



THE MESSENGER
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church



TONIGHT!
CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, September 3, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

We kick off the school year for both Confirmation and Youth Group on Tuesday, September 3. We will be meeting in the High School Youth Room at 6:00 for pizza and soda. I would like to have you bring whatever soda you like to drink so I don't need to purchase too much. If you have any favorite indoor games that can be played in the youth room, bring them! We cannot use the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings. Bring a parent if you can so they know what is going on this year for Confirmation and Youth group. Bring a friend (as you usually are so good at!)

WEEKLY CONFIRMATION CLASS (GRADES 6 – 8)

Beginning Next Week on September 10!

Meeting Tuesday Evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm with Pastor Kurt

G.I.F.T. - GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

Sunday, Sept. 8 - "Showers of Grace"

**ELCA congregations will join together for our annual day of service,
 BREAKFAST CASSEROLES WILL BE SERVED!**

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Deluca from Good Neighbor Alliance. We will be assembling Grab-and-Go hygiene packs for our neighbors in need.

Washcloths and small bath towels are needed to complete the packs. We ask that they be new and if possible, freshly laundered. There is a tote in the narthex for donations.

If you would like to give a monetary gift to purchase washcloths or towels, checks should be made payable to " with Showers of Grace" in the memo line. You may also make a secure online donation at our website, selcaz.org by choosing Showers of Grace." There is also a jar marked God's work. Our hands." in the narthex for donations.



ALTAR FLOWER

The calendar for Altar Flowers for 2024 is posted in the Narthex. There are many Sunday's openings in September, October and November. Your contribution of flowers will enhance the beauty of our already beautiful sanctuary. After the service, the flowers are given to one of our homebound or someone else who may need a little extra love or to show our appreciation. Please sign the flower chart with your full name and if in memory or honor of someone. There are envelopes with an attached form with instructions above the flower chart. Please fill out the form, place it with your payment (\$25 per flower arrangement) in the envelope, which can then be place in the offering plate. Thank you for signing up to provide altar flowers and helping to adorn the altar to glorify God.

WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

That's right, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Arizona wants to know!

Understanding that we can't tackle every policy or social issue that every Arizona Lutheran cares about, the LAMA Policy Council meets each year to discern what our priorities will be for the coming year. LAMA's 2024 policy priorities were Hunger, Water, Civic Engagement and together with its partners at LSS-SW, Housing. Where should we direct our focus, resources and time next year? Help us, please. Take less than a minute to share your thoughts in this one-question poll. Thank you! LAMA 2025 Policy Priority Poll: <https://forms.gle/vBihUpoZVTNkQkCz7>

HAPPY FALL FROM SHEPHERD'S FOLD!

Fall is around the corner and that is my favorite time of year. August brought us lots of rain and interesting things to explore. The 3 and 4's class explored space and the Two's looked at bugs. Both classes caught and raised a caterpillar to a butterfly and got to release them in the garden. The Two's also harvested some grapes from the garden and I plan on making some grape jelly with it for the kids.

We currently have 40 children enrolled. We are still getting calls for enrollment, but families are having to wait up to 24 days to get authorized for childcare assistance through DES. It is certainly slowing down our enrollment. The Two's class continues to be the most in demand, particularly to get children potty trained.



GRAND CANYON SYNOD WOMEN OF THE ELCA FALL RETREAT - OCTOBER 4 & 5, 2024

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - 1200 North Campbell Avenue, Tucson, AZ,

As the demands of life pile up, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, tired, and questioning your purpose. If you've been searching for a way to rekindle your spirit, the Grand Canyon Synod-Women of the ELCA invite you to join them for a transformative retreat.

This retreat is a chance to step back, rejuvenate, and allow the Holy Spirit to set your heart on fire. We are thrilled to welcome Elizabeth McBride, the Director for Intergenerational Programs, Digital Engagement, and Editor of Boldcafe.org from the ELCA Churchwide office in Chicago, as our keynote speaker. Elizabeth will guide us in developing a whole and healthy body, empowering us to embrace the plans God has for us. In addition to this, you'll have the opportunity to engage with two dynamic young women pastors during a special Networking Event on Friday evening.

And don't forget to bring your shopping spirit! Over 22 unique gift baskets will be available for purchase, with all proceeds supporting WELCA Scholarship Funds. With the holidays just around the corner, it's the perfect time to start your gift shopping while supporting a great cause.

Register online at www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events to, find lodging information, and explore scholarship opportunities. Invite a friend to join you—this could be the gift that sets your life ablaze with new friendships and lasting memories. The final deadline to register is September 21.

September 1-8, 2024

TUE 9/3	9:00 AM	Shepherd's Fold Chapel – Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Confirmation/ Youth Group Kick-off – Youth Room
WED 9/4	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	10:00 AM	Bible Study – Music Room
	11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall Reserved for Pastors Luncheon
	3:00 PM	Grace Group – Music Room
THURS 9/5	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	9:00 AM	Stitch In Time Quilters – Fellowship Hall
	10:00 AM	Sierra Ringers in Music Room
FRI 9/6	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Music Room
	6:30 PM	Plus Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
	Church Office Closed Fridays	
SAT 9/7	6:30 PM	Square Dancing – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
SUN 9/8	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:30 AM	GIFT – God's Work Our Hands – Fellowship Hall
	11:30 AM	Stewardship Team – Office Meeting Room
	11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal – Music Room