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MISSION STATEMENT

Walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person

TO ALL CALLED BY ALMIGHTY GOD TO FOLLOW JESUS INTO MISSION!

On Sunday, October 20th, Sandy, Isaac, and I worshipped at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church on Litchfield Road in Goodyear. Their congregation looked remarkably like ours, their worship was like ours, their communion was like ours, their average age was like ours...but there was one thing that stood out.

They had two screens up front and one in back in their worship space. On the screen, I could see everything, regardless of the people in front of me blocking my view. I could read the words, and even though there were bulletins, very few people used bulletins.

The thought has occurred to me that whoever will be called to be your next pastor in the coming year, there is a high probability that they will come from a congregation that has screens in worship. They may see it as indispensable to worship and something that assists in spreading the Gospel of Jesus to generations new and old. The last thing that Gloria de Cristo needs is discord in the future over the "screens/no screens" issue, so I have proposed to the Church Council and the Vision Team that this issue be addressed and resolved before the new pastor arrives because it will remove a potential roadblock/controversy to your mission together!

As I see it, digital screens provide accessibility of content to all people present in worship including those who cannot see or hear well. People will be able to see and hear the content of worship...and this will promote a sense of belonging and unity among worshippers.

The use of digital screens allows for a more dynamic and immersive worship experience. Projecting hymn lyrics, scripture passages, and visual aids on the screen enables people to easily follow along, fostering a deeper connection with the message.

Additionally, multimedia presentations such as videos and images can complement messages and enhance the overall impact of the worship service.

I have requested a bid from CCI, the same company that installed our new A/V system, because they are a great company, they know our building and can match all the current components with the new screens. They stand behind their work.

I will bring this bid to the Vision Team and the Church Council for their consideration, and hopefully, they will recommend that the project go forward as funds become available.

See you in worship!

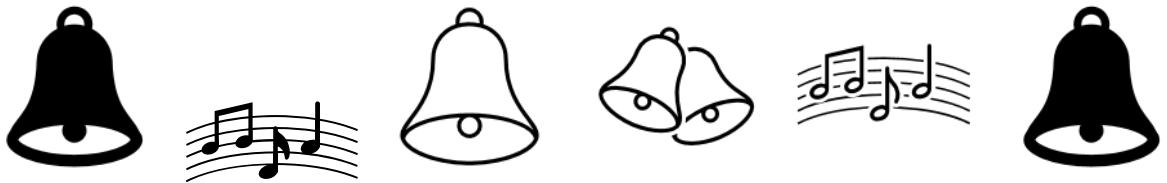
Pastor Bill Timm



Attention all  Singers 



and  Ringers 





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Handbell Choir 4:45-5:45 Wednesdays
Chancel Choir (singers) 5:45-7:00 Wednesdays



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All ringers and singers are welcome.

More ringers enable the Bells of Glory to share a wider variety of hymns and spiritual songs.

Men tenors are needed for a crucial part in Chancel choir.

Everyone enjoys the musical offerings each service, whether these offerings are rung or sung. Perhaps, if you listen carefully, God may be calling you to participate in these opportunities while we walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person.

Psalm 150 See you in church!



FROM YOUR COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Fall has arrived in all its glory and hopefully some cooler weather. This is the time of year we see the return of our winter visitors. It is the time of year when we need to reach out and greet our neighbors sitting around us in church. We will see many people we remember but there are always some new faces in Yuma for their first winter and looking for a church for worship and fellowship among fellow Christians. I am sure many of us are “transplants” from some place other than Yuma and came to Gloria de Cristo searching for a winter church home. I remember the first time Verna and I attended Gloria de Cristo and many people greeted us and told us of the worship and fellowship opportunities available. Remember our Mission Statement; “Walking with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person”.

BISHOP'S VISIT

On Sunday, November 3rd at 2 pm, Bishop Hutterer of the Grand Canyon Synod will meet with the Church Council, the Vision Team, and interested members of the congregation in Fellowship Hall.

Bishop Hutterer is very impressed with all of the lay ministry at Gloria de Cristo.

CARE MINISTRES

GriefShare Ministry

The GriefShare Program that started on the 22nd of September is now in their 3rd week of a 13 week program. On Saturday, November 23rd there will be a seminar entitled Surviving the Holidays in the Fellowship Hall. This is a two hour seminar for those who have lost a love one and how to navigate the emotional challenges of the holiday season by providing practical strategies and support during this time, allowing them to feel more prepared to face holiday events and traditions while processing in a safe place.

Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry training will commence on December 4, 2024 in the Fellowship Classroom at 9:00am. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are asked to contact the church office. A Stephen Minister is a person who provides one-on-one care to people experiencing difficult times. You learn to help a hurting person by providing emotional and spiritual listening, empathizing, encouraging, helping process feelings, and connecting that person with God's love.

