



"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." — Proverbs 16:3

As we enter the second half of summer, Victory is stepping into a season of transition. We have said goodbye to our Associate Pastor, Denton Bennet, begun the call process for our next Associate Pastor, and are reviewing the churchwide survey to clarify the priorities that will guide us forward.

I have shared how much I will miss Pastor Denton. He cared deeply for our people, worked well with our staff, and was someone whose theology and pastoral judgment I trusted. His departure is a real loss. Yet we bless Denton and his family as they begin this new call in Pennsylvania. I am grateful for the ministry we shared, and our prayers go with them.

We have been here before—searching for a pastor—and God has provided. He has led us to the right person in His time and supplied what we needed along the way. I trust He will do so again.

I am thankful for those serving alongside me. Pastors and ministry leaders are helping with preaching, worship, and pastoral care, while volunteers are stepping forward wherever needed. Their faithfulness reminds us that Victory's ministry belongs to all of us.

Please pray for the Associate Pastor God is preparing to serve among us. Our Call Team has begun meeting, and this work will require wisdom, patience, and unity. Make this part of your daily God Time, asking the Lord to guide the team and make His direction clear.

We remain committed to Bible-based preaching and teaching, traditional worship, music ministry, meaningful pastoral care, and a warm church community where people are known and loved. There is much before us, but I trust the Lord to direct our steps and prepare Victory for fruitful ministry.

Grateful in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Todd Mathison



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"I Thank My God Every Time I Remember You" - Philippians 1:3

Dear Victory Family,

I have started this letter more times than I can count. Every attempt has felt too small for what I actually want to say. So let me simply begin here: THANK YOU!

Over these past weeks, my desk has slowly filled with cards. Handwritten notes, some of them pages long. Gifts, monetary and otherwise, chosen with a thoughtfulness that has undone me more than once. I have read every card along with my family. We have kept everyone. And I want you to know what those quiet acts of kindness have meant to us.

You did not have to do that. A congregation can say goodbye to a pastor with a handshake and a cake in the fellowship hall, and no one would think less of it. But that is not who you are. You wrote down what you remembered. You named the sermon that landed in a hard season, the words from a Daily Hope, the conversation we had that I had long forgotten, and you had not. You told me what God did here — and you were gracious enough to let me have been part of it.

Here is what I have learned in ministry: a pastor is a steward, never an owner. The gospel preached here was not mine. The healing that happened in this place was not my doing. I got to stand in the middle of what God was already doing among you, and that is the highest privilege I know. Whatever I brought to Victory, I leave having received far more.

I will carry so much of this with me. The sound of this congregation singing — you sing like people who mean it.

The staff and volunteers who show up early and stay late because they love this church. The council members who wrestled honestly through hard decisions. The people who found their way back to faith here after years away, which has always been the ministry closest to my heart. This church takes seriously that the door should be open to anyone who walks through it. Do not lose that.



And I want to say a word about how you have handled my leaving. Departures can go badly. Feelings can get complicated. But you have been generous to me and to my family in a way that has honored Christ and, honestly, has made this harder — because it has reminded me exactly what I am leaving. I would rather it be hard than easy. Hard means it mattered.

As Stephanie, Trae, and I make our way to Pennsylvania, we go with full hearts and with you in our prayers. Victory's story is not ending; a new chapter is beginning, and God has already gone ahead into it. Receive your next pastor the way you received me. Pray for your leaders. Keep the door open. Keep singing like you mean it.

Paul wrote to a church he loved, from a distance he could not close: I thank my God every time I remember you. I have never understood that verse the way I understand it now.

Grace and peace to you — always,

Pastor Denton Bennet

Praying for Our New Associate Pastor

The Council has appointed a seven-person Call Committee to guide Victory's search for our new Associate Pastor. The committee began meeting on July 27 and has been charged with interviewing candidates and presenting the strongest candidate to the Council. The Council will then determine whom to recommend to the congregation, and the congregation will vote on whether to issue that person a call to serve at Victory. We want this process to be careful, prayerful, and centered on seeking God's will for Victory.

