



Happy
New
Year

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you, you will
bear much fruit." — John 15:5*

Dear Victory Family,

As we step into the month of January, let's pause to reflect on the many ways God has carried us through this past year. Through joyful moments and challenging seasons alike, the Lord has proven Himself faithful, guiding us, strengthening us, and blessing our efforts to serve His kingdom. Each step we have taken, whether big or small, reveals the heart of a loving Father who delights in working through our lives to touch the world around us.

Looking back, we see how God's grace has met us exactly where we needed it — providing comfort in times of sorrow, courage in moments of doubt, and hope when everything seemed uncertain. He has opened doors of opportunity to share His love with others, fostering growth in our families, friendships, and church family. By His Spirit, we have been equipped to be His hands and feet, caring for those in need and shining His light to those who wander in darkness.

Now, as we turn the page to a new year, our hearts fill with anticipation for what lies ahead. Just as the branches find their strength and purpose by remaining attached to the vine, so we find ours in Christ. Let us begin this year by asking God to lead us into fresh avenues of service — where our unique gifts and passions can flourish for His glory.

May our prayers be marked by a deep desire to stay connected to Jesus in every endeavor, so that our lives bear lasting fruit. Together, let us embrace the coming days with faith and expectancy, trusting that the same God who has brought us this far will continue to work mightily in and through us for His divine purposes.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Todd Mathison



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Welcome!

Meet our new
**CONTEMPORARY
WORSHIP LEADER**
Pastor Dirk Duhlstine

It is with great excitement and gratitude that we welcome Pastor Dirk Duhlstine to Victory Lutheran as our new Contemporary Worship Leader. Pastor Dirk brings a wealth of experience and a true passion for worship, having led contemporary services for more than three decades. His ministry journey has taken him from Washington to Arizona, serving in a wide range of roles—preaching, youth ministry, small group leadership, and facility management. Throughout it all, his love for leading God's people in worship has remained at the very heart of his calling. Highly recommended by other LCMC pastors, Pastor Dirk has graciously embraced the opportunity to lead our contemporary worship ministry at Victory, and we are blessed to have him and his wife, Diane, join our Victory family. We look forward to growing together in faith and praise under his leadership.

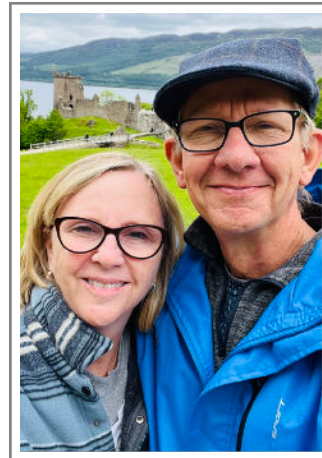
Greetings!

I'm so excited about being a part of the Victory Lutheran Church family. I have been a pastor and worship leader in the East Valley for so long that I feel like a native. I'm very encouraged by the faith and life that I see at Victory and I'm excited to worship God together in song and by the way we live and love others.

I was born in Moline, Illinois and we moved to Thousand Oaks California when I was in the fifth grade. I graduated from California Lutheran University and met my wife Diane while I was an intern in Orange County. After our wedding we spent 4 years in Gig Harbor, Washington and then moved to Mesa in search of sunshine! We raised our two children, Maggie and Josiah, here in Mesa. Diane and Maggie are teachers in Mesa and Josiah lives in Scotland where he teaches and plays cello. My daughter Sarah and her family live in Indiana, where I get to go visit my two grandchildren at least once a year.

This year Diane and I were able to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary with a trip of a lifetime to Italy and Scotland. I enjoy golfing, mountain biking, and paddleboarding with my wife. I really enjoy leading worship with brothers and sisters who love God. It's always special to create something more beautiful with others than you can create yourself. BTW, if you're interested in helping with our contemporary Worship team, please reach out.

Grateful in Christ,
Pastor Dirk
dduhlstine@victorylutheran.com





LCMC's Three Days of Prayer January 7-9, 2025

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts."
Psalm 145:4

Do you know every day God is listening? He really is. In fact, God tells us, "You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). This is His promise to each of us.

Believing God is calling His people at Victory Lutheran to pray in 2025, we invite you to join your voices together with thousands of other disciples of Jesus Christ from around the world and our international association of churches (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) for an intentional time of prayer January 7-9, 2025.

The Bible teaches us prayer is a gift God has given to us as a means to approach His throne of grace with confidence and not a hopeless act of desperation. (Hebrews 4:14-16) As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to be a people of prayer. Therefore, on January 7, 8 and 9 Victory Lutheran will join other LCMC congregations around the world in lifting our voices in prayers of praise, petition, confession and thanksgiving to God.

- Daily Prayer Theme:**
- January 7 – Confession**
Psalm 145:8
- January 8 – Petition**
Psalm 145:9
- January 9 – Vision**
Psalm 145:18


We thank God for placing this prayer burden upon us as we begin this new year. We ask the Holy Spirit to come and dwell among us as He brings us faith, courage, and passion to be God's faithful prayer warriors and strong disciples of our Savior Jesus Christ. We approach God's throne with confidence because we understand prayer is an opportunity to share our deepest heartaches and greatest joys with our Father who desires a personal relationship with each of us.

This year, Psalm 145 will be our guiding Scripture for this special time of prayer. During these three days we will thank our Almighty God for the past and seek the discernment of the Holy Spirit to show us God's divine will for the future of LCMC and His people here at Victory Lutheran.

As part of the LCMC Three Days of Prayer a special Prayer Service will be held at 10:00 am Thursday January 9, 2025, in the courtyard chapel. We invite all who are able to join us as we worship our Lord with a time of singing, prayer and Holy Communion.

A prayer guide will be available the weekend of January 4th and 5th to use as we set aside time for personal prayer and reflection at our homes or other locations that work for us each day. We look forward to witnessing all the Holy Spirit desires to do among us as we seek the Lord's will for our lives, our families, our church and our community. We place the future of God's people in His care, and we ask the Holy Spirit to come and bring us faith, courage, and passion to be God's devoted people of prayer. We also ask the Holy Spirit to transform us into strong disciples of our Savior Jesus Christ as we serve our Lord in this place.


God's blessings to you all,
Pastor Susan Westland



Victory Campus

Prayer Walk

**Thursday, January 2, 2025
at 10:00am**



The **Victory Prayer Team** invites you to be with us as we employ this powerful tool of God grace. We will begin our year by doing a prayer walk within our church – stopping in each area, specifically praying for the ministries.

Family Promise Host Week January 26-February 2, 2025

Look for the sign-up tables in the lobby beginning January 11th. We hope you would be willing to help families that are experiencing homelessness by helping set up & take down rooms, preparing and serving meals, hosting evenings and overnights, baking, and do laundry.

If you would like to learn more about Family Promise or for additional ways that you can help, please call Kathy Michel at 480-830-5024 ext. 113 or email kmichel@victorylutheran.com.

Providing unconditional hospitality is what Victory does best! Prayerfully consider participating in this local, outreach ministry. As our Lord Jesus has said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)



Family Promise of Greater Phoenix
familypromiseaz.org

VLC CONCERT SERIES

East Valley Chorale

January 19, 2025 @ 3pm

Experience the powerful harmonies of the East Valley Chorale as they perform a selection of sacred and traditional choral works.



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East Valley Chorale Sunday, January 19 @ 3:00pm

The East Valley Chorale was formed in 1999 to share the hope and joy of the Gospel message. EVC has around 100 singers and performs a variety of styles that includes traditional Hymns, Light Classical, and Contemporary Christian arrangements. The East Valley Chorale has a two-part mission: to sing and to serve. Come join us for an afternoon of inspirational music performed by talented singers from around the east valley.

