

February 2019

Splash!

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

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We Remember in our Prayers

- David Olive (Pete Pritt's son-in-law) – Battling cancer
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Maren McKay (Daughter of Lance & Carol Jacobson) - Health Concerns
- Jon & Tamey Manalli – Health concerns for Jon
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Everett Johnson (Great Grandson of Norb & Peggy Schroeder) – Health concerns
- Cody Kelker (Grandson of Ron & Karen Roessler) – Health Concerns
- David & Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Rebecca Jensen (Friend of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from hip replacement
- Jay Stemm (Brother of Scott Stemm) – Battling cancer
- Doris Groh (Mother of Kris Crow) - Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Gordon Weber – Mourning his death
- Family & Friends of Marge Novak (Mother of Mitch Novak) - Mourning her death
- Family & Friends of Marian Johnson (Mother of DJ Johnson) – Mourning her death
- Norman Jensen (Brother-in-law of Mary Nyberg) – Battling cancer
- Angelika Dumpf Stone (Relative of Brett Stone) —Suffering grand mal seizures
- Sara Backhus (Daughter of Stephen McCarthy & Beth Liguori) – Health concerns
- Ellen Liguori (Daughter of Stephen McCarthy & Beth Liguori) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Mae Anderson (Sister-in-law of Mark & Roz Anderson) – Mourning her death
- Michelle Gasparino (Daughter of Lourdes & Frank Gasparino)- Health Concerns

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!

Harold	Keyser	2/2
Shari	Bernau	2/3
Darryl	Harlan	2/4
Jane	Klemmer	2/5
Lois	Lucas	2/6
Morgan	Harlan	2/8
Jeff	Shelmire	2/8
Theoren	Sabato	2/9



David	Gilkey	2/11
Marianne	Schmitt	2/13
Leila	Burrus	2/14
Frances	DeBruyn	2/18
Nancy	Rogers	2/21
Dee	Eilers	2/26
Kay	Beebe	2/27
B. J.	Cook	2/28

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

A Message from Pastor Shari

When I was driving to work today, a song came on the radio that I had heard before, but for some reason, today it sounded different. Maybe it was the sun shining, the light traffic, or maybe it was the holy spirit speaking to my heart. Whatever it was, it caused me to tune in and really pay attention. It was a song called "Survivor" by Zach Williams, and I believe it speaks so well to the story of grace and redemption we have all received in Jesus Christ. Here are some of the lyrics:

*For so long I carried the weight of my past
Crippled by burdens like stones on my back
I thought I had fallen too far from your grace
But you came and showed me the way*

*When I was lost soul searching
You were the ground beneath my feet
When I was blind man begging
You were the eyes so I could see
When the smoke was rising up
You were the air that I could breath
You gave me hope you gave me something to believe*

*Now I'm alive and born again
Rescued from the grip of sin
God your love came crashing in
And pulled me out of the fire
I'm a survivor*

This song reminded me that so many days throughout our lives we may be tempted to lose hope or faith, but God comes and shows us the way, and pulls us out of the fire. A friend sent the picture below, and I believe it depicts how the hope and strength that we have through Jesus Christ can give us reason to smile and share our smile with the world!

Pastor Shari





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish spotlights WELCA's presence in our congregation

Q. Is Living Water's Tuesday Women's Study part of WELCA?

A. Living Water women once had two studies: one every Tuesday and the other a monthly gathering focused on WELCA's Gather magazine Bible studies. The monthly study was incorporated into the rotation for the Tuesday Women's Study in 2016. So yes, the Tuesday Women's Study is part of WELCA and has always supported WELCA's mission: "Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ."

WELCA – Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – was formed when three large Lutheran women's groups merged in the late 1980s. Now in its fourth decade, this organization has an informative website (womenoftheelca.org) plus podcasts and a smart phone app. Aside from these advances in communication, its ongoing presence in congregations carries on the study, support, and action found in Mary and Martha circles that your mothers or grandmothers may have belonged to.

Our WELCA unit is 1 of approximately 7,000 in ELCA congregations. It fully meets the definition of an active WELCA unit: "The congregation's women commit to come together for study, support and action; participate in the ministry of the Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation; financially support the total program of Women of the ELCA, and designate leadership to be in communication with the synod and the churchwide women's organization."

Women in our congregation engage in abundant activities that carry out WELCA's mission. The Tuesday Women's Study draws the most participants, but involvement by individual women takes multiple forms. Some make quilts or prayer shawls. Some assemble kits or assist refugees. Some give special offerings or reach out to mission congregation women. Some serve within our congregation and beyond. Some provide leadership (our WELCA unit leader Myrna Wells-Ulland is our synod's WELCA president, and Kristin Smith recently served as our biennial convention delegate). Way to go, WELCA!

