or CT scan to get a picture of your kidneys and urinary tract. This tells your doctor whether your kidneys are too large or too small, whether you have a problem like a kidney stone or tumor and whether there are any problems in the structure of your kidneys and urinary tract.
- Perform a kidney biopsy, which is done in some cases to check for a specific type of kidney disease, see how much kidney damage has occurred and help plan treatment. To do a biopsy, the doctor removes small pieces of kidney tissue and looks at them under a microscope.

Your doctor may also ask you to see a kidney specialist who will consult on your case and help manage your care.

Obtained from [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month:

### **Stitch 'n Knit:**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm in the NCO.

Bring your project of choice and join us for a couple of hours of camaraderie and quiet. Don't have a project? Just join us anyway.

Questions? Just call the church office at 480-832-0462.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry:**

Part of Stitch 'n Knit.

Members and friends are encouraged to take Prayer Shawls for friends or family who are having difficult times, grieving, illness, etc. The notebook we ask people to sign showing where the Shawls are going is really interesting. It's amazing how far reaching this Ministry is!

Thanks to everyone who are making the shawls. There is a brochure in the Narthex for the Prayer Shawls which includes 2 patterns if anyone would like to try making them. There is also a nice supply of yarn in the Nursery for making the Prayer Shawls.

If anyone is interested in learning how to knit or crochet Prayer Shawls, we will be pleased to teach you. Questions? Call the church office at 480-832-0462.

### **Quilters:**

Tuesdays from 9:00 to 12:00 in the Social Hall. There is no experience necessary and if you would like to check us out to see what is involved and how we make the quilts, please stop in any Tuesday - we'd love to have you! Hope to see you there!!!

**Prayer Shawl** creators are always invited to knit/crochet with us as we quilt.

**Newsletter:** Receive the newsletter via email and save postage and paper costs.

**E-Blast:** Sent from the church office every Thursday via email. It allows you to get up to date information on what is going on at Bethlehem delivered straight to your computer, phone, pad, or other wireless device you use. If you are not receiving it and want to, please contact the church office and let Laurel know.

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A **Special Thank You** to Brian Myers of ***PM Pest Control***. He volunteers his time and services to Bethlehem and Noah's Ark for free. ***PM Pest Control*** can handle all of your pest and weed control needs. Call 602-920-7032.

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Have you noticed that the windows at Bethlehem are sparkling? Your windows can sparkle, too. Call Nathan and Bradley of **Sparkletime Window Washing** (480-225-5141) and tell them you attend Bethlehem Lutheran Church. **They will donate 10% of your window cleaning to Bethlehem.** They are also donating the cleaning of Bethlehem's windows for free. Thank you **Sparkletime!**

**Business and Service Cards**  
**Bulletin Board**

Members and Friends of Bethlehem are invited to post your Business Cards on the Bulletin Board in the **Social Hall.**

## Bethlehem's Web Site:

[blcmesa.org](http://blcmesa.org)

Share it with your friends, neighbors, and families.

## Memorial Tiles:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church participants have the availability of purchasing memorial plaque tiles to go on our master plaque. An individual name tile costs \$15. If you choose two names, one on each tile, the cost is \$25. If you are interested or need more information, please contact the church office at 480-832-0462.

## Vimeo:

If you want to hear the sermon again or share it, recorded sermons and special events at Bethlehem are available to be watched and downloaded at [Vimeo.com/blcmesa](http://Vimeo.com/blcmesa). Check out Preschool activities, Heart Fire activities, the latest wedding or baptism, and Pastor Chon's sermon. The site supports HD quality videos and is not restricted by length or storage capacities (other than a maximum of 5 gig per week). If you record a video of a church-related function and would like it posted on our site, please contact the church office at 480-832-0462.

## Holy Yoga

A Christ-centered yoga class on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm in Room 9/10. No experience needed. Can be done from chairs or the floor. Bring: yoga mat, comfortable clothes, water, & \$5 suggested donation. Questions? Call Renaya VanDusen at 480-717-3477.

## Media at Bethlehem

We're always on the lookout for new ideas about how Bethlehem can use social media. Tell us yours. We want to share God's promises with all creation.

Every Thursday:

## Men's Bible Study

7:30am in the Social Hall.

On Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, during worship we will distribute **black trash bags**. The purpose of Lent is to prepare and cleanse ourselves. Take the trash bag home and use it to clean out your house of things you are not using. Donate these items to your local thrift shop.

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The **World Hunger Basket**, located in front of the baptismal font, is a continuing mission activity. You are invited to donate before, during, or after worship.

½ of the funds are sent to the ELCA World Hunger program, and the other ½ remain at Bethlehem to purchase food for the food bank at First Lutheran when their shelves are empty. The second page of the monthly calendar reports how much we sent to World Hunger the previous month, and how much of the funds on-hand were used to purchase food for the food bank. The cash raised at the annual Souper Bowl event is handled in the same manner.



