

January/February 2020

# Jewels

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A publication of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City West, AZ

## Worship Schedule January -- April

Saturday – 4 PM  
Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30 AM

### Ash Wednesday

February 26  
4:00 & 7:00 PM

### Ash Wednesday

#### Dinner

February 26  
5:00 PM

## A New Year Foretold

*By Debra L. Brown*

This New Year has been foretold.  
Your future is at hand.  
God knows the fate and outcome  
Of each and every man.

God has chosen the narrow road.  
His wisdom is leading the way.  
His great strength can carry your load.  
His compassion you will feel every day.

With a new dawn over the horizon,  
And the Lord to lead the way,  
You can spread your wings like an eagle  
And soar through every day.

## Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Pastor Phill, Sr. Pastor

You learn something new every day. Mine from a couple of months ago regards the “emergency” phone we’ve installed in the sound booth. My understanding of how it works, and what I’ve said to you more than once, has been proven incorrect.

If you should ever need to summon emergency response to our church during a service, you will see the note affixed to the counter just above the phone – pick up the receiver and press 9-1-1. That’s the only number that can be dialed from that phone, and it connects directly to the emergency operator – and our address comes up on their computer. Describe the emergency and help will be dispatched. It works. We’ve tried it, after doing it incorrectly during an emergency, and now we’re certain of its function. Never too late to learn a lesson.

And then just this week there has been another shooting in a church. The offender was taken out with one shot by a firearms instructor, a member of that church. So you wonder, should we solicit members of our church to carry concealed weapons? I don’t think so. Just as I would never put up a sign at church declaring us to be a gun-free zone (an invitation to disaster, in my view), I won’t attempt to organize an armed posse among our members. So far as I know there is no one among us so qualified as that gentleman in Texas – and I would not want to put us at risk with less-qualified folks responding, putting themselves and others at risk.

The Safety Committee, meeting two years ago, looked at the expense and practicality of hiring armed, off-duty officers during our services. The conclusion was that the risk, at least for our parish, in our location, seems not to justify the impact upon our church budget. And we pray that events will not prove that conclusion to be wrong...

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## Health Fair 2020

Mark your Calendar!!!  
Friday, March 13 9:00 AM – Noon  
Speakers and vendors galore  
You don’t want to miss it!

## President's Message

Our church remained strong during 2019. Your gifts of financial support, your volunteer support, your prayers, and your church attendance keeps COL strong and healthy. Throughout the year members attended Bible classes, raised their voices in the choir, assisted as ushers and greeters, set up communion, maintained the property, counted your donations, prepared special meals, welcomed new members, etc. The list can go on and on. Thank you all for your time and service.

December became a very busy and rewarding month. The Pastors provided in the neighborhood of 16 church services. Under the direction of Roger Hicks, we enjoyed a wonderful musical Christmas celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Moving into 2020, COL will always need volunteers for greeters, ushers and to fill open positions on various committees. The Pastors will continue with strong Bible-based sermons. The newly created Mission Development Task Force will be hard at work to develop programs and guidelines to keep COL strong, not only currently but in years yet to come.

May the Lord walk with you every day of 2020.

*Jay Nelson*

## Pastor Phill leads New Member Class

The next New Member Information Class begins on Sunday, February 16. Although this class is designed for people desiring to join our church as members, current members are invited to attend. The class is held at 9:15 AM in the Chapel.

## A Message from Your Elders by Tom Leshney, Elder Chairman

We pray you had a joyous Advent and a Holy Christmas.

The Crown of Life Elders will continue the efforts begun in 2019 to build a closer relationship with the parishioners we serve in the New Year.

Based on the positive feedback we received, our Pastors and the Elder Board agreed to continue the "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Common Cup Services" this year in the months of March, May, August, and November.

Elders will also continue recognizing birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other significant milestones in the lives of our church family. Our ability to recognize these milestones is dependent on information members provided to COL on the New Member form. The information on that form is also used to publish birthdays and anniversaries in the monthly *Jewels*.

Please contact your Elder or me with any concerns or suggestions as to how we may better assist you personally or our congregation in general this year.

We pray for a blessed, healthy, and happy New Year for you and all your families.