February 16 - East Valley Pops Orchestra

March 9 - Main Street Brass

March 30 - Moravian Masterpieces: A glimpse into the sacred music of Early America

April 18 - Good Friday Cantata, 4 & 6pm



Discovering Victory New Member Class 101 Sun, February 23, 12:30-2:30pm

You will learn how Victory's mission (being and making disciples) and vision (building people) directly affect your life. We will explore how Victory provides a specific grace-center to your beliefs, life and mission, answering the question: Of all the churches to be part of, why choose Victory? This session counts as our "membership class" and you will be given the opportunity to become a member or associate member of Victory. But this is far more than an orientation; this is the starting point for everyone — members and non-members. And it could revolutionize the way you engage Victory as a spiritual-growth engine in your own Christian faith and life. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online. **Complimentary lunch included.**



8-WEEK
WINTER
BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS

JAN 6-FEB 24
MONDAYS

SIGN UP



FOUNDATIONS

EXCAVATING THE DEPTHS OF ROMANS

TWO OPTIONS:
MORNINGS
9:30-11:00AM
with continental breakfast



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EVENINGS
5:30-7:00PM
with light dinner



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Sign up scanning the QR codes above or at the Welcome Desk.



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EXPLORING KEY THEMES IN ROMANS 1-8

Deepen your appreciation of the core teaching that we are justified solely by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, not by our own works.

This is a critical starting point for our Christian faith: the reality that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, highlighting our need for a Savior.

There are two words in all of scripture: law and Gospel. Understand Victory's emphasis on distinguishing between the Law, which reveals our sin, and the Gospel, which proclaims forgiveness and life.

Explore the paradox of being declared righteous through faith while still wrestling with sin in our daily lives, and in this, find the freedom of the Christian life because of Jesus Christ!

Learn about baptism as a means of grace that unites us with Christ's death and resurrection, granting us newness of life.

Discover how the Holy Spirit works within us to will and to act according to God's good purpose, empowering us to live out our faith.

Be encouraged by the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Register online or at the Welcome Desk and prepare to deepen your understanding of these foundational Biblical truths. Through engaging discussions and reflections, we'll grow together in faith and knowledge.



2024 Christmas Luncheon & Bus Lights Tour





Unlocking your Legacy

Estate & Planned Giving Free Seminar

By Mark Johnson

Development Consultant

Recognized for his expertise in
Estate planning and
charitable gifting.



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Scan the QR code or sign up
at the Welcome Desk.

Monday, January 20, 1:30-3:00pm

Estate & Planned Giving Seminar

Sponsored by Victory Lutheran Church Foundation

Embark on a journey of empowerment and foresight with
Victory's Estate & Planned Giving Free Seminar!

Learn about the different aspects of Estate Planning and why you should plan.

As you delve into the intricacies of estate planning, you'll find a multitude
of compelling reasons to secure your legacy:

- **Biblical Perspective on Estate Planning:** Gain insights into the spiritual and moral aspects of estate planning, aligning your financial decisions with biblical principles.
- **Avoid Probate:** Safeguard your loved ones from the complexities and delays of probate proceedings.
- **Reduce Estate Taxes:** Strategically plan your estate to minimize tax burdens and maximize the inheritance for your heirs.
- **Leave Gifts for Your Favorite Charity:** Extend your impact beyond your lifetime by supporting the causes dear to your heart.
- **Individual Consulting:** By attending this seminar, you will have the opportunity to set an appointment to meet in person with Mark Johnson the day after the seminar, to talk about any questions or concerns specific to your situation.
- **And Much More:** Check our website victorylutheran.com/events


Our presenter, Mark Johnson, is recognized for his expertise in estate planning and charitable gifting. He has presented numerous Estate Planning Workshops in churches around the country and has been a featured speaker at many conferences.

Don't miss this opportunity to shape your legacy and leave a lasting impact.