Mary Marsh, Care Ministry Chair

NEW MEMBERS

Roger & Jennifer Krough

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Jennifer: I was born July 28, 1946 in Swea City,, Iowa. After graduating I went to Beauty School for a year. I married Roger July 3, 1965 and we have lived in many states as his company moved him around. We have been snowbirds for 9 years and this year we decided to make Yuma our permanent home. Our favorite place we've lived is where we are at that time.

Roger: I was born April 7, 1945 on the farm in Minnesota. We moved to another farm near Dolliver, Iowa I graduated from high school and started working at my first chemical plant in Colorado. We have move many times. At retirement I was the Director of Manufacturing for Bayer Corporation. We have been blessed with a son in Denver and a daughter in Reno. We have 6 grandkids and 1 great grandchild on the way. Now most of our traveling is visiting family.

Billie Martin

928-287-1669

11322 S. Avenue 12E #283

I was born in Nebraska, raised in Arkansas. Was baptized and raised Baptist. As an adult I moved to Missouri, met my husband of 37 years. Retired and we moved to Yuma. Lost him in 2018 to cancer. Been here in Yuma for 13 years. I have a sister in Kansas City, Mo and a son & family in Arkansas. I also have an 8 month old grandson!

Bryan Urrey

831-710-3328

8356 E. Topeka Place

Born on September 20, 1961 in Salinas, CA. Attended public schools, graduating from Alisal High School in 1979. Attended Hartnell College for 2 years. Worked in various jobs until getting started in the plumbing industry. After about a year of training, I accepted a job with a plumbing & HVAC wholesale supply company. For the next 36 years I did duties as a truck driver, shipping & receiving, sales at a parts counter, and inside sales. I retired in May of 2021 and moved to Yuma.

Paula Pegues

619-606-3846

14292 E. 29th Lane

I was born on April 13th 1959 in San Diego CA. 3rd generation San Diegan on both my mom and dad's side of the family. I was originally baptized Presbyterian, however attended a Lutheran Church where I was confirmed in San Diego. I'm a Military (U.S. Army) and Police Veteran. I have a daughter who lives in Huntington Beach CA. I play several musical instruments and love to sing. I spend much of my spare time traveling, kayaking, camping and fishing.

A FUN WAY TO EXERCISE!!

Do you have a bit of rhythm and can count to 4???

Then come join us beginning Wednesday, November 6th from 9-10 am --- Fellowship Hall

We will be learning some basic steps of Line Dancing...just for exercise!!



YARD SALE

We are asking for volunteers to help with the drop-off sessions, which will be on the second Saturday of the month from 8-10am. Many hands make light work, so come on out and lend a hand.

Pre-sorting your donations can be very helpful. We sort items into boxes by type of items.

- Clothing – it's helpful to have separate boxes/bags for women's, men's, and children's clothing
- Glassware – please wrap glassware if possible, and mark the box as fragile/glass
- Kitchen items – any non-glass kitchen items such as bowls, glasses, cookware, silverware, etc.
- Books
- Games/puzzles
- Crafts - yarn, fabrics, craft supplies, etc
- Tools
- Electronics – any item that has an on/off switch and plugs in will need to be tested prior to sale
- Miscellaneous non-breakable items
- Purses/belts/hats

Christmas items

If you have larger items you need picked up, please contact the church office and they will contact the Yard Sale committee to coordinate a convenient date/time.

Upcoming drop-off dates: November 9, December 14, January 11, and possibly February 8.

The 2025 Yard Sale will be Fri/Sat, Feb. 21-22.

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee met with a Church Council member to review status and answer questions, in preparation for a visit from Bishop Hutterer in November. We need to continue to pray for God's help in finding a pastor. If you know of a pastor you'd like to have considered, please let one of the Call Committee members know.

Call Committee members:

Michelle Cegon - co-chair Ted Duffy - co-chair
Sharon Merz Earl Marlatt Gary Raach
John Gerfen Char Schomisch



GLORIOUS QUILTERS

November is creeping up FAST! Now before you know it almost all our Church Family will be home with us.

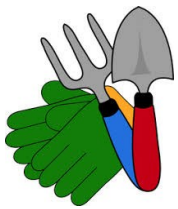
The Ladies have been working, and I mean WORKING hard to get the quilt tops matched up with bottoms and on to the sewers so they can then pass them along to those in need.

We've been in contact with the Arizona Baptist Foster Services. They were able to get us a total amount for boys and girls for quilt needs. We're excited to be able to do this again, touching other children than before.

As I mentioned before, we are starting to make some of these blankets out of fleece so we can make them bigger. So having said that, fleece blankets need NO SEWING! If anyone is interested in helping make these come on any Monday from 9 – 12! Treats and coffee are at 10. We are all having a fun time and yet the Ladies get so much done.