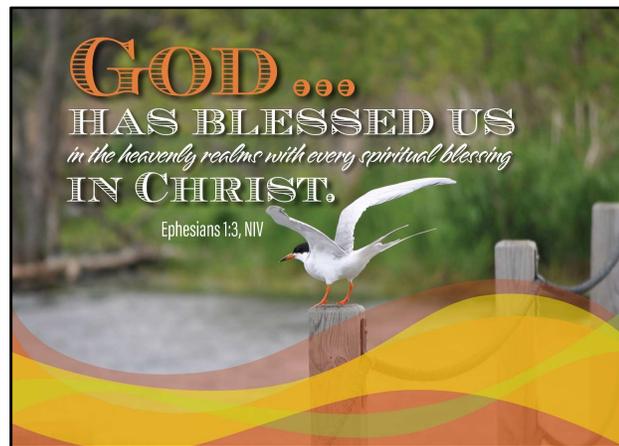
In the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Tom*

## Sunday Usher Schedule 2020 Available

by Ron Schumann, Head Usher

The 2020 Sunday Usher Schedule and Team Assignments are available for pickup at the Information Center. Usher Captains, please make sure ALL your team members receive a copy. Questions? Call me at 623-374-7809.



## Hospitalizations

Please remember to contact the church office if you are in the hospital and would like us to be aware of your situation. If you are not able to do this yourself, you may ask the hospital staff, chaplain or a friend to call for you. We hope to be able to meet your needs the best we can but we need to know. Thank you!

## Trusting God to Heal Us and Renew Our Spirit *by*

*Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator*

At this time of the year, many of us turn our attention to renewing our purpose in life and resolving to live our lives as God, Christ and our loved ones wish us to live. "... Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4: 23-24.

This goal may seem impossible when we are grieving the loss of a loved one. Some of the diverse emotions people have shared while grieving the loss of a loved one include: *anger, anxiety, confusion, consumed by grief, depression, despair, disbelief, drained, exhausted, fear of future, feeling out of control, feeling part of you is gone, guilt, lack of concentration, loss of identity, loss of purpose, mental fog, missing loved one, rollercoaster emotions, self-pity, and inability to make decisions.*

Trusting God for healing conveys assurance, certainty, confidence, conviction, faith, hope, and steadiness.

- *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.* (Psalm 56:3)
- *Trust in the Lord with your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.* (Proverbs 3:5)
- *You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.* (Isaiah 26:3)

With God beside us, and with the support of our Church, friends and family, we learn that we can face and grow through anything that comes our way. We learn that we can live with loss, pain, and despair and eventually feel joy again.

## COL Choir News *by Roger Wayne Hicks*

Someone asked me recently if there was room in the choir for them to join. Have you any idea what my answer was?

You probably guessed that my answer was "yes!" And, you are correct.

There's also room in the choir for you! COL Choir has room for additional sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. IF you're not certain which choir part you sing - I'll be glad to help you figure that out. It can be quite amazing how a person's singing ability grows when they're willing to learn new things and to grow in their God given talent.

Are you curious about choir membership? I invite you to do one of two things. 1) Give me a call (623-695-4894) or email me at [1singingwriter@gmail.com](mailto:1singingwriter@gmail.com) or, 2) Look me up following a worship service in which the choir is singing. We can talk about your future in making God's praise glorious!

Also - you may simply wish to show up at the next choir rehearsal. The COL Choir will rehearse at 3:30 each Thursday - starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wishing you a most happy new year! Of course your year will be all the happier as a member of the Crown of Life Choir.

Oh, by the way - please don't be thinking you're "too old" to sing in the choir. Did you know that our oldest choir member is 90?

## In Our Mailbag!

With my deepest appreciation ... I would like to take a moment to thank the members of the Church who served the Lord on Saturdays.

To our guestbook greeters who welcomed our visitors and have them sign in. And to our greeters who give a welcoming smile, handshake, or even a hug. Such a fun way to serve our Lord. I would also like to give thanks especially to the greeters for standing at the door and not wandering in the Narthex. Thank you for a job well done.

Thank you members for wearing your name badges—it helps us so much. We have gotten to know so many brothers and sisters in Christ. What a blessing you are!

An extra thanks for all the people that stepped up and filled in when life got in the way of our responsibilities. You're the greatest!

