

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

Scottsdale, AZ  
April 29 - May 6, 2021



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## NCLC Calendar

Sermon Series: Linger in the Graveyard

This Sunday:  
Remain in Jesus!  
John 15: 1-8

In-person Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:00 AM  
Live Stream to Facebook at 10:30 AM

## Groups

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School	Sun	11:45 AM
Hospitality Zoom	Sun	11:30 AM
Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study	Wed	7:00 AM

## Upcoming Events

Soul Sister Yoga	5/01	8:45 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 10:30 am Sunday to see the video live.

Our Facebook page is at

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

**GATHER WITH US FOR  
IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

9:00 in the Sanctuary  
(or online at 10:30 on Facebook)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Thank You Church! You are amazing to me! **You have weathered one of the most challenging years that we will ever experience in our lifetime. And in spite of that you have been so kind, gracious and faithful.** One of the reasons that the Board had placed tighter restrictions on our worship life together is because of me and my underlying health issues. I did not ask them, but they insisted on protecting their Pastor from this pandemic. So, while other churches have been experiencing in-person worship, we have taken a very conservative approach, which has limited your ability to worship in-person. Thank you, New Covenant, for caring so deeply about Patti and me!

But now that more and more of us are being vaccinated, it is possible for us to gather in-person for worship inside the sanctuary once again! **Because the virus has not been completely vanquished, we will still ask you to wear masks and the chairs will be socially distanced from one another. But how excited I am to begin to see you again and to worship with you!** Thank you for your patience and love!

Thank you also for your continued generosity. We have received a total of \$1719.00 for the "Beat the Heat" program for Seniors in the city of Scottsdale. And our pledges and gifts total for the building fund is around \$38,100.00. Thank you for being a blessing!

We continue our Easter series on "Linger in the Garden" as we take a look at a favorite piece of scripture, **John 15: 1-8. The theme that I will be preaching on is "Remain in Jesus!"** Remember that **in-person worship will be at 9:00 am inside the Sanctuary** and we will also provide our **on-line worship, streaming via Facebook Live at 10:30 am.** Please note these are both changes in our time of worship. I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday in worship, in-person or online!

In Christ,

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)**



## May Mission Project

We are collecting hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, sunscreen) and money to purchase these items for NourishPHX.

**NOURISHPHX**  
(formerly known as ICM Food & Clothing Bank)

## 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



## Building Fund Drive 2021

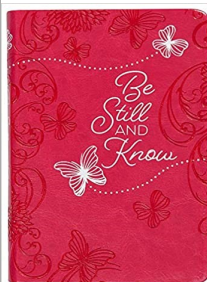
**Goal: \$50,000**  
**To date: \$38,130**

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A NourishPHX truck will be at Mary Reynoso's home soon. Get your items to her no later than May 11 so that she won't have to store them in her garage. Please contact her at [mreynoso1@cox.net](mailto:mreynoso1@cox.net)

## 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](http://www.newcovenantaz.church)



## Sunday School for 3rd - 5th graders 11:45 AM

## Spread of the Gospel Acts 10: 9-20, 34-35

Peter believed that the Gospel was meant for the Jewish people. But in a dream, God revealed to Peter that everything God made was clean. What's more, all people should be included in God's grace! The Gospel is for **everyone**. When Jesus was preaching his message, he would often say, "He who has ears let him hear." We continue to hear God's word as we learn and grow and share with our listening ears!

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**John 15:5**



*(Sunday's Call to Worship Hymn)*

## In The Garden

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that he gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling  
But he bids me go, thro' the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known



*(Sunday's Message Song)*

## Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father; it's who You are  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am  
It's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need before we say a word

You're a good, good Father; it's who You are  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am  
It's who I am, it's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love

You're a good, good Father; it's who You are  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am  
It's who I am, it's who I am

You're a good, good Father; it's who You are  
It's who You are, it's who You are  
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am  
It's who I am, it's who I am

*(Sunday's Sending Song)*

## Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me  
That You hear me when I call  
Is it true that You are thinking of me  
How You love me, it's amazing!

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend  
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend

Who am I that You are mindful of me  
That You hear me when I call  
Is it true that You are thinking of me  
How You love me, it's amazing!  
It's amazing! It's amazing!

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend  
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. He calls me friend

God Almighty, Lord of Glory  
You have called me friend  
God Almighty, Lord of Glory  
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. You call me friend  
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God  
I am a friend of God. You call me friend  
You call me friend!