

Maricopa Lutheran Church

A Mission Church of the Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA, and Mountain View Lutheran, Phoenix

July Newsletter

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“GO, DO, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.....”

We here at Maricopa Lutheran are so blessed to have sisters and brothers in Christ who are called and sent to be in fellowship with each other as one body in Christ. And I thank God and each and every one of you who live out our calling of reaching out to the least, the last, the lost and the little.

One manifestation of this is our **“Hunger Jar”**, a ministry to feed the hungry children here and in the third world countries. This “Hunger Jar” is fed every Sunday with gifts of the heart, which on the last Sunday of May was \$29.00 which will feed 171 kids. What I noticed is how our kids love dropping the nickels, dimes, quarters and yes dollar bills, which their parents give them as the Jar is passed on during offering. Wouldn't it be wonderful and awesome if we also teach our children to save even just a little of their allowance to be given to this ministry and make a difference as they share in feeding the hungry? Wouldn't this be a great lesson on stewardship for them?

I hope and pray that we will continue to make a joyful noise as we drop our nickels, dimes and quarters to our **“Hunger Jar”** and help alleviate World Hunger. Blessed, may we continue to be a blessing as we **“Go, do, and make a difference.....”**

To God be the Glory!

Pastor Cora

.Refresh your faith with "Lutheran Women Today"

Beginning in September, Pastor Cora will begin a monthly Bible study using the Lutheran Woman Today magazine. If you would like to be a part of



that , the magazine subscription is \$12 for a year. Call 800-328-4648 to order. Or go on line to www.augsburgfortress.org. (go to stores, Lutheran resources, Lutheran Woman Today magazine for an online order form.)

This needs to be done before July 9 to assure delivery for the September Bible study.

Questions--see Pastor Cora or Diane Hebert (520-208-6778).

MARICOPA LUTHERANS WOMEN'S GROUP . .

will have their 3rd meeting **Friday, July 17th at 7pm**. Again, please bring your thoughts of your own spiritual needs so that we may reach out to all. Your friends are also welcomed!

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert for our potluck dinner.

PRAYER ROOM FORUM



For all those that would like access to the MaricopaLutherans.org website's Forums, please email info@MaricopaLutherans.org and request a login and password. Once you have been issued a Login and Password, you can access the Forums by visiting the Church's website at MaricopaLutherans.org and clicking on FORUMS in the left column.

In the future, we will be adding more features and topics to the Forum. We feel that using this online Forum concept will be a good way to share Prayer Request and information about those needing our support. Once registered, you also have the option of activating a notification process which sends you an automatic email whenever somebody posts a new or posts a reply to an existing message.



Choir

Do you like to sing?

Do you like music?

If you answered YES to either – join us Saturday mornings for choir rehearsals at 10:00am. You don't have to have a wonderful voice – you don't have to read music – you just have to enjoy it! Sue Fletcher directs the choir and would love to see more people of all ages. Can you play the piano – Sue would very much appreciate an accompanist so that she can pay attention to directing. Please let Sue know if you can help out.

We would also like to give a huge *THANKS* to **Sue Fletcher** for all her work organizing the choir.

Home Child Care Available



Maricopa Lutheran member is offering home child care. Erica Hurkes, a certified child care provider with Kindergarten and elementary grade teaching experience is offering home child care. Erica, her husband TJ, and son Ty, attend Maricopa Lutheran Church.

Erica can be reached at (480) 430-9130 for anyone who might be interested.

WORSHIP UPDATE:

Worship – 10:00am

Adult Bible Study – 9:00am

Look's like we're getting closer to moving to a larger area where we will have rooms for Sunday School, Adult Education classes, and more room for Worship. John Hancock is working diligently on a lease - August looks like the time that the move will take place.

A huge *KUDOS* to **John Hancock** for all the hours he spends on helping to make Maricopa Lutheran Church the place we know God wants it to be.



A Collector of rare books

ran into an acquaintance who told him he had just thrown away an old Bible that he found in a dusty, old box. He happened to mention that Guten – or somebody-or-other had printed it. Not Gutenberg? – gasped the collector. Yes, that was it! "You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this book would have been worth anything close to that much," replied the man. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."