



Splash!



*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."
John 4:14*

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The food pantry at La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church in Phoenix is in need of food. Any non-perishable items are welcome. Items needed the most:

- Canola oil
- Black beans
- Rice
- Maseca flour
- Applesauce
- Diapers—all sizes

The large bags of rice or beans (10-20 lbs) are repackaged for family size.



WELCOME TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN:

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house.

- Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns/songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."



We Remember in our Prayers



- *Denny Carrow (Scott Stemm's brother-in-law) - Battling thyroid cancer
- *Jackie Curdy (Gene Perry's sister) - Continued success of chemotherapy.
- *Gene Eilers – Health concerns
- *Krista Gullickson Ghiara & husband Abehay (Family of Joan Halverson) – Krista is battling cancer and strength for her husband
- *Family & friends of Jim Jabanoski (Friends of Deb Bash) – Mourning his death
- *Stan Johnson—Recovering from hip surgery
- *Jon Manalli – Health concerns
- *Tamey Manalli - General concerns
- *David Olive (Pete Pritt's son-in-law)
- *People of Florida and Texas, especially Vern's sister (Vern Reamer)
- *Norb Schroeder – Recovery from knee surgery
- *Family & friends of Trueman Tryhus – Mourning his death
- *Richard Wehr – Health concerns
- *Rohingya people dealing with conflict in Myanmar (Vern Reamer)

Thursday, Aug. 25
Greetings, Living Water Friends!
Shirley and I are deeply grateful for all the expressions of concern and prayers that lifted us up as we experienced that complicated heart-artery procedure in Seattle a month ago. Dr Lombardi successfully opened up the seriously occluded "Widow Maker" and kept it open with two stents. My presenting symptoms - shortness of breath and bodily weakness - were expertly addressed. Breathing is now normal and I am gaining strength.
We are enjoying the remainder of our stay in Anacortes and are eager to return to our home and caring church about the middle of Sept.
Your appreciative friends in Christ,
Gene and Shirley Perry

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill one out at lwlcaz.org

Happy Birthday!

May you be gifted with God's blessings on your special day and always!

Shelker, Bob	10/27
Brooks, Barbara	10/16
Thompson, Brad	10/21
Crooks, Kaylee Ann	10/6
Roos, Kaden	10/15
Bernau, Miriam	10/30
Achterfeldt, Addison	10/4
Coutts, Aubrey	10/19
Shelmire, Davis	10/3
Shelmire, Lily	10/3
Anderson, Brock	10/20
Rossmann, Mason	10/11
Crow, Zoey	10/16
Koper, Connor	10/3
Decker, Chad	10/13
Fjeld, Nathan	10/15
Decker, Callie	10/4
Denekamp, Ashlee	10/25
Ingwersen, Nicholas	10/1
Ruha, Michelle	10/4
Sleeper, Lisa	10/14
Page, Marcia	10/4



Mathews, Mark	10/13
Cadden, Lynda	10/23
Sell, Patricia	10/9
Alberti, Michael	10/28
Mouer, Tim	10/31
Lindert, Marty	10/17
Swenson, Janelle	10/3
Coutts, Larry	10/9
Walker, Julie Ann	10/4
Johnson, DJ	10/3
Ophaug, Ronald	10/12
Stock, Frank	10/30
Lindert, Gordon	10/18
Landon, Lee	10/1
Wachter, Paul	10/9
Reamer, Vern	10/15
Sundquist, Diane	10/27
Gallimore, Joy	10/9
Schroeder, Norbert	10/26
Donars, Jeanne	10/8
Pritts, Pete	10/5

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

Welcome to our Guests

Rolf & Lynn Ausen

Karen Belford

Sue & Charlie Boyd

Barb Bremer

Jan & Deb Dahl

Morgan Duren

Leon & Claudia Igras

Bill & Joy MacLean

Steven & Kristin Smith

Out of Area

Ruth Almen, Henderson, NV

Gail & Larry Cadallo, Stounton, IL

Hunter Darris & Elsa Jacobson, Flagstaff, AZ

Norm Hendrickson, Holden, MA

Margaret Hodgson, Seffner, IL

Laura Sanchez-Valdes, Albuquerque, NM

Linda & Tom Snavely, Prescott, AZ



A Message from Pastor Mark

When it comes to Jesus' advice/suggestion/command to "love our neighbor as ourselves", we tend to apply it to a select group of neighbors and quite often only when it is found to be convenient to whatever we might have going on in our lives. It does not happen often, but every once in a while, we are touched by someone who seems to have taken hold of those same life lessons as we continue to struggle to make part of our lives.

