

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

March 11 - 18, 2021



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## NCLC Calendar

**This Sunday:**  
**Numbers 21: 4 - 9**

**"Moses -- The Bronze Snake"**

**Sermon Series -- Conversations with the Prophets!**

## Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	Sun	11:15 AM
Hospitality Zoom	Sun	11:00 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	Wed	7:00 AM

## Upcoming Events

Soul Sister Hike	3/13	7:30 AM
Velda Stokke Service	3/13	11:00 AM

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)



We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to our 2021 Building Fund. Pledge cards can be completed online, as for the General Fund Pledge a few months ago, or you can mail your pledge to the office. Identified projects include an upgrade to our livestreaming environment for online worship, painting the church trim and refinishing our narthex doors. Commitment Sunday is March 21.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

One year ago today, I was meeting with our leadership team and the Board of Ministry about canceling our in-person worship because of the declaration of a global pandemic. The President and Governor ordered everything except essential work to be closed – we thought for 2-3 weeks. **Well, one year later here we are still battling the virus, worshipping at home and maintaining our social distance with masks.**

**There is good news, however. I read this morning in the paper that Maricopa County now has 23% of the county vaccinated. That means that there is light at the end of the tunnel.** In the not-too-distant future, we will be able to risk coming together again. We are monitoring the numbers and will keep you posted. In the meantime, we invite you to reserve a spot for our Easter Sunrise Service, live on the patio at 8:00 am Easter morning.

Some people desire only in-person worship services. Some need or want only streaming services. **After we have moved out of the pandemic, we will offer both – in-person worship and online worship services. In order to do that well, we will need to upgrade our technology** – our cable wire into the office and throughout the church campus – the equipment used to stream/record services – and the software that we use to present the service. This will be the primary focus of our Building Fund Drive this year. We will soon have the pledge card emailed to you. If you prefer a paper copy, you can print it from the website or let us know and we will mail it to you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in giving to this special fund.

**This week we will continue our "Conversations with the Prophets."** Our Scripture will be about the complaints of the Israelites, snakes and a bronze snake on a pole (**Numbers 21:4-9**). It's quite a conversation, so I hope that you will join us!

Pastor Steve



## **Lent Mission Outreach**

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

**Walmart, Target, Fry's preferred**

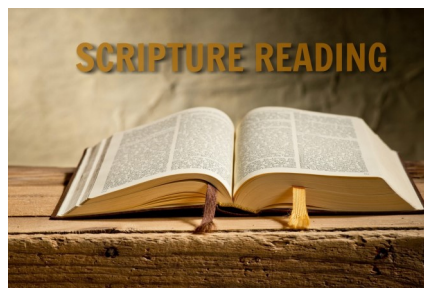
**Donate online or mail your check or gift  
cards to the church office.**

**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!



***Foster Care: How does it work,  
and why is it important?***

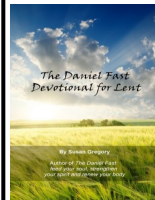
**Thursday, March 25th at 10am**



**To register for this  
webinar, click on the  
link at the top of this  
newsletter email.**

## **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!

## **Gifts to New Covenant Lutheran Church**

Thank you for your continued financial gifts that allow us to carry out God's mission for Hope!

Giving online is quick, secure and easy. Give once, or schedule recurring gifts using your checking account, debit or credit card! During this season of no weekly offering baskets being passed, consider switching your gifts to online!

Visit our website at [www.newcovenantaz.church](http://www.newcovenantaz.church)  
And click on Donate Now



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

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

**The Betrayal  
Luke 22: 31-33, 54-62**

Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times before the rooster crowed. Peter was devastated to hear this, but when Jesus was taken away, Peter fulfilled Jesus' prophecy and denied that he even knew Jesus, not once, but three times. God, we are thankful that there is no place you have not gone—even the heartbreak of betrayal. Amen



*(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

In the cross of Christ I glory  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime

When the woes of life o'ertake me  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy  
Never shall the cross forsake me  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day



*(Sunday's Message Song)*

## Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

*(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

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