Thank you team for all your help. Team members, not in any given order, include: Arline Orchowski, Karen Sheppard, Marlene Peterson, Nancy Gothard, Howard & Kathy Ludden, Amy Schultz, Kathleen Johnson, Judy & Marlene Meyer, Dave & Joann Jones, Susie Tomaszewski, Vicki Mork, Joan Byrd, Lowell & Donna Koelling, Alberta Rodriguez, Evelin Lackey, Mary Kindy, Richard & Jean Lange, Bill & Joyce Nance, Jerry & Karen Meyer, Jan Rudat, Cookie Rawson, Joyce Hansen, Carol Sandman, Nora Mara, Eric Jager, Sharel Bartow, Martha Denny, Ken & Rita Grover, and Barbara Seyferth.

Love & blessings, you made my job easier.

Hugs to all!  
*Pat Coyle*

## Games ... Games ... Games *by Judith Axelson, Assimilation Committee*

Cards & games meet every Friday at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Playing games is a fun way to get to know people. We need you! The more people, the more varieties of games. Come join us -- it's a happy time!

## Christ Caring for People through People

by Ken Grover, StephenCare Ministry  
"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."

Proverbs 16:9

Happy New Year! The year 2020 is here! ALREADY!!! What happened to the year 2019? Time goes by so quickly. In with the new, out with the old. New adventures, new beginnings, new challenges, new opportunities, new resolutions and new solutions. Our thoughts often reflect on where the past year has brought us and where the new year will take us. These reflections sometimes come with pain and regrets over our past decisions and mistakes. Yet the prospect of starting a new year fills us with hope and expectations.

We all have the opportunity to begin the new year with a fresh start, no matter what happened in the past. Hope is a wonderful gift from God. Hope is the source of courage and strength in the face of life's harshest trials. When life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps like hope. Hope is not merely a nice option that helps us clear hurdles. It is essential for our survival. To hope is to believe in the possibility of a favorable future. It is the opposite of fear, despair, and worry. Hopeful people live fruitful and positive lives. Hope implies a certain discontentment with the way things are and then propels people to work for a more desirable God-pleasing future. People who hear and believe the good news about Jesus, will hope in God, even when all human reasoning is gone. Our hope is infinitely bound up with God. Christian hope comes from and rests securely with God. God is the originator of hope.

As Christian care givers Stephen Ministers are facilitators of God's hope.

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you Trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope, by the Power of the Holy Spirit." Roman 15:13

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228.

## Thoughts from Pastor Gary

So who is James Cash Penney? James Cash Penney, the founder of J. C. Penney Company was the minister's son who grew up in Hamilton, MO. Despite his name, money did not play a prominent part in his boyhood days, when he worked for 10 cents a day in a local dry-goods store. But he was thankful, later refusing to open his own chain store in town until his former boss had gone out of business. Penney, active in the Christian laymen's movement, was a generous giver to projects, including a special provision for retired church workers.

God blesses His people in many ways, wanting them to be a blessing to others, as in the case of Abraham, whom God blessed with material wealth. He does not promise riches to everyone, but He does expect each of us to whom He has given some ability or gift or treasure to share it. God expects His people to be faithful stewards, or managers, over everything He has entrusted to them: treasure, talents, time.

"God loves a cheerful giver," writes St. Paul (2 Cor. 9:7) – a cheerful giver not only of money but of other things as well. God loved Moses, who was a faithful servant in His house. God loved the widow, who gave her mites. He loved Dorcas, who used her time and talent to sew garments for the poor. He loved the early Christians in Macedonia, poor but generous, because "they gave themselves first to the Lord" (2 Cor. 8:5).

As Christians we make our contributions in response to the love of Jesus Christ, who gave all for us when He died on the cross and rose again. The love of Christ constrains us to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Throughout this coming year, pray that God will indeed make you a better steward of all the gifts that He has given to you, in your treasure, talents, and time. God's blessings in this coming year!



## Quilters Update by Marlene Peterson

We donated to the Lutheran Indian Missions in Mesa 75 blankets and quilts and 25 knitted hats. And now for a hopefully busy 2020 for our quilters. But first we're hoping you all had a Blessed New Year.

We ask our ladies of COL that if anyone has used bed sheets, any size, any color, flannel or cotton ... we need the material for the backs of our bigger blankets and quilts. Also, if anyone has any suggestions on what charity we should donate to in 2020, please let Jan Tvinnereim or Marlene Meyer know as we will be deciding that project sometime in January.

