

Epiphany of Christ  
Lutheran Church  
1050 W. Superstition Blvd.  
Apache Junction, AZ

# Epiphany Times

September 2018



Bible Study

Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 10:00 in the Church Conference Room.

## President's Message

By Judy Holder

As our summer begins to wind down, we look ahead to the exciting things we have planned for the future months. Our Committee Chairs are outlining some of these events in their comments sections, so please do review those.

Our hope is to bring more Fellowship to the congregation and get to know each other better. Many of us do have opportunities in our respective communities to get to know our neighbors better, and we want to get to know our Brothers and Sisters in Christ better. These events should provide fun and fellowship. We want to become better acquainted with our year-round members, our associate members, and our winter friends.

### CAN YOU HELP?

On November 24<sup>th</sup>, we need 8-10 volunteers to help cook lunch, serve lunch and clean up at Genesis Project. Starting time will be posted on the sign-up sheet or call the office for more details.

The only requirements: you must wear closed toe shoes, (their requirement) AND, you must enjoy having a good time helping others (our requirement). Aprons and hats will be furnished. You can't beat that! We're asking volunteers to furnish cookies or cupcakes (Your choice) to feed the crowd.

Since this is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, many of you may be busy with family---but---we hope if not, you will sign up for what could be a very rewarding day.

Thanking you in advance!

Pastor Steve has now been here a year, and he has gotten to know the Council/Coordinating Committee, and we have gotten to know him. Pastor, Kay and their family are a real blessing in our lives.

Blessings to all,

Judy

Jan Andersen is placing a pin where she previously called home.

There's a map of the United States on the wall in the Narthex and we'd like each of you to put a pin in where you "came" from or where, besides Apache Junction (& surrounding area), you call home. Let's see how many pins we get and in what area!



**Marlys Lindgren**

Our "own" Marlys was featured in the summer 2018 addition of *Ranch Voice*, a magazine for friends and donors of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. We have copies of the magazine in our library, pick one up and read about a side of Marlys you may not know.

*Nobody should see his own good, but the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24*



Did you know we have Recycle Bins located at the north end of the parking lot. We have bins for paper and cans.....save these and bring them to the Church on Sunday for recycling; this is a money maker for the Church. We received a check in the amount \$321.48 for 5 months' worth of recycled items.

We are having trash/garbage and old tires thrown into our dumpster. If you happen to see someone doing this, please let Don Gimpel know or phone the office. Thank you.

We received a nice thank you from the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission for the Church's generous donation of \$176.10 and school supplies. "The Navajo Lutheran Mission is celebrating 65 years of equipping the Navajo people to live with courage, faith and hope." If you would like more information check out their website [www.nelm.org](http://www.nelm.org).

Our September Mission is The Genesis Project. They are in need of t-shirts & men's underwear (white) size s-xl; sweatshirts, jeans size 30-36 any length, travel size soap and shampoo, money for shower vouchers (cost \$5.00) cream soups and pork loins (we can freeze).

Our October Mission will be blankets for Project Help and this Mission is in honor of Marilyn Profitlich.



## Pastor's Corner

As I write these words the news is consumed with conversations about a Supreme Court nominee and Assistant Attorney General. I wanted to get a sense of how pols are talking about this and I chose to listen this morning to a variety of voices so I surfed among Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, and NPR. There were big differences in the human wisdom that I heard. But there was one commonality I found very evident; a lack of Spirit-led discussion.

Thomas Merton was a Roman Catholic monk who died in the late 60's. Among the many prayers he wrote are found these words, "I don't always know what the right thing to do is, my Lord, but I think the fact that I want to please you pleases you." I think so, too. And I often don't know the right thing to do. I think God is pleased when we try to please God. But this speaks more to what we do than how we do what we do. Process matters.

God's wisdom, Kingdom wisdom, can only be put into motion through Spirit-led processes and conversations. The ways we talk to and about one another make a difference. I like to consult Galatians Chapter 5 for help identifying whether my behavior is or is not Spirit-led. There we find the passage describing the "fruit of the Spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are characteristics of behavior led by the Holy Spirit.

Before this passage, however, is a list of characteristics that are described as "works of the flesh." In other words, human wisdom not Kingdom wisdom. Among these we find the following: idolatry, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions. The list is longer and I invite you to look at the whole list. I heard a lot of these characteristics in the discussions this morning. So, I offer a couple of observations:

1. The best decisions emanate from Spirit-led processes.
2. God's word helps us make better processes.
3. When in doubt, love. And please God.

Sometimes, we even get Spirit-led decisions wrong the first time. So we love, we forgive, and we try again. Remembering always that we love because God first loved us, (1 John 4:19). Before the Fruit of the Spirit characterized our behavior, they characterized our God.

