

# Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to LOC's Weekly E-News

Transfiguration, February 15, 2026



**"Listen to Him!"**

While in the Holy Land, we went to the top of Mt. Tabor where tradition believed that the Transfiguration took place. I was a little surprised at the hairpin turns that it took us to get to the top of the mountain. It helped give me a little better perspective of how tired the disciples were, and perhaps even Jesus was once they reached the top. As I think about the many hikes I have enjoyed, I can't help but wonder what the conversation might have been like between the disciples and Jesus. Were they parsing out what Jesus had just talked about in the previous passage as he had told his disciples about his death? Were they joking about something that had happened earlier in the day? Or were they in the moment and rhythm of physical exertion that they were lost in their own thoughts. No matter what the conversation on the way up I am sure they had plenty to discuss on the hike down as the disciples saw a glimpse into glory and perhaps some unsettling words from God: **"this is my Son, listen to him"**. Who has your ear each day: family, friends, neighbors, podcasts, videos, and social media? How have you found ways to listen to Jesus?



**Sunday, February 22, 9:45AM-10:30AM in the Center of Compassion.**

**We will elect new Board of Directors, Endowment Committee members, and approve the 2025 Financial Report and 2026 Mission Spending Plan/Budget. All Confirmed voting members are asked to attend. Annual Reports will be available in the Sanctuary and Center of Compassion next Sunday as well as emailed by the end of next week to all active households.**



**The Church Office will be closed Monday, February 16th, in observance of Presidents' Day.**



Regardless of one's intellectual view of God, when one is moved beyond him or herself, beyond a preoccupation with one's own being to the recognition of the greatness that is other than him or her, then the inward urge to worship and adore such beauty means one is being moved by God toward God.- Retired pastor Wes Granberg-Michaelson

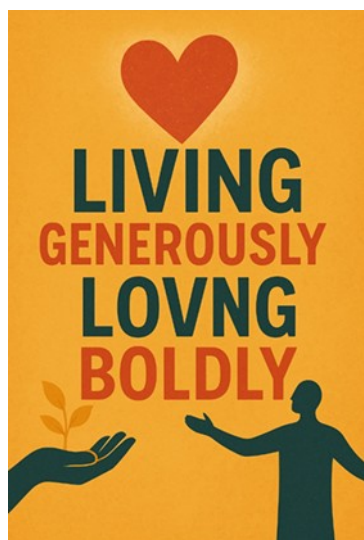
### Being Open to Live Generously

A story from our LoC Community: Two of us were shunted aside at Walgreens, our orders needing extra work. I had heard the other's order, which included his birth year. From a distance I chatted with him about him being the younger by eight years. He was slightly built, with absolute white hair and beard, which I likened to myself and his being like a miniature Santa Claus.

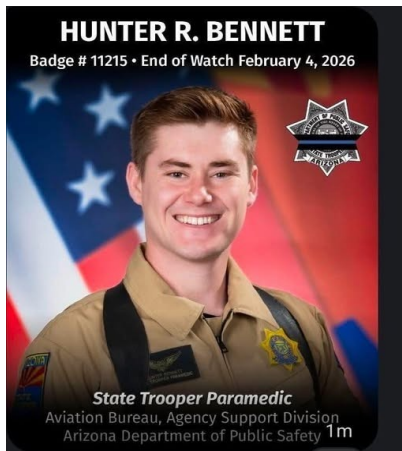
With both of us back at the counter I finished first. He was having more difficulty. Turned out he couldn't pay for the one prescription that was now ready. He turned to leave. I interrupted, placing my credit card on the counter, indicating I would pay. He offered me a hug, then a handshake. I opted out for knuckles (all have the same meaning).

He shared he gets \$3,100.00 in Social Security a month, with rent being \$1,800.00 a month, leaving little for medicine. I said he must eat a lot of pork and beans. He said it was actually bologna. WE parted. It seemed to me that this had been for me an interaction with the real world.