## Volunteer Opportunities:

If any of these is your calling, please contact the church office (480-832-0462).

## Nursery:

Our nursery is run by volunteers who are available during worship one Sunday each month to care for young children when needed. Our nursery caregiver on the first Sunday of each month is no longer able to continue.

## Bulletin Folders:

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity, but in this busy, chaotic world of ours don't have a lot of unoccupied time? This is the opportunity for you! We need 1 additional volunteer to fold the worship bulletins each week on Thursday mornings. It usually takes less than an hour.

## Counters:

Count the offering following worship 1 Sunday a month. Substitutes are also needed. To volunteer, or for more information see Barb Ashton or contact the church office (480-832-0462).

March & April Only:

## Mexican Train Dominoes

Moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month:

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the NCO.

## Outreach: News from Noah's Ark

Can you tell our winter season is over and we are in the throes of an early summer? Sorry, that hopefully is spring. We are still dealing with lots of upper respiratory yuck and variations of the flu. We have taught our children to share so well that families just can't rid themselves of illness. Once again we are looking at a long allergy season.

The good news is Noah's Ark has achieved a 100% compliance with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for immunized children once again. Mrs. Estelle is very conscientious in working with all our families in this area.

Now that March is here, we are participating in Lutheran Schools Week. As always, we hold our Trike-a-Thon on Friday. This year it will be on March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you want to put a smile on your face that will be hard to wipe off, you need to come and watch, cheer, and encourage our young riders to reach their riding goals. We are always looking for volunteers to help with setting up the courses, being a lap counter, or handing out water. Please contact Mrs. Estelle or Mrs. Arlene in the school office if you would like to join us.

Let it be known to all of our Bethlehem community members, we appreciate all the support and prayers that are sent to our staff and families. May you all stay well and blessed.

Blessings from above.  
Ms. Jill

## Courtyard Fountain

Thank you to everyone who donated money, time, and/or sweat to get a new fountain for the courtyard. Thank you Raymond and Laurel Green for shopping around on the internet and locally for the fountain. Thank you to Terry Kahl, Raymond Green, and Pastor John Schaumburg for dismantling the old fountain, and to Terry Kahl and Raymond Green for preparing the space for the new fountain, the new plumbing and electrical work needed, and especially for the concrete cutting and hauling of the concrete pieces away to be recycled. Also to Brent Kahl for his heavy lifting abilities. They all provided over 80 man hours of work to complete this project. When you see them, please say a little "Thank you".

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## Caring Evangelism How to Live and Share Christ's Love

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

To be a Stephen Minister is to be in service of thanksgiving and commitment. It is our responsibility to participate in continuing education. No one can provide the best care possible without regular and active study and supervision. God works through all your brothers and sisters in Christ to support them, guide them, inspire them and hold them accountable.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart if the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

For more information contact Arlene Jacobson (602 686-2400) or Jill Majestic (480 232-6070).

## Blue Stone Ministry:

### A Gift of Stephen Ministry.

The Blue Stones in our baptismal font are sponsored by Stephen Ministry. When you pass by the baptismal font, you are invited to take one of the Blue Stones and carry it with you at all times. If you meet someone, friend or stranger, who is having a difficult struggle in their lives, this Blue Stone can help. Hand that person your Blue Stone and explain the following: **"Please take this blue stone and carry it with you. Let this be a reminder that God loves you, and you will always have God's love no matter how difficult your life may become. Let this also remind you that you have someone here on earth who cares about you and will keep you in their prayers."** After you have given away your new stone, please replace it with another from our baptismal font.

## Deepening Connections at Catechumenate Gathering and Training

Are you and your Christian community longing for a deeper connection to God and the counter-cultural values of God's reign? If so, please join *Journey to Baptismal Living: North American Association for the Catechumenate* for its concurrent Annual Gathering and training event, June 27-29, 2017 at Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA (near San Francisco).

The Gathering is for those with catechumenate experience and its theme is "Turning hearts toward God: The Lenten practice of baptismal preparation." In baptism we die to self-centered ways of living and are ushered into a life where trust in God and love for others transforms us and our communities. Our gathering will explore how faith communities, through the Spirit, support those preparing for baptism in this turning.

Our keynote speakers include Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal, from TeamRCIA ([teamrcia.com](http://teamrcia.com)), an organization that provides accessible and effective Rite of Christian Initiation resources that help congregations initiate and form disciples for Christ's mission. A third keynoter is Paul Galbreath ([www.upsem.edu/about/faculty/paul-galbreath](http://www.upsem.edu/about/faculty/paul-galbreath)), Professor of Theology at Union Presbyterian Seminary whose research explores the connections between worship and daily life.

The Gathering will also include worship, workshops, small groups and ample time for connecting with other participants. An academic convocation on "Lenten renewal" takes place on the morning of June 27 and is free to those attend the Gathering. The program cost is \$280. Room and board is additional. A limited number of \$100 scholarships are available for seminary students and first-call pastors.