Any questions give me a text:

Carol Schock 503-338-9358



PROPERTY



First, I want to thank Dave Donaldson and new member Bryan Urrey for taking good care of the church while I was in South Dakota for the summer. Under Dave's supervision, the main water lines in our irrigation system were replaced with PVC pipe by an outside contractor. Total cost was just under \$3,000. This should help eliminate our constantly having to dig up and fix leaks. Again, thanks to all who helped over the summer.

Jerry Randby, Property chair

DIABETES AND MENTAL HEALTH: THE MIND BODY CONNECTION

Living with and managing diabetes and the lifestyle changes involved can be very stressful. Thoughts, beliefs, feelings and attitudes can affect how healthy your body is. People with diabetes are 2-3 times more likely to have depression. Life stressors also impact diabetes. Stress hormones make blood sugar rise or fall unpredictably. Stress from being sick or injured can raise blood sugar levels. Anxiety can feel like low blood sugar. So it is important to check your blood sugar and treat if necessary.

If someone has depression or anxiety this can negatively impact both conditions. If mental health issues are untreated diabetes gets worse. If diabetes is not managed the mental health issues can get worse. BUT if one gets treated the other can get better too.

Positive coping strategies include:

- *Get active*
- *Call a friend who understands*
- *Grab some "you" time*
- *Take care of yourself by eating healthy and limiting caffeine and alcohol.*
- *Focus on 1 or 2 small diabetic management goals instead of trying to do everything*
- *Developing a daily routine*

Communicate your needs to your loved ones

- *Attend a support group in person or online where you can discuss unique issues with others who understand.*
- *Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)*
- *Stress management*
- *Medication*
- *Family therapy, as these conditions affect all members of the family.*

References:

U.S. CDC

Verywell; Sarah Bence, OTR/L; October 17, 2022

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The next project for Social Concerns is Angel Tree. We no longer have a contact with Arizona Children's Association but are going to partner with Arizona Baptist Children's Services & Family Ministries. Many of the Foster Children are a little older ranging in age from 6-16. The plan is the same. Boxes will be placed in the narthex and suggestions will be placed on the tree. The dates for gift collection will be the weekends of November 16-17 and November 23-24. It is always a joy to see your generous gifts and know the smiles and joy they create.

In October we collected 119 lbs. of food for the Yuma Community food Bank. There are many malnourished and hungry among us. Your food donations help to address that need. Volunteers are always welcome to take the monthly delivery to the food bank. It is very easy you load up the food at church, drive to the food bank on a day of your convenience, and a volunteer at the food bank unloads it for you. NO HEAVY LIFTING REQUIRED..

We celebrated 2 birthdays at Rose Garden in October and have one coming up in November. If you would like to participate in this ministry let a committee member know.

I received a lovely comment about the lovely birthday card received by a member. Hope you are enjoying your card for your special day.

Early December will begin the ELCA "GOOD GIFTS" project. This is the sale of animals and other items for mission foreign and domestic. We will need volunteers to assist at the donation collection tables before and after services in early December. Dates to be announced.

Blessings,

Evelyn Trone, Chairperson

928-210-8915 (call or text)

John 15:5-8 : "I am the vine you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you ,you will bear much fruit..."



Mens' Breakfast will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8 am at Daybreakers. Please join us for a time of food and fellowship!!

The next date is November 2, 2024



OUTREACH

Proverbs 1

⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. {the beginning: or, the principal part} ⁸ My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: ⁹ For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

What does this verse even mean? I believe it is saying we should read the Bible. There are many good stories in the Bible. From the Creation with Adam and Eve to the end with Revelation. The Bible is about choice, it tells us how to make choices between good and evil. It also says we should pray and ask God for forgiveness. Get your Bible out and read.

There is not much going on in Outreach this month. I have the Welcome back bash booth set up at the Civic Center again next month December 11. If you would like to help get in touch with me.

I will be setting up t-shirt sales again so get ready for that. They still have road construction going on so no highway clean up until complete.

Joe Johnson, Outreach Chair



SEPTEMBER 2024	Year to Date		2024 Budget
	2023	2024	
Revenue	218,472	236,848	234548
Expense	<u>253,267</u>	<u>247,635</u>	266064
Difference	34795	10787	31516
In-Person Attendance	341	497	
On-Line Connection	568	1986	



STEWARDSHIP

Around sometime in March or April, Pastor Timm suggested that Gloria de Cristo be inserted into the "Fry's Foods Community Rewards Program". A short synopsis of that program.....

