classes. Class will meet on parents or other caring adults are invited to attend First Communion experience a class now, the First Communion Class can be a time to anyone younger or older who would like to communion but never experienced a class, or step in their spiritual growth, this class is for take First Communion at different ages and

At TVLC, we believe that children are ready to process. Contact Pastor Josh

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Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly, June 14-16 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Oro Valley. The assembly is an opportunity to learn about the impact that ELCA congregations, seminaries, colleges, and initiatives have on our world, and to meet ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Those who attend as voting members will affect the future of our synod by voting. Those who attend as voting members will affect the future of our synod by

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March 2018

Saturday, March 10 RUMMAGE SALE
- Open to the public, NFLC, 7am-1pm
- New Member Class, Choir Room, 3:00pm
- Worship, Sanctuary, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 11
- Worship, Sanctuary, 8:00am
- Nursery Open, 8:45am-noon
- Library Open, 9:00am-noon
- Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- Elementary Sunday School, Sanctuary & Ed. Bldg., 9:15am
- Children’s Choir Practice, Sanctuary, 10:30am
- EDGE Sunday School, Youth Room, 10:30am
- The Gathering Worship and Potluck, NFLC, 10:30am
- Ensemble Caprice, Love Baroque, Sanctuary, 3pm
- Youth Gathering Meeting, Youth Room, 7pm

Monday, March 12
- AA, Library, 8:00pm
- Tuesday, March 13
- Tuesday Women’s Book Study, C&C Café, 9:00am
- Library Open, 9:00am-noon
- GriefShare, Choir Room, 11am-12:30pm
- Knitting Fellowship, Library, 6:30pm
- GriefShare, Choir Room, 6:30-8pm
- Reformation Ringers, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 14
- Artist Fellowship, Library, 9:00am
- NO Wednesday Night Bible Study (will resume April 4)
- Lent Supper POTLUCK, Linder Hall, 5:45pm
- EDGE Confirmation, Youth Room, 6:30pm
- Lent Service/Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary, 7:00pm
- Tintinabulation, Sanctuary, 8:00pm

Thursday, March 15
- Quilters’ Fellowship, Linder Hall, 9:00am
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7:00pm

Friday, March 16
- Women’s Bible Study, Linder Hall, 9:30am

Saturday, March 17
- First Communion Class, Linder Hall, 10am
- Arlene Linton Memorial Service Sanctuary, 2pm
- Worship, Sanctuary, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 18
- Worship, Sanctuary, 8:00am
- Nursery Open, 8:45am-noon
- Library Open, 9:00am-noon
- Worship, Sanctuary, 9:15am
- Elementary Sunday School, Sanctuary & Ed. Bldg., 9:15am
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Ensemble Caprice is a 5-person baroque ensemble from Montreal performing on period instruments (recorders, cello, guitar, and percussion). Their program, called iLove Baroque, features two centuries of time-honored music from five countries. Their CD “Gloria! Vivaldi’s Angels” won Canada’s 2009 JUNO award. They were praised in the NY Times as “imaginative, even powerful, and the playing is top-flight”.

TVLC is blessed to host this unique concert as an offering to fill the art-hungry appetite of the Tucson community! This concert promises a most-memorable afternoon for friends and family!

If you wish to become a church member or you are simply interested in learning more about TVLC, please join us at a NEW MEMBER CLASS!

Monday, March 19th 6:30-8pm in Linder Hall

To sign-up, please contact Veannie in the church office at 749-1606. Members will be received in church on the weekend of March 24th and 25th

Join us each Wednesday for the Holden Evening Prayer Worship Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary during the season of Lent.

Lenten POTLUCK Suppers will be held in Linder Hall at 5:45pm. ALL ARE WELCOME, even if you can’t bring a dish!

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520-749-1738 • preschool@tvlc.org
Only 3 weekends left to stock the pantry!

All non-perishables greatly appreciated. Please, no glass or expired items.

This week’s food focus is: **VEGGIES AND FRUIT**

peas, all-veg blends, carrots, tomatoes...
apple sauce, pineapple, pears, fruit cocktail...

This: Sign-ups for delivery day drivers weekend! and helpers ON THE PATIO

March 25: Pledged meats are due!
Cupboard Unpacking, 10:30am, Chapel
Easter Food Basket Packing, 5:30pm, Chapel

March 28: Easter Food Basket Delivery Day
Helpers, 7:00am, Chapel
Delivery Drivers, 8:00am, Chapel

**Money donations** to help purchase fresh food items are also a helpful option. Please noteate checks with “Holiday Food Baskets” and place in the offering plate.

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Children’s Choir meets on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary from 10:30-11am. Children in 2nd-5th grade are welcome to come and sing! Please contact Jennifer Wortman worty44@aol.com or the Church office for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dustie Maggard is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at TVLC for kids 10 and under for her confirmation project! It’ll be on Saturday, March 24th from 9:00am until 10:30am. Please bring your own baskets. (Bags will be available for those without baskets.) The egg hunt will start at 9:00am on the patio. Afterwards, we will go to the café and gym to have snacks and play some games! Hope to see you there!