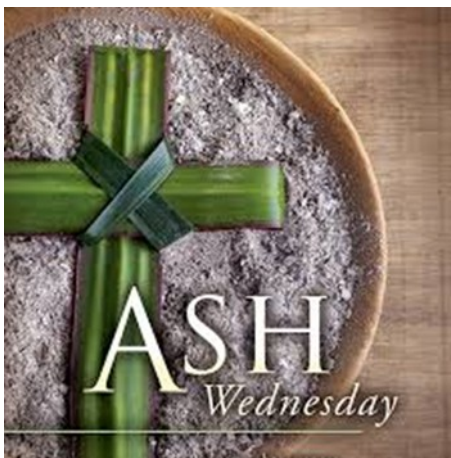
God uses everyday encounters to offer us opportunities to live generously and love boldly. Please feel free to share with the pastors any personal stories of being an agent or recipient of living generously and loving boldly. We are happy to keep them anonymous!



We will again be offering midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays during Lent. We will be using a Taize' service of meditative song and each week focus on themes from "Lent in Plain Sight." A soup supper will be available at 5:30 in Rooms 48-49 in the Center of Compassion, followed by the service in the Sanctuary at 6:15PM. Following the service, we hope to continue the practice of our Faith in Action team bringing in some of our mission partners for sharing updates and answering questions of how we are joining others in loving our neighbors and making the love of Christ known.



**Celebration of Life  
Hunter R. Bennett  
Monday, February 23rd  
10AM  
Mission Church Gilbert  
4450 E. Elliot Road  
Gilbert AZ 85234**



### **Ash Wednesday Worship, February 18, 2026**

**Noon or 7PM in the Sanctuary**

Ash Wednesday marks the solemn start of Lent, a 40-day journey of repentance and preparation for Easter, reminding us of our mortality ("dust to dust") and sin through the imposition of ashes, while simultaneously pointing to God's mercy, forgiveness, and the promise of new life through Christ's resurrection, transforming our brokenness into belovedness. It's a call to honest self-reflection, confession, and a commitment to living out our baptismal faith through outward actions of love and justice.



### ***By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History***

***Wednesday, at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall***

We are on a journey through the first five centuries of the Early Church. It provides helpful background in how the Holy Spirit worked through the global and diverse movement of believers and communities coming together. How they dealt with Emperor and Empire. How they navigated, debated, and determined our early creeds and church organization. This course is on Wednesday February 11. All are welcome to join. **Last topic before Ash Wednesday: 2/11 Eastern and Western Church.**



## Music Notes....



### Handbell Ringers Needed

Do you read music and count beats? We would love to have you join our Handbell Choir! We are looking for ringers for monthly Sunday performances.

Rehearsals are held **Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenroom**. If you're interested, please let me know—we'd love to ring with you! You can contact me at [jungmusic@loccl.org](mailto:jungmusic@loccl.org)

We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season of music, fellowship, and joy with all of you.

**With gratitude and excitement,**  
Jung Lee



### Calling All Bakers

Cookie Ministry is looking for people who like to bake. The Cookie Ministry is part of the Faith in Action programs at Love of Christ. This ministry makes cookies for our various events that are held here on our campus and beyond our campus. If you are interested in baking cookies for this ministry, please contact Eunice Ketterling at [ketts14az@gmail.com](mailto:ketts14az@gmail.com)



### Community Garden News

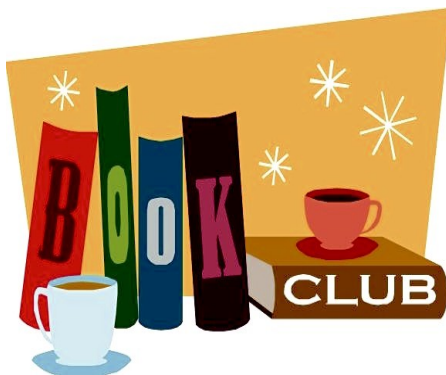
Come join us and grow something beautiful. Questions, contact Nancy at [Dntoll74@gmail.com](mailto:Dntoll74@gmail.com)



**Naomi Circle will meet on March 9th, at 1PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome—invite your friends!**

**On February 14th, The LOC Hiking Ladies will be traveling to Cave Creek County Park and hiking the Go John and Quartz Loop Trail.** This **3.8 mile loop** follows along a low ridge on mostly smooth dirt with occasional rocks, ruts, and loose material, opening to wide Sonoran Desert views. Saguaros and palo verde trees line the slopes, and as an extra treat, we will pass by the Michelin Man cactus. We will meet at 7:00AM. Contact: Pat Shaw at 480 334-9123 (better to text).