Our first and most important responsibility is to pray. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the person He has already prepared to serve among us. Pray also that the Holy Spirit is even now working in that pastor's heart—preparing, guiding, and drawing that person toward Victory. Let us commit, as God's people at Victory Lutheran Church, to make this search a priority in our daily prayers.

Pray with us: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on Victory Lutheran Church with grace and guide us and the Call Committee as we seek a new Associate Pastor, that we may receive a godly and faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

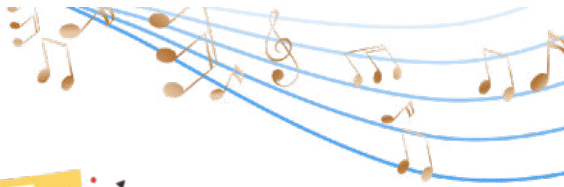


Prayer Cards available to pick up in the Lobby.

**Summer Concert —
Lights, Camera... Music!
Sunday, August 23 @ 3pm**

Join us on August 23rd for an entertaining summer concert featuring light classical favorites and beloved movie and theater music performed by Alisson Unglaub - violin, Chris Albrecht - trumpet, and Kristin Holton Prouty - piano/organ. These three friends share a passion for music—and each holds a doctorate in music from ASU. Enjoy an engaging afternoon of music as this talented trio brings familiar melodies and timeless classics from composers including Ewazen, Gershwin, Bartok, Massenet, and John Williams.

Whether you're a classical music enthusiast or simply love great film scores, there's something for everyone and entrance is free, so be sure to invite a friend!

A movie poster for the concert. It features a film strip border, a camera icon, and a circular photo of the three performers. The text includes the title "Lights, Camera... Music!", the date "AUGUST 23, 2026", the time "3:00PM", the performers' names, the website "WWW.VICTORYLUTHERAN.COM", and the phrase "FREE CONCERT BRING A FRIEND!". The Victory Lutheran Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

**Lights,
Camera...
Music!**

**AUGUST 23, 2026
3:00PM**

Alisson Unglaub, violin
Chris Albrecht, trumpet
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A movie poster for the "SHOW YOUR COLORS" WEEKEND. It features a football field background with stadium lights. The text includes "GAME ON! YOU'RE INVITED", "SHOW YOUR COLORS WEEKEND", "SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2026", "Wear your favorite team colors or attire!", "TAILGATE POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 6 @ 11:00AM", "Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.", "MOVIE MATINEE SEPTEMBER 7 @ 10:00AM", "Facing the Giants", "FREE movie & popcorn!", and the Victory Lutheran Church logo. There are illustrations of a football, a burger, fries, popcorn, and a movie clapperboard.

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FAITH—FAMILY—FOOTBALL

Wear your favorite team's colors, join us for worship, stay for the Tailgate Potluck, and come back Monday for a free movie and popcorn. Friendly rivalries are welcome—just remember, Jesus even loves Packers fans!

Anchor Your Month in Peace at Prayer & Praise



In a world that often feels fast-paced and unpredictable, we all share a deep need for genuine peace and stability in our daily lives. We are reminded in Ephesians 2:17-22 that Christ came to preach peace to all of us—both those who were far away and those who were near. Through Him, we are no

longer strangers or outsiders, but fellow citizens and members of God's household, beautifully joined together into a holy temple.

To anchor our hearts in this truth, you are warmly invited to join our community for a special afternoon of **Prayer & Praise on Wednesday, August 5th at 4:00pm in the courtyard Chapel**. This gathering is a dedicated space to realign our lives, lift our voices in worship, and support one another in prayer.

Through prayer and worship we will lean into what it means to build our families, our decisions, and our future on Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone who holds everything secure. Whether you are seeking a moment of quiet reflection or looking to praise God alongside a welcoming family of faith, we would love to have you with us. Come just as you are, bring a neighbor or a friend and let's worship Christ together.

Global Week of Prayer: September 6-13, 2026

Save the dates and join us!

