

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

## E-Weekly Newsletter

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**This Sunday**

**Matthew 23: 1-12**

**Series:** Staying Healthy During ~~A~~ **Pandemic**  
**An Election!**

**Sermon:** "Christians Behaving Badly"

***NO In-person Worship This Sunday***  
***Online Worship Sunday at 10:00 am***

**In-person worship has paused for now due to the rising number of positive COVID cases. Please check our website at [www.newcovenantaz.church/regathering](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/regathering) for details.**

#### **ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:**

New Covenant Lutheran Church will continue to hold online worship services.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)

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

**The zoom link is at the top of this E-Weekly email.**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

**Who has not struggled with faith? Who has never wrestled with God? Certainly Jacob has. As he prepared to face the consequences of his past deceits, Jacob was acutely aware of his shameful actions with his twin brother, Esau. Jacob struggled with God, but instead of punishment, God responded with both a blessing and a new name: Israel, which means, "one who struggles with God." No one encounters God without being changed!**



### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

**Hello Friends,**

**During this pandemic, we have worked on developing new relationships and strategies.** One of our strategies is to work collaboratively with the three other ELCA churches in the NE Valley – New Journey, Fountain Hills; Living Water, Scottsdale and Christ the Lord, Carefree. **One of the ways that we are working together is by sharing an Intern Pastor, Jenn Smith, who is preparing for the public ministry of Word and Sacrament.** We share a representative on her Internship Committee (Debby Andrews) and Jenn will be working on projects with the churches individually and collaboratively.

One of the issues that Intern Jenn wants to address right away is the anxiety that reverberates as we enter the culmination of a long and fierce political campaign season. As we seek to not worry, no matter the outcomes, Jenn has organized a Prayer Service that involves all four of our congregations. **We are reminded by the Apostle Paul what we ought not do and what we ought to do: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).**

Jenn is coordinating an Election Eve Prayer Service for **Monday, November 2 at 4:00 pm.** This will be a meditative service of prayer and song. **The Election Eve Service Zoom link is at the top of this email.**

**This Sunday in worship we will look take a look at the theme of "Christians Behaving Badly" - Matthew 23: 1-12.** Because it is the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate Holy Communion, so we invite you to prepare with bread and wine or juice.

Our infection rates continue to rise in Arizona, so unfortunately, we will not have in-person worship, but please know that **you may join us online at 10:00 am for our streaming worship through Facebook Live.**

Pastor Steve



Offerings can be mailed to:  
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 Online go to: [www.newcovenantaz.church](http://www.newcovenantaz.church)  
 Click on Donate Now



## Soul Sisters Fall Calendar

<b><u>Yoga</u></b>	<b><u>Hiking</u></b>
October 3	October 10
October 17	October 24
November 7	November 14
November 21	December 12
December 5	
December 19	

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.



*Take a breath.  
 Pray.  
 Meditate. Sing.*

*If you need a break from election happenings, please join either or both of these events.*

**MONDAY**  
 Election Eve Prayer Service  
 A meditative service of prayer and song  
 November 2, 2020  
 4 p.m. AZ  
 Link:  
 Election Eve Service  
 Meeting ID: 849 3973 1708  
 Passcode: election

**TUESDAY**  
 Election Day Hymn Sing  
 The Hymn Society is offering a 12-hour concert. This non-partisan event is designed to give your spirit a rest from the anxiety of waiting for election results. Follow this link:  
 Election Day Hymn Sing

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 Philippians 4:6

NE Valley ELCA Churches

- New Journey Lutheran Church, Fountain Hills AZ
- New Covenant Lutheran Church, Scottsdale AZ
- Living Water Lutheran Church, Scottsdale AZ
- Christ the Lord Lutheran Church, Carefree AZ



## November Monthly Mission

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES FOR VISTA DEL CAMINO

Monetary donations to purchase items for the food box.  
 Donate online or mail your check to the church office

If you would like to donate food, please see the food list at [www.newcovenantaz.church/ncl-monthly-missions](http://www.newcovenantaz.church/ncl-monthly-missions).  
 Contact Jennifer Coughenour at [j.coughenour@cox.net](mailto:j.coughenour@cox.net) to arrange drop off.

**DUE: Monday, November 16th**

## October Mission Project



Raise \$2,000 to provide a pallet of food

Donate online, mail your check to the church office, or put in Donation box at church on Sunday.

We've nearly met our goal: \$1,945 to date! Get your donation in by October 31 to help us feed 22 children for a year.

## 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's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## For All the Saints

For all the saints  
Who from their labors rest  
Who thee by faith  
Before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus  
Be forever blest  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh blest communion  
Fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle  
They in glory shine  
Yet all are one in thee  
For all are thine  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce  
The warfare long  
Steals on the ear  
The distant triumph song  
And hearts are brave again  
And arms are strong  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks  
A yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant  
Rise in bright array  
The King of glory  
Passes on his way  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

