

# January 2010 Newsletter ~ Look Out

*Join us for Worship!*

## WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
	<i>9:15am</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)</i>
	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion Children's Sunday School</i>



WORSHIP SERVICES

## SPECIAL POLKA SERVICES

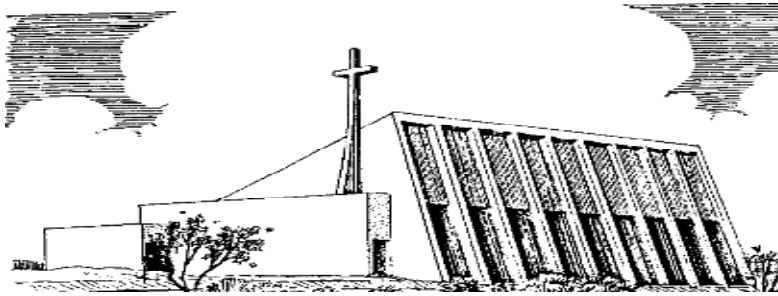
January 30th ~ 5:00pm

January 31st ~ 10:30am



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# MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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is "A Great Place to Grow"  
"But grow in the grace and  
knowledge of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 3:18



*Matt hew 16:16 ~ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.*

*\*\*\*\*\* 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

Jesus said upon this rock I will build my church. Notice he did not say he would build his church on Peter but upon what Peter boldly proclaimed. "You are the Christ, The Son of the living God." Jesus always builds his church not upon the individual but upon himself. No one can lay any foundation than that which was laid, Jesus Christ.

I am so thankful for this truth. The growth of the church, the survival of the church does not depend upon me or anyone else in the church other than Jesus Christ. I know that I and others can hinder the growth of the church by letting our personal agendas and our own sinfulness hide the true glory of God. May God forgive us for this and help us to always be servants of our savior Jesus.

May we follow where our savior is leading and guiding the church and may we never inhibit its growth by trying to glorify our own accomplishments and wanting praise from people.

I do thank God for blessing us this past year and allowing us to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have so much to be thankful for. God blessed us with people he wanted to lead us and they used their gifts this last year to faithfully bring us to where we are. We were blessed by generous people who not only helped us attain our financial goals but helped us to beautify the

church through a face lift and helped us to pay down our debt.

God also sent us people to serve him in so many ways. There have been many new people joining our church to help with the tasks our Lord has called us to do. He also brought Ken Chitwood to help in working with young families and youth. I am so thankful for all the people who contribute so much to the work and ministry of the church. I don't think I could list them all but you know who you are and just know how thankful to God I am for all your help.

We celebrated 30 years of God's grace here at Mountain View this year. It was a time to look back and thank God for all the blessings we have received. It is also a time to look to the future. The fields are white unto the harvest pray that the Lord send out laborers into his harvest field. May he also keep us faithful so that we may continue to serve him here in the east valley till he comes again.

In His service,  
*Pastor Mark Friedrich*

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## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Please invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us and participate in Church functions. New members are always welcome.

Welcome and give encouragement to our winter visitors. Inform them of the ability to become Associate Members. If you are unfamiliar with Associate Membership Information, please refer them to the church office.



*Thoughts from My Heart*

I thought it was interesting a couple weeks ago when Pastor Mark ask “ how long have you been a member of **MVLC**” and the biggest majority of the congregation was 5 yrs or less.

I am one that has been at **MVLC** for less than the 5 years and yet our Lord has seen fit to put me in the position of becoming your congregational president. This is not something I take lightly. When I was asked to be Vice President of the congregation I spent about three weeks in prayer before I accepted the nomination. I have been a member of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church my entire life. I have held about every position of service in a congregation from elder to President (for 9 yrs) of St Johns in Adrian MI.