2026 Theme: At the Name of Jesus

This year, our focus is rooted deeply in the truth of Philippians 2:9-11: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

As we pray together across the globe, we want to boldly acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. Together, we seek to encounter His beauty and power, and carry His presence directly into our towns, cities, and nations.

Victory Lutheran will participate in many different ways:

- Unique Prayer Room at the church – Stop in and pray
- Daily Lectio 365 app prayer focus
- Sign up to pray "every day" at a specific time
- Special Prayer & Praise focus on the global theme

Look for more details coming soon!

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Ephesians 2: 17-22, NIV

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

*Be Faithful
in Prayer*



Patriotic Potluck • July 5, 2026



SERMON SERIES: Joy That Hold The Book of Philippians

August 1 & 2, 2026 - "Living With the Heart of Jesus" Philippians 2:5-11

Paul calls believers to live lives worthy of the gospel by standing firm together, loving one another deeply, and putting aside selfish ambition. Then he takes us to the towering center of the letter: Jesus, who humbled Himself, took the form of a servant, and became obedient to death—even death on a cross. This sermon is the theological and emotional heart of the series, showing that Christian humility is not weakness, but Christ-shaped strength.

August 8 & 9, 2026 - "Shining in a Dark World" Philippians 2:12-30

Because Christ has saved us, our lives now become places where His light is seen in a dark world. Paul urges believers to live without grumbling, to hold fast to the word of life, and to see faithfulness not only in big moments but also in steady obedience. With Timothy and Epaphroditus as living examples, this sermon shows that ordinary, sacrificial people often shine the brightest.

August 15 & 16, 2026 - "What Really Makes Life Worth Living" - Philippians 3:1-11

Paul takes everything he once trusted—status, achievement, pedigree, religion—and lays it down in comparison to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus. He is not merely adjusting priorities; he is announcing a total redefinition of where righteousness, identity, and confidence are found. This sermon calls people to stop building their lives on what impresses others and to treasure Christ above every lesser gain.

August 22 & 23, 2026 - "Keeping On Keeping On"- Philippians 3:12-4:1

Paul is honest that he has not arrived, and that honesty gives courage to every Christian who feels unfinished. The life of faith is not standing still, looking back, or pretending maturity we do not yet have; it is pressing on because Jesus has already made us His own. This sermon speaks hope to weary believers by reminding them that perseverance is not about perfection, but about being held and called forward by Christ.

August 29 & 30, 2026 - "Peace & Strength No Matter What" – Philippians 4:2-23

Paul closes with practical, pastoral counsel about unity, prayer, peace, disciplined thinking, and contentment in every circumstance. He reveals that contentment is not natural temperament or financial security, but a learned strength found in Christ who gives us what we need. The series ends with a beautiful picture of a church marked by peace, generosity, and resilient joy because Jesus is enough.



Men's Breakfast Fellowship
Thursday, August 27 @ 7:00am
IHOP, 10662 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa



Victory's weekly men's small groups are where true "iron sharpening iron" takes place as men study God's Word, encourage one another, and grow together in faith. Our new Men's Breakfast Fellowship offers another opportunity to connect with men from across the congregation—whether you already belong to a small group or not, and whether you have been at Victory for years or have only recently arrived.

There is no need to sign up—just show up! Each man will order and pay for his own breakfast from the menu.

We also invite every man at Victory to consider joining one of our weekly men's groups:

Mondays @ 8am

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Leisure World Rendezvous Café

Wednesdays @ 10am

"Duck Club" Men's Bible Study, Church - Room C1

Saturdays @ 8am

Men's Small Group, Church - Room C5

Come for breakfast, meet some new friends, and discover how God can strengthen us through Christian brotherhood.



Women's Ministry
Combined Bible Study Group
Tuesday, August 11, 9:30am

During the summer months (May-September) Women's Ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Victory as a combined group in courtyard Room C4. Pastor or Bible Study leader chooses the study.