Fry's Foods, in conjunction with their parent company Kroger Foods, returns a share of their "profits" to qualifying institutions within their supporting community. To accomplish this, they take a small percentage of your "total" purchases and donate it to your designated recipient, This is not something new: it has been active for at least 15 years and my "share" has been regularly directed to "Foothills Helping Hands". As of early August, Gloria de Cristo is now listed among the recipients of those rewards. So. now I urge all of you who regularly shop at Fry's and even those who simply run in quickly to get a loaf of bread or a bottle of wine to designate Gloria de Cristo as the recipient of rewards because of your purchase. This contribution does not in any way affect your 'fuel rewards, coupons or the total price of your groceries'. Each quarter of the year, our church will receive a cumulative check from Fry's as a result of your purchases. You must use your "Rewards" card when making a purchase.

For those not already signed in to the program....I will list the step by step procedures 1.) Stop at the service desk and get a "Fry's Rewards Card" if you do not already have one. 2.) On android telephones or tablets, download the Fry's app. 3.) Create a digital account. 4.) Sign in to your account. 5.) Select "my account" 6.) Scroll down to Fry's Community Rewards 7.) Select enroll now (if already a member of the program and you would like to change to Gloria de Cristo, select edit) 8.) Select Gloria de Cristo as your organization. Sounds complicated but it is really pretty easy. With an iphone or ipad...the process is the same as steps 1 thru 5.....instead of scolling to Community Rewards, click on the 3 small lines at the very upper right corner of the home page...then scroll to "rewards"then select "community" Again it all sounds easy.

To check and see if all is good after you have completed the enrollment steps, on your next purchase look at your receipt near the bottom and it will list your designated recipient.

NOTE: There are 2 similar 'recipients' listed. **Be sure you select Gloria de Cristo NOT Gloria dei Cristo**

If you need help.....I will trycatch me before or after worship and we can work on it. Let's all partake of Fry's Generosity !!!!

Stewardship.....Gary Raasch



WELCA HAPPENINGS

Already our Fall calendars are filling up with seasonal and new activities. The women of our church have several November dates to mark.

November 12th begins the first Gather potluck of the season. The dinner and program will start at 5 pm that Tuesday evening. Keynote speakers will talk on childhood cancer and the nonprofit Yuma organization, "Hunter's Army." All are Welcome...men & women.

November 13th, 3 pm in the Fellowship classroom, is reserved for a Cactus Conference planning meeting. Even if you haven't attended previous planning meetings, please consider attending this one. It is so important to share your ideas, and experiences. Many of you have attended previous conferences and can offer valuable input. For the October planning session, we heard, via a Zoom call, from Geri Skogen, a Lord of Life Lutheran member. Geri shared her experiences in planning the April, 2024, Cactus Conference, and offered her skills and contacts to help us. Our session included selecting music, a guest Pastor to conduct communion, menus for breakfast and lunch, theme decorations and gifts, registration, "ice-breaker" suggestions, and many more contributing ideas. Those women attending the Conference from other churches will most likely charter a bus for that day.

During the month of **November**, WELCA celebrates a thank offering by distributing special offering envelopes to the congregation's women. The donations are submitted to our national WELCA office. Supplies and educational materials are then sent to Synod WELCA for our use.

Please watch the church's weekly bulletins for confirmation of dates and times. Meanwhile, **Days for Girls** continues to meet every other Saturday except in November when it meets Saturday, November 9th and 16th, from 9-1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.

Blessings to you all,
Donna Brown



*First Saturday of every month, 8:00 am
JimmyK's on Foothills Blvd.*

All are invited.

The next date is: November 2, 2024

BOOK CLUB (led by Leith Patnaude)

- WHO: Everyone who has a passion for reading, learning, and growing in faith
WHEN: November 12th. And the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm
WHAT: *The Cat That God Sent* by Jim Kraus
WHY: "Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world." Malala Yousafzai

Books will be available in the office, (after October 23rd), online, or at the Foothills Library
At our first meeting be prepared to discuss:

- Your favorite bible quote
- The first book you read as a child (or was read to you.)



ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 3 Marijan & Judy Petrovic in celebration of Neva Frohlick's 102nd birthday AND Marge Jones & Sharon Noltemeyer in honor of GDC Volunteers
- 10 Ted & Niki Duffy in memory of son Patrick AND Lorie Rapp
- 17 Bert Rice
- 24

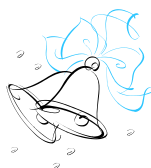


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Dave Graham	20	Mike Rosenberg	26	John Arnold
5	Chris Black	22	Todd Klipfel	26	Alice Neville
8	Michelle Cegon	24	Marilyn Davis	27	Don Urrey
10	Roland Anderson	24	John Merz	29	Donna Brown
10	Neva Frolick	24	Alice Morvac	30	Patrick Girard
10	Deborah Johnson	24	Eric Werner	30	Judy Skarbo
19	Tina Jarmer				

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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Lisa Crayne
Mary Marsh

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