## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church September 30, 2012





830 N. First Ave Tucson, AZ 85719

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 7:45 & 10:00

## Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.



9950 E. Rees Loop Tucson, AZ 85747

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#### www.GraceTucsonWELS.com

#### As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

#### A Prayer Before Worship

God, our Rock and Fortress, protect your people, who confess your name, and strengthen the hearts of those who trust your mercy that they may proclaim your goodness and praise your unfailing love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A Few Notes About Our Service**

### The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a "liturgy" to guide them in worship. The word "liturgy" means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God's word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

## Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant; they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God's spokesman who brings God's word to God's people.

#### **Sundays after Pentecost**

We have entered into the non-festival half of the Church Year. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the festival half of the Church Year; but now the emphasis has shifted to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually.

#### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

Christian Worship

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

## **Every Morning Mercies New**

Christian Worship #580



### STAND

#### **INVOCATION**

MINISTER: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

CONGREGATION: And also with you.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Blest Are They Setting by Anne Krentz Organ We come before the true
God only because of his
mercy and not because
we deserve to come. We
confess our
unworthiness and
rejoice to hear the
assurance of
forgiveness.

God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty as if this were coming from God himself.

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

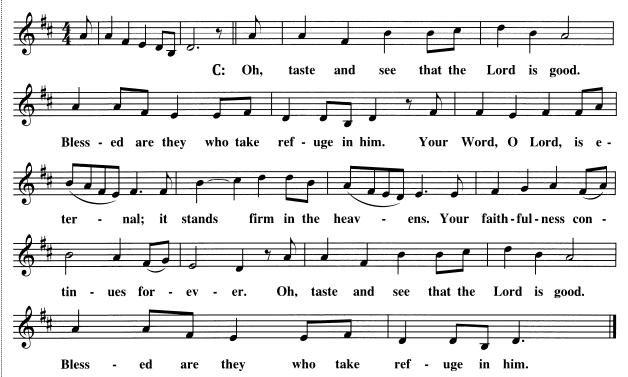
#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- **M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May god give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

#### **OH, TASTE AND SEE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

#### WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON Numbers 12:1-15

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the Lord heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the Lord said to Moses. Aaron and Miriam, "Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you." So the three of them came out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the

form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, "Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother's womb with its flesh half eaten away." So Moses cried out to the Lord, "O God, please heal her!" The Lord replied to Moses, "If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back." So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

#### **PSALM 31**

M: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;C: deliver me in your righteousness.

**M:** Be my rock of refuge,

C: a strong fortress to save me.

**M:** Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

**M:** My times are in your hands;

C: save me in your unfailing love.

**M:** How great is your goodness,

C: which you have stored up for those who fear you.

**M:** You heard my cry for mercy

C: when I called to you for help.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

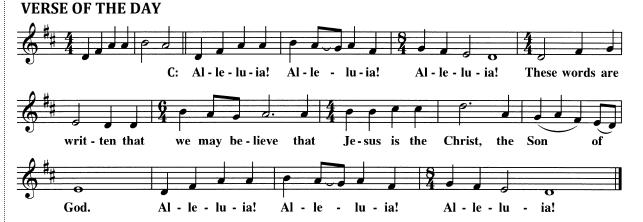
SECOND LESSON James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and

selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Today's Verse of the Day is John 20:31.



**STAND** 

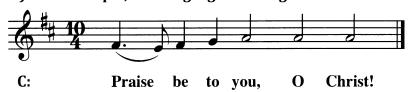
The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King. GOSPEL

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept

Mark 9:30-37

quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



**BE SEATED** 

#### God of Grace and God of Glory

Christian Worship #523



Copies of the sermon are available in the back at the information table and will be posted on the Grace website.

personal confession. It is

taught by the Apostles.

so named because it

confesses the faith

#### SERMON

Mark 9:30-37 The Greatest in the Kingdom

#### **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." -Romans 10:9, 10

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a C: I believe in Go

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me CWS #749 **OFFERING** Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank you!

**STAND** 

Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence.

The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We

pray standing...as a sign

of the Resurrection."

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.
- **M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.
- **M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.
- **M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- **M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

#### **HYMN**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Christian Worship #389



"Your will be done on earth as in heaven." God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also. God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.