The next meeting of the LOC Book Club will be held on Sunday, March 22nd in the Leadership Room after the 9:00 am service.

We will be discussing **The Glassmaker** by Tracy Chevalier. Here is a synopsis of the book:

In 1486, Orsola Rosso is the eldest daughter in a family of glassblowers in Murano, Italy. As a woman, she is not meant to blow glass - but when her father dies, she teaches herself to make beads in secret, and her work becomes the cornerstone of the Rosso family fortune. Skipping through six centuries, we follow the Rosso family as they live through creative triumph and heartbreaking loss. From a plague in Venice to Continental soldiers stripping its palazzos bare, from the domination of Murano and its glass maestros to the transformation of the city of trade into a city of tourists, we experience it all.

In every era, the Rosso women ensure that their work and their bonds endure.

Please join us on March 22nd as we explore the beauty of glassmaking and the family who endured through centuries of change.

Grab a cup of coffee and a treat in the Hospitality Room and head over to the Leadership Room located next to the church offices.

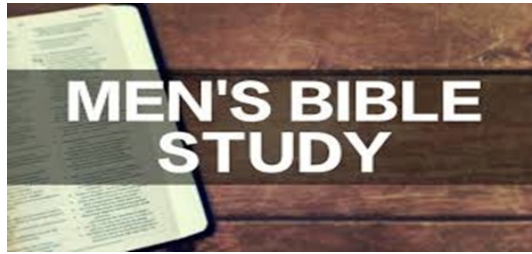
Happy Reading!

### Love of Christ is Turning 40



On April 12, we will join together at 9:00 to celebrate this milestone in the life of our church congregation. There will be just one combined worship service in the Center of Compassion with Bishop Deborah Hutterer preaching the word. A time to celebrate and share memories will follow the worship service.

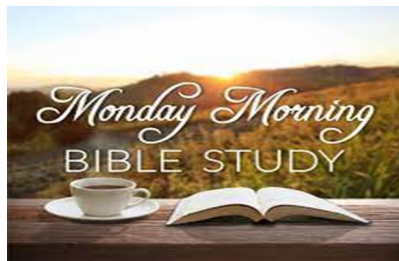
More details will follow as we get closer to April 12, but for now we are asking for photos and memories. If you have photos of church activities or outreach missions, please share them. We are especially interested in photographs from the last 10 years. If you have photos we can use in creating displays, please contact Kirk Mahoney at 602-309-3548 to determine how best to share them. We hope to have all photos in hand within the next two weeks.



**No Study 2/16 due to Holiday.** Pastor Steve Talmage will begin leading a new Men's Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians on Monday, February 23, 6:30-7:30AM in the Leadership Room. Men of all ages are welcome to participate.



Online Video introductions provided by our pastors of Sunday Lectionary readings. They may be found on Facebook, YouTube or [loveofchristchurch.net](http://loveofchristchurch.net)

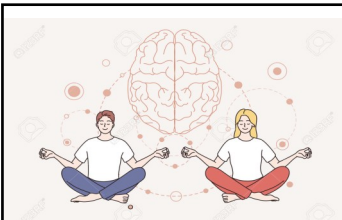


**NO Study 2/16 due to holiday.** Monday Morning Bible Study will resume 2/23 in the Leadership Room 10:30-Coffee Fellowship, 11:00AM Bible Study.



### **Prayer Share Care Women's Bible Study**

All women are invited to a weekly Bible study group called Prayer Share Care. This group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 in the Leadership Room. This group will be using Marcus Borg's book: ***Reading the Bible Again for the First Time***. Books can be purchased **at class** for \$10. Please contact Ruth Leonard or Margrit Aeschbach at the following emails for more information. (Margrit: [mswiss43@gmail.com](mailto:mswiss43@gmail.com) and Ruth: [ruthleonard@icloud.com](mailto:ruthleonard@icloud.com) )

