

# March 2010 Newsletter ~ Look Out

*Join us for Worship!*

## March Worship Schedule

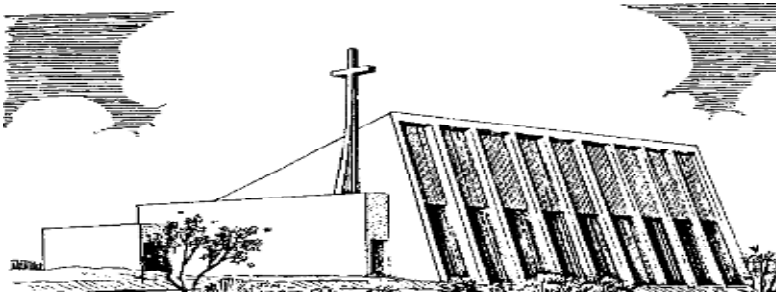


WORSHIP SERVICES

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7:30am</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
	<i>9:15am</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)</i>
	<i>9:15am</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion</i>
	<i>11:00am</i>	<i>Worship &amp; Communion Children's Sunday School</i>

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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



## Let the Walls Come Down

Earlier this year we asked members of our congregation, what were some things that we need to focus on this year and in the coming years. The number one response was to lower the debt so that we would not be spending so much of our budget on the church payment which is about 40- 70% of our monthly income depending on the month of the year. It is with that concern that I write to you today.

I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider how you can help Mountain View lower our debt. Right now it stands at \$1.8 million dollars. That seems overwhelming and yet we know that God does not give us more than we can handle with His help.

This Sunday we are starting a debt reduction plea called "Let the walls come down". It is very simple. We are asking everyone to help by buying a brick. The wall has 1800 bricks. Each brick in the wall costs \$1000. Our goal is to sell at least 180 bricks each year for the next 10 years. Will you help us?

Here are some things to consider:

1. Please do not rob Peter to pay Paul. In other words we are asking you to give above and beyond what you are giving right now. Don't take money you are giving to this church or to another church in order to buy a brick.
2. You can pay for the brick all at once or if you like to buy it in monthly installments it would be \$85 per month.
3. All moneys given for bricks will go directly to the principle of our loan as long as you specifically tell us that it is to go there. Just putting the money in

the plate will not work. You need to specify "Brick" on the check or put it in a "Brick" or "Debt Retirement Fund" envelope.

4. I have been told that you can use your IRA funds to give directly to the church and it is tax free.
  5. You can buy a half of a brick or you can buy a wheel barrow full of them. It will all help to reduce our debt and help us to do more ministry for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
  6. If the ministry of Mountain View has touched your life, we ask that you would remember us in your will and estates.
- PLEASE above all else, PRAY FOR US and the ministry of making disciples of all nations.

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.

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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.



## **FAITH 5: Faith Development Every Night in Every Home**

Throughout my childhood, it was a guarantee that when I woke up, dad was already awake. Most of the time he was doing devotions. One day, when my father was doing devotions out by our pool, I asked him what he was reading. He told me that he was reading from Proverbs and that everyday he read a different chapter; since there are thirty-one chapters, that gave him one chapter a day to do every month. On the twenty-second day of the month my father would read *Proverbs 22:6*, “*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*” I wonder what my dad thought about when he read that verse. What thoughts floated through his mind as he considered his parenting and his training of his two sons in the ways of righteousness?

The earliest memory I have is my father’s baptism. The picture is fuzzy and the details are a little jumbled, but still the fact that it is there and that I feel it is my earliest memory has a profound effect on my life. So did my father’s teaching, training and example. As I grew up and as I wavered in the faith my father remained a solid witness to Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed. Even when he failed he always apologized. When I failed he always forgave. His witness stands as a testimony to *Proverbs 22:6*. Now, a 25 year old young man with a wife and a job in ministry I cannot thank my father enough for his diligent faithfulness to raising his son as a child of Christ.

