

New Covenant Lutheran Church

April 22 - 29, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

Sermon Series: Linger in the Graveyard

This Sunday:
Good Shepherd Sunday
John 10: 11-18

In-person Worship on the Patio at 8:00 AM
Live Stream to Facebook at 10:00 AM

Groups

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| 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

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| Soul Sister Hike | 4/24 | 6:45 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

*I am
the Good Shepherd
John 10:11*



PASTOR'S CORNER

Why do we need a shepherd? A shepherd is placed with authority over a flock of sheep in order to guard and protect that flock from any harm. A shepherd is also entrusted with the responsibility to lead the sheep into pasture where they will be able to eat fresh grass and drink from a river or stream. It actually reminds me of being a parent! As guardians of children, we are called to provide for them and to protect them from any harm.

But **Jesus adds one more purpose to the role of Shepherd which brings about an amazing outcome!** We'll talk about that on Sunday as we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" and look at the Scripture from **John 10: 11-18. Oh, yeah! We'll have a little lamb at the in-person service on the patio! Join us!**

Thank you for your continued generosity! We have received many gracious gifts so far for the "Beat the Heat!" program for Seniors in the city of Scottsdale. I will give you an update on this Sunday during worship.

In the meantime, your staff and the board have been working on a couple of upcoming projects. **The Board will be reviewing bids for our technology upgrades at their meeting in May.** So, you will be hearing more about those plans in the near future. These upgrades are being made possible because of your pledges and giving to the Building Fund so thank you!

We are also looking at solar power and investigating the possibility of more shade on the campus. If the Board approves a shaded solar structure, then we will need to have a congregational vote for final approval. The board will review this proposal at the May meeting as well, and if they approve it, we will prepare to hold a brief congregational meeting, sometime later in May. I'll plan to keep you informed on that possibility as well.

As we prepare to gather Sunday in-person and virtually, let's keep one another in prayer. We are the church together!

Pastor Steve

April Mission Project

This month we are collecting money for the Vista del Camino "Beat the Heat Program" that provides summer care packages to Scottsdale Senior Citizens who are low income, isolated, homebound, or disabled.

**Goal: \$1000
(20 seniors)**



Building Fund Drive 2021

**Goal: \$50,000
To date: \$38,005**



NOURISH PHX
(formerly known as ICM Food & Clothing Bank)

Please contact Mary Reynoso at mreynoso1@cox.net before dropping any NourishPHX donations at her house.

Chapel with the preschool -- 2021 style!



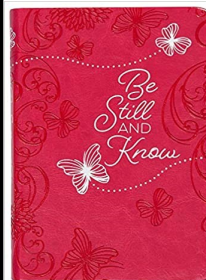
We hope you will prayerfully consider giving to our 2021 Building Fund. Pledge cards can be completed online, as for the General Fund Pledge a few months ago, or you can mail your pledge to the office. Identified projects include an upgrade to our livestreaming environment for online worship, painting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

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 And click on Donate Now



Weekly Podcasts...

Clarey Dees is publishing a podcast each Monday based on the devotional "Be Still and Know" (available from Amazon). The podcasts can be accessed through the Communications section of our website at www.newcovenantaz.church



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

**Persecution
Acts 4: 17-22**

Our lesson series on The Early Church continues this week with a provocative topic - Persecution. We will learn about challenges faced by Peter and John as some of the first disciples of Christ and early founders of the church. I look forward to seeing your children this Sunday. They are truly amazing human beings and it is my joy to spend this time with them!

Grace and peace, Jen Smith

(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me

And so, through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever



(Sunday's Message Song)

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

(Sunday's Sending Song)

I Will Follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move. I will follow
Oh, oh, oh

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah

Light into the world, light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in You alone. In You alone

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah

In You, there's life everlasting
In You, there's freedom for my soul
In You, there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move. I will follow
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah
I will follow You, yeah