A concurrent intensive training for the adult catechumenate will also be held at Mercy Center during the Gathering. Titled "Experience and Reflection: Learning the Way of the Adult Catechumenate," this event is geared for congregational teams new to the catechumenate or for new team members. The cost for the training is \$200. Room and board is additional.

The catechumenate is an enlivening journey of spiritual formation for people exploring Christianity or seeking to renew their faith. Based on ancient practices, it goes beyond the traditional study of "what Christians believe." Through worship, prayer, small groups, Biblical reflection, sponsors and ministry in daily life, it creates a journey to baptismal living which transforms participants and revitalizes faith communities.

For more information and to register for these events, visit [journeytobaptism.org](http://journeytobaptism.org).

### ***Amazon Smile:***

Do you shop online at Amazon.com? Bethlehem is now part of the ***Amazon Smile*** program. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. When you log on to Amazon, you must do so through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

### ***Orchard Update:***

Paul Blum and Rebecca Roberts of Patriot Commercial Properties, the real estate company selling the orchard, came to the Annual Congregational Meeting to introduce themselves to the congregation. They will be sending monthly reports to the church council regarding the status of the property.





*You're invited to...*

**Moving Forward on Your Own**

A workshop for widows, widowers and friends

Presented by award-winning author and speaker

**Kathleen M. Rehl, Ph.D., CFP, CeFT**

Kathleen's world changed in 2007, following the death of her husband. Since then, she has helped other widows become more secure, enlightened and self-confident about money matters so they can take control of their financial futures.

Kathleen and her book, "Moving Forward on Your Own: A Financial Guidebook for Widows," have been featured in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Kiplinger's, Money, CNBC, and many more. The U.S. Army uses her guidebooks with their Survivor Outreach Services centers worldwide.

**Join us for a free workshop to learn:**

- How grief can sabotage thinking and decision making.
- Financial "next steps" for recent widows.
- Money pitfalls to avoid.
- Preparations to make prior to widowhood.
- How to be supportive of widowed friends and relatives.

**DATE:** Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 12 noon - 3pm.  
**TIME:** 12 noon, Luncheon and 1 - 3pm, Workshop presentation  
**LOCATION:** Generously hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
 612 S Ellsworth Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208

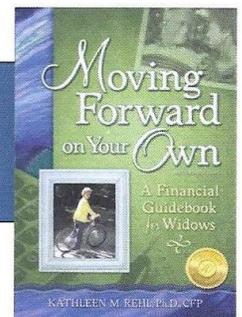
**Space is limited.** Please RSVP by March 6, 2017.  
Call Tracy Follett at 480-246-8031 or email at [tracy.follett@thrivent.com](mailto:tracy.follett@thrivent.com).



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**Celtic Spirituality  
the Wonder and the Wild  
with Stefan A. Waligur**

**New Journey Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
welcomes Stefan A. Waligur for a concert and workshop that  
bring together Celtic Spirituality and the Taize music form in  
voice, prayer, and storytelling.

**Concert**

*Friday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.  
\$10*

**Workshop**

*Saturday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$25*

*Pre-register sending name and dietary restrictions to:  
[info@njlc-fh.org](mailto:info@njlc-fh.org)*

**Worship**

*Sunday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.*

Stefan is a contemplative, musician, composer, retreat leader  
and leader of new chant around the world.

**New Journey Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
**16748 E. Parkview Avenue**  
**Fountain Hills, AZ 85268**  
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# SUMMER camps

**SALCA(Southern AZ Lutheran Camping Association)**  
**- Tucson**

May 29th--June 2nd, 2017

Elementary Camp--3rd - 5th grade

Junior High Camp--6th-8th grade

Cost is \$265

AND

High School Camp--9th--12th grade

July 28th-30th, 2017

Cost is \$195

**Location:**

Triangle Y Ranch camp

34434 S Y Camp Rd, Oracle, AZ 85623

<http://www.mvsalca.com/>

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**Leadership Lab Camp**

July 24th-July 29th, 2017

Sr. High Camp --9th-12th grade

Cost is \$380

**Location:**

Augustana College

639 38th ST - Rock Island, IL - 61201

[www.leadershiplab.net](http://www.leadershiplab.net)

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**CAMP Aloma—Prescott, AZ**

July 2nd-7th, 2017

Elementary Camp--3rd - 5th grade

Cost is \$255

**Location:**

Camp Aloma

300 Margaret Drive; Prescott, AZ 86305

[www.campaloma.com](http://www.campaloma.com)

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**Lutheran Campfirmation—Payson, AZ**

June 25th-June 30th, 2017

Confirmation Camp—6th-8th grade

Cost is \$300

**Location:**

Tonto Rim Christian Camp

353 N. Baptist Camp Rd.; Payson, AZ 85541

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