

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Bulletin

Access on our YouTube
channel

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Readings and Psalm

- **Acts 10:44-48**
- The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles
- **Psalm 98**
- Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)
- **1 John 5:1-6**
- The victory of faith
- **John 15:9-17**
- Christ the friend and lover

Sunday, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Invited into Friendship

Ask any child who has moved to a new place and they will probably confirm that their biggest worry was if they'd make new friends. Parents worry for their teenager and young adult in each stage of growth, wondering if new friends will be kind and generous, if their daughter or son will

find mutually beneficial relationships. Adults are not immune from their own relationship trials. Busy lives, competing priorities, transitions and death can mean the end of sustaining relationships. Bullying, fear-tactics and misuse of others are common problems, so friendship is precious. We treasure new friendships and work to keep tending those that last for many years—because we need them.

Today's readings inspire and compel us to love one another and see one another as God does. As the Holy Spirit falls on those outside the inner circle of the circumcised, Peter asks how the water of baptism can be withheld. In 1 John we hear that those who love the parent love the child. Jesus says followers are no longer servants but friends. So whether they are a stranger with different customs and practices, our family member, or closest friend, we are called today with the challenge and opportunity to love them. The promise is that this unconditional love that comes first from our Creator and Parent, expressed through the person of Jesus and through the Spirit, is splashed all over us, and will make our joy complete.

For those who have experienced great relationships in their lives and for those who have never yet quite tasted that sustaining fruit, Jesus shows how much he loves us and the ways to cultivate deeper relationships. Jesus laid down his life to show his great love. We're invited to love expansively and experience the joy of friendship with Jesus and through the body of Christ.



A LOOK AHEAD

May 5 - 11

Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Worship*

* Live Stream on our YouTube channel

*Wear your name tag
Book Exchange before and after service
Bring your Adopt-A-Cop cards
and aluminum cans & plastic water bottles for recycling*

Monday - Outreach prep 8-10 a.m.; Quilting for Others 9-
Noon

Tuesday - Outreach 7-11:30 a.m.; I-HELP 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Women's Bible Study 12 p.m.

Thursday - Men's Bible Study 8 a.m.; I-Help 4 p.m.

Ministers: All baptized members

Pastor: Dr. Jeff Gallen

Readers:

May 5th - Ann Bruce

May 12th - Les Stubbs

May 19th - Kathy Carney

May 26th - Jim Erickson

Sound/Tech:

Magan Ratalasky/Ruben Salgado

Altar/Communion:

Renee Myers Globe

Howard & Janell Jenson

Emily & Patsy Blankenship (Wine)

Ushers:

May 5th, 12th, 19th - Faith Hanley & Emma

Mary Ellen Crane

May 26th - Joan & Bruce Haroldson

Flowers: Carole Helland

Banners: Judy Wandler

**Volunteers needed for hosting coffee fellowship after worship. Please
contact Gene Myers or the church office. Instruction provided!**

CELC Transition Team

The CELC Council met with Pastor Phil Gustafson in March. Pr. Gustafson is our transition coach appointed by the Grand Canyon Synod. He will guide CELC through the process of getting ready to call a new pastor upon Pr. Jeff's retirement in October. The Transition Team has been formed and will be installed during the May 5 worship service.

Members of the team are:

Ann Bruce, Chair
Judy Turpen
Karen Olson
Patsy Blankenship
Jim Erickson
Olga Blanchard
Stevie Henderson

OUTREACH THROUGH SERVICE

I-HELP Meals

We are grateful for our volunteers who provide food for 12 people each week. *Please deliver the food to Bldg B at 4:45 p.m.*

- **May 7 - Hope Alive**
- **May 14 - Charla Seitz**
- **May 21 - Barbara Urena**
- **May 28 - ???**

To sign up for a date, check the sign up sheet on the God's Work, Our Hands board, email office@christgoodyear.org, or call the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Items Needed

The first Tuesday of every month we are offering our clients personal hygiene products as we have them available. Our supply is limited and we need donations of incontinence

products (all sizes), feminine products, bed pads, and wipes.

Brown paper bags, **cereal**, dry pinto beans, rice, pasta, peanut butter, canned fruits, and **water**

Snowbirds, before you head out for the hot summer months, please clean out your pantry and refrigeration units. The Outreach food pantry welcomes your donations of unopened frozen or refrigerated food products, as well as any canned goods you'd like to discard.

Donations for our Tuesday Outreach food pantry and Boutique are accepted on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday mornings 8-10 a.m. or by appointment.

Manna Bags Available for Distribution to Homeless



On Sunday, April 28th, the CELC youth put together manna bags. Pick up manna bags after worship on Sunday.

"Thanks to you guys in total, we raised \$616 and will be putting \$3 in each bag. Each and everyone of you who donated I am so very grateful for you. I would like to say a special thanks to Karen, Stevie, and Gayle for the Thrivent cards. Also for my mom who donated money and Ziploc bags and to my dad for taking me to the bank to change the money all into one's. I'm so grateful for everybody in this church. And I'm excited to put the bags together after church."

--Sincerely, Patsy B.