And ladies, you are still welcome to join our quilt group on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

Have a Blessed 2020! We hope to see you at quilting!

## Treasurer's Report

by Arlin Bates, Treasurer

	<u>November 2019</u>		<u>Year-to-Date 2019</u>	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Receipts	\$ 68,227	\$ 69,320	Receipts \$723,614	\$743,777
Expenses	\$ 70,508	\$ 62,564	Expenses \$759,458	\$733,247

The December financial report was unavailable at the time the *Jewels* went to press. We will report the 2019 financial information in next month's *Jewels*.

# The Military Order of the World Wars West Valley Arizona Chapter 131

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## Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance

With the Desert Brass Band

A Patriotic Ceremony in Memory of  
Our POWs, MIAs, and Our Deceased  
Military Men and Women who have  
served our Country

CAPT Dennis M. Bash, MSC, USNR (Retired)

“Patriotism”

Tuesday, February 25 at 11:15 AM  
Palm Ridge Recreation Center  
13800 Deer Valley Dr., Sun City West, AZ

For more information please see COL Member, Ken Coffman MAJ,  
USA (Ret) Commander, West Valley Chapter 131

## Flower Committee Update

*by Florella Denzin, Chairman*

I truly am grateful for everyone sharing Poinsettias to adorn our Chancel. It was very beautiful! I also appreciate my committee for their loyalty and work! Now it is Epiphany Season. We pray you have epiphany moments of enlightenment in any/or all areas of your life.

## Board of Trustees extends Thank You *by*

*Rollie Mann, Board Chairman*

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped decorate the Church for the Christmas season, both inside and outside. Everyone did such a great job and the Church looked beautiful! Thank you all so much!

## Thank you!

To the many many volunteers who helped make our annual Christmas Celebrations so beautiful ... a joyout **THANK YOU!!** This includes the countless hours of preparation extended by our choir, Ablaze, COL Handbell Ringers; add to the list our ushers, trustees, elders, greeters, decorators, altar guild, etc., etc. What a great team! Thank you all. You made our Christmas season extra special and we appreciate you!

## Altar Flowers

January		18-19	Carl & Vi Steingraber, in loving memory
4-5	Rollie & Linda Mann, in celebration of their 80 <sup>th</sup> birthdays	18-19	of loved ones
11-12	Joy Belhumeur & Amy Dunaway, in loving memory of husband & father, Bob's 1 <sup>st</sup> year in Heaven	February	
		22-23	Gordy & Joyce Rieck, in celebration of their 60 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
11-12	Howard & Kathy Ludden, in loving memory of granddaughter Solane Grace Barney		

## Another Year, Many More Opportunities

by Gene Kuebler, Mission Board Chairman

We are now beginning a new year and that means we will be able to be involved in helping other ministries in spreading the Gospel to others. Every year the mission board will look to see where we can be of greatest service to others and that may be training students or sharing God's word through Missionaries. In this issue I will provide the list of ministries that we have included in our mission budget for 2020.

We have and will continue to provide support to The Pacific Southwest District as well as the local Mission Circuit.

Here is a list of the institutions that are being assisted this year:

### Scholarships

- Concordia University, Irvine, CA
- Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix AZ
- North Valley Christian Academy, Phoenix AZ
- Surprise Christian Preschool, Surprise AZ
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO
- Ft. Wayne Seminary, Fort Wayne IN
- Concordia University, Seward NB
- Cross Culture, Irvine CA

### Mission Support

- Mission Central Missionaries
- Greater Things, St. Louis Mo
- Christ's Care for Children, Kenya
- Papua New Guinea

We hope that you will continue to keep these ministries in your prayers. We have additional funds that are unspecified, and we encourage you to identify other ministries that you are or may have been involved with that may benefit from our assistance.

I also want to give a special thank you to Gene Axelson for his leadership and involvement with the Mission Board. Gene has informed us that he is stepping away from the board to pursue other opportunities. On behalf of the board, thank you for your service.

## Witticisms for 2020 by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

- Nothing can stop me today! Except for that forgetting what I was going to do.
- Stressed spelled backwards is DESSERTS.
- Perseverance is resilience that casts off disappointment and discouragement.
- A Mighty Fortress is our God!
- Laugh, forgive, love as Christ loves you.
- ALIVE – Always Live In View of Eternity
- Prayer is the “steering wheel” that directs you on the right path through life.
- Always have plan B.
- Life is not a race but a journey with God.
- Good health – regular signs of joy in living.
- There is always something new to look forward to.
- With God there are no endings, only endless beginnings.