Register Online for Victory Lutheran Church's Estate & Planned Giving Seminar!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO UN-DECORATE WED, JANUARY 8 @ 10:00AM</p> <p>A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped decorate this season. The halls were decked in such a festive way that helped both regular attenders and guests feel the warmth and joy of Christmas! We greatly appreciate your dedication to the mission of Victory, and it really is true that many hands make light work. Now it's time to put all the decorations away and we need you help!</p>			<p>1</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED FOOD PANTRY CLOSED 8pm AA Meeting, FS</p>
<p>5</p> <p>COMMUNION WEEKEND 7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am ContemporaryWorship,WC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 9:30am Romans Study, FH 12:30pm GriefShare, C4 1-3:30pm Stephen Ministry Training, B7 5:30pm Romans Study, FH</p>	<p>7 LCMC 3 DAYS OF PRAYER</p> <p>1pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Board & Card Games 4pm Confirmation Class, LR 6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR 7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS</p>	<p>8 LCMC 3 DAYS OF PRAYER</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 10am Un-Decorate the Church 12:30pm AI-Anon, C4 1pm Men's Bible Study, LR 1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC 8pm AA Meeting, FS</p>
<p>12</p> <p>7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am ContemporaryWorship,WC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 9:30am Romans Study, FH 12:30pm GriefShare, C4 1-3:30pm Stephen Ministry Training, B7 5:30pm Romans Study, FH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Esperanza Study, FS 1pm Dementia Seminar, C4 1:30pm Mary Study, meet in home 2pm Naomi Bible Study, B7 4pm Confirmation Class, LR 6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR 7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 12:30pm AI-Anon, C4 1pm Men's Bible Study, LR 1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC 8pm AA Meeting, FS</p>
<p>19</p> <p>7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am ContemporaryWorship,WC 3pm East Valley Chorale Concert, WC I-HELP Volunteer Appreciation following each service, FS</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 9:30am Romans Study, FH 12:30pm GriefShare, C4 1:30pm Estate & Planned Giving Seminar, B11 1-3:30pm Stephen Ministry Training, B7 5:30pm Romans Study, FH</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30am-2:30pm Quilters, FH 3pm Council Meeting, FS 4pm Confirmation Class, LR 6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR 7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30-11:30am Quilters, FH 9am S.A.F.E. Singles Event Feed My Starving Children Bus leaves @ 8am 9-11:30am Food Pantry 12:30pm AI-Anon, C4 1pm Men's Bible Study, LR 1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC 8pm AA Meeting, FS</p>
<p>26 Blessing of the Quilts</p> <p>7-11am Morning Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am ContemporaryWorship,WC</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 9:30am Romans Study, FH 12:30pm GriefShare, C4 1-3:30pm Stephen Ministry Training, B7 5:30pm Romans Study, FH</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Square Dancing, FH 1:30-3:00pm Book Club, B7 4pm Confirmation Class, LR 6:30pm Women's Bible Study, LR 7pm AA Men's Meeting, FS</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9-11:30am Food Pantry 12:30pm AI-Anon, C4 1pm Men's Bible Study, LR 1pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, WC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal, WC 8pm AA Meeting, FS</p>



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30am Women's Ministry Board Meeting, FS 10am PRAYER WALK 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS 11:30am Stephen Ministry, C4	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 COMMUNION WEEKEND 8am Men's Bible Study, FS 4pm Worship, WC Funeral for Helmut Duschek (Off-site) 1pm Viewing @ Bunker Funeral 3pm Graveside @ City of Mesa Cemetery
9 LCMC 3 DAYS OF PRAYER 10am PRAYER & PRAISE WORSHIP SERVICE, CH 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS 6:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Bingo Night (off-site) Doors open @ 4:30pm 	10 OFFICE CLOSED 5:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Zoolights (off-site)	11 8am Men's Bible Study, FS 4pm Worship, WC
16 10am Prayer Group, B7 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS 11:30am Stephen Ministry, C4 11:30am S.A.F.E. Singles Event Lunch @ Rochester's (off-site)	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 8am Men's Bible Study, FS 3:30pm I-HELP Volunteer Appreciation, FS 4pm Worship, WC 7pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Songs of Neil Diamond (off-site) Bus leaves @ 6pm
23 10am Prayer Group, B7 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm S.A.F.E. Singles Event Gershwin (off-site) Bus leaves @ 6:15pm	25 Blessing of the Quilts 8am Men's Bible Study, FS 4pm Worship, WC
30 10am Prayer Group, B7 11am Al-Anon Meeting, FS	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1-FEB 8am Men's Bible Study, FS 4pm Worship, WC

