

CHURCH NEWS

February/March, 2018

FLAGSTAFF FEDERATED

- **Wednesdays: February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lenten Soup Suppers - from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Gather with us as a family of faith to enrich our souls and reflect in the timeless tradition of prayer and soup! Soup sign-up lists are in Rees Hall. Contact Tracy Walther, Director of Discipleship and Outreach.

ANTHEM - NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

- Our prayer for the community that is being formed in here Anthem is that together we will strive to love God more fully and our neighbor more selflessly.

EMMANUEL PC, PHOENIX

- **Tuesdays During Lent (February 20-March 20)** – 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Soup supper followed by Bible Study. Invite your family and friends to join us as we share food for body and soul during Lent.
- **rightnow MEDIA** – our church’s Bible Study Library is now DIGITAL AND GIGANTIC! Over 18,000 Discipleship videos for youth and adults. RightNow Media is a wonderful tool for parents, grandparents and babysitters. Explore the website: www.rightnowmedia.org.
- **March 17-18 – 3rd Annual Women’s Retreat.** Registration February 4-18. Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree AZ. \$120 includes overnight lodging and three meals. Scholarships available. Contact Valerie Zehr for more information.

FIRST PC, PEORIA

- **Four Tuesdays in March: 6, 13, 20, 27** – Dr. Michael Hegeman will teach a Lenten Course, “The Meaning of the Death of Jesus” at noon.
- **Our congregation is part of Duet**, a nonprofit that offers free-of-charge help for homebound adults, family caregivers, faith communities and grandparents raising grandchildren. Duet is having an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony at their new office (10000 N 31 Avenue #D200) on March 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. If you would like to attend or learn more about the caring services they offer, call 602-274-5022.
- **Easter Egg Hunt, Palm Sunday, March 25**, following the 9:30 worship service.
- **Easter Sunday, Annual Easter Breakfast** to support our youth programs 8:30-10:30 a.m. Adults \$7, children 12 and under \$5, family maximum \$20. Join us for bacon and eggs and pancakes. Raffle tickets \$1 or 6 for \$5.

GILBERT PC, GILBERT

- **Monday, February 26 – Life Line Screening** - Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. They use ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441, text the word circle to 797979 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.**

CROSSWINDS PC, PHOENIX

- **Mission Team Project Bought Two Pigs** - Crosswinds has collected enough quarters to buy a pig through Heifer International. That donation was matched by a member of the church. Did you know a family can sell a piglet for between \$50 and \$250? On the average, a sow gives birth to eight piglets a year. Pigs eat almost anything, which makes caring for these animals easy and affordable. A donation of a pig helps a community for year to come.

FIRST PC, SUN CITY

- **This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, February 14. Normally during Lent, we focus on just the last 40 days of the life of Jesus but this year we will have the opportunity to examine much more. An absorbing course on the life of Jesus will be presented in Swain Hall at 10:00 am each Wednesday for eight weeks starting February 7, 2018. The historical aspects of Jesus' life and teachings will be emphasized. The format will be a 30-minute DVD lecture, followed by a 30-minute discussion. This eight-week course is a part of a 36-week lecture series on the lives of four founders of major religions: Jesus, Confucius, Buddha, and Mohammed. Guests and friends are welcome.
- **Lenten Tea and Reflection Services** - A high tea at noon each Thursday (2/15 – 3/22) with a reflective devotional from 12:30 to 1:00 pm in Swain Hall. Pastor David Hodgson's approach to the conspiracies will be to borrow the theme of the old Dragnet television series—but the names have been changed to protect the innocent— and to identify the guilty. He likes that approach because he often finds that the names in the Bible— the names of biblical characters—are pseudonyms for us once we understand the passage.
- **On Palm Sunday** we will celebrate the way divine purpose enters our world of false narratives with a narrative of authenticity and truth. On Good Friday, at a 5:00 pm service in the Chapel (after the Good Friday Fish Fry), we will acknowledge the way human actors sometimes dare to believe that they have prevailed over the purposes of God.
- **Easter morning** will be the celebration of how God always has the last laugh over all of our evil inclinations while claiming the ultimate victory, life forever more! And that will be a day for exchanging hearts with God.

SIERRA VISTA PC, YUMA

- SAM/MAS Sonora Arizona Ministries/Ministerio Arizona Sonora is a non-profit religious corporation established by First Pres and Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church in 2002, partnering with the Mexican Presbytery of the NW Grand Canyon Presbytery and the Presbyterian Border Ministries and the Pueblos Hermanos in the San Diego-Tijuana area. The Pastor, Cesar Vasquez Santiago and his family, moved from Mexicali to San Luis Sonora to "plant a church." Jesus Pan de Vida (Jesus, Bread of Life) was started as a home church, then became an outside shaded meeting area and in 2005 the congregation purchased a building lot with funds from the Korean Presbyterian Church of La Crescenta, CA and the Hispanic Women of the Synod of Southern CA. The building was dedicated on March 11, 2006. Pastor Cesar will be preaching at Sierra Vista on **February 25** with Pastor Escobar interpreting. A breakfast potluck will follow. On **March 18** at 1:00, a delegation from Sierra Vista will be traveling to Jesus, Bread of Life Church. We will be taking part in the congregation's celebration of this anniversary. We hope you will join us for this event.