What follows is the actual obituary on one such person. It was posted on Facebook by a friend of mine under the title of *The Best Thing You Will Read Today*. It seems to me that it very well might be one of the best things you will ever read.

Mary A. "Pink" Mullaney was an 85-year-old Wisconsin woman who died on Sept. 1, leaving behind six children and 17 grandchildren. So adored was she by her family members that they crafted one of the loveliest obituaries we've ever read. It begins with "if you're about to throw away an old pair of pantyhose, stop" -- and only grows more colorful and strangely inspirational from there.

Below is the family's look back on the lessons of Mullaney's life.

If you're about to throw away an old pair of pantyhose, stop. Consider: Mary Agnes Mullaney (you probably knew her as "Pink") who entered eternal life on Sunday, September 1, 2013. Her spirit is carried on by her six children, 17 grandchildren, three surviving siblings in New "Joisey", and an extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life. We were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Pink during her 85 years, among them:

Never throw away old pantyhose. Use the old ones to tie gutters, child-proof cabinets, tie toilet flappers, or hang Christmas ornaments.

Also: If a possum takes up residence in your shed, grab a barbecue brush to coax him out. If he doesn't leave, brush him for twenty minutes and let him stay.

Let a dog (or two or three) share your bed. Say the rosary while you walk them.

Go to church with a chicken sandwich in your purse. Cry at the consecration, every time. Give the chicken sandwich to your homeless friend after mass.

Go to a nursing home and kiss everyone. When you learn someone's name, share their patron saint's story, and their feast day, so they can celebrate. Invite new friends to Thanksgiving dinner. If they are from another country and you have trouble understanding them, learn to "listen with an accent."

Never say mean things about anybody; they are "poor souls to pray for."

Put picky-eating children in the box at the bottom of the laundry chute, tell them they are hungry lions in a cage, and feed them veggies through the slats.

Correspond with the imprisoned and have lunch with the cognitively challenged.

Do the Jumble every morning.

Keep the car keys under the front seat so they don't get lost.

Make the car dance by lightly tapping the brakes to the beat of songs on the radio.

Offer rides to people carrying a big load or caught in the rain or summer heat. Believe the hitchhiker you pick up who says he is a landscaper and his name is "Peat Moss."

Help anyone struggling to get their kids into a car or shopping cart or across a parking lot.

Give to every charity that asks. Choose to believe the best about what they do with your money, no matter what your children say they discovered online.

Allow the homeless to keep warm in your car while you are at Mass.

Take magazines you've already read to your doctors' office for others to enjoy. Do not tear off the mailing label, "Because if someone wants to contact me, that would be nice."

In her lifetime, Pink made contact time after time. Those who've taken her lessons to heart will continue to ensure that a cold drink will be left for the overheated garbage collector and mail carrier, every baby will be kissed, every nursing home resident will be visited, the hungry will have a sandwich, the guest will have a warm bed and soft nightlight, and the encroaching possum will know the soothing sensation of a barbecue brush upon its back.