"Being transformed by our joyful and loving church"

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"Extending God's love and Good News locally and globally"

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"Deepening faith daily through God's Word and prayer"

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- Global Week of Prayer (p. 4)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
2 COMMUNION WEEKEND 8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC	3 8am-12pm OFFICE HOURS 9-11:30am Food Pantry	4 8am-12pm OFFICE HOURS 6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7 7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5	5 9-11:30am Food Pantry 10am Men's Bible Study, C1 12:30pm Al-Anon, C4 4pm Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH 
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OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS, 8AM-4PM, 480-830-5024

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Global Week of 24-7 Prayer
6 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

September 2
Prayer & Praise @ 4pm

September 5 & 6
"Show Your Colors" Weekend

September 6
Tailgate Potluck @ 11am

September 7
Movie Matinee @ 10am

September 6-13
Global Week of Prayer

September 8
Women's Ministry Combined Bible Study

September 9
Sunshine Acres Outreach @ 2pm

September 14-Dec. 7
GriefShare @ 12:30pm

September 15 & 16
Quilters @ 8:30am

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Trouble Hearing?

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- Listening devices
- Headphones
- Neckloops
- Live closed captions



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JOIN US

PRAYER & PRAISE

4pm - courtyard Chapel

Wednesday, August 5

1st Wednesday of the month

A welcoming space to worship in song and experience God's presence.



C1 = Luther Room
C4 = Community Room
CH = Chapel
CY = Courtyard
FH = Fellowship Hall
LB = Lobby
PC = Prayer Chapel
WC = Worship Center

Improving Assistive Hearing at Victory

At Victory, we want everyone who comes to worship to hear clearly, take part fully, and stay connected to God's Word. In our recent church-wide survey, some people shared that they sometimes have trouble hearing the sermon and spoken words clearly. Because of this, our team has spent the past several months reviewing our assistive listening options and the sound quality in the Worship Center. We are thankful for the feedback we have received and for those who helped us test possible solutions.

We have been working to improve our sound system for some years, and we have seen great results. About three or four years ago, we were receiving several comments each week from people who were having trouble hearing during services. In the summer of 2023, Victory hired Phase 2, a company that specializes in church sound systems, to help solve this issue. Phase 2 created a solution specifically for Victory, with the goal of making spoken words as clear as possible while working with the unique challenges of our worship space. The improvement was incredible.

Our Worship Center is a beautiful space with excellent acoustics for live music, especially classical music. However, those same acoustics can make spoken words harder to hear because sound can continue to bounce around the room. Phase 2 carefully placed and adjusted four speakers to reduce sound bounce and provide the best sound possible throughout the space. The results were remarkable. We went from receiving about 10 hearing-related comments each week to only one or two per month. Even with this improvement, we want to continue finding ways to make worship more accessible and provide more options for our congregation.

Assistive Hearing Options

To further assist those who might want more options, Victory offers **listening devices** that send the pastor's and assistant's voices directly to headphones as well as to personal hearing aids through neckloops. **Neckloops** can be helpful for people whose hearing aids or cochlear implants have telecoil technology. Instead of using regular

headphones, the neckloop sends the sound straight to compatible hearing aids.

We have also upgraded our headphones to better-quality **Sony headphones**. They are designed to provide clearer sound, more comfort, and a better experience for anyone using the church listening devices. The older earbuds are still available, but we believe the new Sony headphones will provide a much better listening experience.



We are also excited to introduce **live captions** directly to personal phones or tablets. Anyone who would like to follow along with captions may scan the QR code on this page, on the back of The Pulse, or at the Welcome Center. Just scan it and start following the message by reading along on your own phone or tablet.

In-House Improvements and Tweaks

Victory's Blue Crew, our AVL team, has also been working to improve the sound system. In June, they tested the sound during a worship service. Team members sat throughout the

Worship Center, listening for areas where the sound was unclear or could be improved. After the assessment, they made adjustments that helped improve the clarity and quality of the sound throughout the room. No major sound problems areas were found, but the adjustments made further improvements.

Victory also invited Phase 2 back to review the sound system again. Their feedback helps us continue making improvements and ensuring we are doing everything possible to make the spoken word easier to hear.