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WANTED

High school or college-age youths to serve on the TVLC Congregational Council to promote youth ministry involvement in the growth of TVLC. **No experience required.** We know you are out there! We see you and we want to hear from you! Come join the Council and give us your insight to how better serve our young people and help them grow in faith. YOU are the future of TVLC. (And it will look good on a resume!)

Contact Jim Marian, Karl Deutsch, Shari Huffman or any member of the church council.

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**QUILT Raffle**

The TVLC Quilters have made a lovely UA quilt to keep a devoted Wildcat fan warm in the winter! This beautiful queen-sized quilt will be on display and raffle tickets will be on sale after weekend worship services.

The cost is $1 per ticket or 6 tickets for $5.

The drawing will be held on Monday, March 26th. Raffle donations will benefit the trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer.

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The Rev. Ken Ahstrand Memorial FLIM Golf Classic
Did you know that our ELCA is facing a shortage of pastoral students in our seminaries? Part of the problem is the large debt students incur while attending seminary. The Fund for Leaders in Mission (FLIM) has been providing full and partial scholarship to seminary students since 2000. Join FLIM in its goal to provide full tuition to all seminarians so no one enters ministry with debt.

Monday, April 9, 2018 - 11:30am Shotgun Start Oro Valley Country Club - Oro Valley, Arizona
Lunch items for purchase available before Tee-off
No-host Social Hour at 4:00pm - Sit-down dinner at 5:00pm
Program with Distribution of Trophies & Prizes
Speaker: Don Poole, former PGA and Champions Tour player

For more information, please contact: Bruce Rianda, Coordinator brucreianda@gmail.com or (520) 977-5611

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED
Volunteer coordinator Derrie Lucht is scheduling communion assistants for the 9:15am worship service each weekend. Please help! If you are able to serve communion during the 9:15am service, please contact Derrie at 444-9270 or deelucked@gmail.com.

TVLC Columbarium Committee is making plans to enlarge the Columbarium with a wall that will include 70 more double niches. Along with the addition, we are excited to take this opportunity to beautify the meditation area with upgrades to the surroundings. You can help! Donations are needed to finish our work. The wall, footings and gravel are very expensive. Thank you!

TVLC Preschool and Kindergarten Registration
We are very excited about the enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year that begins in August! Our 3 and 4 year old morning classes are full with wait lists. We still have a few openings in our 2’s classes, the afternoon 4’s class and our full day Kindergarten class. Please call the school office at 749-1738 for more information about how you can enroll your child or schedule a tour.

The Carnival is Coming!
Please join our school/families and staff for our Preschool/Kindergarten Carnival, Thursday, March 15th from 9:30-11:00. This is a free event! There will be games, prizes, food and crafts. This is a great opportunity for parents who are interested in our school to bring their children to a fun event. If you have any questions, please call the Preschool/Kindergarten office at 749-1738.

Tax Credits Continue to Help Our TVLC Kindergarten
The TVLC Kindergarten continues to benefit from tax credit donations given through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) the Institute for Better Education (IBE). You can find out more by calling the organization or going to their websites. The phone number for ACSTO is 480-820-0403. The website is www.acsto.org. The number for IBE is 520-512-5438. The IBE website is www.IBEscholarships.org. Thank you for all of your support!

Primetimers Pottery Tour - Tuesday, April 10th
Tuesday, April 10th is the next, and final function until October. We are touring H.F. Coors Pottery Company at 10am. Right here in Tucson, Coors Pottery is a full-line manufacturer of commercial quality, restaurant grade, made-in-America ceramic dinnerware. Reserve your spot on the tour by giving $10.00 to the “cashier” for this event, Florence Foster. She may be reached at 749-3857.

Following the tour, we will join for lunch at Kettle America’s Kitchen Restaurant. More details to come!

Many thanks to all who have participated with us this year! It’s wonderful fellowship, sometimes educational, frequently fun, food is ALWAYS involved!

MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Faith is a gift from God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday John 3:14-21
Monday Numbers 21:4-9
Tuesday Ephesians 2:1-10
Wednesday 1 John 4:7-21
Thursday Isaiah 12:1-6
Friday Galatians 2:15-21
Saturday 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 17-22
Sunday John 12:20-33

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

PRAY, BLESS AND SING
A Prayer for the Week: Lord Jesus, thank you for being God’s light in our world. Thank you for all you have done in us and through us. Amen.
Mealt ime Prayer: Each meal we eat is a reminder of your love for us. Thank you, God! Amen.
A Blessing to Give: May God, who is rich in mercy, grace, and love, make you alive together with Christ.
Hymn of the Week: What Wondrous Love Is This

CARING CONVERSATIONS:
Discuss in your home or small group:

• Talk about something you love to do.
• Tell about a time you felt you were not in control of what was happening around you.
• We want to have control in most everything we do, including our faith. But Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it clear that faith is a gift. How does that influence how you think, judge, and live as one who believes in the power and grace of God?