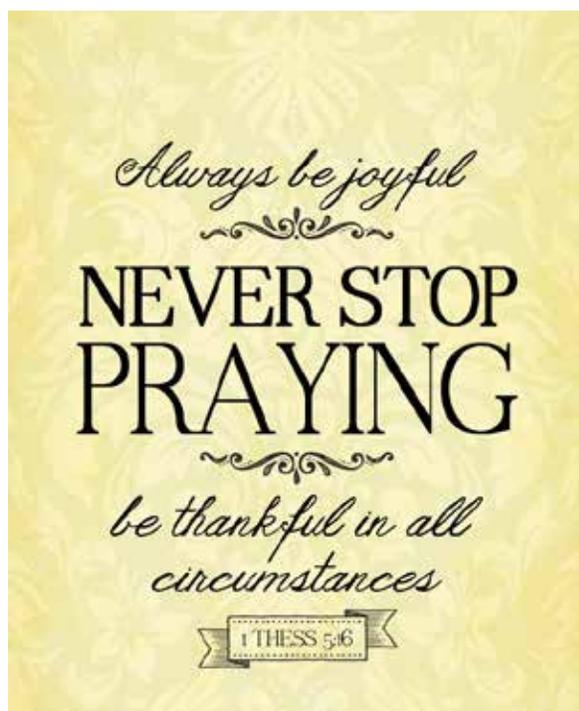
Above all, Pink wrote -- to everyone, about everything. You may read this and recall a letter from her that touched your heart, tickled your funny bone, or maybe made you say "huh?"

She is survived by her children and grandchildren whose photos she would share with prospective friends in the checkout line: Tim (wife Janice, children Timmy, Joey, T.J., Miki and Danny); Kevin (wife Kathy, children Kacey, Ryan, Jordan and Kevin); Jerry (wife Gita, children Nisha and Cathan); MaryAnne; Peter (wife Maria Jose, children Rodrigo and Paulo); and Meg (husband David Vartanian, children Peter, Lily, Jerry and Blase); siblings Anne, Helen, and Robert; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, friends and family too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Pink is reunited with her husband and favorite dance and political debate partner, Dr. Gerald L. Mullaney, and is predeceased by six siblings.

Love your neighbor as yourself, feed the hunger, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the dying, visit the prisoner, share the love. The life lessons Jesus offered 2000 years ago were lived out by some woman 1800 miles away. This woman whom we have never met, has through her life and has now through her family, reminded us what Jesus had in mind when it comes to loving neighbor. A lesson to be lived, a lesson to share.

Pastor Mark





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish floats suggestions to help us shine as a kid-friendly congregation

Q. I noticed the chair-back slots now feature bright-yellow slips of paper with a message for parents of young children. Are they related to “intergenerational ministry,” which Pastor Shari mentioned in *SPLASH!* a couple months ago?

A. Yep! As Pastor Shari wrote in August, intergenerational ministry is a new movement throughout the broader church. The intent, in fish parlance, is to welcome small fry to the pond so they learn by osmosis while swimming amid fully finned fish. Ideally, they'll continue swimming in living water for the rest of their lives. This “catch and don't release” approach is significant, for children are members of God's family and an important part of worship.

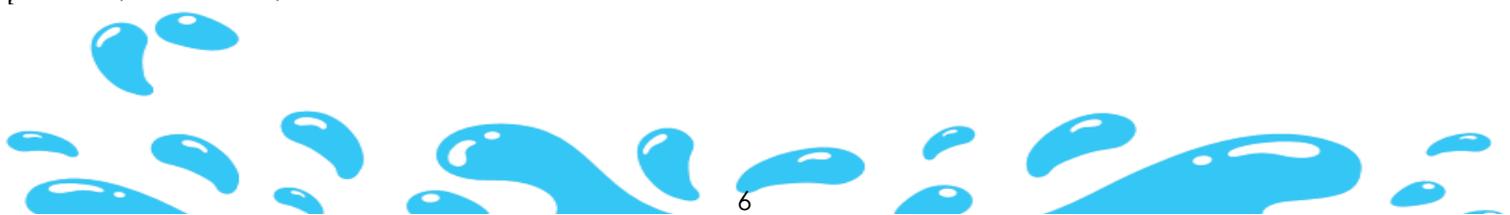
The chair-back message is designed to reassure parents of small children that no one expects their youngsters to keep still – or sit still – for an entire worship service. Even the best little angels wiggle occasionally. The message also gives parents pointers on how to help little ones engage in worship.

Meanwhile, here's a finful of pointers for the rest of you folks. But first a disclaimer: I wiggle, constantly. As with most fish, I gotta keep movin' (a steady flow of water streaming past my gills maintains my oxygen level). If you hear my fins flappin' in church, PLEASE don't stare. Likewise, if youngsters are disruptive, ignore it. Children or parents may feel judged, embarrassed, or unwelcome if you swivel around and look. (If they're visitors, they might not come back.) If you absolutely can't resist looking, at least offer a reassuring and empathetic smile.

