

New Covenant Lutheran Church

E-Weekly Newsletter September 24, 2020



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This Sunday

Matthew 4:12-17

Series: Acts 20:20 in 2020,
“The Scattered Church”

Sermon: “The Headline Story”

Online Worship Sunday 10:00 am

In-person Prayer Service Wednesday 7:00 pm

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-person prayer and worship services are being planned to resume soon. 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 use Facebook Live for our online worship services. 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



We need to hear from you. Please use the link above to take our regathering survey.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Regathering as a Temple Church has begun! Last night, we held our first in-person Wednesday night Prayer Service. It was so peaceful and comforting to be back in the sanctuary again.

We will hold another Prayer Service next Wednesday, Sept. 30. The reservation link is at the top of this E-Weekly. Beginning in October, we will continue this Prayer Service on the third Wednesday of each month.

And then as long as the numbers hold, we will gather in-person for Sunday Worship beginning at 10 a.m., Oct. 4!

This will be the first time in nearly seven months that we have been able to worship together in the sanctuary. And it will be different – see our answers to Frequently Asked Questions, included in this E-Weekly, especially the section: “What’s changed for in-person worship – as compared to the ‘way it used to be?’”

Even though the experience will be different, I can tell you that the sanctuary has been arranged with your health and safety in mind and it’s truly peaceful and beautiful. If you are healthy and comfortable with attending, I encourage you to consider returning to experience the beauty and power of in-person worship.

Again, reservations will be required. That link will be sent in next week’s E-Weekly. We are limiting attendees to 50.

If you have trouble with the SignUp Genius reservation system or have questions about attendance, including the health screening form you will sign, please email Mary Cole at office@newcovenantaz.org. Reservations guarantee you a seat in the sanctuary and help us ensure we can maintain social distancing.

As we regather as a Temple Church, we will be continuing to meet as a Scattered Church. Our Sunday Worship will still be on Facebook Live and hospitality, Sunday School and Confirmation will still remain on Zoom. Those links are at the top of this E-Weekly and will continue to be provided each week.

Our emphasis as we regather is prioritizing health and safety and love for our neighbors. When we care for one another, we demonstrate our love for God. So, when you come to the service, please make sure you mask up!

This Sunday we will gather virtually around the theme of “The Headline Story” as we look at Matthew 4:12-17. Are you getting depressed by the headlines in the news? Are you getting worn down? What if we were highlighting the wrong stories? Or what if we assumed about the Story is not accurate? Join us this Sunday as we take a look at the Headline News – The Big Story!

Pastor Steve

Thank you Bill and Ruth Toth! This year they delivered 22 pallets of water to Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Phoenix for the homeless living in the area. That's over 44,000 bottles of water that New Covenant provided (through your donations) to save lives this summer. There is money left over that will be used next spring to deliver more water when the heat hits again.



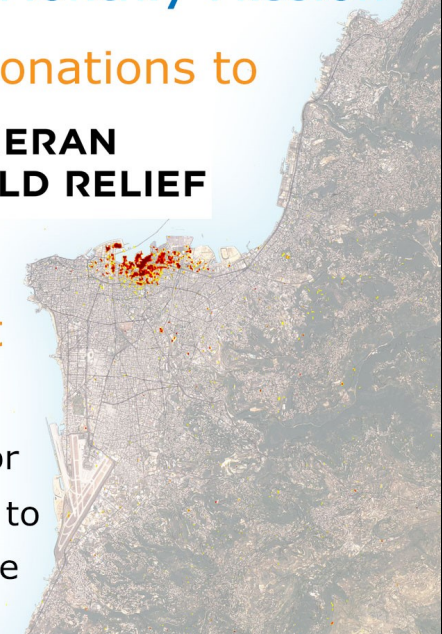
September Monthly Mission

Monetary donations to



for the
Beirut Blast

Donate online or
mail your check to
the church office



Offerings can be mailed to:
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Online go to: www.newcovenantaz.church
Click on Donate Now

Hosts Needed!!

As we reconvene for in-person worship, hosts will be needed to greet, explain procedures and direct everyone to their seats. Training will be provided! Be a hero and contact the office today to express interest and ensure you'll have a seat at the worship service. If you're healthy, we need you!



Soul Sisters Fall Calendar

Yoga

- October 3
- October 17
- November 7
- November 21
- December 5
- December 19

Hiking

- October 10
- October 24
- November 14
- December 12

Yoga will be held in the church courtyard at 8:45 a.m.
For Hiking, we will meet at church at 7 a.m. to carpool or caravan to the trail head.

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 passcode)



Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders continues Sunday at 11:15 am



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Hope to 'see' you
on Sunday!

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

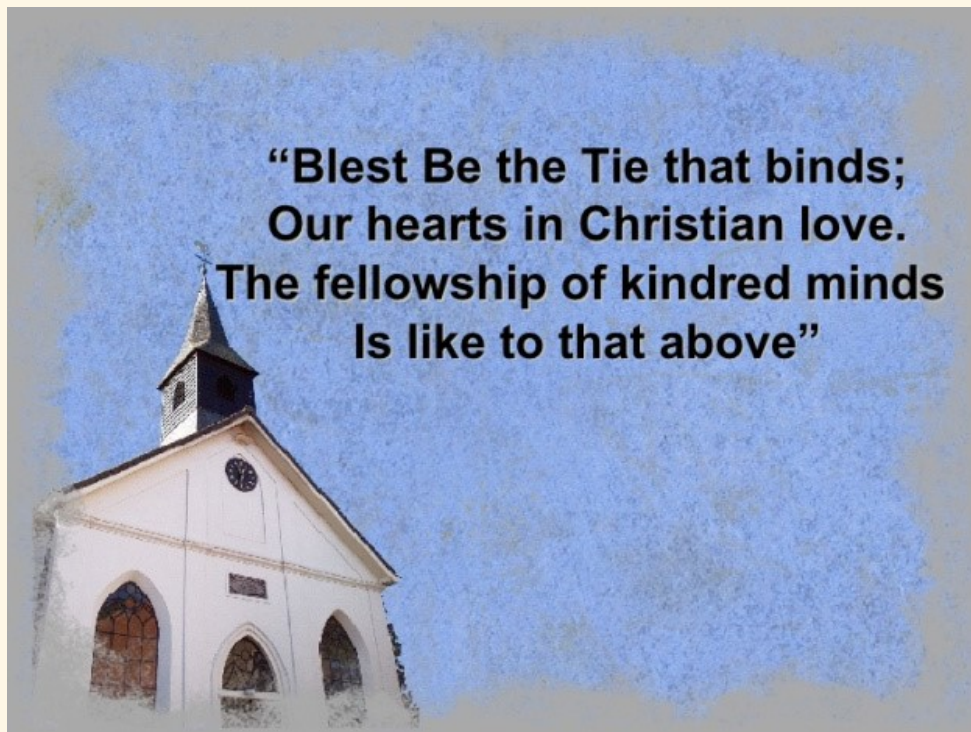
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Our hearts in Christian love
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

We share our mutual woes
Our mutual burden bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

From sorrow, toil, and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity



(Sunday's Sermon Song)

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
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(Sunday's Sending Song)

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

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