



New Covenant Lutheran Church

August 12 - 19, 2021



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NCLC Calendar

**This Sunday:
Sabbath Rest!**
Hebrews 4:1-13

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

Women's Bible Study	Tues	7:00 PM.
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



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

August Mission

Focus: US Wildfire Assistance

Worship with us!



Sunday in-person or online at 10:30 AM
Face masks are required.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear friends,

One of the things that I appreciate about Moses was how he would petition God on behalf of his people, even after they had grumbled and complained about and then abandoned God. Moses would still intervene on their behalf. Now let me be clear. I am no Moses and New Covenant is way more benevolent and faithful than the Israelites. But that's not my point. My point is that I want to learn to love all of God's people the way Moses loved God's people. It's easy to say I will love them – but if you heard my sermon on August 1st, you also heard my struggle with having the Russian Olympians in Olympics– a sign of grace that I wouldn't give if I was in charge. And we are deeply divided as a nation over vaccines and masks and just about anything else we want to try to talk about. **So, this is my desire – simply to love you all and to pray to God on our behalf that we might love one another as Christ loves us.**

The Board of Ministry received an update on the quickly increasing delta variant of Covid-19 and had a special vote this past week. Because of its contagiousness, they approved a resolution that we must now all wear masks for our in-person worship and ministry activities, even those who have been vaccinated. We will also return to our socially distanced worship, with fewer chairs. If you are like me, you don't particularly like wearing masks, but for the sake of the community and in particular, the children, I will gladly wear my mask.

God has blessed us with 10 confirmation youth at this time. This is an opportunity for us to grow the fruit of discipleship in our youth from the congregation. This is why we are looking for a student minister to lead our ministry to middle school, high school, and college youth. If you know of any candidates, please send their information our way. In the meantime, **this coming Monday (August 16), I will host a parent's meeting for all the youth in confirmation this year. I will meet with the parents in-person or online at 5:15 pm for about an hour. I will review the purpose, goals, and plans for Confirmation in 2021-2022. We will also talk about the church protocols during this pandemic.**

This week in worship, we will focus on chapter 4 of the Preacher's sermon to the Hebrews. And in it we will talk about "Sabbath Rest". If you are reading ahead, look at Hebrews 4: 1-13. In my translation, the word for rest occurs 14 times. This must be an important theme in this section of the sermon. Let's take a closer look at it this Sunday, on our Sabbath, and as my Jewish friends say to me on the Sabbath, I will say to you, **"Shabbat Shalom!"**

Pastor Steve



STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

K - 5TH GRADE
TEACHERS ARE NEEDED
(SIGN UP ON
SIGNUPGENIUS)

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.

The New Covenant Arts Academy has openings for Piano, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele, and Flute Lessons!

As the new school year begins so does the 'music year' for the Arts Academy! Did you know that lessons are offered Monday through Friday both Online and In-Person? Did you also know that there is an ADULT student and we'd love even more. Contact Ms. Patti at Patti.kruse@newcovenantaz.org for more information.



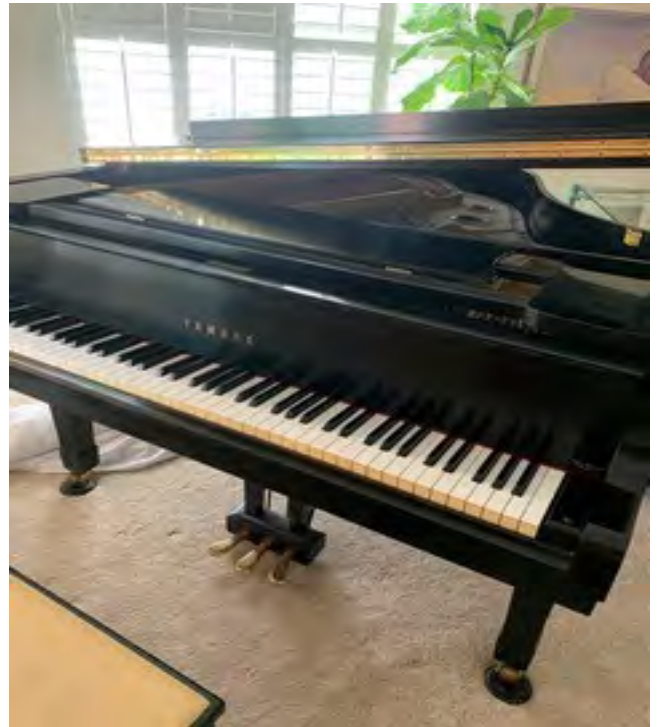
Weekly Podcasts...

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



Beautiful Yamaha Baby Grand Piano For Sale

If you are looking for a baby grand piano that is in impeccable shape look no further! This 45 year old treasure needs a new home as the owner is moving soon to an assisted living center. Patti had our piano technician assess it and other than needing a good tuning it is worth much more than the owner is asking. Please contact Patti Kruse if you have any questions or wish to go see the piano. The owner lives about 1 mile from the church and is a lovely person!



Sunday School Teachers Sunday Scripture Readers

Check out our SignUpGenius sign ups to add your name!