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

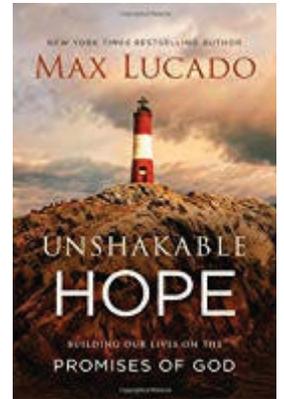
MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Thursday at 7:30 am at Soul Cafe
(Pinnacle Peak, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)



Tuesday Women's Bible Study **Every Tuesday @ 10 am in the Fellowship Hall**

We're continuing our Tuesday Women's Bible study in February with a new video study from Max Lucado, "Unshakable Hope, Building Our Lives on the Promises of God." Life is filled with problems. God's Word is filled with promises. Hope is hard to come by these days. There are so many reasons to be overwhelmed. In a world of instability, we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. Join us for this new release from Max Lucado as he takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows us how to live with unshakable hope. We started this study in January and will continue with it during February.



The book is recommended but not required. You can purchase the book from Amazon (Kindle version is \$9.99) or I can order you a hard copy. Let me know.

We meet for approximately 90 minutes every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Bring your Bible (hard copy or electronic version) and bring a friend. The coffee is always on, as well as hot water for tea/hot chocolate. And we schedule a lunch outing following our study on the last Tuesday of the month.

Questions: contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com or 218-340-6735

Adult Forum - February Schedule & Topics
February 3, 17, 24 @ 9:45 am in the Education Building
February 10 - No Adult Forum - Annual Meeting

Sunday February 3 "Advance Directives and Powers of Attorney"

- Durable Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives, including medical power of attorney, mental health power of attorney, living will
- Health Care Agents
- Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment
- Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)
- What happens in the absence of POAs
- Why we should have these documents in place, what they accomplish, what don't they do
- How to keep them current

Presented by: Mark Heisler

Sunday February 10 - No Adult Forum - Annual Meeting at 10 am

Sunday February 17 "Hospice Care: Caring for the Dying"

The goal of hospice care is to make each day the best day it can be for persons with incurable conditions. Life is added to days by focusing on comfort care. This allows your loved one to be free from pain and spend time doing those things that give him or her the most joy.

Presented by: Beverly Kosierowski of Solace Hospice

Sunday February 24 "Hospice Care: Caring for the Care-giver"

In hospice, assistance is provided to the patient and to the family members. Families who come to Solace Hospice for help receive support services customized to their unique needs.

Presented by: Beverly Kosierowski of Solace Hospice

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays - between services from 9:45-10:45 am in the
Education Building**

Kids Sunday School (Weekly) —3 years through 7th grade
Youth Sunday School (Monthly)- 8th through 12th grade—
February 17 & March 31



News & Events

Super Bowl of Caring Sunday February 3, 2019

It's Super Bowl Sunday, but it's also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. Super Bowl Sunday is traditionally set aside to lift up ELCA World Hunger, and we can help! Watch for the three soup pots labeled with the names of the two Super Bowl football teams, or the "I don't care" pot! Vote with your checks or cash for your preferred team and let's see how many dollars we can raise to support ELCA World Hunger in the process! Go team!



Dinner Pie Contest & Pie Auction

Youth Fundraiser

Saturday, February 23 at 5 pm

Calling all Pie Bakers

Do you have an award-winning or family favorite pie recipe? If so, please sign up to enter the contest, and bring two identical pies on Saturday, February 23 at 4:30 pm.

Join us for a fun evening on Saturday, February 23

- Youth's Secret Recipe Chili Dinner
- A Delicious Slice of Pie
- Music by our own Scott Sims
- An opportunity to place a bid on a pie of your choice

Thank you for your support of the Youth!

This is a fundraiser for the Youth who will be participating in the Mission Trip to Portland, Oregon; and Youth Quake. Tickets will be sold on Sundays in February for \$20/person, which include chili dinner, a slice of pie of your choice, entertainment and entry into one FREE pie raffle.

Volunteers Needed for Spirit in the Desert

As Volunteer Coordinator for Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center I am seeking Living Water Lutheran Church members who would be interested in helping Spirit with its many volunteer opportunities. As of now, we are seeking people who would be interested in helping with kitchen and housekeeping activities. Both would be limited to a few hours a week and would be very flexible.



If this opportunity is of interest to you will you please contact me, Carla Skladany, at carlas811@aol.com or call or text me at 480-334-4104 and I will set up an appointment with the Executive Director, Richard Andersen, to discuss your interest.



Bridge Group celebrates 13 years of playing cards together

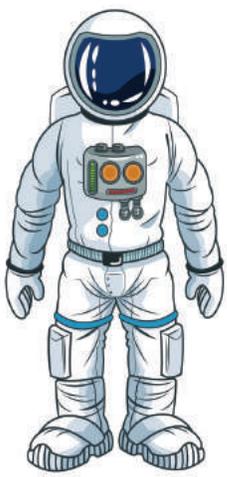
Did you know that the Living Water Bridge Group was established in February 2006? If you're interested in checking it out, don't miss the group's 13th anniversary celebration on Feb. 15. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm (an hour earlier than usual) with a potluck dinner followed by several hands of bridge. Former, current, and future bridge players of all levels are invited to participate in this fun evening featuring fabulous food and party bridge. Hosts Myrna and Bob Ulland will provide the main course. Other group members will contribute an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Richard and Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).

