



FROM THE PASTOR

There are many that will say it is very important we keep our faith life and our political life separate. This is a well-meaning attempt to stop confrontation. How can we keep everybody happy is an important question as we live our daily lives.

I think there is no way that we can keep them separate. But this assumes a different way of looking at our lives. I want us to follow the model that Jesus has shown to us. He lived his life as a Child of God, giving thanks and praise always to the Father. His entire life was lived proclaiming the Good News of love God's love for all of Creation. Jesus was not interested in trying to see how many things he could fit into his life. He was interested in living the life of faith that saw all things as part of that life.

It seems to me we see all the various parts of our life as items we want to fit into our shopping basket. The basket will only hold so many items and when it is full we replace some items in the basket or we don't add any new items, even though we really want to.

In the Gospel reading for a couple of weeks ago Jesus called four disciples and they completely left their former life as fishermen, we are told. What if we were to leave our lives trying to cram things into an overloaded schedule and live differently? What if we were to see ourselves as the creation of God who is called to "love the Lord your

God with all your heart, soul, strength and mine"? How would that change the way we see our life? We would no longer be trying to jam things into lives, rather everything we did would be done out of love for God, who created us.

Education, entertainment, politics, economics, worship, all of life would be lived in a way that would proclaim our love for God. Our faith in and love for God become the place out of which everything in our life flows. We become a whole person and not a lot of little pieces that we think we need to cram in to make ourselves feel whole. We could then, have a conversation about whatever topic without the fear of confrontation because it would be done out of love for our fellow human.

--Pastor Paul

LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION!



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
CLASSES**

Monday 7pm

Inquiring Minds

(a study of the book of Ezekiel)

Thursday 10 am

Bible Study

(a study of a book of the Bible)

Sunday 9:30am

Contemporary Topics

(faith and our world)

National Lutheran Choir to Perform in Arizona

February 16-19

Premiere Choral Ensemble will present concerts and a Hymn Festival in Mesa, Prescott, Sun City West and Scottsdale

The National Lutheran Choir, based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, brings its signature choral sound to the Phoenix-Prescott area from February 16 through 19, 2012.

Epitomizing the finest choral singing of the Lutheran college tradition, the National Lutheran Choir will present three concerts and a Hymn Festival at area churches over the extended weekend.

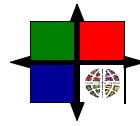
Concerts are:

- 7pm – Thursday, February 16, 2012 at [Victory Lutheran Church](#) (5946 East University) in Mesa, AZ 85205. Tickets: *\$15 General Admission*
- 7pm – Friday, February 17, 2012 at [American Lutheran Church](#) (1085 Scott Drive) in Prescott, AZ 86301. Tickets: *\$15 General Admission*
- 7:15pm – Saturday, February 18, 2012 at [Lord of Life Lutheran Church](#) (13724 West Meeker Boulevard) in Sun City West, AZ 85375. Tickets: *\$15 General Admission*

On Sunday, February 18 the Choir and Artistic Director David Cherwien will lead a Hymn Festival at La Casa de Cristo in Scottsdale, featuring the premiere of Cherwien's piece "*O, For a Thousand Tongues.*" The Hymn Festival will include a massed choir from area churches, congregational singing, readings and instrumental performances.

- 3pm – Sunday, February 19, 2012 at [La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church](#) (6300 East Bell Road) in Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Tickets: *\$15 General Admission*

[Ticket Reservations](#) can be made by calling toll free (888) 747-4589 or online at nlca.com. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for students under 18). For further information call the National Lutheran Choir toll free at (888) 747-4589.



Missional Leadership Academy
Grand Canyon Synod—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
www.MissionalLeadership.net

UPCOMING MLA SEMINARS

"BUILDING FINANCIAL VIABILITY FOR MISSION" is the theme of the next seminar being offered by the synod's Missional Leadership Academy. The keynote speaker will be the **Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek**, Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. The Rev. Dombeck is best known for his "Stewardship University" presentations that have been offered in both ELCA and Episcopal congregations.

Saturday, Feb. 11 at Trinity L.C., Phoenix

9:30 am: Refreshments and Fellowship

10 am to 3 pm: Program (including lunch)

RSVP by Wed., Feb. 8 to Rev. Jacqui Pacquel

Email: jacquinez@yahoo.com

COMING IN MARCH AND APRIL:

"Discerning God's Call as Leaders and as a Congregation" with Rev. Dr. Herb Anderson (PLTS)
Saturday, March 10—Offered as a live video-cast at three locations:

Spirit in the Desert (Carefree), Foothills Lutheran (Tucson), and Community Lutheran (Las Vegas)

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"Understanding Your Congregation as a Family System" with Rev. Kate Schlechter
Saturday, April 28 at Santa Cruz (Tucson) and Sunday, April 29 at The Lakes Lutheran (Las Vegas)

Plan now to bring your MLA team and other congregational leaders. Free-will donation for meals.

Lent begins this month!



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday services - Feb 22nd 7 pm

Join us for weekly Wednesday Lenten services!

Soup and bread served at 6 pm with services following at 6:45 pm.