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2
 Prayer & Praise Service
 10am in the Chapel

JAN 6-FEB 24
 Winter Bible Study
 Mondays
 9:30am & 5:30pm

JANUARY 7-9
 LCMC 3 Days of Prayer

JANUARY 8
 Undecorate Church, 10am

JANUARY 14
 Dementia Seminar, 1pm

JANUARY 19
 East Valley Chorale
 Concert, 3pm

JANUARY 21 & 22
 Quilters, 8:30am

JAN 26-FEB 2
 Family Promise Host Week

JANUARY 28
 Book Club @ 1:30pm

THE BOOK CLUB
January 28
1:30-3:00pm

Love to read books? The Book Club meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday from 1:30-3:00pm. We will discuss this month's selection, "The Pearl That Broke Its Shell" by Nadia Hashimi. Please come prepared to discuss the monthly book selection.

- CH = Chapel
- CY = Courtyard
- FH = Fellowship Hall
- FS = Fireside Room
- LB = Lobby
- LR = Luther Room
- PC = Prayer Chapel
- WD = Welcome Desk
- WC = Worship Center
- C4 = Community Room

—————▶ **Family Promise Host Week: January 26-February 2, 2025**

New Sermon Series: "Revealing the Messiah"

From the earliest glimpses of His life, the Messiah reveals a divine mission shaped by perfect obedience and radical grace. He steps into our everyday realities, reshaping ordinary moments into life-changing encounters with God's boundless love. Within these transformative moments, Jesus extends a hope-filled invitation to join a story of redemption that will echo throughout eternity.

January 4 & 5 – Discovering Jesus in Unexpected Places – Luke 2:41-52 (Communion at all Services)

Uncover the remarkable wisdom Jesus displays in the temple, even as He humbly submitted to His earthly parents. Through this snapshot, God's grace shines brightly, assuring us that our salvation is founded not on our own understanding but on the perfect obedience of the Son. Marvel at Christ's heart for His Father's Word and His people, and glimpse the mercy of our Promised Messiah who meets us in our questions and leads us into the richness of His love.

January 11 & 12 – More Than a Renegade Prophet – Luke 3:1-22

Witness John the Baptist paving the way for Jesus, the Promised Messiah, by calling us to repent and receive God's boundless grace. Jesus' baptism not only reveals His divine identity but also assures us that our own baptism places us firmly in the arms of the Father's unmerited love. Celebrate that in Christ, God's grace breaks into our world, opening our eyes to the wonder of the Messiah who came to save.

January 18 & 19 – Messianic Mic-Drop – Luke 4:14-20

Standing in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus openly declares Himself to be the long-awaited Messiah, fulfilling Isaiah's ancient prophecy of freedom and restoration. See how God's radical grace breaks into our everyday realities, turning our expectations upside down and giving hope to the weary. Anchored in the Biblical truth that we can do nothing to earn this favor, we rejoice in the good news that Christ's mission to redeem and restore continues today, even for us.

January 25 & 26 – The Day the Messiah Sank My Comfort Zone – Luke 5:1-11

The Messiah reaches into ordinary lives with extraordinary grace, calling humble fishermen into kingdom-shaping ministry. Through the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus reveals His divinity and compassion, assuring us that God meets us in our frailty and empowers us for His mission. Behold the Promised Messiah whose gracious invitation reorients our lives to proclaim God's boundless mercy in every corner of creation.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

Have you considered making a planned gift to Victory Lutheran? By including Victory Lutheran in your will or trust, you ensure that your faithful stewardship supports Victory's mission for generations to come.



Why Choose an Estate or Planned Gift to the Foundation of Victory Lutheran?

Perpetual Impact: Your estate and planned gifts are held in perpetuity through Victory's Foundation, providing a lasting foundation for our church's work.

Sustainable Mission Funding: The interest earned from these gifts directly funds Victory Lutheran's mission, enabling us to continue spreading God's love and serving our community.

Make a Difference Beyond a Lifetime: For many, the most significant gift to their church comes through their estate. Prayerfully ask God how you might direct your estate to further His kingdom and leave a meaningful legacy that honors Jesus.