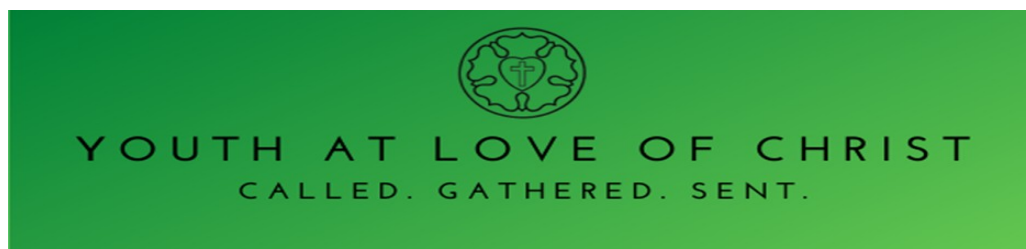


Faith stretch yoga **meets on Thursdays at 9:00am in Outreach room.**  
For questions and more information, text Georgia at 406-925-0013 or  
email: [nonnagg51@gmail.com](mailto:nonnagg51@gmail.com) .



**Blood Drive Sunday, March 15th —7:30 to 11:30** Located next to Columbarium in South Parking Lot. Please sign up to donate blood! Go to our website ([loveofchristchurch.net](http://loveofchristchurch.net)) and scroll down to find link to sign up. If you have any questions, you can contact Dianne Oien at [dianneoiien@locic.org](mailto:dianneoiien@locic.org). Donor Eligibility Link: <https://vitalant.org/blood-donation-requirements> Donor Eligibility Phone: 877-258-4825

Donor Preparation: • #1 deferral for women is low iron. Women begin eating iron rich foods. • Begin drinking lots of water – hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! • Eat prior to donation (no fast-ing) • Bring Photo ID reflecting first and last names • Visit restroom prior to beginning the donation process • Donors may take their health history the day of donations . Fast Track Health History Questionnaire Link: <https://www.vitalant.org/health>



There is hangout this Sunday from 10 to Noon in the Youth Room!

There is Youth Group this Wednesday night from 6-7:30pm in Youth Room!

**Contact Mason Weatherly for more info at [masonw@locic.org](mailto:masonw@locic.org)**



### Confirmation

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday nights from 6PM to 7PM in the room 48.

Next Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday, March 4th.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@locic.org](mailto:nanette@locic.org)



**A brief Overview for 2026 Save the Dates:**

**2026 Lenten Challenge, sign up by Feb. 18**

**February 22: Citrus Sunday and Congregational Meeting**

**February 23: Lutheran Day at the Legislature, more information coming.**

**Wednesday during Lent, sharing our Outreach Ministries**

**April 12: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**June 11,12,13: Synod Assembly at LoC**

**July 6-10 VBS**

**Faith in Action Ministry of the Month:**

**LAMA**

This month our Faith In Action Team will be focusing on our Ministry partners that are a part of LAMA (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Arizona). This organization is a part of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA and works with legislators and our state legislation on Hunger issues in Arizona. LAMA joins with the most vulnerable of our society to voice our common needs in the public square, activating our faith in love.

Lutherans from across Arizona will gather at the Arizona State Capitol on **Monday, February 23, 2026**, from **9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** for **Lutheran Day at the Legislature**, a day of faithful advocacy hosted by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona (LAMA). Registration opens at **8:30 a.m.** at **Wesley Bolin Plaza**, where participants will begin the day with a light breakfast and coffee before stepping into a full morning of learning, witness, and public engagement.

This annual gathering equips and encourages Lutherans to live out our baptismal promise “*to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*” Throughout the morning, participants will meet their legislators, connect with congregational LAMA liaisons, hear from policy council members, and join other Lutherans committed to justice shaped by our Lutheran faith.

**You can go to this link and it will tell you more about this exciting day. <https://www.gcsynod.org/news/join-us-at-the-capitol-lutheran-day-at-the-legislature-returns-feb-23-2026-2>**

If you are interested in being a part of the Lutheran Day at the Legislature, please contact Charles Martiny our new LAMA liaison at [cmartiny@cox.net](mailto:cmartiny@cox.net) . Or, you can contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@locic.org](mailto:nanette@locic.org).

**Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship with Lutheran Social Services:**

Our Co-Sponsorship Team has been helping with a refugee family from Syria. They been working with the adults who are learning English. This team is making wonderful progress and forming some beautiful relationships with the family as well. We have provided back to school clothing and backpacks for each of the four children, along with teaching them English. If you are interested in learning more or think you might like to join this team, please contact Chris Norden at [norden6162@gmail.com](mailto:norden6162@gmail.com)



## About the Lenten Challenge

**In 2023**, the Grand Canyon Synod and the Southeastern Iowa Synod challenged one another to participate in spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent. This 40-40-40 Challenge was a good-natured way to engage each other and raise awareness of anti-hunger ministry and wellness for both synods. **In 2024**, all of the ELCA synods in Region 2 challenged one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger in honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th year in mission and ministry. **In 2025**, Isaiah 58:11 grounded the year's Lenten journey, in which the five Region 2 synods challenged one another to explore the intersection of hunger and water while learning of one of our Region 2 Indigenous Ministries, the 70-year-old Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, AZ.

The 2026 Lenten Challenge theme — "Lord, When Did We See You?"

The theme of this year's challenge derives from Matthew 25:37-40. The passage emphasizes that caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized is an act of service to Christ, and that a person's treatment of others is a reflection of their relationship with God. The spiritual practices for the six weeks of Lent will focus on stretching our learning, care, and advocacy muscles on behalf of underserved communities. The six weeks will be broken up according to the gospel text, as below, with participants focusing on what we know and think about these siblings in Christ, as well as how we act in support and on behalf of these communities. [Refer to the Matthew 25 Lenten Practices Toolkit for ideas.](#)

- **Week 1**, February 22: Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food?
- **Week 2**, March 1: Lord, when was it that we saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink?
- **Week 3**, March 8: Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you?
- **Week 4**, March 16: Lord, when was it that we saw you naked and gave you clothing?
- **Week 5**, March 22: Lord, when was it that we saw you sick and visited you?
- **Week 6**, March 29: Lord, when was it that we saw you in prison and visited you?

Why Lent? Lent is a season of 40 days to reflect, remember our dependence on God and one another, and look forward to the ways God calls us to be. Adding one or more of these spiritual practices to your observation of Lent might help you feel more connected. A light-hearted challenge like this could help our synods be the Church together, and to see God's vision and invitation for us to be a church for the world as we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Participating synods:

[Sierra Pacific](#) (2A) – Rev. Jeff Johnson, bishop  
[Southwest California](#) (2B) – Rev. Brenda Bos, bishop  
[Pacifica](#) (2C) – Rev. David Nagler, bishop  
[Grand Canyon](#) (2D) – Rev. Deborah Hutterer, bishop

[Rocky Mountain](#) (2E) – Rev. Meghan Johnston-Aelabouni, bishop

## How does the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge work?

There are 4 Lenten practices to consider, and you commit to 3 of the 4.

**Daily Devotion** ~ Subscribe to receive devotions every day of Lent via email. These short reflections represent diverse voices and circumstances across our church. [Learn more.](#)

**Daily Learning** ~ Suggested learnings for children, youth, families and congregations such as reading ELCA social teachings, studying Matthew Chapter 25, joining ELCA networks, group studies, etc. are in the Matthew 25 Lenten Practices Toolkit. [Learn more.](#)

**Daily Action** ~ Suggested actions, such as volunteering at a food bank, donating clothes and sundries, visiting someone in the hospital, and praying for elected leaders can be found in our Matthew 25 Toolkit. [Learn more.](#)

**Daily Donation** ~ Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to farm animals, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. [Ways to give.](#)

## How is this a Challenge?

This a little friendly competition for a good cause. Individuals from across the Region 2 synods will sign up to do three of four (or all 4!) of the practices and the synod with the most individuals signed up wins the challenge! **Our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate.**

Join the Cross-Synod Challenge for Lent

***The more individual sign-ups, the better.***

Bragging rights goes to the synod with the most individual registrations. So if you're a family of 4, enter all 4 email addresses, and have all 4 people commit to 3 things. And no, not all 4 need to donate to ELCA World Hunger (though it's worth considering).

What do we get if we win?

The 'winning' bishop will play a short video with congratulatory clips recorded by the other participating bishops. This acknowledgement of the 'superiority' by the other synods *for this one challenge* is all in fun. All bishops may choose to air the video at their synod assemblies in 2026. Hunger leaders in each synod will receive progress updates each week.