Teen Table Talk

When: Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. (no Teen Table Talk during Lent)

Who: All Jr. & Sr. High Students Welcome

Where: The Seng's house - 8127 W. Mission Lane

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Program: "A Conversation About Living Well"

Place: Celebration Lutheran Church

Price: FREE

Parking: Free – Celebration Parking Lot

Time: 9:15 am (between church services)

When: February 19th

For more details see the Wholeness Wheel Graph on the Health and Wellness Bulletin Board in the hallway by the kitchen.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Valentine's Day Dinner and child-care

February 11, 2012

6pm – 7pm & 7-8pm

\$15 per couple

Child care available

Sign up now!

Prayer Shawl Committee

This ministry meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Thrift Shop - 10737 W. Peoria, Sun City, AZ 85351 (on the southwest corner of 107th Ave. & Peoria behind the Walgreens). Our ministry provides prayer shawls and prayer squares to those in need of spiritual renewal, physical healing and for celebrations in life. Whether you are an experienced knitter/crocheter or a beginner we invite all to gather so that we may be a blessing to others as God has been a blessing to us. If you would like to learn don't be shy ... we even have left handed talent in our group! Please bring any completed shawls or squares to the meeting so that we may pray over them before they are given to someone. For questions please contact Karrie Waggoner at 602-316-5207.



Known Anniversaries for February

2/1 Boni & Richard Brunk

2/13 Yvonne & Cameron Schmitz

2/14 Linda & Rick Seng

2/14 Susan & Charlie Dominey



Known Birthdays for February

- 2/2 Joanie Schmidt
- 2/5 Rick Seng
- 2/7 Barbara Gates
- 2/8 George Palko
- 2/8 Logan Olshan
- 2/9 Lou Roane
- 2/14 Lynn Morey
- 2/15 Steve Duff
- 2/15 Amy Brunk
- 2/15 Katy Wollery
- 2/15 Jason Romano
- 2/20 Gwen Mathis
- 2/20 Tom White



February

Arizonans for Children

We will support AFC (Arizonans for Children) who meet here during the week with a financial Mission of the Month gift. AFC uses our facilities to help families who are separated by court order to have an opportunity to spend time together as a family in a safe location.

<http://www.arizonansforchildren.org/page.php>



Serving in February

February 5

- Reader & Communion Assistant
 - 8:00 Debbie Geiger
 - 10:30 Susan/Michael Snyder
- Ushers
 - 8:00 Cameron & Yvonne Schmitz
 - 10:30 Steve & Karen Duff
- Acolyte
 - 8:00 Rodney Childs
 - 10:30 Mikayla Hesseltine
- Multi-Media Production Maureen Holt
- Multi Media Operator
 - 8:00 Maureen Holt
 - 10:30 Chris McKlveen
- Greeters
 - 8:00 Bob & Ellen Gallon
 - 10:30 Steve & Dottie Anderson
- Alpha Michelle Goehring and Alex
- Omega Theresa Foster

February 12

- Reader & Communion Assistant
 - 8:00 Chris McKlveen
 - 10:30 Kaitlyn Welk-Robbins
- Ushers
 - 8:00 Victoria Coopey-Burns and Ryan
 - 10:30 Theresa Foster & Jan Tiede
- Acolyte
 - 8:00 Ben Kackley
 - 10:30 Miranda Robbins
- Multi-Media Production Chris McKlveen
- Multi Media Operator
 - 8:00 Karen LoPinto
 - 10:30 Dottie Anderson
- Greeters
 - 8:00 Bucich family
 - 10:30 Nan Nelson and Courtney
- Alpha Monica Woolery
- Omega Jessica Robbins

February 19

- Reader & Communion Assistant
 - 8:00 Bob Benser
 - 10:30 Vi Todd
- Ushers
 - 8:00 Bettie Williams and Kristine
 - 10:30 Lenny & Laura Witt
- Acolyte
 - 8:00 Taylor Sierer
 - 10:30 Eric Amundson
- Multi-Media Production Pastor Paul
- Multi Media Operator
 - 8:00 Lynn Morey
 - 10:30 Lynn Morey
- Greeters
 - 8:00 Klaahsen family
 - 10:30 Julie Palko family
- Alpha Rick & Linda Seng
- Omega Jan Tiede

February 26

Reader & Communion Assistant

8:00 Karen LoPinto

10:30 Dottie Anderson

Ushers 8:00 Bill & Joann Newman

10:30 Adam & Heather Gjelhaug

Acolyte 8:00 Wyatt Newman

10:30 Jasmine Anderson

Multi-Media Production Billy Waggoner

Multi Media Operator

8:00 Maureen Holt

10:30 Billy Waggoner

Greeters 8:00 Rich & Joanne Holt

10:30 Janice Koenig and Christine

Alpha Ellen Gallon

Omega Barbara Gibson

If you have calendar events that are missing from the calendar or events for future calendars please email them to either celebrationelca@gmail.com or janicekoenig@msn.com

Calendar for February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	2 10:00 am AFC 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm AA	3 10 am AFC 10 am OA	4 6:30 am Walkers 10 am Food Bank
5 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30a Worship 12:30p Holy Family Independent Catholic Church 1:45pm Confirmation	6 10 am AFC 10 am OA 5:30 pm AA	7 10 am AFC 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts 7:00 pm Inquiring Minds	8 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	9 10:00 am AFC 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm AA	10 10 am AFC 10 am OA	11 6:30 am Walkers
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