New Covenant Lutheran Church E-Weekly Newsletter May 21 - 28, 2020



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This Sunday Acts 4:23-31 Series: "Characteristics of Christians Sheltering in Place" Sermon: "The Invitation to be a Spiritual Family!"

All worship services and activities at New Covenant have moved to an online (video conferencing) format or have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 concerns. In addition, the preschool is closed. We do not know when the social distancing restrictions will be lifted so that we will be able to resume activities on our campus. Please check our website at www.newcovenenataz.church for updates.

ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

During this time when as a church we cannot meet publicly to worship, New Covenant Lutheran Church will hold our worship services online.

We are now using only Facebook Live for all of our worship services. No Zoom access will be available. You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the service.

FACEBOOK: go to New Covenant Lutheran Church's Facebook page at 10 am Sunday to see the video live. Our Facebook page is at www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ





Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

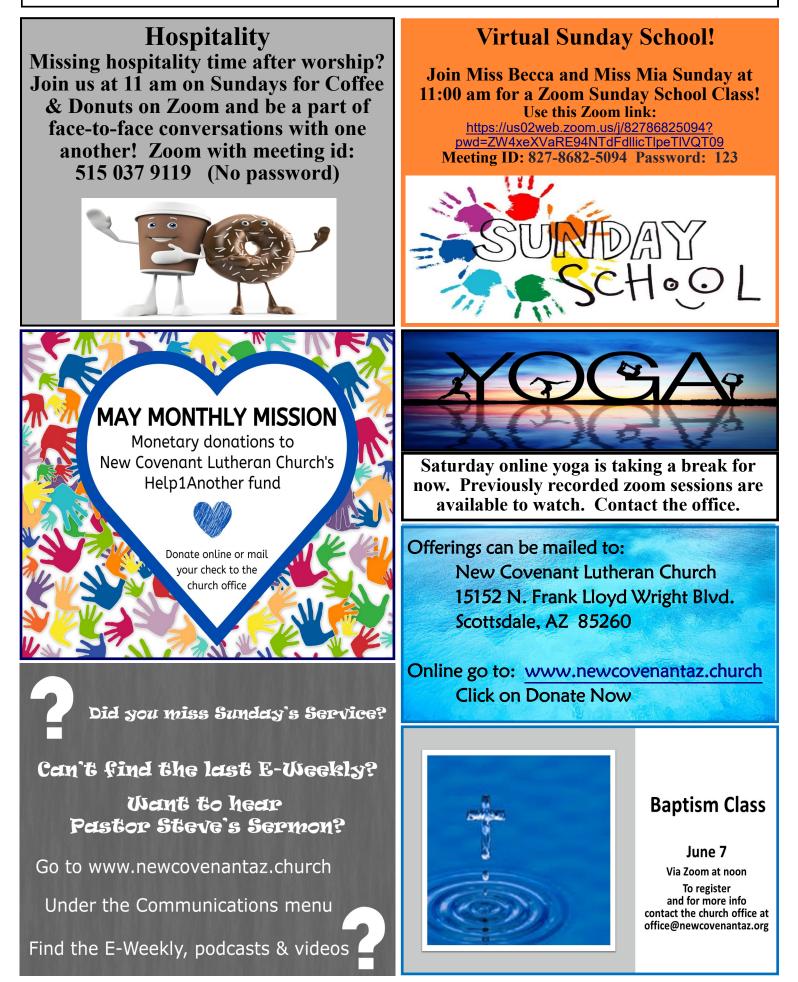
I am so grateful for your continued response to the callers for our ACTS Ministry. It is truly a gift to hear from each of you through the callers who then communicate with David Cole and Larry Person. When Larry and David and I met this week, I thought to myself, 'what a gift from God this ministry is' for we are connecting in significant ways as a congregation. If you have not been called and would like to receive a call, please let us know!!

This week we begin the redevelopment of our Prayer Ministry. We have a couple of things that we will be planning for over the summer. One is the addition of many new people to our Intercessory Prayer Team. As we receive prayer requests from the congregation, friends of the congregation and people from across the United States, we will have a team of people that intentionally pray for these prayer requests. If you are interested in serving on the team, please let me know. We would love to add you to the prayer team. Please contact me at Pastor.Steve@newcovenantaz.org.

This week we continue our series from the first 7 chapters of Acts with the theme of "Characteristics of Christians Sheltering in Place". This Sunday (Ascension Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend) we will look at **Acts 4: 23-31**. This is where Peter and John return to their friends after being imprisoned overnight. They have been told by the religious authorities not to speak in the name of Jesus ever again. How will they handle this demand? Peter has already said, "We cannot stop from speaking about what we have seen and heard." The religious authorities have threatened them further. Peter and John go back to the place where they feel welcomed and loved – their family – their spiritual family. This Sunday let's take a look at **"The Invitation to be a Spiritual Family!"**

Pastor Steve

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(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior King of creation Son of God and Son of Man Truly I'd love thee truly I'd serve thee Light of my soul my joy my crown

Fair are the meadows fair are the woodlands Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Fair is the sunshine fair is the moonlight Bright the sparkling stars on high Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations Son of God and Son of Man Glory and honor praise adoration Now and forevermore be thine



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

It Is Well

Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice Seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Through it all through it all my eyes are on You Through it all through it all it is well Through it all through it all my eyes are on You And it is well with me

Far be it for me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Through it all through it all my eyes are on You Through it all through it all it is well Through it all through it all my eyes are on You And it is well it is well

So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name The waves and wind still know His name

> It is well with my soul It is well with my soul It is well with my soul It is well it is well with my soul It is well it is well with my soul It is well it is well with my soul It is well it is well with my soul

(Sunday's Sending Song)

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness Whose love is mighty and so much stronger The King of glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder The King of glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love That You would take my place that You would bear my cross You laid down Your life that I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

> Who brings our chaos back into order Who makes the orphan a son and daughter The King of glory the King of glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance The King of glory the King above all kings

Yeah This is amazing grace this is unfailing love That You would take my place that You would bear my cross You laid down Your life that I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

> Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worth is the King who conquered the grave Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy worthy worthy

Oh This is amazing grace this is unfailing love That You would take my place that You would bear my cross You laid down Your life that I would be set free Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me All that You've done for me