DEVOTIONS:
Read: John 3:14-21. In the Gospel of John, the word “world” refers to that which is opposed to—even hates—God (See John 1:10; 3:19, 12:31, 14:22-24, and 15:18-20). Martin Luther called John 3:16 “the gospel in miniature.” C.S. Lewis stated that the reason God created us was so that God could love us. Reflect on what it means that God loves the world that is hostile to God.
Finish these sentences: “Today God showed me love by . . .” and “Today I can show God’s love to others by . . .” Then recite John 3:16.
Pray: Dear God, thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who shows us your love, a commitment to us that we cannot fully understand but that blesses us with hope and purpose in the world you love. Amen.

SERVICE: We were “created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life” (Ephesians 2:10). Acts of service are not simply an obligation but “a way of life.” List or talk about the gifts you have been given to serve others. Now list or talk about how those gifts are used to care for others. Give thanks to God for this way of life.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS: It is a Christian tradition to begin a meal by offering a word of thanks as a mealtime prayer. It was more common in past generations to also offer a prayer at the end of the meal, a prayer that could include words similar to Psalm 107:1. Begin the meal with this prayer:
Each meal we eat is a reminder of your love for us. Thank you, God! Amen.
Finish the meal with: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Amen.
March 10, 2018      5:00 p.m. Service

Eve of the 4th Sunday in Lent  
*Please stand if you are able
Large-print bulletins with liturgy are available from the ushers.
Please silence all electronic devices before worship begins.
Guest attendance cards and prayer request cards are located in the pew racks.
Please place your completed cards in the offering plate during the Offering.

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
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*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
READING Ephesians 2:1-10 Pew Bible, p. 949
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Pastor Frank Nausin, presiding;
Jean Rheel, reader; Lars Andersen, pianist

March 11, 2018      8:00 a.m. Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
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Pastor Josh Auchenbach, presiding; Jill Kiefer, reader;
Sherri McClellan, worship leader; Lars Andersen, pianist/organist

March 11, 2018      9:15 a.m. Service

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Pastor Josh Auchenbach, presiding; Carole Rostash, assisting minister;
Dee Sunday, reader; Shiqi Gu, pianist; Lars Andersen, organist
In this GATHERING, you are seen and loved. No matter who you are, you are accepted without condition and you belong here. In this GATHERING, our relationships will deepen - with both God and with each other. In this GATHERING, we acknowledge that there are different ways we connect with God in worship.

During the service, you will have the chance to participate in different experiential stations:
- **Candle Table** - Light a candle to claim Christ's light or to remember a loved one.
- **Baptismal Font** - Remember God's grace poured out to you through the waters of baptism.
- **Offering Basket** - Give an offering to support God's work at TVLC and throughout the world. You can also give by going to tvlc.org/give on your mobile device.
- **Arts & Crafts Table** - Exercise your God-given creativity.
- **Prayer Wall** - Write your own requests and lift up others' requests.
- **Verses Table** - Pick a verse to meditate and reflect on.
- **Service Table** - Contribute to an ongoing service project.

We've created spaces where younger worshipers may find comfort and a place just for them. **Infants** can find a spot on the "pryground" where the play gyms and bouncy chairs have front row seats! **Toddlers** can belly up to a table on either side of the chairs, pull out their busy bag materials and get to work! **Kids and youth** are encouraged to take an active role in worship leadership. **Nursery care** is also available until noon for those who desire.

All are welcome to PARTICIPATE as assistants in the service. You can be a reader, usher, greeter or help in other ways. Please visit the Welcome Table to sign up or go to http://tvlc.org/Worship_Assistants

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**Easter Flower DEDICATIONS**

If you would like to help beautify our worship spaces for Easter in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special, please fill out this form below and return it to the church office with your cash or check made payable to TVLC (with the notation “Easter Flowers”) and place it in the offering plate.

You may contribute any amount toward the purchase of a plant, or you may contribute toward the cost of the flowers for the cross. **The suggested minimum donation is $15.** Please fill out a separate order form for each dedication.

In honor of ____________________________
In memory of ____________________________
Name _________________________________
Phone _________________________________
Donation for a plant $_______________
Donation for cross flowers $____________
Total amount enclosed: $_____________
Envelope #______________

Thank you for your donation! If you would like to take your plant home, you may do so after the final worship service on Easter Sunday. Plants left in the sanctuary after that time will be taken to our homebound members.

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2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK THIS WEEKEND!
Please stay after worship today for food and fellowship!
All are welcome, even if you didn't bring a dish ...
there is always enough for all!

Join “The Gathering@TVLC” on Facebook for all the latest news and updates at facebook.com/thegatheringTVLC