#### **STAND**

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

#### THE BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**BE SEATED** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CLOSING HYMN** (see page 9)

**To God Be the Glory** *Christian Worship #399* 

**POSTLUDE** 

In Heaven Above, Piano Music for Funerals and Memorials
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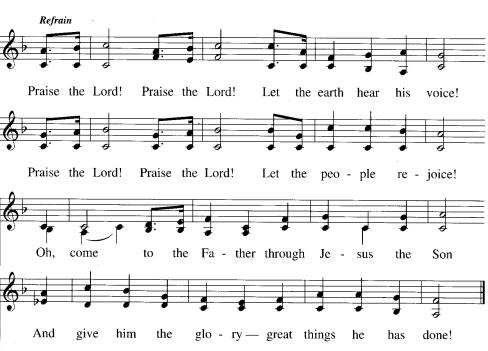
#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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## To God Be the Glory







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9:00 AM—Bible Class &
Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship
Service

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# Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Numbers 11:16, 24-29 Philippians 1:12-18a Mark 9:38-50

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to Pastor Sam Clemons who led us in worship this morning while Pastor Rieke is on vacation. Pastor Clemons is Grace's Visitation and Senior Ministry Pastor. As part of his position, he does home visits with our shut-in members and sees anyone who is in the hospital. His other roles include helping with English as a Second Language devotions and advising our senior groups here at Grace.

### **Help with Take-Down and Clean-Up**

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have questions.

#### No Bible Class

There will be no Monday morning Acts Bible Class or Wednesday evening Hebrews Bible Class this week as Pastor Rieke is on vacation.

#### **Grace Polo Shirts**

We are excited to announce that polo shirts with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes will be available in two styles and five colors (white, light blue, royal blue, royal purple, and lime green). Sample shirts of each style and all colors will be at both sites to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton - Youth \$14.50, Ladies & Men \$17.00; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) Orders will be taken Sundays, 9/30, 10/7 and 10/14. Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. Shirts will be available for pick up Sunday, 11/4.

We especially hope that all of the people who volunteer to work at the Vail Country Fair on Saturday, 11/10, will be able to wear the new polo shirt during our outreach to the Vail community. If you have questions see Diane Kramm or Sue Sargent.

## **Financial Peace University**

Pastor Rieke will be facilitating a Financial Peace University class beginning on October 11. The class will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm right here at Cottonwood Elementary School in room 409. The cost of a membership is \$95 per family. If you have purchased a membership before, there is no additional cost. Following the worship service today we will be showing a brief 2 minute clip to promote the class. If you have any questions please see Pastor Rieke.

# Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Last Week's Fellowship Hour**

Last Sunday, we were blessed to celebrate the confirmation of Brandi Halstead, Kenny Wheeler, Hannah Holz and Ronald Tadoum. The fellowship hour after the service was hosted by Linda Morris, Eileen Rayman, Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. Several of these ladies attended the Grow in Grace classes along with our confirmands. We are thankful for the Christian love and friendship which moved these ladies to serve in this way and make the day even more special!

#### **Called Home to Heaven**

Marilyn Warskow was called to her heavenly home on Monday, September 17. Pastor Koehler and Pastor Hallemeyer will conduct the memorial service at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) tomorrow, October 1 at 11:00 AM with a light meal to follow.

## **WELS TCM Bible Study Tonight**

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will be meeting tonight at 7:00 PM in the Student Center located in the Grace-University basement. The topic will be *Being a Better Bible Reader*. We invite all college students and others of approximately college age to join us.



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## Friends & Family Sunday

Celebrate Friends and Family Sunday at Grace-University and Grace-Vail on October 14 by inviting an unchurched neighbor, friend, relative or acquaintance to join you for worship!

## **Christian Fellowship Group**

How exciting! Here's a chance for "mature" Grace members (and guests) to interact with some of our younger members. October 13 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, the Christian Fellowship Group will host the Sunbeams and Girl Pioneers for snacks and games! The girls will bring the games and members are asked to bring snacks. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

## **Hospital Visits**

An important part of Pastor Clemons' ministry is the visitation of those who are sick, hospitalized, or residing in a care center or rehabilitation facility. If you or someone in your family is taken to the hospital, admitted to a care facility, scheduled for surgery or anticipating a hospital stay in the near future, please call the church office (623-6633) or Pastor Clemons (531-1274) and he will arrange visitation.