How to Get Started:

1) Consult Your Advisor - Speak with your financial or legal advisor about including Victory Lutheran in your estate plans. **2) Contact Us** - Reach out to Victory Lutheran's Foundation team for guidance and support in making your planned gift. **3) Pray for Direction** - Seek God's guidance in how you can best use your blessings to support His work through our church.

Join Us in Building a Future of Faith. Your generosity can inspire and empower Victory Lutheran to continue its mission for years to come. Consider naming Victory Lutheran in your will or trust today and be a part of something eternal. For more information, contact us at hello@victorylutheran.com or call the church office at 480-830-5024.

Dementia/Alzheimer Care Partner Seminar

As you may know, the neurological condition known as Dementia that affects the brain, causing loss of memory, thinking, and reasoning has life altering effects of many individuals and families. This is a powerful three-part series on Dementia Education.

Session One, January 14, deals with brain changes that happen during the dementia journey. We will learn how dementia affects each area of the brain and how we, as caregivers, can work with the disease instead of against it.

Session Two, February 11, deals with how we can learn to focus on what our loved ones can do and use that knowledge to make our caregiving journey easier and more fulfilling for us and our loved ones.

Session Three, March 11, teaches us to master three techniques that will make our days go by faster and will help keep our loved one happy and entertained.

Each session also includes a question-and-answer section at the end of each seminar, and adult day care is provided should anyone have the need for it. Adult day care is available. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk so that we may plan appropriately for those who will attend.

Questions? Contact Lynda Buechner at lyndabuechner@gmail.com



Session 1: JAN 14
Session 2: FEB 11
Session 3: MARCH 11

Dementia | Alzheimer Care Partner Seminar
Educational Series with Tools & Resources

Meets
2nd Tuesdays of
the month @ 1pm

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MESA, AZ

I-HELP Program

An Invitation to All Past Volunteers!

I-HELP, the Interfaith Emergency Lodging Program was a part of Victory's local mission outreach for almost 14 years. The program in Mesa and Phoenix was closed last October but continues in Goodyear, Surprise and Avondale.

Everyone who volunteered for any part of I-HELP over those 14 years is invited to join Bev and Sue one last time so we can say a proper "Thank You." **We will greet you in Room B7 on Saturday, January 18th, from 3:30-5:15pm AND following each service on Sunday, January 19th in the courtyard Fireside Room.** We would love to see you one more time and give you a small remembrance of how, together, we made a difference in the lives of more than 2,000 women.



Thank you!
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!



The only national
conference on Christian
grandparenting!

GRANDPARENT, YOU ARE INVITED!

FRIDAY
FEB 21
2025

Victory
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Church

Speaker line-up

Dr. Jeff Myers | Dr. Rob Rienow | Trudy Cathy White Harvey
Carey | Dr. James Banks | Dr. Crawford Loritts
Anne Graham Lotz & Rachel-Ruth Wright

*This year's theme for Summit will empower grandparents
to embrace their divine purpose and the crucial role they
play in their families' spiritual journey.*



If there's ever a time to call "all hands on deck" in the discipleship of the next generations, it's now!

With honest reflection, we might agree that "all hands" are not on deck. Church ministries do a lot to impact young people, yes. Parents are primary influences, of course. Yet a vast army of spiritual influencers remain largely unengaged: Grandparents.

Victory Lutheran Church is a satellite host site for the 2025 Legacy Coalition Grandparenting Summit. We welcome you to join us and invite your friends to attend!

This year's conference theme is *For This Purpose*. What purpose, you ask? That faith would be perpetuated in our families. Nationally known speakers and gifted content experts will encourage grandparents to embrace that purpose for the rest of their lives. You may remember we studied this subject in the "Grandparenting Matters" class. This summit will refill our tanks and help lead us forward with more rewarding content and ideas for developing your relationship with your grandchildren.

The summit day will feature seven gifted speakers leading us forward in understanding Grandparenting Matters! The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 4:30pm, with breaks between speakers and lunch provided by the church with a free-will offering. Please register as soon as possible, as there is a discount before January 31st. If you need help registering, please visit the Welcome Desk at the church.