## Finding Purpose in Life after the Loss of a Loved One by Christine Escobar, GriefCare Coordinator

Perhaps at the start of this New Year you are struggling with the pain of a recent loss, or an unresolved loss. If so, your goal may be to gain comfort, understanding, perspective, and healing. God never intends for us to do anything alone. He is always with us and He also provides His healing through His children.

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, we encourage you to attend our winter GriefCare group. Our winter group begins January 8, 2020. We will be meeting in the Chapel on Wednesdays from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please call Christine Escobar at 623-218-6793 or email [griefcare@colchurch.com](mailto:griefcare@colchurch.com) for more information and to register. You may also pick up a GriefCare pamphlet at the information desk. We welcome Crown of Life members and non-members. If you know anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, please reach out and let them know of our GriefCare group. Our group has helped so many people heal and move forward with purpose and joy.

*I will move ahead, bold and confident, taking every step in obedience. While I'm waiting, I will serve You. While I'm waiting, I will worship. While I'm waiting, I will not faint. I'll be running the race, even while I wait. (John Waller, "While I'm Waiting")*

## Ash Wednesday Dinner Plans

Plans are underway for the Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner following the 4:00 PM service on February 26. Watch your weekly bulletin for sign up information. The price will be \$10 per person.

## A Little Church Business

The 2020 Church Directory will soon be compiled. If you have not notified the office of an address, e-mail address or telephone change, now is the time to do so. We anticipate completed directories will be available sometime in March.

Contribution statements for 2019 will be available in the Church Narthex in January. Watch the weekly bulletin for information as to when they will be available. Be sure to check your giving report when you receive it. Please contact Sue Stuempfig in the church office if you have a discrepancy.

## When God's Answer to our Prayers is NO

by Kathie Schmidt, Prayer Team

It happens. It is hard to comprehend with our human minds, when we have prayed earnestly, waiting patiently for a long time, for a need to be answered. Over time questions arise, does God love me less than I had hoped? Does He really care? Then, to compound and confuse us, Satan takes this opportunity to place an attractive alternative before our eyes, a sly temptation with hidden motives. Falling for this deception, we begin to think that this must be the answer we have been waiting for, because it is cloaked in such a pious manner that it can't be wrong to consider it. Then the warfare begins.

As a child of God, with our conscience still intact, we begin to watch and weigh this alternative, circling – even sidestepping God's holy and good instructions put in place for our benefit. But doing so causes changes in our wellbeing, disturbing our sleep and sapping our strength. Satan's wiles are powerful. But surely Almighty God is watching His child being tossed about. The Good Shepherd Jesus hauls us in by His crook, as we call on Him for relief in prayer. The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son—active in us—opens our eyes and gives us the understanding we so desperately need. With that help the battle begins to level, and repetitive pleas for heavenly guidance take effect.

While low periods of trials and doubt still continue, hearing the Word taught and preached strengthens our trust and confidence in God's awesome power. Scripture passages such as are found in Jeremiah 29:11 signify that God does have a plan in mind for us if we wait on Him. Then His unmistakable answer of "No" to our misguided solution begins to dissolve into an attitude of deep gratitude. But this can only happen if we center our attention on Him in prayer. That focus on our Heavenly Father opens to us the fact that we are indeed loved enough to receive hope for what lies ahead.

## LWML Update Rita Grover, LWML President

Happy New Year. My prayer is that you were able to take time from all your hustle and bustle to remember the reason for the season and to share with others the love of Jesus, even as a baby.

Thank you to all who so generously participated in the Angel Tree Ingathering, as you truly made it a blessing for LIM. Kevin Maulson spoke at the Advent Celebration about how that ministry is growing and was extremely thankful for all the gifts given to Lutheran Indian Ministry.

This month I want to share *The League Pledge*. Several of our church members do not know what Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) has as their goal.

"In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen." © 1955 *Lutheran Women's Missionary League authored by Rev. Harry Fricke*

As we begin a new year let's remember to ask ourselves "What would Jesus do? We are so blessed, each and every day. There will be several opportunities coming up in the next few months to share Jesus with those who are less fortunate. Please join us as we share Jesus with those around us. Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring that Friend to Christ.