In keeping with Jesus' teachings concerning children, we need to affirm the value of younger members of our family of faith. Learn who they are and greet them by name. Thank kids who hold communion baskets. Express gratitude to young people who sing in the choir. Help out in the nursery. Send cards to new confirmands. Be worship role models for youngsters.

A kid-friendly congregation benefits ALL generations. There's always wiggle room to be even better at it.

Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at AskZeke@cox.net or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-515-4813.





Bible Studies & Retreats

CHILDREN/YOUTH UPDATES

October 22 – NEW “Reformation – A Child’s Perspective” is the theme for both worship services. Our children and youth will be leading the service with music, readings and Bible passages. Stay tuned for more information.

October 29 – Reformation Sunday – Martin Luther will be preaching at both services!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

Meet Martin Luther: October 1 and 8, 2017 at 9:45am

I will take a more relaxed approach to Luther scholarship this time, compared to my two previous presentations, by using a movie about Martin Luther, which we will view over two weeks. I believe the movie does an excellent job of placing Luther in his own time, even if that time is now 500 hundred years ago. Regardless of what you know about Luther’s life, the movie is appropriate for you. It is an excellent introduction to or review of who he was and what he was trying to say, and yet, it also pushes those who know him well to ask important questions. Our two-week viewing of the film and conversation about it should provide us with a significant part of our consideration of the importance of the Reformation to the church today, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. *Richard Andersen*



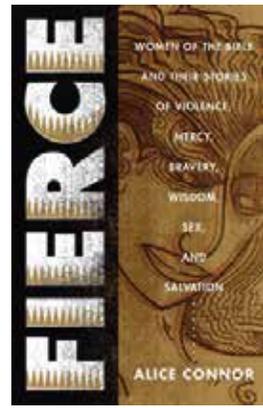
MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Thursday at 7:40am at Soul Cafe
(Pinnacle Peak, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Women's Study continues each week at 10 am or 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, using a book study written by Episcopal priest and college chaplain, Alice Connor, titled: "Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation." Women of the Bible aren't shy or retiring; they're fierce and funny and demanding and relevant to 21st century people. Some of their names we know, others we've only heard, and others are tragically unnamed. Each Tuesday we'll meet a different woman from the Bible. Come each week or when you can!



The stories are told in different ways to be a bit complex, a bit ambiguous, and to spark memory of your own. Will we see how similar we are to these women, so far from us in years and yet so close to us in our desires and abilities?

And hang on to your September and October issues of Gather magazine. We will be using the Bible study on The Apostles Creed from this magazine sometime this fall on three Tuesdays. If you don't subscribe, and if there are no more complimentary copies available in the entryway, I will have copies of the study for you.

Join us on Tuesday morning at 10 or Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm for about 90 minutes of conversation, prayer, and learning together. Bring your Bible! The coffee will be on, as well as hot water for tea or hot chocolate. You can order the paperback or Kindle edition from Amazon. Purchasing a book isn't required. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com



News & Events

Did you know that Living Water will become a site for a combined MOPS/MOMS-next group starting this month?

We are excited about this opportunity to welcome young families two times/month on our campus and provide a loving, encouraging, and supportive environment. We are hoping that it will become a community where friendships and faith can grow, so moms don't have to feel isolated or alone in their fears or struggles. Starting October 5, we will meet on the First and Third Thursdays from 9:30am - 11:30am. Childcare is provided. Wo

We need your help.

Would you be able to bring a favorite breakfast treat once in a while for our meetings? Please contact Pastor Shari (PastorShari@lwlcaz.org)/

♥ ♦ BRIDGE ♣ ♠

Why not try your hand at bridge on Oct. 27?

Are you a former bridge player? A newbie? A bridge whiz who can help others step up their game? Players of all levels are encouraged to participate in an enjoyable evening of casual party bridge at the home of Bob and Myrna Ulland on Friday, Oct. 27, starting at 7:00 pm. (Note: This is a change from the group's usual 3rd Friday gathering). Please add your name to the signup sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The Ullands will email you directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813 or jillajw@cox.net).