Too often though dads aren’t heeding the words of *Proverbs 22:6*, nor many the words of *John 14:6* (“I am the way, the truth and the life...”). A relative of mine shared the story of when her niece Tamara was in church drawing sad people and happy people. The happy people were surrounded by hearts with crosses in them. The sad people had none. She told her auntie that her dad was one of the sad people. When the aunt asked her if she told daddy about Jesus she replied saying, “Yeah, I do...but daddy doesn’t listen.” A lot of daddies do not listen and are not in church, and for that matter a lot of mommies are not either. In children’s ministry at schools, vacation Bible camps and at Sunday School leaders constantly see children who have one or none of their parents attending church with them. This is why it is so important to foster an extended family of faith in our churches, schools and organizations.

At MVL we are taking steps to provide that extended faith family. We also want to continue to equip families with

the resources and tools necessary to foster faith in their own homes.

That is why the Christian Education board and other Family Ministry leaders are looking into Sunday School curriculum that will connect parents with children and encourage and equip parents to foster faith in their own home. Currently we are looking at courses like Faith Inkubator’s “Bible Song”, CPH’s “Growing in Christ” and Kids Kount Publishing’s “Faith Legacy” series. Additionally, we are encouraging all families to check out the FAITH 5.

The FAITH 5 (five steps in five minutes) is not a program, it is not an event, it is not a curriculum. Instead, it is a simple way to get your family talking about the words and way of Jesus Christ EACH AND EVERY DAY. What family, young or old or in between, would not want that? Even without kids, my wife and I do this every evening. The FAITH 5 is as simple as this: **READ** a Bible verse (try reading this week’s or next week’s Bible readings for church on Sunday) **SHARE** your highs and lows for the day (what went well, what did not?), **CONNECT** the Bible reading to your highs and lows, **PRAY** together for one another and **BLESS** each other with a simple blessing.

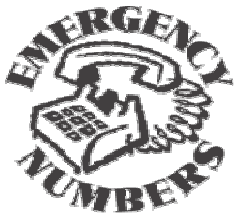
You can do as much, or as little, as you want with the FAITH 5. It can last 5 minutes or it can last 50 minutes... whatever your family will enjoy! Just do it, and watch the blessings flow. The FAITH 5 is a simple and easy way that you, as a family, can live out *Proverbs 22:6* What greater gift can we give to the children in our families than teaching them the words of Jesus, the truth of Jesus’ presence and the blessing offered in his mercy? The answer is - there is none. Christ has given us grace upon grace, forgiven our sins, freed us from sin, death and the devil and in his overflowing abundance (*John 10:10*) given us faith families to help us along the way as we live a life of faith. Let us consider today how to nurture such a thing in our families.

*Peace in Christ.*

*Ken Chitwood*

*Family and Youth Ministry Assistant*

*ken.chitwood@hotmail.com*



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.



There are several ways to reach out to our community and show the love that God gave us through his son, Jesus Christ.

**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

1. Collect non-perishable foods. Place in cabinet in the Narthex for distribution to the Apache Junction Food Bank.
2. Collect gently used clothing. Place in cabinet in the Narthex for distribution to the Lutheran Thrift Shop in Mesa.

*'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*  
*Matthew 25:40 NIV*

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**What is an "Associate Member"?**

Many winter visitors are active members in their home congregation "up north". For those who are attending here 3 or more months, we offer "associate membership". You do not transfer from your home church. Associate members may vote in meetings, have a record kept of contributions, receive monthly newsletters, and in all other ways be considered a member of Mountain View. If this is something you would like to find out about, please contact an elder or Pastor Mark.

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**NOTICE:** Everyone is welcome to attend and listen in on the monthly Council Meeting. This is a good way to know what is happening in YOUR church. The Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

**EXPLORING SENIOR AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY FOR OUR CHURCH LAND:**

**We are looking into the possibility of renewing the old plans for buildings for our seniors to settle into in their "golden years". The church council approved actions to be taken by Dale Laurin to research the issues of financing, permits, utilities, managing companies, and demographics of the area. Any ideas or comments that the members of the congregation want to make can be directed at Dan Baker or Dale Laurin.**

**2010 ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS STATISTICS**

**Compare 2010 with 2009**

	<u>Weekly Average</u>			
	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>General Fund Contributions</u>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
January	679	814	\$9,237	\$10,367

**2010 Average Weekly Contributions**

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
\$10,367					
<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>

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

***March Sermon Schedule***

**March 7 ~ "Does God Love You?"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

**Does God love you? It's easy to think so, when times are good. But what about when problems pile up, difficulties descend, and miseries multiply? (Luke 13:4-5)**

**March 14 ~ "The Sinner's Friend"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

**Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus proved Himself the Friend of sinners. He reached out to those who needed Him most. (Luke 15:1-2)**

**March 21 ~ "Only the Essentials"**

**Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus**

**What is the cost of discipleship? Anything we lose now will be more than covered when we receive the great prize Christ won for us. (Philippians 3:8)**

**March 28 ~ "The Crucified Christ: Victim or Victor?"**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Wayne Palmer**

**"Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" In seven days this powerful proclamation will echo back and forth through Christian churches all around the world. Jesus Christ, the mighty Son of God is alive- He crushed all our enemies, rose from the dead, and has promised to return again. (Luke 22-23)**



**WE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

Blandina Bothwell, Cypress Court  
Arlene Cote, Springdale Village  
Apartments, Mesa  
Gertrude Briese, Springdale Village East  
Christine Lembke, Horizon Bay, Apache  
Junction

**Remember  
Our  
Shut-Ins**

Betty Leigh, Cypress Court  
Dick & Norma Mueller, Horizon Bay, Apache Junction  
Darrel & Ruby Peterson, Chandler Assisted Living  
Elizabeth Scharr, at home  
Alma Voeltz, Archstone care-center in Chandler  
Donna Woods, at home

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY FAMILIES  
SERVING OVERSEAS**

Lee Hoffman, deployed to Kyrgyzstan, son of  
Larry & Dawn Hoffman  
Quentin Miller, deployed to Afghanistan,  
grandson of Eloise Miller  
Brandon Porter, deployed to Afghanistan, son of John  
and Sandi Porter  
Matt Thomas, deployed, son of Annie Axtell



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**PHONE  
PRAYER  
CHAIN**

*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  
someone on the prayer list.*

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!



*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 hun-  
dreds of popular merchants and the experience of shop-  
ping 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.  
That equals 7,475 internet searches. 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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**SPECIAL POLKA SERVICES**



March 13th - 5:00pm  
March 14th - 11:00am

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**COMING TO MVLC  
DAVE & BARB ANDERSON  
(Fellowship Ministries)**

Dave & Barb Anderson will provide  
the music for the worship services held  
April 10th & 11th.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

03/01	Kris Jensen-Mankenin	03/16	Aralyn Brennan*
03/03	Joaquin Sneen*	03/17	Lorraine Paulson
03/04	Maynard Rosenberg	03/19	Norma Mueller
03/05	Betty Behnke	03/19	Georgiana Zipprodt
03/07	Velma Shipley	03/19	Austin Sexton*
03/07	Daniel Friedrich	03/20	Marvin Kaul
03/08	Opal Goodsmith	03/22	Lauren Hamann
03/09	Millard Shaw	03/23	Kathy Wagner
03/09	David Bowling	03/23	Gail Mitchell
03/09	Seanna Brennan*	03/24	Dot Roskos
03/10	Eldon Von Hagel	03/24	Brittany Carroll
03/10	Bill Biester	03/25	Amanda Stewart
03/11	Donna Haacke	03/26	Arthur Canfield
03/12	Don Rogers	03/26	Kinsey Braaten-Poe*
03/13	Blandina Bothwell	03/28	Marijane West*
03/14	Bill Hudson	03/29	Fran Price
03/14	Joyce Schueler	03/29	Andy Tansowny
03/15	Helen Thomson	03/29	Raymond Wetzel
03/15	Lois Martin	03/29	Pat Fredrickson
03/15	Steve Winter	03/30	Don Sprenger
03/15	Charles Enstrom	03/30	Bud Yost
03/15	Larry Haacke	03/30	Shirley Donaldson
03/16	Dick Mueller	03/30	Bob Drufke
03/16	Darrel Petersen	03/30	Mark Allen
03/16	Larry Bartelheimer	03/31	Bill Howell