These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to accessibility. We know everyone's hearing needs are different, so we are working to provide several options to help people hear and participate more fully.

What Are My Options to Hear Better at Victory?

For your convenience, all assistive hearing options are available at the Welcome Center near the TV.

Listening Devices

For those who would like amplified sound during worship, listening devices are available.

How to use them:

Ask an usher or someone at the Welcome Center, or simply pick one up before or during the service. The devices are in the cabinet next to the TV. You can use them with the church headphones or with a neck loop if your hearing aids are compatible.



Trouble hearing during worship?

Scan this QR code for closed captions.

Neckloops for Hearing Aids

Neckloops are available for people whose hearing aids or cochlear implants have telecoil (T-coil) technology.

How to use them:

Choose a device with a neckloop attached. Place the loop around your neck and switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to the telecoil or "T-coil" setting. If you are unsure whether your device has this feature, check with your hearing care provider.

Upgraded Headphones

New Sony headphones are available to use with the church listening devices.

How to use them:

You can find them on the cabinet as well. If you need help, ask someone at the Welcome Center. These headphones are available for anyone who would like clearer sound during worship.

Live Captions

Live captions are available for anyone who would like to read along during worship.

How to use them:

Scan the QR code on this page, on the back of The Pulse, or at the Welcome Center. Open the link on your phone or tablet and follow along during worship. No special device or app is needed.

Thank you for your encouragement and feedback as we continue to improve. If you have questions, concerns, or would like help using any of these options, please contact Alisson Unglaub, our Online Campus Director, who supervises the AVL team. Your feedback helps us serve our congregation better.



South Africa Mission Trip 2027: Is God Calling You?

One year from now, a team from Victory will travel to South Africa to serve alongside Orchard: Africa in Cape Town and Khayelitsha.

The trip is scheduled for **August 12–24, 2027**, and now is the time to begin praying, planning, and preparing.

Could God be prompting you to be part of the team?

Join Pastor Todd & Anne Mathison for more than an international trip—it will be a ministry of presence among some of the world's most vulnerable and often forgotten people, many of whom live in crushing poverty. We will serve alongside local Christians, build relationships, and help bring the practical care and lasting hope of Jesus Christ. We expect to return with a broader understanding of God's Church, deeper gratitude for His grace, and stories that will bless our entire Victory family. An optional wild game park safari will also be available.

A year may seem like a long time, but it gives us the opportunity to prepare well. Now is the time to pray for God's direction, begin setting money aside, make room on your calendar, and learn more about the trip.

Perhaps God is calling you to go. Perhaps He is calling you to support someone who will through prayer, encouragement, or financial assistance. Both are meaningful ways to share in the mission.

To learn more, **sign up at the Welcome Center** and have your name added to the mission trip information list. We will make sure you receive updates as plans develop. Let's begin asking together: **Lord, how would You have me be part of this?**

Learn more at: orchardafrica.org

2018 Mission Team
Khayelitsha, Cape Town



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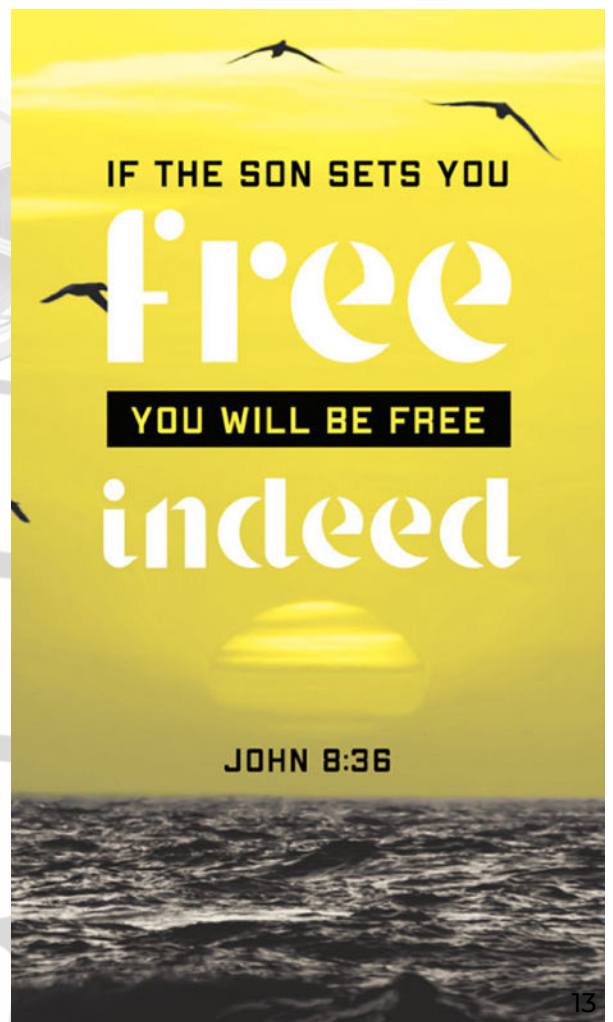


