

EPIPHANY TIMES

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Lutheran Church
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What any Well-Dressed Pastor wears to a Ladies TEA

President's Message

As we are well on our way in this New Year of 2019 I send greetings to all and I sincerely hope this will be a blessed year for all. We are so grateful to have so many Winter friends join us this time of year in our worship, and the new friends we meet and the "old" friends we catch up with brings much joy to our Fellowship Hour each Sunday. The past year has gone so very quickly for me. It seems we just had an annual meeting and the congregation voted and agreed to entrust me to be your President for 3 years. I hope there are no regrets.....(pause for laughter, as Pastor Steve says) Our church has a unique challenge since we go from under 100 attendees in the summer to over 300 in the winter. The summer cost for the operation of the Church is always a challenge – I will say that the Coordinating Committee and our volunteers who

work out in the hot sun maintaining the grounds are very mindful of what we can do to make every dollar spent count. I look forward to the next 2 or 3 months enjoying the worship, the fellowship, and the winter visitors and guests. I was born and baptized in the Missouri Synod, confirmed and later married in the LCA, and have been ELCA since the start of this church many years ago when we first met in a grade school gymnasium. I am about as Lutheran as one can be. I have held on to my Faith in very bad times and I have rejoiced in the good times. Each one of us can relate to great joy and deep sadness in life. Without God in our lives, what would we do? I pray for those who grieve and don't know our Savior, and for those who by some turn in life end up hungry and homeless. There is much we can do every day to walk in His way and show compassion for all of our Brothers and Sisters.

Judy Holder, President

NEW MEMBERS

Angel Frolander is our new office manager. Please stop by the office, say hello and welcome Angel into our office family. Bev will be in and out of the office the next few weeks (can't get rid of her that easy)!

We will be welcoming new members on February 24, 2019 at both services. If you would like more information, please contact Betty Miller at 480-358-6942 or you may phone the office and of course you may also discuss this with Pastor.



We're going to have a potluck after second service Sunday February 24th.

AUCTION AND CHILI COOK-OFF
With all the activities we've had the last couple of months the auction and chili cook-off scheduled for March has been re-scheduled for the fall. We'll let everyone know the date well in advance.



A Ladies Luncheon Tea was held on Saturday, January 19th and attended by 90 women all dressed for the occasion. Besides great food, games and fellowship there was fabulous entertainment. A representative from Hope Women's Center provided a wonderful overview of their organization. Proceeds from ticket sales \$ was donated to the Hope Women's Center in Apache Junction. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the event from preparing food, decorating and who could forget the waiters! It could not have been done without all of you!

Kari Jacobson

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Let me introduce you to NED & JEAN FREESTONE. Natives of Iowa, they moved to Colorado for seventeen years, then to Young, Arizona in 2005. In 2008 they made their way to Apache Junction, selecting Epiphany of Christ Lutheran as their home church.

Ned was an over-the-road truck driver and also had his own trucking business. Jean was employed as a bookkeeper, as well as keeping their business books.

In Young, AZ, they owned a business with Tennessee Walking Horses and some mules. Ned was busy selling and buying horses while Jean kept the books up to date. They officially retired in 2017.

Being in the horse business, naturally, one of their favorite things to do was to go horseback riding! Jean enjoys plants and outdoor flowers but has had difficulty keeping her 'green thumb' with Arizona's "dirt-less soil" and the intense summer heat.

Ned & Jean's blended family consist of three sons, one daughter and grandchildren. Two sons reside in Iowa, a son and daughter in Arizona and one son is deceased. They also have three siblings in Iowa & one in Missouri.

Sunday mornings will usually find Ned and Jean sitting on the front pew, next to Clay, right in front of the pulpit. That spot allows for a good vision of the pastor and a better chance of not missing any of the sermon! Jean might also be found helping out wherever a need arises: serving a meal, sorting patio sale items, fixing communion, etc., etc., etc.

If you haven't' already met the Freestones, you are in for a treat. From my brief time visiting with them, it is obvious that Ned has a *DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR AND JEAN A VERY CARING HEART*. They are a great couple who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in April 2019. Early CONGRATULATIONS go out to them.