The peace of the Lord be with you now and evermore,

Pastor Steve

# COMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 25.....Altar Guild Mtg. 9:00 AM
- 25.....Bible Study 10:00 AM
- 25.....Choir Practice 11:00 AM
- 30.....Church Fellowship—Bisquits and Gravy 9:00 AM

## OCTOBER

- 2, 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 23, 30<sup>th</sup>..Bible Study 10:00 AM
- 7.....Communion
- 8.....Council Meeting 1:00 PM
- 20.....Marilyn Profitlich Memorial
- 21.....Communion
- 23.....Altar Guild Mtg. 9:00 AM

## NOVEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> ..Bible Study 10:00 AM
- 4.....Communion
- 12.....Council Meeting 1:00
- 17.....Welcome Back Winter Families
- 18.....Communion
- 26.....Altar Guild Mtg 9: AM
- 30-Dec. 1.....Patio Sale



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### START PREPARING

Don't throw those items in the garbage, IF they are in good condition. Save them for the church's patio sale NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AND DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

You may drop them off at the office between 9 am and noon Monday through Friday.

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January 19<sup>th</sup> we'll be hosting a Ladies Tea.

March 5<sup>th</sup> we're going to have a chili cook-off and auction so dig out your favorite chile recipe and plan to attend the auction.

More information will be listed in future bulletins, newsletters and on the website.



**Marilyn Profitlich**

I have a friend, Marilyn, not a bosom buddy who has known you forever, but someone who has accepted me from our first meeting, with no questions asked. One who is there for you when you need them.

I met Marilyn when I first came to Epiphany Church. As I walked through the door she was there with a smile and a "Hi—how are you?"

During the summers she asked me to help in her greeting and ushering group. I got a lot of free hugs, and gave many in return.

When, because of her health, she was forced to leave here and go back to Illinois to be close to her family, we stayed in touch by phone and mail.

Now she is gone, but I know when it is my turn to go, she will be there to greet me with a "Hi—how are you?"

Mary Pat Summers

A Memorial Service for Marilyn will be held at the Church Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Love doesn't make the world go 'round.

Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

# VOLUNTEER

We need volunteers! There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for Sunday morning lectors, communion servers, coffee hosts and greeters/ushers. If you feel the calling to assist with one of these services, please sign-up. If you're thinking you have no experience, don't worry you don't need experience, just the wish to help. Please talk with Carolyn Lewis, Betty Miller, Bob McDowell or leave your name & number with Bev in the office and someone will contact you.

We also need a volunteer to serve on the Endowment Committee. Please contact Tracie Curtis if you feel a calling to serve on this committee.



I want to thank the volunteers who have helped during the past few months trimming bushes and trees, cleaning up, etc. the church grounds. **YOU ARE APPRECIATED!** We also have had several persons doing community restitution and with their help we have been able to keep things looking nice.

There is so much work to do with all of our landscaping and so few workers to accomplish keeping it looking nice, that we will be checking into eliminating some shrubbery and trees from the Fellowship and Educational Building areas.

There is a possibility of my having hand surgery, so I may be "out of commission" for a while.

Don Gimpel



## Let's Share

Have you read a good book, tried a new recipe, have a "hack" that will make our lives easier, a restaurant to recommend ...then please share with us. Send your recommendations to the office or stop by and let us know so we can publish in this column.

I'll start this off by saying that in our Church Library I pulled out and read *Same Kind of Different As me* by Ron Hall & Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent. I would recommend this to all!

There are several good books in our library with more at the local library, and Fran LeVeque has suggested, and has volunteered to coordinate, an Epiphany Book Group. If you are interested in joining please contact Fran or let the office know and Fran will contact you.

*Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Lucille Lund

Do you know a lady from South Dakota that has been attending our church since 1989? She and her husband began experiencing winter in Arizona at that time, moving here full-time in 2009. Her name is LUCILLE LUND.

Prior to moving to Arizona, she worked part-time outside the home as a bookkeeper for South Dakota State University. Sewing was a hobby she enjoyed. She and her husband also kept busy as part of a musical group, "South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers".

They would put on shows during weekends in the spring, summer and fall in their state, as well as four surrounding states. Lucille arranged and planned the two hour programs. (Are we missing some hidden talent here?)

After moving to Arizona, Lucille played the piano, chorded guitar, and sang with her husband at jams in the valley. After his passing, she gave up playing. Her love for music continues as she attends several jams a week. If you visit one, you most likely would see her on the dance floor. No wonder she stays in such good shape!

Lucille has survived the loss of three husbands and one son. However, she does have two living sons/families, as well as several step-children. One son lives in South Dakota and the other in Nebraska. She is grandma to three and great grandma to five.

Hopefully you will make the effort to meet Lucille and introduce yourself. She is a very pleasant lady with a nice smile on her face!

By: Lu Garrett