[SIGN UP FOR THE 40-40-40 LENTEN CHALLENGE](#)





Our Sunday School Ministry continues on throughout the 2026! For ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Sunday School is from 9:10-9:50. Children are to come to church with their parents and are dismissed for Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to worship during Communion. For grades 3-6, Sunday school begins at 9:50 and they are done at 10:20. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Play room. For any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@loclc.org](mailto:nanette@loclc.org)



Grades 4,5, and 6 will meet in the CoC on February 15th for games, a lesson on worship, and an amazing snack! The fun begins at 3:30 and ends at 5:00! Please contact Laura Ontiveros or Pastor Nanette for more information.

### **WOW! Word on Wednesdays continues!**

Children's Musical, Adult Bible Study, and Confirmation/Youth Group begin at 6PM. A light meal will be served at 5:30 in rooms 48 & 49 in Center of Compassion.

**Children's Musical—The FAB 4 Kids Show—Rockin' the Gospels All the Way to the Cross!**

**Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm in Room 50**

**Performance: Sunday, May 3rd at 9AM**

## 🌸 MomCo at Love of Christ Lutheran Church! 🌸

Calling all moms! Whether you're in the thick of toddlerhood, navigating teenage years, or somewhere in between — you're not alone.



We're excited to announce that our church will now be hosting MomCo, a community designed for moms, by moms. MomCo is a place where women gather in circles of support, friendship, and faith — because raising humans is both beautiful and hard, and no one should have to do it alone:

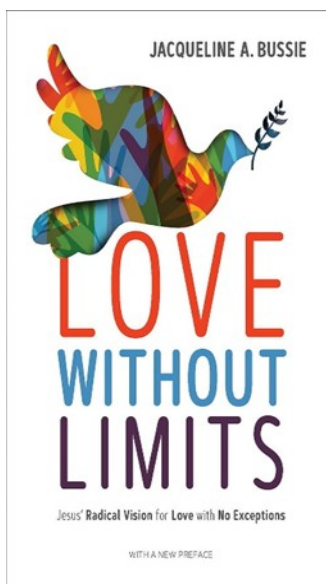
- Build meaningful, lasting friendships
- Encourage and equip moms to lead with love
- Grow the church by nurturing families in faith
- Bring mothers and their families closer to Jesus

Join Us! Location: Love of Christ

📅 When: **Next meeting March 4th**, first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Godly Playroom (Nursery) located in entrance to Center of Compassion.

📞 Contact: Kacey Weir or Pastor Nanette Christofferson 🌐

Online Options: - <http://www.themom.co/groups/loveofchristmesa>



**Love Without Limits meets again on March 4th at 4:30 in the Fellowship Hall.**

In her book, Jacqueline Bussie says nothing is more scandalous than a “love without limits.” How does a love without limits mirror Jesus and the God we are called to serve? How does this echo Jesus’ ministry in Luke 15 (the parables of being lost) or Paul’s proclamation in Galatians 3:28 (There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one Christ Jesus)? This study is open to all women who are interested in learning about our God who loves without limits!



Lemon (*C. limon*)



Mandarin (*C. reticulata*)



Grapefruit (*C. paradisi*)



Pummelo (*C. grandis*)



Sour orange (*C. aurantium*)



Sweet orange (*C. sinensis*)



Lime (*C. aurantifolia*)



Kumquat (*C. japonica*)



Citron (*C. medica*)



Blood orange  
(*C. sinensis* L. Osbeck)

## Citrus Sunday Is Coming!

On Sunday, February 22, we are asking that you bring your citrus fruit to share with others. Whatever fruit isn't taken by our community will be taken to St. Mary's Food Bank as they accept fresh fruit. Please take your fruit to the tables outside of the COC.



Young Adults are typically between the ages of 18 and 30-5 ish! We are fortunate to have the above Young Adults interested in gathering and learning together. Our next meeting time will be on Sunday, February 15. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette or Laura Ontiveros.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace News



We are celebrating the 10,000th bed to be delivered soon to a child in the Phoenix area! The Phoenix Chapter began 7 years ago and is still going strong to meet the need of our community.

Thanks to all the donors of time and funds to make this exciting milestone happen. The reason for this effort which improves the lives of children in our community is brought home every time we witness a child receiving a bed for the first time!

We are also fortunate to have a lot of individuals who continue to make blankets and contribute stuffed animals, books and sheets.

THANK YOU!



