

New Covenant Lutheran Church

E-Weekly Newsletter

July 16 - 23, 2020



15152 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. Scottsdale, Arizona 85260 | 480-860-0169 | 480-391-3786 fax
www.newcovenantaz.church | Email: Office@newcovenantaz.org | Find us on Facebook
New Covenant Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten | 480-391-1264 | 480-391-3786 fax

This Sunday

I Peter 2:18-25

Series: "Keep the Faith: Lessons from I Peter"

Sermon: "Household Rules!"

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.newcovenantaz.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

For God called you to do *good*,
even if it means suffering, just as
Christ suffered for you.
He is your example,
and you must follow
in his **STEPS.**

- 1 Peter 2:21 (NLT)

PASTOR'S CORNER

Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all well and staying healthy. Please take good care of yourselves during this pandemic! I want to update you about a few changes. The Board of Ministry has authorized the church to make some staff changes because of the short term and long term financial implications from this virus.

- We have **frozen our search for a children, youth and family minister** at this time.
- We have **eliminated the Music Director Position** which Marsha has held for the past several years. We don't want to frighten anyone about this change. Marsha will continue to be a part of the church, participating in the life and mission of the congregation. She is just stepping aside from her leadership position as Music/Worship Director.

In the meantime, **Carl Dees will continue to offer leadership for our worship and music as an unpaid leader.** Once we are able to return together and have survived this financially challenging time, our goal is to search for a Children, Youth and Family Minister who is also a Worship Leader, combining these two positions into one.

The Board is also working with Stephanie Darkoch and the Re-Gathering Task Force and their recommendations. We should have an update for you by early August. In the meantime, we continue to invite you to join us on Facebook Live for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. And remember if you can't join us at 10, you can always join us at a time of your convenience because the services are saved on Facebook for viewing any time.

Thank you for your continued support! As we navigate through these changing times, I am grateful for an unchanging God with an unchanging message of the Good News! This Sunday we continue with our look at **I Peter 2: 18-25. Did you grow up with household rules?** Were they clearly defined? If you married, how did you merge the rules you were reared with along with the rules of your spouse's household? That is the quagmire that the early church is in as it is scattered from Jerusalem into the provinces of the Roman Empire. **Join us Sunday as we discern from Peter how he navigated a new and different culture.**

Pastor Steve

Hospitality

Join us at 11 am on Sundays for time together on Zoom and be a part of face-to-face conversations with one another!
Zoom with meeting id: 841 5937 9421
(No password)



Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd the Guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25



Sunday School!

Sunday School is taking a summer break. We hope you've enjoyed the online Sunday School we had through May and the lessons that were emailed in June. Have a great summer!



Hope you are having a healthy summer! Saturday online yoga is not a weekly event over the summer. Watch this space for the next time that it will be offered.

Offerings can be mailed to:
New Covenant Lutheran Church
15152 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Online go to: www.newcovenantaz.church
Click on Donate Now

July Mission

WATER FOR THE HOMELESS

GRACE LUTHERAN HEAT RESPITE

Donate online or mail your check to the church office.



Grace Lutheran Church is now distributing the water bottles to the homeless 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday. Thank you for your donations! The funds from last year have been depleted.



Food & Clothing Bank

ICM has reopened and is in need of everything. ICM provides food and clothing for the working poor in central Phoenix. Donations can be taken to Mary Reynoso's home and she will arrange for the ICM truck to pick them up. Contact Mary at mreynoso1@cox.net to find out about specific donation items (for example, they can't accept furniture but need most everything else) and where items should be taken.

? *Did you miss Sunday's Service?*

Can't find the last E-Weekly?

Want to hear Pastor Steve's Sermon?

Go to www.newcovenantaz.church
Under the Communications menu
Find the E-Weekly, podcasts & videos **?**

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light we wait in darkness
Longing for truth we turn to you
Make us your own your holy people
Light for the world to see

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

Longing for peace our world is troubled
Longing for hope many despair
Your word alone has pow'r to save us
Make us your living voice

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

Longing for food many are hungry
Longing for water many still thirst
Make us your bread broken for others
Shared until all are fed

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts shine through the darkness
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
If I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
You're my one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

(Sunday's Sending Song)

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
That You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
That You love me it's amazing

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend

God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend
God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend