

Church Life

December 2, 2023

Good Morning and Blessed Sabbath to All. We are glad you came to Apache Junction SDA Church to worship with us today. As your pastor, please don't hesitate to let me know, call or send me a message should there be anything we can do for you, such as pray for you and your loved ones, visit you, or help in some way. I pray you feel the warm fellowship and Jesus' love today! – Pastor Luran.

Fellowship Lunch. Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship lunch in the social center (across the parking lot). Come and meet some new friends.

Welcome: Elder Manny Cruz, Youth Director of the Arizona Conference.

IMVO/Bags of Love: Join us Monday morning, December 4, 2023 at 9:00am. We will be working on mats for the homeless, dog beds and quilts for the foster children of Arizona. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting: From 3-4pm in the sanctuary in person. We are using the book "Last Day Events" By EG White.

Special Christmas Story Vespers: Plan to join us for an old-fashioned Christmas story vespers on December 9 at 5pm hosted by Denise Peloquin. We will enjoy Christmas music and stories.

Pastor Luran is looking for more people to give Bible studies to: individuals, couples or small groups, in church, at home or via zoom. Please talk to him for more information. Thank you.

United Prayer in the Conference Room: Every Sabbath from 8:50-9:10am experience prayer in a different way. Open to all.

Our Church has been blessed with many visitors, we want to make sure our regular attendees and members bring enough food so everyone can enjoy our Fellowship Lunch, we have been running short on food, we need your support.

Women's Ministries Leadership Day: Women's Ministries is hosting a Leadership Day on Sunday, January 21 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Foothills Community Church. The featured speaker is Pacific Union Conference Women's Ministries Director, Dorothy Means who is a certified Maxwell Leadership Coach, speaker and trainer. Registration is free until January 3, after January 3 there will be a \$30 registration fee. For more information call Julie at 480-313-5087.

Support Groups Available Year Around, Contact: Duane Andersen, MA Counseling Text 480-276-1689 for Information

1. Sunday 4-5:30 pm-on Zoom. "Caring for the Emotionally Damaged Heart" and "Grief Share" (Alternating) Workbooks and DVDs.
2. Sunday 7:45-8:30 pm- ZOOM- "
3. Women of Addicted Husbands" DVDs in preparation.
4. Monday 7-8 pm ZOOM - "Intimacy Anorexia" (Alternating) with "Legacy Series" DVDs.
5. Thursday 7-8 pm-ZOOM-Addiction Recovery DVD Preview of prime focus Pornography but any addiction. "Conqueror Series" (Alternating) with "Warpath" DVDs.
6. Thursday 8:15-8:45 pm. ZOOM-Closed Group for Addicts Men only.
7. Saturday 11-12 noon ZOOM - "Divorce Care" DVDs.

Upcoming Sabbaths:

1. December 9, AJ Christmas program
2. December 16, AACS Christmas program
3. December 23, Jamie Jorge concerts: 11am and 3pm.
4. December 30, Communion
5. January 6, Calvin Taylor

Pastor Luran is now available for sit-down visits and/or Bible studies here in the church each Sabbath Afternoon between 2:00-4:00. Be sure to inform him before 2:00pm.

GYC (Generation Youth for Christ) Visit their website: gycweb.org.

Church Bulletin: Deadline is 9 pm Wednesday. E-mail: ajchurchbulletin@gmail.com or call Twila at 619-997-1947.

Prayer Ministry Team: Contact Twila Perucci at ajprayerchain@yahoo.com or call her at 619-997-1947.

Community Services- Season of Giving: Chilly nights are here and, for December & January, we are collecting blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless to distribute throughout the winter. Easy-to-carry blankets (no comforters) are best. All gently-used items must be washed. Drop off outside the Juniors classroom, or monetary donations marked "Community Services blankets" are welcome! No clothes donations please. Contact Pamela Davis if any questions or if you would like to help. Thank you!

Vespers: tonight at 5:00, in the Church Sanctuary.

TAA Drama - *The "Best" Christiam Pageant Ever, Dec. 6, 7 & 10:* Thunderbird Adventist Academy Drama Club presents the "*The "Best" Christmas Pageant Ever*" on Dec. 6 at 7 pm, Dec. 7 at 7 pm and Dec. 10 at 3 pm in the TAA Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

Help is needed in the kitchen: talk with Darleen Moore or call her at 480-627-9570.

Earliteen class classroom is looking for help in their division. Please call or text Twila Perucci if you can help. 619-997-1947.

Pastoral Baptismal class every Sabbath, 9:30-10:30, Bags of Love Room.

See Bulletin Board for more programs and information.

Lower Division Sabbath School Classes:

Kindergarten: Ages 0 through kindergarten

Primary: Grades 1 – 4

Juniors: Grades 5 – 8

Earliteen: Grades 9 – 10

High School: Grades 11 – 12+

2023 Church Budget Report:

Our AJ Church and school are totally dependent on your kind, liberal, and consistent financial support. Thank you for honoring God in giving to our church budget which pays for maintenance of our facilities, utilities, supplies, etc.

All loose offering will go to the designated offering of the day per the Conference schedule. To donate to local church budget, use a tithe envelope to designate your offering.

Apache Junction SDA Church 2023

Local Church Budget \$69,200.00

Monthly Budget: \$5,900.00

Given in November: \$5,590.21

Still Needed November: \$309.79

Adobe Adventist Christian School 2023

Received July 2022-October 2023: \$136,314

Spent To Date: \$134,924

Investment through November 25, 2023

\$2,669.01

Would you like to make an eternal difference in the life of a child? — Consider making a donation to the Adobe Adventist Christian School Worthy Student Fund. You can mark your tithe envelope accordingly.

Want to help a child receive a Christian education but don't have \$1,000 to send to the tax credit program? Look at your pay-stub, if you have AZ withholding, you could divert those dollars to a child's education.

Online Giving —<http://apachejunction.adventistfaith.org> and click on the ONLINE GIVING link.

Sermons are also available on YouTube. Follow the link from the Apache Junction SDA Church website.

Sabbath Rest — Continues until 5:20 pm tonight.

Next Sabbath's welcome is Friday at 5:20 pm.

Weekly Meetings with Zoom Links

Sabbath 9:30 am - Zoom Sabbath School Class

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If you cannot attend Sabbath School in person, we have a Zoom Sabbath School class. It will be hosted by Steven Wirsz and Diane Muff. It is a Bible-based Sabbath School class that uses the Seventh-day Adventist lesson quarterly. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82599875170?pwd=VmNGNnBJTk1JUmJtTTg1Qnc4TnRUdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 9987 5170 - Passcode: 868245

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Tuesday 7 pm - From-the-Top Bible Study

Our next meeting will be on December 5, 2023 at 7:00PM. Please join our study, we will begin 2 Samuel 12:24.

We are having good discussions with a good number of participants and welcome anyone else who wants to check us out.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82367981105?pwd=Yyt0ZDdvNmdOR1lmU1RkRHNseTUxdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 6798 1105 - Passcode: 222945

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Wednesday 7 pm - Prayer Meeting

Please join us for our Prayer Meeting study for December 6, 2023 on Zoom. Our Prayer Meeting will begin on page 61 – “Why Christ Delays His Coming”.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85334439023?pwd=SDBLVzhVM0s4YkJtWXM0M3ZnTlc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3443 9023

Passcode: 681653

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Thursday 7 pm - Conqueror Series and Warpath

If you would like to have an introduction to the Conqueror series you are welcome to join the introduction meeting each Thursday night on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89561551857?pwd=RIN2aGNyanhHSUhlcDdxZXhJREQ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 895 6155 1857 Passcode: 254775

To join by phone call: 669-900-6833 or 253-215-8782

Worship Service

The church worship service is live streamed each Sabbath at 11 am on YouTube at this location:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDCJX487YNyhPQGk5Z0PxxwQ/videos>