I am now a Vice President of Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Director of the Laborers for Christ Ministry so my duties in this capacity have me doing some traveling to help some of our brother LCMS churches to reach their ministry goals through constructing buildings for place and space to worship our Lord. ~“Enough about me”

With me being fairly new in the congregation I may step on a toe or two. I ask for your forgiveness in advance. I also ask for your support and invite your input to make **MVLC** a place where WE sinners can come and hear the word of God and know that we are forgiven because of the price that was paid by our friend Jesus.

**MVLC** is our “**LIFEBOAT**”. Every person we invite to hear the saving work of Jesus grows the kingdom of God and will take a soul from the Devil. I ask you to join me to invite our friends and neighbors to worship at **MVLC**. Through God’s blessing we will see this church grow stronger in the Lord.

Please feel free to contact me on any of your thoughts or ideas for **MVLC** at Cell # 517-206-2088 call or Text or by E-mail at [ddbakerus@yahoo.com](mailto:ddbakerus@yahoo.com)

*In his service and yours,  
Dan Baker, President  
Mountain View Lutheran Church*

**Hello all, We are now living in Prague, Czech Republic and really enjoying it. We have a small flat on the 5th floor, use public transportation, shop at local groceries and try to figure out what we are buying and having a ball. We do miss our family and friends but know the year will go fast and hope all is well during that time. We have had technical problems so have changed our emails. Neither of us are that clever using the computer but David knows much about downloading programs and I try to keep up with sending emails and paying bills. Anyway our new email is [Block@ecav.cz](mailto:Block@ecav.cz) and that should get you to us. We also use skype so you can call us free if you download that. We are 8 hours ahead of Arizona, 7 ahead of Ne. and 6 ahead of Ft.Wayne. Hope that helps you find us.**

*- Pastor Dave & Carlyn Block*

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*Many thanks for the blessings of our friends at Mountain View Lutheran Church. This Christmas Season was overwhelming to our family by the love, support, cards, and gifts given to our family. We are truly honored and blessed to be your servants. May God continue to bless each of you in the coming New Year.*

*With sincerest love,  
The Friedrich Family*



**Enveloped and Involved:  
Children in Worship at MVLC**

*“How can we expect the very best of our children’s decisions when we don’t raise them to give their very best in worship?”-Marva J. Dawn*

Recent research statistics from the Calvin Institute on Worship illustrate that when churches do not envelop and involve children in the regular worship of the church there is a higher probability of those children not becoming members once they reach age 18. However, those children who are involved in worship, supported by a family of faith and taught in the ways of their church’s worship have a stronger chance of retaining their membership into their later adolescent years.

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we do well to involve our children in worship. It is great to have the kids there at the beginning of church to sing, to hear the invocation, to see their “faith family” in church and grow in their knowledge of God’s Word and in connection with their pastor through the children’s sermon. It is also very inspiring to know that the members and leaders of Mountain View treat children as an important part of the body of Christ by offering them worship bags at every service, a nursery and gifts at the recent Christmas Eve services.

Knowing that the members of MVL want to see our children involved and encouraged in their faith I am going to be doing a series of children’s sermons over the next several months that will focus on the different parts of worship. One of the best ways to envelop children in the divine service is to teach them about the things they see, hear, touch and experience. This means talking about the colors and pictures on the banners and the altar paraments. It means introducing them to the idea of worship focused on God’s service to us in Word and Sacrament. It means teaching them about the invocation, confession and absolution, the reading of the lessons, the salutation, the sermon, the offering, the Service of the Sacrament, the benediction and the songs.

No matter how much I try to teach these children the wonders of worship, I can’t do it on my own. I hope that you will see the value of teaching children about, and involving them in, worship here at MVL and join me in teaching them in the way that they should go (Proverbs 22:6). You can take an active part in multiple ways.

*As parents* you can ask them about what they like in worship, what they don’t like and why or why not. You can talk with them about your experiences in worship. You can share with them your memories of worship when you were a child. You can ask them about what was talked about in the children’s sermon that day and share if you learned anything new.

*Members,* you too can help children of other families grow! Learn children’s names, greet them when they come to worship, encourage them with smiles and support, the parents with love when their child is a little cranky. Furthermore, you too can talk to the children about their worship experiences and the children’s sermons.

Although it is a little cliché to say so, Jesus Christ did indeed bid the little children to come unto him and receive his blessing (Luke 18:16). What other place is more sufficient for his presence and blessing than in worship? In divine service we are promised Christ’s presence, peace, forgiveness, mercy and blessing through Word and Sacrament. We are also invited to share our praise and thanks for what he does in our lives. So let us all join together as one body to encourage our children and bring them up in the faith by regularly enveloping and involving them in worship.

*Peace in Christ.*  
**Ken Chitwood**  
*Family and Youth Ministry Assistant*

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**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

**Please be sure to check your mailboxes, located in the Narthex, on a regular basis. This is a great place to correspond with other members, receive important announcements from the Church Office or Boards, and a convenient place to keep your nametags.**

**Mailboxes will only be added for new members who have no email address. As we are striving to present communications via email, if you prefer not to have a mailbox, please contact the Church Office at 480-982-8266.**

**Please use the mailboxes located on the lower right side for communications to the Mary-Martha Guild, Treasurer, Church Secretary and Pastor.**



Anyone wishing to be part of the Praise team for the contemporary Praise service is cordially invited and welcomed. The Praise service is usually scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 10:30 service. We practice at 10:30 am. on the Saturday before each service we sing and Sunday morning at 9:30am. **Please contact Thelma Breen at 480-684-2000 or 479- 685-4141.**

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**The Choir Continues Rehearsals ~  
New Members are Needed  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm**

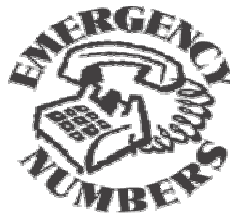


Choir rehearsals continue at 7:00pm, Wednesday evenings. There are openings in all sections. **The choir NEEDS YOU!** Winter visitors are most welcome. Please give prayerful consideration to this urgent request and consider joining. What a fulfilling way to serve your church and your Lord. Feel free to contact any choir member, Millard Shaw, Director, or Thelma Breen, Music Director, with any questions. Millard can be reached at 520-868-0256 or Thelma can be reached at 480-684-2000.

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**Blessings and honor and glory to our Lord as another Child of God is welcomed at Mountain View Lutheran through Holy Baptism. We welcome Nolan Murdock Bickel. Thanks be to God for the Water and the Word touching this child's life.**



**If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or needs other spiritual care, please contact the Church Office at 480-982-8266, Monday through Thursday, 8am - noon.**

**Additional ways to contact Pastor Mark:**  
(480) 313-8559 -- Cell Phone  
(480) 671-9092 -- Home Phone  
[pastormarkfriedrich@yahoo.com](mailto:pastormarkfriedrich@yahoo.com)

**Additional ways to contact Cindy:**  
(480) 276-7064 -- Cell Phone  
(480) 671-9092 -- Home Phone  
[cynthiafriedrich@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiafriedrich@yahoo.com)

**Additional contacts:**  
Pastor Bob Stockman (480) 983-2224  
Ken Chitwood (480) 318-8551

**Parish Nurse:**  
Karen Stanko ~ Winter Only (480) 982-1510

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**Thanks be to God ~  
Our collection continues to grow!**

**Thank you for contributing your loose change to help the Sunday School reach their goal of 365.00. Many families in Ethiopia live on just a dollar a day. Please drop your loose change in the African Hut on the Hospitality table in the Narthex, or give to Cindy in the Church office, or to myself.**



**~ God Bless you!**

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**2009 ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS STATISTICS**

**Compare 2009 with 2008**

Weekly Average

	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>General Fund Contributions</u>	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
November	475	481	\$7,720	\$7,921