## This Week at Grace (9/30/12 -10/7/12)

## **Grace—University**

Worship Services......7:45 & 10:00a

#### **Grace—Vail**

#### **TODAY**

Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School8:45a	3
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a	3
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a	3
Adult Bible Studies:	
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship Hall)9:00a	3
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting11:15a	3
WELS TCM Bible Study: Pizza and a Prophet: Joel 7:00p	)
Monday	
Marilyn Warskow Memorial Service at Redeemer 11:00a	Э

English as a Second Language Classes	6:30p
Tuesday	

Handbell Practice	5:30p
English as a Second Language Classes	•

#### Wednesday

9:00a
10:00a
5:00p
7:00p

#### **Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: Genesis9:0	)0a
NO Worship Choir	
Boy & Girl Pioneers 6:3	
Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) 7:3	

#### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion7:	:45 & 10:00a
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<ul> <li>The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowship</li> </ul>	Hall) 9:00a
Silent Auction at Redeemer	4:30-6:30p
WELS TCM Bible Study: Persecution	7:00p
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#### **Women of Grace Officers**

The Women of Grace elected new officers at the Fall meeting that was held on September 15. Below is a list of the new officers.

**President:** Diane Kramm (440-8564) **Vice President:** Dorothy Rauh (296-8840)

**Treasurer:** Gisela Kittel (887-0428) **Secretary:** Erika Hanson (269-7602)

**LWMS Reporter:** Cindi Breitkreitz (University)

(298-9758)

Sue Sargent (Vail) (647-3049)

All confirmed women of Grace are automatically part of this organization and invited and encouraged to participate in its activities throughout the year.

#### **TODAY**

Bible Study & Discussion	9:00a
Sunday School	9:00a
Worship Service	
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship	

#### Monday

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club.....

#### Wednesday

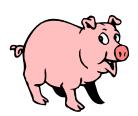
NO Bible Study at the Prigges .....

#### Sunday

9:00a
9:00a
10:00a
after worship

### Spanferkelfest (Pig Roast and Talent Show)

Our 9th annual Spanferkelfest will be held on Friday, October 12 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Courtyard at Grace-University. This is an annual outreach event to which we hope you will invite your UNCHURCHED friends,



neighbors and family members. The purpose is to introduce Grace and its members to people who have no church home. For that reason, please DO NOT invite friends from other churches as we do for some of our other events. We want to spend the time getting to know people who do not know Jesus and may consider Grace their church one day.

YOU CAN HELP by volunteering to help Set Up, Serve or Clean Up. Please call the church office (623-6633) to let us know how you'll help or jot your name on the signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall or on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. All Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM for the Talent Show, please check out the information and application sheets which are available in the Fellowship Hall, on the welcome table at Grace-Vail, a n d o n Grace website (www.gracetucsonwels.com)—just sign in as a member to access these documents. The deadline to sign up is TODAY!

### **Grace Pastors Serving in New Ways**

Pastor Kassulke has been appointed by our AZ-CA District President to serve as the Circuit Pastor for our Saguaro Circuit (Tucson, Marana and Vail congregations). The circuit pastor serves as the "pastors' pastor" and he assists the District President in matters of doctrine and practice in the area. In addition, he conducts regular meetings of the pastors in the circuit for the purpose of study, business and fellowship.

Pastor Koehler stepped down from the position of Circuit Pastor because he was asked to begin serving on the AZ-CA District Mission Board (DMB). The DMB works with and encourages our district's mission congregations and their pastors. They also work to find new areas for our mission work to expand. The DMB is made up of laymen and pastors from our district, who each have pastors and mission congregations for whom they serve as "shepherds." Pastor Koehler will be joining Grace member Jesse Huggins who has been serving on the DMB for the last 12 years.

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

GALATIANS 6:10

Grace invites its members to "Do Good" by following the Apostle Paul's encouragement to help others. Gifts of clothing, food and household items will assist those in need on the Apache reservation, children in our Lutheran schools, and others in our own community.

Please consider how you might "Do Good!"



Donations of toys, household items and clothing collected here in Tucson will be taken to the Lutheran Thrift Store in Phoenix. Proceeds from the store support Arizona Lutheran Academy, our high school in Phoenix. Jeff Weinstein can be contacted about receiving items you would like to donate (909-7649).