Check your entry in the Church Directory

Earlier this year, we did a round of cleanup on the church directory information. We would like to make sure that we haven't missed anyone and also that your information is correct. Please take a moment to login to **Instant Church Directory** (or check your paper copy) and make sure that your information is correct.

1. If some of the information for your family entry needs to be updated (including your picture), please do one of the following:
 2. Login to Instant Church Directory, find your family's entry, press the "Edit My Family Button", and update/submit whatever needs to be updated.
 3. Or you can email the updated information directly to the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**).
4. If there is not an entry for you in the directory and you believe there should be one, please email the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**). Then your entry can be added (or reactivated in case your entry was inadvertently marked as inactive).
5. If there is a family that you think should be in the directory, but is not, also please email the church office (**office@christgoodyear.org**) so we can follow-up with that family.

Just a reminder, the online directory is only available using a login/password.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



We have a team of volunteers who manage the sound booth and live streaming every Sunday. They serve on a rotating basis. Seeking one or two additional volunteers to help spread the load



Training is provided, you just need to be at least somewhat comfortable with computers and technology.

If interested in knowing more, contact Jim Erickson at

Members In Touch

- 1) Book Exchange is May 5. Bring on the books!
- 2) Missing magnets for name tag? Tell me...I carry them every Sunday.
- 3) The church cornerstone says 1956.
When did the congregation actually get its start???
Anybody? Contact JudyTurnen.
- 4) Recycled cans need to be rinsed or they do not count.
Bags of cans are actually torn open by the recycler before credit is given.
- 5) Bon voyage to our snowbirds!

West Valley Young Adults

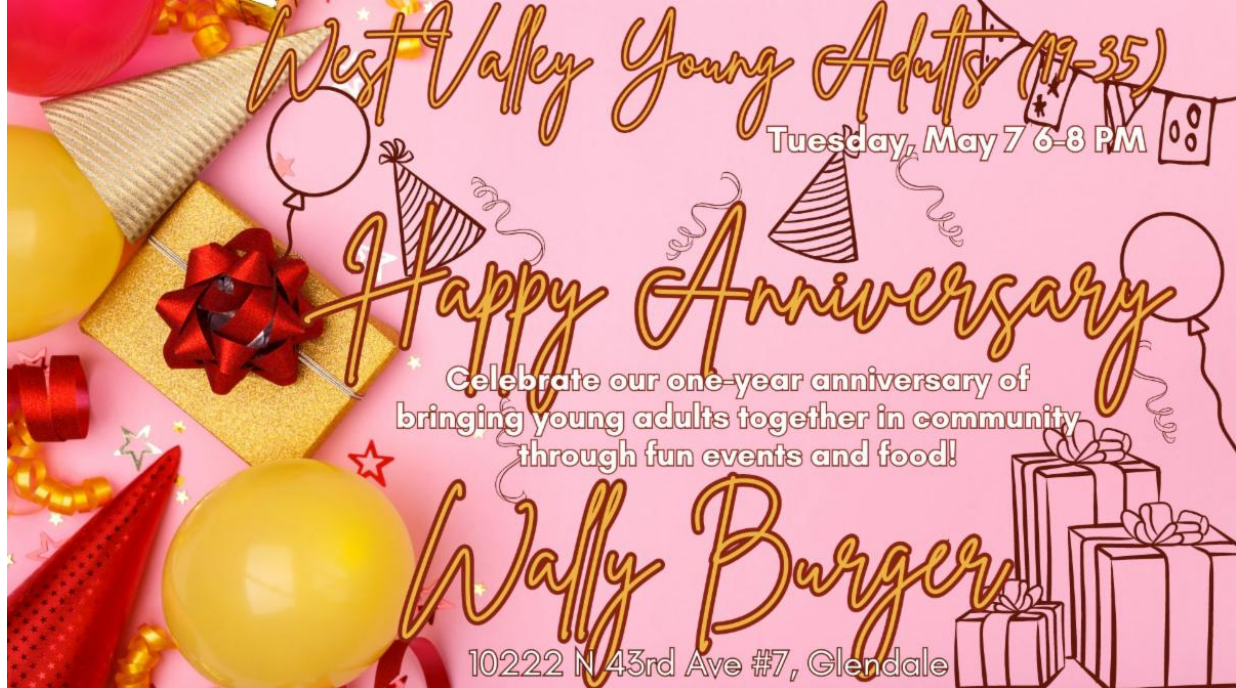
WEST VALLEY YOUNG ADULTS (19-35)
Take over the Pavilions Saturday, May 4

PAVILIONS
Rock n Roll
CAR SHOW
Car Show 4 PM

Blazin'
Mongolian BBQ
Dinner 5 PM 9120 E. Talking Stick Way

BAM KAZAM!

7PM 8999 Talking Stick Way



Prayers of strength and healing...

*Submit or update prayer requests by emailing:
office@Christgoodyear.org, calling the church office:
623-932-2394, or complete an [online prayer request form](#).*

All Cactus Conference Pastors & Churches & Bill Miller
Bishops: Deborah K. Hutterer and Elizabeth Eaton
Area Churches: American and Shepherd of the Desert - Sun City
Our Service Men/Women:

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<https://www.christevangelical.org/staff-and-leadership>
Council Meeting Minutes Click on link above

Click on the highlighted word and it will take you to the link

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