This month Darlene Vanderwerf is our speaker. She and her husband, Pastor Marc, as God's servants, helped to build churches. Darlene will speak on how *It Takes a Miracle to Build a Church*. Please plan to join us and bring a friend on January 14 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel.

## COMING IN FEBRUARY

On February 11 at 1:00 PM we will be blessed to have as our speaker, Elouise Nathaniel, Community Relations Manager at Choices Pregnancy Center in the Glendale Center (originally known as Crisis Pregnancy Center). In 2019 they saw more than 4,000 women that needed a human connection to care about them when they were hurting. Although the name is different, they continue to reach out with the love of Christ to women and men in our communities and have not changed the services or the mission. Please join us and hear some of the life-saving opportunities that CPC provides.

THE NEXT *JEWELS* DEADLINE  
WILL BE FEBRUARY 15 FOR  
THE MARCH *JEWELS*.

## January Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins  
Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith  
Pastoral Assistants  
Rev. Ron Luedemann,  
Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Ray Mirly

### ELDERS

(4:00) Ed Kristof, Harry Munzinger,  
Al Stroudemire

(8:00) Joel Block, Tom Leshney

(10:30) Jowell Janssen, Ed Michel

### TRUSTEES

(4:00) Dave Koelsch

(8:00) Dave DuRocher

(10:30) Larry Lienemann

### ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Arline Orchowski  
Nada Workman

(8:00) Lola Leshney, Yvonne Stone

(10:30) Ruth Anderson,  
Becky Schulzetenberg

### GREETERS

(4:00) Donna & Lowell Koelling,  
Evelin Lackey

(8:00) Lynn Bates, Lynn Rose,  
Susan Shaffer

(10:30) Carol Kleinschmidt,  
Sandy Mitchell, Judith Schmidt,  
Cora Weiss

### GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Pat Coyle

(8:00) Lee Gregoire

(10:30) Jeanne Breese

### FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake,  
Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham,  
Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee,  
Denise Tevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim,  
Cora Weiss

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator

(Sat) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer

(Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,  
Gerry Harpt, Mike Krischler,  
Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,  
Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

TELLERS - Duane & Orv Neal,

Jane Colrud, Don Koepke,  
Howard Ludden, Sheila Mecham,  
Sub - Ken Grover

### VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Darlene & Wiley McAfee

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Diane Thoene
- 3 Bob Thanepohn
- 4 Wilma Schwandt
- 4 David Wentworth
- 4 Jim Happel
- 6 Don Abrahamson
- 6 Nancy Lorenzen
- 6 Donna Roeker
- 8 Connie Rau
- 9 Sue Krischler
- 9 Byron Brown
- 10 Gene Axelson
- 10 George Maul
- 10 Dorian Pfeifer
- 10 Marilyn Kurvers
- 11 Johanna Springman
- 11 Cheryl Bernhardt
- 12 Maria Winfrey
- 15 Martha Plapp
- 16 Larry Bublitz
- 17 Ed Michel
- 17 Gloria Andersen
- 18 Carolyn Sauter
- 18 Denise Steffens
- 18 Loretta Ebel
- 19 Pat Coyle
- 21 Sue Trevisan
- 22 Willard Mears
- 22 Richard Ziert
- 26 Otto Hass
- 26 Sandra Barbeau
- 26 Judy Harwood
- 26 Hollis Robbins
- 28 Lillian Holen
- 29 Bob Emerson
- 29 Al Stoudemire
- 29 Karen Myers
- 29 Sharon Michael
- 30 Diane Hammann
- 31 Kathleen Hauck

## USHERS

- (4:00) Louise Fountain, Duane & Cookie Rawson, Dave Sawyer
- (8:00) Dick Anderson, Cap; Ken Coffman, Service Cap; Arlin Bates, Cheryl Bernhardt, Joel Block, Laurel Coffman, Gary Frankeberger, Lee Ketelsen, All McDuffee
- (10:30) Dick Anderson, Service Cap; Tim Aden, Bev Bristow, Jeff Grover, Larry Jessen, Jim Krueger, Bob Mansfield, Henry Munzinger, Dene Munzinger, Don Nicolay

## Happy Anniversary

- 6 Dan & Marge Heinrichs
- 19 Kim & Sue Warwick
- 24 Ken & Jeanette Hagemann
- 25 Jim & Jan Drake
- 27 Rev. Ron & Anne Luedemann
- 28 Sam & Sheila Mecham
- 30 Tim & Barbara Aden

## Church Ladies with Typewriters

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The Pastor unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I upped my pledge - up yours.'