Following the summit, in March we will move into the next phase of learning how to disciple our grandchildren with the intentional "Equipping Intentional Grandparents" with Monday morning and evening study groups. All of this is for you to grow in your relationship with your grandchildren and God and see them become intentional disciples on mission for Christ!

For more information about the summit,
visit legacycoalition.com

Early Bird Registration \$34
Available until January 31, 2025

Regular Registration \$39



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<https://brushfire.com/legacycoalition/simulcast/583031>



2024 Christmas Concert & Christmas Eve



Luther-Bach Pilgrimage to Germany

September 25–October 5, 2025

It is with great excitement that we invite you to join us — Pastor Todd & Anne Mathison and Kristin Holton Prouty — on a once-in-a-lifetime Luther-Bach Pilgrimage to Germany, taking place September 25–October 5, 2025.

This journey will immerse you in the spiritual and musical legacy of the Reformation. Together, we will explore stunning medieval towns, visit sites central to Martin Luther's life and ministry, and experience firsthand the music of Johann Sebastian Bach in the historic places that inspired him. As we put the final touches on this pilgrimage, we would like your feedback to shape the experience! Please take a moment to fill out our interest survey so we can best plan for everyone's hopes and needs.

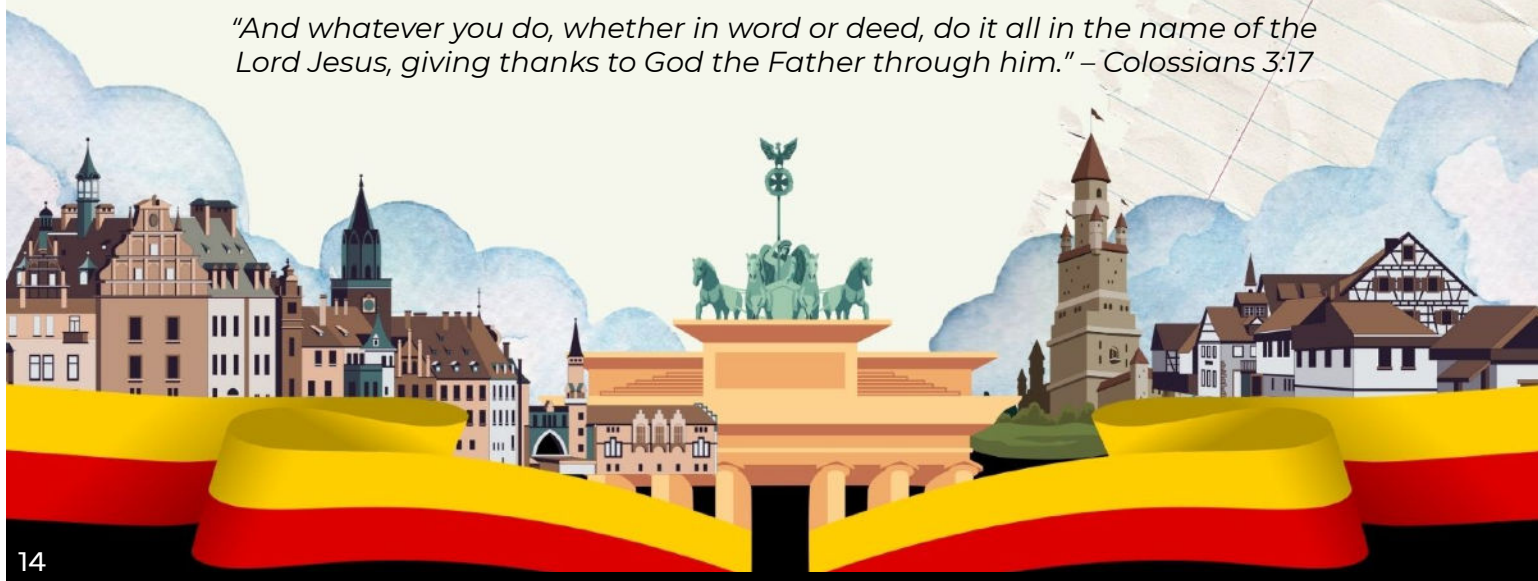
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bach-luther>

This pilgrimage promises to be an extraordinary blend of faith, music, fellowship, and history. We are eager to finalize details so each day resonates with the awe and inspiration of our shared heritage. Please let your voice be heard by filling out our survey. Your input is invaluable in helping us craft a meaningful journey for all.