Piece-Makers Mission Quilting Resumes in October

The ministry of mission quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) resumes in October. Recipients of the quilts we make use their quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back.



We'll gather on **Wednesday, October 11** and again on **Wednesday, October 25**, from 9-noon in the Fellowship Hall to continue tying quilts that have been assembled during the summer. All interested women are welcome to join us. If you quilted with us last year, please come back! If you have never quilted before but think you can tie a simple tie using crochet thread and a needle, we need you!

You can also support this ministry by:

- contributing fabric and matching thread for a quilt top or bottom or both. We need 3.5 yards of 100% cotton fabric preferably 44-45" wide (no religious symbols, U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or reference to armed forces, including camouflage). New fabric is preferred but we can also use twin or double flat sheets that are in good condition with no stains, obvious wear or holes, 100% cotton preferred, and a low thread count.
- picking up a packet of pre-cut squares with instructions to assemble a quilt top at home on your own sewing machine
- getting instructions to make your own quilt top at home, using LWR's guidelines, and
- supporting LWR's Quilt and Kit shipping costs at \$2.25 per quilt

The coffee is always on and we get to know each other as we pray over and tie quilts. Last year, our group made 50 quilts plus 3 for our graduating seniors!

God continues to bless the work of our hands! Questions? please ask Myrna Ulland. You can also find information on LWR's quilt ministry at <http://lwr.org/get-involved/quilts>

Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 11	9AM PIECE-MAKERS (FH)
OCTOBER 14	9:30AM FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING (FH)
OCTOBER 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
OCTOBER 27	7PM BRIDGE (ULLAND'S HOME)
OCTOBER 22	"REFORMATION - A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE" (BOTH SERVICES)
OCTOBER 25	9AM PIECE-MAKERS (FH)
OCTOBER 29	REFORMATION SUNDAY

Weekly Events

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday 10am or 6:30pm (FH)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7:30am (Soul Cafe)

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB
Friday 10:00am (FH)

What can I find at www.LWLCAZ.org?

Calendar of events, online signups for events, serving & flowers, youth news, bible studies, mission programs, SPLASH!, Connections, Sunday School & VBS registration, photo gallery, sermons, columbarium information, prayer list and online request and much more!!

Publication Deadlines:

Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 15th of each month by noon



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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MESSAGE

Last month, September, was one having a number of newsworthy events which will be remembered for generations to come. Specifically, the hurricanes which affected Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Georgia with devastating results to so many. September was also the 16-year anniversary of the horrific events which occurred on September 11, 2001 in New York, Washinton, DC and Pennsylvania and affected people around the world. Who will ever forget that day.

A common and positive thread which runs through these events, past and present, is how tragedy can bring people together. The stories of ordinary people sacrificing time and resources to help others in need runs counter to everything we typically hear in the media. There are many, many examples of heroism and people giving of themselves to help perfect strangers, without considering race, ethnicity, socio-economical class or political affiliation. They just see another human being who needs help. Additionally, millions of individuals who were not impacted directly by the hurricanes have donated millions of dollars to organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Samaritan's Purse.

On a recent trip to New York City, we had the privilege of visiting the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. At Ellis Island, we read the names of thousands of immigrants which were memorialized on small plaques in clear view of the Statute of Liberty. Our family's name is among them, as two of my grandparents also made their entrance into America at Ellis Island. The history and stories of people coming to this country for a better life is awe-inspiring. All ordinary people willing to face great adversity to make a better life for them and their loved ones.

The senseless tragedy that took the lives of nearly 3000 people on September 11, 2001 will live on forever in our memory and hearts. These were also ordinary people, just like you and me, going about their normal daily activities. These events certainly make us try and find some good that can come from tragedy. Bringing out the goodness in people is certainly one of them.

There's no greater privilege than serving our God by serving others, with gratitude and love in our heart. Thank God for the freedoms that we, ordinary people, have to do extraordinary things. God bless America and God bless our Living Water servants!

Frank and Carolyn Stock



Financial Report

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