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

# Coming to Crown of Life

## February 16 - 2:00 PM

This 90 minute show opens with the distinct reminiscent “Boom Chicka Boom” sound as the rich, soulful, baritone vocal delivers the most identifiable Johnny Cash Song, “Folsom Prison Blues”. You will be instantly captivated! You will yearn for more as the magical story about the greatest entertainer of the 20th century is about to unfold in song, recitation, humor, and narrative.

This show has had many sold out performances and also plenty of record attendance to its credit. Many folks say, “if you close your eyes you would swear Johnny Cash was singing” or “I wasn’t really a Johnny Cash fan, but now I am!”



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(4:00) Ray Stewart  
(8:00) Merv Tvinnereim  
(10:30) Jerry Denzin

### ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Pat Coyle, Rita Grover  
(8:00) Carol Steficek, TBA  
(10:30) Kathy Beilstein, Cora Weiss

### GREETERS

(4:00) Arline Orchowski, Marlene  
Peterson, Amy Schultz  
(8:00) Leonard & Shirley Gadeken,  
Joyce Lindquist,  
Paul & Martha Plapp  
(10:30) AJ Clay, Jan & Jim Drake,  
Sandy Mitchell,  
Aleta & Don Rasmussen

### GUEST BOOK

(4:00) Karen Sheppard  
(8:00) Donna Ash  
(10:30) Jeanne Breese

### FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake,  
Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham,  
Karen Murphy, Darlene McAfee,  
Denise Tevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim,  
Cora Weiss

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator  
(Sat) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer  
(Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,  
Gerry Harpt, Mike Krischler,  
Tom Mertins, Ron Schumann,  
Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

TELLERS - Duane & Orv Neal,  
MaryAnn Cate, Jane Colrud,  
Don Koepke, Sheila Mecham,  
Subs - Ken Grover,  
Howard Ludden

### VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Darlene & Wiley McAfee

## Happy Birthday

- 1 Karl Neuman
- 1 Rev. Phill Robbins
- 2 Lory Marunde
- 4 Gerald Fritz
- 6 CJ Karas
- 6 Rollie Mann
- 6 David Mataka
- 6 Gertrude Sutton
- 7 Janet Ahrens
- 7 Ken Coffman
- 7 Bob Herber
- 8 Marilyn Luksik
- 9 Joan Faser
- 10 Tim Aden
- 10 Jane Colrud
- 11 Al Thiese
- 12 Patsy Bock
- 12 Don Koepke
- 12 Kristine Weber
- 13 Karyl Brandvold
- 13 Henry Roepke
- 13 Fred Treftz
- 14 Joanna Kunzie
- 15 Emil Seaman
- 16 Dave Brodzeller
- 16 George Nuss
- 16 B.J. Smith
- 17 Janet Blakley
- 18 Hilde Gebert
- 19 Janice Drake
- 19 Evelin Lackey
- 19 Gladys Strohschein
- 20 George Mroz
- 22 Ben Snyder
- 23 Mary Lou Blackmore
- 23 Carol Steficek
- 24 Sharon Helling
- 24 Marilyn Kloha
- 24 Virginia Meyer
- 25 Richard Dreyer
- 26 Ed Crabbe
- 26 Marian Hubble
- 27 Geneva Andrews
- 27 Bob Burns
- 27 Deb Haar
- 27 Vicki Jolin
- 28 Duane Rawson

## Happy Anniversary

- 3 Roy & Audrey Blanke
- 8 Ron & Kay Schumann
- 9 Leonard Shirley Gadeken
- 9 Frank & Marlys Lohr
- 14 Gary & Kris Huss
- 15 Larry & Sherrie Jessen
- 16 Jeff & Gail Holmes
- 16 Dave & Fran Wallin
- 18 Jim & Jean Bor
- 20 Gordy & Joyce Rieck
- 27 Raymond & Debra Jung



Mark your calendars! ... And watch bulletins and Jewels for more information.