**2009 Average Weekly Contributions**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
\$9,237	\$11,011	\$12,045	\$8,816	\$5,833	\$4,310
<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>
\$4,520	\$4,730	\$4,980	\$5,882	\$7,921	

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**Listen Sundays at 10:00am  
KFNX 1100AM, Phoenix, AZ  
Listen 24/7  
[www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)**

***January Sermon Schedule***

**January 3 ~ "God's Resolution of Redemption"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Unlike us, God always keeps His resolutions. He resolved to redeem sinners and that's exactly what He did, in Christ. (Matthew 2:1-3)

**January 10 ~ "The Sinning Hypocrite"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

The world looks at the Church and sees the hypocrisy of Christians who preach one thing but do another. Do they also see the Savior whose blood forgives hypocrites and other sinners? (Romans 6:1-2)

**January 17 ~ "They Needed Wine"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Why did Jesus miraculously change water into wine and save a wedding party from ruin? He did it, in part, because He wants us to come to Him with our problems, big and small. (John 2:1-5)

**January 24 ~ "A Savior Almost Seen"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Many people mistook Jesus for someone He wasn't. It's still that way today. Jesus remains for many a Savior almost seen. (Luke 4:22)

**January 31 ~ "Gifted"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Anthony Creeden

God's gifts are meant for giving away, not for showing off. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Anthony Creeden of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, Michigan. (1 Cor. 13:1-7)



**WE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

**Blandina Bothwell**, Cypress Court,  
Mesa  
**Arlene Cote**, Springdale Village  
Apartments, Mesa  
**Gertrude Briese**, Sprindale Village  
East, Mesa, AZ

**Alberta House**, Merrill Gardens, Mesa  
**Christine Lembke**, Horizon Bay, Apache Junction  
**Betty Leigh**, Cypress Court  
**Ruby Peterson**, Chandler Assisted Living  
**Elizabeth Scharr**, at home  
**Alma Voeltz**, Archstone care-center in Chandler  
**Donna Woods**, Gold Canyon Care Center

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES**  
**SERVING OVERSEAS**



**Todd Massow**, three months deployment, son  
of Bruce & Linda Massow  
**Quentin Miller**, deployed to Iraq, grandson of  
Eloise Miller  
**Matthew Mueller**, deployed to Afghanistan,  
grandson of Evert & Olivia Mueller  
**Matt Thomas**, deployed, son of Annie Axtell  
**Daniel Waldron**, deployed to Iraq, nephew of Dave &  
Kathleen Waldron

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*Since we no longer print the prayer  
chain list in the bulletin. we ask that  
you notify Olivia Mueller  
(480-986-1449), if you wish to add,  
remove or change the status of some-  
one on the prayer list. A copy of the prayer chain list  
is available in the Narthex*

**Names will be removed from the prayer list after  
four weeks. If you wish to have the name remain on  
the list for a longer period of time, you must contact  
Olivia ~ Thank you & God bless you all!**