Thank you for considering this invitation, and helping us prepare to grow in faith and perhaps worship side by side in the footsteps of Luther and Bach!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Todd & Anne Mathison
Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." – Colossians 3:17



**JANUARY
2025**

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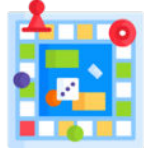
SINGLES ACTIVITY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS IN ORDER TO HELP WITH PLANNING AND SETUP.
ALL TICKETED EVENTS MUST BE PAID AT TIME OF SIGN UP.**

Board & Card Games

Tuesday, January 7 @ 1:00-3:00pm

The 1st Tuesday of every month we will play board and card games. We have over 20 games and lots of card decks, or you can bring your own favorites.



Bingo Night (Off-Site)

Thursday, January 9, Doors Open @ 4:30pm, Sunland Village, 4601 E. Dolphin Street, Mesa

Join us for the 2nd Thursday of each month. Doors open at 4:30pm for you to get a light meal, pick out your lucky seat and purchase your Bingo cards. Game begins at 6:30pm sharp! No admission after 6:30pm.



Zoolights (Off-Site)

Friday, January 10 @ 5:30pm, 455 N. Galvin Parkway, Phoenix (Bus leaves @ 5:30pm)

Immerse yourself in the Valley's favorite holiday tradition of millions of twinkling lights, vibrant visuals and mesmerizing music. Warm up with delicious treats at the cozy smores pit and sip hot cocoa. Cost is \$35.00. Payment is due when you sign up. Bus leaves Victory at 5:30pm.



Rochester's Family Dining & Sports Bar (Off-Site)

Thursday, January 16, 11:30am Lunch, 721 S. Rochester, Mesa

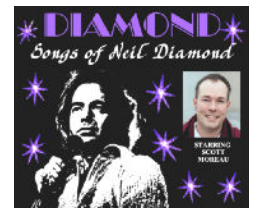
Specializing in home-made American dishes at reasonable prices, the Sunland Village Golf Club restaurant offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, and appetizers. Take the BINGO map: continue on Dolphin Ave. to a T- intersection. Go right onto Rochester. Restaurant is ahead on left.

"Songs of Neil Diamond" (Off-Site)

Saturday, January 18, 2025 @ 7:00pm (Bus leaves @ 6:00pm)

Skyline High School Performing Arts Center, 845 S. Crismon Rd., Mesa

International performer Scott Moreau sings the songs of Neil Diamond at Showtune Productions' brand new venue at Skyline's Auditorium. Tickets cost \$22, plus \$5 for bus. You must pay when you sign up. **Sign up before deadline: December 31st.**



Feed My Starving Children (Off-Site)

Wednesday January 22 @ 9:00-11:30am (Bus leaves @ 8:00am)

1100 W. Grove Parkway, Tempe

This monthly mission trip to the Christian based, non-profit organization, is on the 4th Wednesday of each month. You can stand and package the food, or sit and label it. Afterwards, we will enjoy fellowship at a fast food restaurant.



Square Dancing

Tuesday, January 28 @ 12:00-2:30pm, VLC Fellowship Hall

C'mon cowboys and cowgirls to our fun event! Lessons from 12:00-12:30pm provided by someone who's been calling for 50 years! Dancing from 12:30-2:00pm. Beverages and snacks served afterwards from 2:00-2:30pm. Cost is \$5.00. Payment is due when you sign up.

NOTE: All TICKETS will be handed out on the BUS or in the LOBBY of event site.

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New Year
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Christ in the New Year!*



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Sundays 8am & 9:30am Traditional
11am Contemporary

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