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

03/03	Arnold & Betty Pahl	3 Years
03/04	Bud & Norita Yost	27 Years
03/07	Bill & Jan Mullins	46 Years
03/10	George & Ileen Ceto	59 Years
03/12	Claude & Carol Baugher	9 Years
03/24	Steve & Gloria Winter	21 Years

## Thrivent Choice to Launch This Spring with a Voting Event

- You've heard that the new Thrivent Choice program is coming this spring, but what's actually happening when?

**April: Members can vote to benefit national charities**—Thrivent Choice will begin with a Voting Event in April. This voting opportunity will give members a voice in helping choose where Thrivent Financial directs a portion of its charitable funds. All benefit and associate members (age 16 and older) will be able to vote either online or by using a business reply card in the April issue of Thrivent magazine. All members need to do is pick their favorite organization listed, and make a few clicks on Thrivent.com or mail the card from the magazine. Thrivent Financial will proportionally distribute \$1 million among the participating charities, based on the votes received. If more than 400,000 members submit a vote (15% of members) during this first Thrivent Choice Voting Event, Thrivent Financial will proportionally distribute a bonus \$1 million to the national charities! Look for more information on the April Voting Event in a future issue of the Thrivent Choice Information Update, including a list of participating charities.

- Summer: Choice Dollars launching**—Voting Events are just one element of the Thrivent Choice program. The other element is called Choice Dollars. Beginning this summer, about 30% of benefit members will be eligible to direct Choice Dollars to thousands of Lutheran nonprofit organizations, including Lutheran congregations. Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on a benefit member's involvement in Thrivent Financial—via their level of fraternal benefit society product ownership (life insurance, health insurance and annuities) and volunteer leadership. As mentioned in the December Thrivent Choice Information Update, members will learn more about how they can participate in Choice Dollars via the mail later this year.

**Note: Directing Choice Dollars will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice Program.**

## Thrivent Choice Page Launched on Thrivent.com

If you're interested in checking out past issues of the Thrivent Choice Information Update, visit the new Thrivent Choice page at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/news/](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/news/) where we'll keep an archive of all of the issues until program launch.

Marcy Jenkins, Thrivent Chapter Board  
[marcyj2@q.com](mailto:marcyj2@q.com)

## Letters to Institutions and Congregations Mailing Soon

In late January (rather than mid-December as stated in last month's Thrivent Choice Information Update), institutions and congregations will receive a letter introducing Thrivent Choice and sharing how they can participate in the program as a recipient of Choice Dollars. Institutions and congregations will receive detailed enrollment instructions in February.

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Boy Scout Troop 39 would like to invite you and your family to a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Scouts are raising money to get to Summer Camp 2010 in Colorado. This is a big trip with many expenses and they will need your help to get the up there.

Dinner will be served from 4pm to 6:30pm. We will be serving Spaghetti with red sauce or meat sauce, green salad and a roll. Lemonade, Water, Hot Chocolate and Coffee will be served.

The Scouts will be selling tickets at the services on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings the weekends before the dinner.

Tickets are \$6.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 with \$3.00 for each additional family member. Tickets will be sold at the door; however we encourage you to purchase your ticket in advance. Donation will also be gladly accepted.

We Thank the Mt. View Lutheran Church for your support of Boy Scout Troop 39 over the past 11 years.

Questions? Contact Scoutmaster Jeff Clark at 480-250-5460