

New Covenant Lutheran Church

March 4 - 11, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

This Sunday:

1 Kings 19:1-9a, 13b-16

**"Elijah was Tempted to Give Up --
Discouragement!"**

Sermon Series -- Conversations with the Prophets!

Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	On break	Returning 3/14
Hospitality Zoom	Sun	11:00 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	Wed	7:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Velda Stokke Service	3/13	11:00 AM
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ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

New Covenant Lutheran Church continues 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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Good evening Church!

Elijah was discouraged and wanted God to just end his life so that he wouldn't have to suffer and worry about being killed by his enemies. When we as Christians become discouraged, confronted by fear, illness and division, we can begin to lose hope. It is helpful to be reminded that God has given us a promise for our most despairing moments.

Jesus said, "Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer's just around the corner. So it is with you: When you see all these things, you'll know he's at the door. Don't take this lightly. I'm not just saying this for some future generation, but for all of you. This age continues until all these things take place. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out." Matthew 24:32-35 The Message

Heaven and earth will pass away and when that day comes, the power of sin and the evil one will cease. Someday this world will pass away with all of its illnesses and diseases. This world will pass away with its sinful love of division. But what will not pass away is God's Word of Truth and Grace. God always has more for us than we can imagine. Bread and water revived Elijah and bread and wine will revive us.

Join us this Sunday as we look at the life of Elijah and what was to sustain him during one of his most difficult times. This teaching can help us re-orient our lives as we focus on "conversations with the prophets" during the season of Lent. If you want to read ahead, take a look at I Kings 19: 1-9a, 13-16. And remember to bring some bread and juice or wine as we gather for Holy Communion. See you Sunday!
 Pastor Steve

The Elijah Blues



Lent Mission Outreach

**\$25 gift cards for
Lutheran Social Services
of the Southwest**

Walmart, Target, Fry's preferred

**Donate online or mail your check or gift
cards to the church office.**

Goal: 50 cards



Livestream scripture readers needed!

Please consider reading the scripture for worship this year. You would read and record the scripture, email it to the church office and it would be added to the livestream worship service on Sunday. It's only a few verses, you could use your smart phone to record and send the video, and you can have do-overs if you stumble over a word or name! You would be given the scripture well in advance and it would be needed by the Thursday before your worship service. Sign up on the link at the top of this E-Weekly email and contact the office with questions. Thank you!



Offerings can be mailed to:

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

The Daniel Plan

Join us daily throughout this season of Lent as we participate in the Daniel Plan. Clarey Dees is posting daily podcasts as she reads from the pictured "The Daniel Fast Devotional for Lent."



You can access the podcasts and find the link to this free devotional on our website. Daniel Plan recipes and ingredients are also included. Enjoy the fruits, vegetables, and legumes!



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

**NO Sunday School March 7!
Have a wonderful Spring Break!**



**Velda Stokke
Celebration of Life Service
Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.
New Covenant Lutheran
Church
via Facebook Live**

To share a video memory or tribute for this virtual service, please click on the link at the top of this newsletter email or email DeEtte Person at person5@cox.net.

Submissions are needed by March 8.

In celebration of Velda's love for God, music and education, a memorial fund has been established at New Covenant Lutheran Church for continued growth in the music and dance ministries. Donations can be sent to New Covenant Lutheran Church or made online on our website.



(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name



(Sunday's Message Song)

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

(Sunday's Sending Song)

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day. We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling ev'ry part of our praise

Open up the heavens. We want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
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