**IT'S A CELEBRATION OF CHRIS' LIFE!**

**SATURDAY, January 16th**  
**Noon—2:00pm**  
**Program at 12:30pm**



**Superstition Sunrise Center**  
**Apache Center**  
**702 S. Meridian**  
**Apache Junction**

**RSVP Mabel Muller at 262-442-3127**  
**Lunch will be provided!**

**Come join us as we share the memories  
we have of Chris' life.**

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

<b>01/02</b>	<b>Bonnie Gregrow</b>	<b>01/15</b>	<b>Les Ries</b>
<b>01/03</b>	<b>Ethel Rabenberg</b>	<b>01/17</b>	<b>Margaret Franks</b>
<b>01/03</b>	<b>Marie Madison</b>	<b>01/17</b>	<b>Richard Thomas</b>
<b>01/04</b>	<b>James Rader</b>	<b>01/17</b>	<b>Michelle Fritz</b>
<b>01/06</b>	<b>Marlys Goetz</b>	<b>01/18</b>	<b>Mabel Muller</b>
<b>01/07</b>	<b>Nancy Meyer</b>	<b>01/20</b>	<b>Elvira Matteson</b>
<b>01/09</b>	<b>Rollie Jahns</b>	<b>01/20</b>	<b>Gene Coenen</b>
<b>01/09</b>	<b>Betty Genzlinger</b>	<b>01/20</b>	<b>“Skip” Jenkins</b>
<b>01/09</b>	<b>LuAnn Shaw</b>	<b>01/23</b>	<b>Evelyn Hinkley</b>
<b>01/09</b>	<b>Jim Morrison</b>	<b>01/24</b>	<b>William Legler</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Lee Schmitt</b>	<b>01/25</b>	<b>Tamar Neff</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Larry Hoffman</b>	<b>01/25</b>	<b>Kathleen Waldron</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Karen Stanko</b>	<b>01/26</b>	<b>Cody Carroll</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Sharon Amstutz</b>	<b>01/28</b>	<b>Teo Jaworowski</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>James Ray</b>	<b>01/29</b>	<b>Rosemarie Jaworowski</b>
<b>01/11</b>	<b>Sarah Spalding</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Esther Lee</b>
<b>01/13</b>	<b>Eileen Sherrard</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Elaine Wesley</b>
<b>01/13</b>	<b>Ed Ludwig</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Kyra West</b>
<b>01/13</b>	<b>Georgia Leister</b>	<b>01/30</b>	<b>Jennie Parrott</b>
<b>01/13</b>	<b>Norita Yost</b>	<b>01/31</b>	<b>Paula Cherveney</b>
<b>01/14</b>	<b>Shirley Mertens</b>		

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

<b>01/03</b>	<b>Don &amp; Marlene Henry</b>	<b>34 Years</b>
<b>01/05</b>	<b>Wayland &amp; Anita Havig</b>	<b>8 Years</b>
<b>01/10</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Genevieve Rucker</b>	<b>64 Years</b>
<b>01/13</b>	<b>Gaile &amp; RuthAnn McGill</b>	<b>58 Years</b>
<b>01/18</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Nan Allen</b>	<b>19 Years</b>
<b>01/24</b>	<b>Steve &amp; Gail Grimh</b>	<b>40 Years</b>
<b>01/28</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Ruth Ilten</b>	<b>49 Years</b>



*Do you use your computer to search for information?*

*Do you like to shop online?*

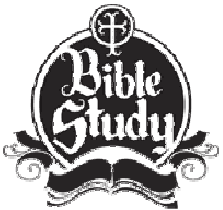
*Do you want to help raise money effortlessly for the Church?*

**GoodSearch.com** - The search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great search results, and each time you search, GoodSearch makes a donation to **your cause** (one cent per search)!

**GoodShop.com** - The new online marketplace that donates a percentage of your purchase to the nonprofit or school of your choice. You can choose from hundreds of popular merchants and the experience of shopping through GoodShop is exactly the same as going to the retailer's websites directly.

*Thanks be to God for your support. We received our annual check totaling \$74.75 for use of these two sites. We pray that those using these sites will continue and we pray that more will make "Good Search" their internet home page, as well as using "Good Shop" for their online shopping needs.*

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**Norm & Linda Schmidt will begin a new Bible Study on January 11th at 7:00pm at Gold Canyon RV Resort.**

**For more information, please contact them at nlschmidt2@aol.com or 480-480-288-3432.**

**Lenore Kromschroeder will host a new bible study beginning Wednesday, January 6th at 10:00am in Bonita Vista MHP.**

**For more information, please contact her at 480-982-0865.**

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**Basha's Shop & Give Program**

**Would you like to give more to the Church?  
You can by shopping at  
Basha's Grocery Stores!**

**Attach Group # 23884 to your Key Card**

**1% of all purchases up to \$5,000 will be  
refunded to Mountain View Lutheran**