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Upcoming Events

SAVE the DATES!



Sunshine Acres Crafts with Kids

2nd Wednesday of the Month
September 9, October 14 & November 11
2:00-3:00pm (Bus leaves at 1:15pm)



Theater

Friday, September 25
Come from Away

Thursday, October 22
Annie

Monday, November 2
Neil Diamond Tribute

Thursday, December 3
Barleens Holiday Dinner & Show



July 8, 2026 - Bill Harrison (AZ Road Scholar) Presentation
on "Turquoise, Gem of Arizona" photos



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AUGUST

EVERYONE WELCOME!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Note: Deadlines to sign up for theater events are typically 2-5 weeks in advance in order to get group discounts and seating together.

This Month:

The Little Mermaid (Off Site – Bus Optional)

Wednesday, August 5, 7:30-9:45 pm (Bus leaves at 6:30 pm)

Hale Centre Theatre, 50 W Page Ave, Gilbert

Dive into a magical musical adventure about a headstrong mermaid who longs to be human. In a fateful bargain, she trades her voice for a pair of legs and a chance at true love. Featuring songs like "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World," and "Kiss the Girl." **(Tickets for this event are no longer available.)**



CANCELLED

Lunch at Broken Yoke Cafe (Off Site – No Bus)

Tuesday, August 11, 11:30 am

2034 E Southern Ave, Mesa (NE corner of Gilbert and Southern)

Great variety of breakfast, brunch and lunch options. **Sign up by Sunday, August 9th.**



Feed My Starving Children – Tempe Packing Facility

(Off Site – **FREE** Bus)

Wednesday, August 26, Packing Session 9:00-11:00 am

(Bus leaves at 8:00 am), **1100 W Grove Parkway, Tempe**

FMSC provides free meals for children around the world. You can stand and package food, or sit and label it. **Sign up by Sunday, August 23rd.**



Next Month:

Sunshine Acres – Crafting with Kids (Off Site – **FREE** Bus)

Wednesday, September 9, 2:00-3:00 pm, (Bus leaves at 1:15 pm)

Sunshine Acres, 3405 N Higley, Mesa

No experience or talent necessary. No standing. No cost. All supplies provided. Please sign up – we need enough adults for all the kids who would like to participate. You'll have a great morning with friends, and be giving these kids some extra love and attention. **Sign up by Sunday, September 6th.**



Come from Away (Off Site – Bus)

Friday, September 25, 7:30-9:00 pm (Bus leaves at 6:15 pm)

Fountain Hills Theater, 11445 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills

An uplifting musical based on the true story of what happened on 9/11 when 38 commercial airliners were diverted from the U.S. to an airstrip in the small town of Gander. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, residents rallied to house, feed and care for some 6,600 stranded people from around the globe.

Sign up and pay \$41 (\$35/ticket and \$6/bus) by Tuesday, September 8th.



NOTE: All theater tickets will be handed out on the bus or in the lobby of the event site.



WORSHIP WITH US!

Saturdays 4pm

Sundays 8am with Communion

9:30am Traditional



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