February 16 - 2:00 PM  
C Steve Music Concert

February 26  
Ash Wednesday Dinner

April 5  
New Member Brunch

April 12  
Easter Breakfast

April 19  
Voter's Meeting

April 25 - 4:00 PM  
Gospel of Mark

July 19  
Ice Cream Social

August TBD  
AZ Broadway Theater  
*Flashdance*

## USHERS

- (4:00) Ron & Nora Mara, Duane & Cookie Rawson
- (8:00) Bob Turk, Team Cap; Willie Lundquist, Ed Michel, Paul Naumann,  
Dorian Pfeifer, Dave Roberts, Al Stoudemire
- (10:30) Ron Schumann, Usher Captain; Byron Brown, Marty Irwin, Frank Lohr,  
Norma Miller, Duane Neal, Gordy Rieck

## What We Know About Heaven

Paradise. Eternal Life. To be with Jesus. Jerusalem the Golden. Heaven. These are all Bible words or phrases that name the place where we Christians look forward to spending eternity with our God and all our fellow Saints.

There are many questions we Christians, as well as non-Christians, have concerning heaven. Common questions include: Who will go to heaven? How will we go to heaven? Do we go immediately to heaven when we die? Will I recognize my spouse, family members and friends when I am in heaven? Are there streets in heaven and are they really made out of gold?

Pastor Phill will lead a special study on the topic of Heaven for Crown of Life members and our friends, Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will meet in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be served. This means you will need to sign up in order to attend.

**Crown of Life members are encouraged to invite family, neighbors and friends to attend. This is a special way for each of us to witness our Christian faith to those we love and care about. You will need to sign the names of those you intend to bring along with your own name. A sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center.**

You are encouraged to arrive a bit early for a cup of coffee, a sweet treat, and good conversation. Due to an expected large attendance, with the limited seating in the Parish Hall, seating will be based in the order of those who have pre-registered (signed up.) Sign up early so you don't miss this opportunity to learn more about what the Bible teaches us about heaven.



## Ash Wednesday Service

On February 26 we will begin the Lenten season with two services at 4 PM and 7 PM. We will, just before communing together, impose ashes on our foreheads or on our hands, recognizing our sinful condition, and yet celebrating the perfect forgiveness of sin in Christ Jesus.

## COL Supports Christian Education

Crown of Life Mission Board is always pleased to support Lutheran Christian education. You know of Valley Lutheran High School, which has for decades served Phoenix. You may not know about North Valley Christian Academy, a preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Lutheran school. One of our church members, Patsy Bock, is a Board member of NVCA and wants Crown to know the following:

North Valley Christian Academy's mission statement is "Developing Christ-centered students who aspire to excellence and impact their communities for Him." That student development comes through Academics, Athletic Programs, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, STEM, Technology and Online Academy. A Spring Event will help support those programs as well as tuition assistance for students. Accordingly, you are invited to an evening of fellowship, dinner, live and silent auction, and entertainment on Friday, February 21 from 5:30-10:00 PM at Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 N. 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Peoria. Questions? Contact Patsy Bock at 928-302-9262.

Reservations may be made at [www.nvca.tofinoauctions.com/auction2020](http://www.nvca.tofinoauctions.com/auction2020).

Thanks for your support of North Valley Christian Academy!

## CPR Training

On February 10 from 9:00-11:00 AM, the Sun City West Fire Department will conduct a training session for any and all interested in the life-saving procedure of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. The training session will be located in the Chapel. For questions, please see Nurse Carol. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Information Center.

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## Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century *continued from cover*

While we're at it, be reminded that we've installed cameras inside and outside our building, not in the hope that's a deterrent to a really bad guy, but in response to a break-in we suffered some time ago. And note the many fire exits throughout our building, another safety measure we hope never to need. There are 6 fire extinguishers sited throughout the facility; there is a defibrillator on the wall of Nurse Carol's office (always unlocked), training for the use of which she arranges periodically.

All of this comes to mind as we approach the Lenten season, a time in which we recognize that sin is not only within us but runs so terribly rampant in the world around us. We cannot prepare as people or a parish for all the many ways the devil and his works might impact us – but we can prepare our hearts in the certainty that as baptized, communing, believing Christians our future is not in the hands of the evil one but in the gracious loving embrace of our savior Jesus and His heaven. May He bless and protect us all!

*Pastor Phill*