# JOIN US!

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 32 & AZ Troopers Association

## BBQ FUNDRAISER EVENTS

**HUNTER R. BENNETT**

Badge # 11215

End of Watch February 4, 2026



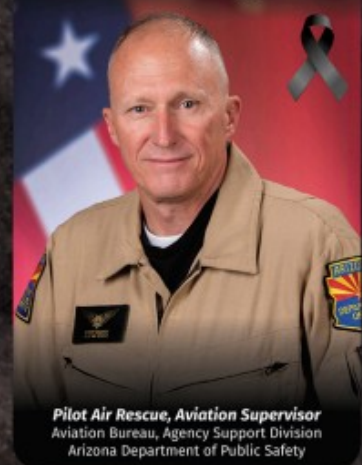
**State Trooper Paramedic**  
Aviation Bureau, Agency Support Division  
Arizona Department of Public Safety



**ROBERT B. SKANKEY**

Badge #11056

End of Service February 4, 2026



**Pilot Air Rescue, Aviation Supervisor**  
Aviation Bureau, Agency Support Division  
Arizona Department of Public Safety

*Supporting the families of our fallen Brothers.*

### PHOENIX

Thursday 2/12/26  
11:00am - 3:00pm  
DPS Headquarters  
2102 W. Encanto Blvd.  
Phoenix, AZ

- Accepting donations
- T-shirts for sale \$25
- Raffle items courtesy of Team Room Tactical

### FLAGSTAFF

Saturday 2/14/26  
11:00am - 3:00pm  
Flagstaff City Hall Parking Lot  
211 W. Aspen Ave.  
Flagstaff, AZ

- Accepting donations
- T-shirts for sale \$25
- Live music
- Raffle items courtesy of Team Room Tactical

### KINGMAN

Sunday 2/22/26  
10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Mohave County Fairgrounds  
2600 Fairgrounds Blvd.  
Kingman, AZ

- Accepting donations
- T-shirts for sale \$25
- Rodeo barrel race
- Raffle items courtesy of Team Room Tactical



Join us for three BBQ fundraiser events to support the families of our fallen Brothers, Trooper Hunter Bennett and military veteran / Ranger 56 Pilot Robert Skankey. Enjoy great food, raffles, and community support as you help FOP Lodge 32 and the Arizona State Troopers Association take action to help the fallen. **100% of the proceeds raised will go directly to the families. Your donations are tax deductible.**



**Scripture Lesson**  
**A Brief Look at Exodus 24:12-18**  
**with Pastor Nanette Christofferson**  
(14 min)

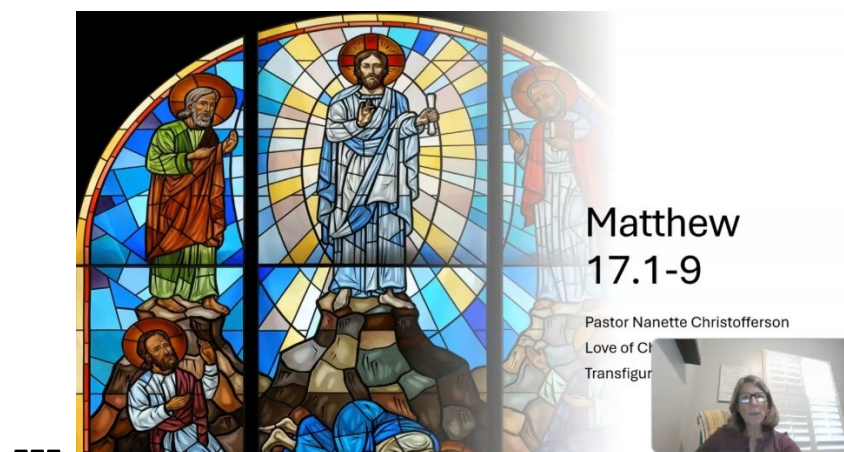


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Facebook: <https://facebook.com/reel/906423198602101/>

Website: <https://www.loveofchristchurch.net/media/series/7vjwfnk/bible-lessons>

**Scripture Lesson**  
**A Brief Look at Matthew 17:1-9**  
**with Pastor Nanette Christofferson**  
(13 min)



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Sunday, February 15, 2026, 7:50 am, 9 and 10:30,

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Pastor Nanette Christofferson—"Listen to Him"

### Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### Matthew 17:1-9

#### The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."