



THIS LITTLE LIGHT...

the weekly LUMINARY April 7, 2024

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REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Acts 4:34-35 –There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. The earliest church presents a vision of community stewardship. When everyone shares, no one is needy. How does this passage challenge you? What would be a first-step response?

DESERT WINDS CONCERT TODAY

The Desert Winds Steele Orchestra is a 15 piece steel drum ensemble delivering the highest quality Caribbean style musical entertainment available. You will experience the unique and captivating tones created by the distinct sounds of an island steel drum band. Join us this afternoon at 1:00 PM for an amazing FREE concert. Free will offerings will be accepted.

BINGO & PIZZA APRIL 18

Bingo and pizza are back, along with any other games that you and your cohorts would like to bring and play. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 18, at 5:00 PM in Paine Hall. Tickets are \$5.00. Freewill offerings are welcome for libations. Tickets will be sold after both services today and in the office during the week.

MEMORIAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is customary (but not required) to hold a reception following a memorial service to offer friends and family the opportunity to meet in an informal environment. The after-funeral reception gives mourners the chance to support each other, share stories and memories, and continue to celebrate the life of someone they cared about. Advent's Celebration of Life Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist in serving food at Memorial Service receptions in Paine Hall. Please contact Arlene Arnold at 623.293.2659 to volunteer or for more information. Thank you for being with us for worship today. Welcome to Advent!

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14



Bring a healthy brunch dish to share with your Advent friends and guests. You may drop off your food before the 10:00 AM service; kitchen

volunteers will be available to assist you.

A-G	Main Dish
H-M	Desserts
N-S	Appetizer/Egg Dish
T-Z	Salad/Fruit
N-S	Appetizer/Egg Dis

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Monday, April 8

9:00 AM	Helping Hands
12:00 PM	Country Line Dancing

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 AM	Brotherhood of St. Andrew
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer & Breakfast
10:30 AM	Exercise Class
1:00 PM	EfM—DH

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 AM	Altar Guild
8:30 AM	Choose to Lose
10:00 AM	Acts of the Apostles Study—DH
4:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Thursday, April 11

11:00 AM	Exercise Class
2:00 PM	Holistic Health Matters—CR
3:00 PM	Choir Practice

Saturday, April 13

8:00 AM	DOK Spring Assembly
8:30 AM	Altar Guild
9:30 AM	Flower Guild

Advent Prayer List—April 7, 2024

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. Names are listed alphabetically by last name. *Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.

Clark Dale & Mary Elizabet Eve B. Jake Jason Kristine Malachi Pat B. Scott Tina Barb Abbott* Dianne Adams* Jeanne Boyce Jim Clark Miles Clark & Family

Donna Contonis* Garrett Cooper **Glenn Dupper** Sharon Endean* Mary Ann Fleeger James & Cynthia Haggard Maureen Haskell* Mark Jordan Bill Navratil* Sharon Navratil* LeeAnn Overbay* Julia Percy Jerrie Pierce* Evelyn Pipis* **Richard Raszkiewicz*** David Raymer*

Peggy Rochon Page Rohloff Richard Ruder* David Schaefer Sue Ann Simon* Nash Simcoe & Family Ron Steel* Ann Stelter Jeanne Sulley* Katie Watts Mark Wold Mike Wolf The Sloas Family* The Stiehl Family*



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 8 Lloyd Findlay Danny Pierce

April 11 Martha Saunders

April 10 Jody Johnson

April 12 David Mann

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

April 9 John & Bonnie Jacobs

April 11 Bill & Amanda Weese

FAITHSTREET GIVING



Scan the QR code to go directly to Advent's giving page on the Faithstreet website.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward.looking and backward.looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our



love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GIVING AWAY THE PLATE - LOVE FOR THY NEIGHBOR

Again, in 2024, the "plate offering" collected each Sunday will be donated to worthwhile notfor-profit organizations in our community. (Plate offering is cash unidentified by giver). This week, the collection will support **Homebase Youth Shelters.** Native American Connections (NAC) operates two youth shelters for youths (ages 18-24) in downtown Phoenix and Surprise. The shelters provide a safe environment and access to meal/medical services and care counseling. Learn more at <u>www.nativeamericanconnections.org</u>.