

# New Covenant Lutheran Church

## August 5 - 12, 2021



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### NCLC Calendar

**This Sunday:**  
**Danger New Covenant! Part 2**  
**Hebrews 3: 7-19**

**In-person and Live Stream to Facebook**  
**at 10:30 AM**

**Women's Bible Study**

Tues

7:00 PM.  
Resuming 8/17

**Men's Bible Study**

Wed

7:00 AM

### ONLINE WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:

New Covenant Lutheran Church continues to hold online worship services in addition to in-person worship.

**We use Facebook Live for our online worship services.**  
**You do not have to have a Facebook account to watch the service.**

Go to New Covenant Lutheran Church's Facebook page at 10:30 am Sunday to see the service live. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ](https://www.facebook.com/NewCovenantAZ)

**Hebrews is here!**

Sermon series and study of the Book of Hebrews



### PASTOR'S CORNER

Good afternoon church!

**Thank you for your prayers and support for our sweet little granddaughter, Maeve McMahan.** Over the past two days she has really turned the corner. Last weekend, they were debating whether to intubate her and place her on a ventilator; now she has improved to the point that she thinks that it is normal to have cookies for breakfast, unlimited popsicles throughout the day and "Paw Patrol" on demand, any time of the day or night. We are so grateful to God for her recovery, and we are so thankful for all your prayers and gestures of support! To God be the glory!

If you have not heard, the Delta variant of Covid-19 is on the rise. **As our Bishop recently said in a letter, "We want to be done with Covid, but Covid is not done with us."** Our Board of Ministry from the beginning has said that they will use the State Positivity Rate and the CDC guidelines to direct their decisions on worship. Well, the new AZ Positivity rate is at 13.1%. Two months ago, it was at 3.8%. And, the CDC has issued new guidelines recommending that all should mask when in indoors (including worship).

I understand that this causes frustration and even anger. I get it. I agree that we have basic rights of free choice – masks - vaccines. Yet, there is one group among us that does not have the freedom of a choice regarding vaccines – that is the children from ages 0-12. Since they cannot receive the vaccine, the best way for us to protect them is to wear masks while indoors. **So, I am asking that we please consider wearing a mask indoors when we gather for worship or other meetings to protect the most vulnerable among us – the children.** The board was clear in their process of decision making that this is not a mandate, but a word of encouragement.

**This Sunday we have several new and important pieces of information to share with you.** We will have an announcement about Sunday School and an announcement about a shade covering for the patio. Join us in worship to hear the latest!

We will also continue our series on Hebrews. This week we will look at **Hebrews 3: 7-19** as we look at the theme, **"Danger New Covenant! Part 2"** I look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Steve





**Sunday School**

K - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
TEACHERS ARE NEEDED  
(SIGN UP ON SIGNUPGENIUS)

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 12**

Mark your calendars now for the return of In-Person Sunday School for grades K-2 and 3-5! Sunday school begins promptly at 10:30 am and the children will join the worship service just in time for a brief children's message before communion. Please consider joining our 'teaching team' by volunteering once a month or how many times you can! All the planning and prep is done for you! All you need to do to prepare is familiarize yourself with the lesson, pray for the children you serve, and rejoice at knowing you just got to share God's story of love with young, curious hearts and minds. We encourage 'older youth' to help as well. Contact Ms. Patti with questions.



**ENCOURAGE  
ONE  
ANOTHER  
DAILY!**

**HEBREWS 3:13**

### SPAM ALERT!!

Every once in a while we hear about people getting an email from someone claiming to be Pastor Steve. It asks for assistance but says he wants to **ONLY** be contacted as a reply to that email. He does not send those emails! Please check the sending email address (not just the name) before you hit reply.



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**August Mission**  
**Focus: US Wildfire Assistance**



### 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 Teachers  
Sunday Scripture Readers  
Worship Service Assistance  
(set up communion)**

**Check out our SignUpGenius  
sign ups to add your name!**