The Great Gatherings Team Invites You to Handlebar J's Line Dancing & Dinner

Put on your boots or come with a big smile to Handlebar J's (7116 E Becker Ln, Scottsdale, AZ 85254) on Sunday February 10th. Plan to be there at 5:00 pm for Country Line Dancing lessons (one hour semi-private lesson starting at 5:30 pm). Followed by a Southwestern buffet dinner including a vegetarian option. No host bar is available.

Cost for the event is \$35.00 / person. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Checks payable to Living Water (with a note referencing Handlebar J's) should be put in the offering plate or sent to the Church office, on or before February 3rd. Should be a great boot scootin' event for all regardless of your dancing abilities!! And don't hesitate to come, even if you don't dance. You can come and watch the line dancing show!





NASA's Exploration of Our Solar System

**An out-of-this-world presentation
by Dr. David Williams of ASU**



**Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 pm
Living Water Lutheran Church**

**All are welcome to attend this free event for all ages.
Bring your friends and neighbors to this illuminating NASA update.**

*Presented by PACE
(Living Water's Pro-Active Community Engagement team)*

Augsburg Centennial Singers in Concert February 19 @ 7 pm

The Augsburg Centennial Singers provide an opportunity for men of faith to pass on the faith through songs of praise. Formed in 1993 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first gospel quartet to travel to Norway from Augsburg College, the Singers have toured Norway twice, the southeastern and southwestern United States, as well as their annual concert seasons in greater Minneapolis-St. Paul.

On Tuesday, February 19th, at 7pm Living Water Lutheran Church will host the Augsburg Centennial Singers in concert! The chorus is made up of 50 men's voices, and led by Paul Christensen. They will present sacred and patriotic music of the highest order with their own special sound tailored to each composition. Please plan to join us for an inspirational evening of music, and invite your friends and neighbors! There is no cost to attend the concert, however a free-will offering will be received.



Piece-Makers Mission Quilting in February

Join us February to continue our ministry of making mission quilts for LWR. Gather with us to tie quilts that have been assembled at home. Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of



clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling being shared through a LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope: you are not alone.

Thank you to those who have contributed fabric or monies toward purchasing fabric and batting! Your gifts extend this ministry!

Come and tie quilts with us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 6 and again on Wednesday, February 20, 9 am to about noon. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be on. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas or Myrna Ulland.

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, and by preschoolers we mean kiddos from birth through kindergarten. MOMSnext is the next step with school-aged kids. A MOPS & MOMSnext group is an open, accepting place for all mothers to experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope. Every year MOPS comes up with a concept that will guide the year. This year, we're digging deeper into the idea of finding your fire.



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

We meet from 9:30-11:30 am on the First and Third Thursdays of the Month: February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18. Consider joining us, and/or inviting your friends and neighbors!

Please contact Pastor Shari for more information: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

You are invited to the La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church Dedication

February 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM

2500 East Campo Bello Drive Phoenix, AZ 85032

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY 6	PIECE-MAKERS (9:00 AM FH)
FEBRUARY 7	MOPS/MOMnext Meeting (9:30 AM FH)
FEBRUARY 10	ANNUAL MEETING (10:00 AM FH)
FEBRUARY 10	GREAT GATHERINGS: HANDLE BAR J'S LINE DANCING & DINNER (5:00 PM HANDLE BAR J'S RESTAURANT)
FEBRUARY 10	CONFIRMATION CLASS (6:45 PM Youth Room)
FEBRUARY 15	BRIDGE (6:00 PM Ulland's Home)
FEBRUARY 18	COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM Esther Room)
FEBRUARY 19	AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS CONCERT (7:00 PM Sanctuary)
FEBRUARY 20	SPLASH! DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 20	PIECE-MAKERS (9:00 AM FH)
FEBRUARY 21	NASA EXPLORATION PRESENTATION (7:00 PM FH)
FEBRUARY 23	YOUTH FUNDRAISER: DINNER & PIE CONTEST (5:00 PM FH)
FEBRUARY 24	CONFIRMATION CLASS (6:45 PM Youth Room)
FEBRUARY 27	HOLY LAND TRIP TRAVEL GROUP MEETING (11:00 AM FH)
MARCH 6	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (7:00 PM SANCTUARY)

Weekly Events

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday 10am (FH)

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wednesday 7pm (Psalms Room)

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

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB
Friday 10:00am (FH)

ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday 9:45am

WORSHIP
Sunday 8:30 am (Liturgical Worship)
Sunday 11 am (Praise Worship)

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MESSAGE

It had been a big wedding and the reception had been well-attended. Then came the honeymoon. The couple went to their hotel room and after they unpacked their bags, the groom took his bride by the hand, sat her on the bed and said, "Honey, I hope you won't mind, but now that we're married, I thought I'd mention a few little defects that I've noticed about you."

"Not at all," the bride replied with a deceptive sweetness. "It was those little defects that kept me from getting a better husband."

Everyone loves love! We want to be loved and we want to give love. The problem is—our love is lacking just like we are. With Valentine's this month, it's an ideal time to read 1 Corinthians 13 for guidance on how to develop and nurture a love worth giving on Valentine's Day and every day.

It says that:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Jesus is the ultimate example of this kind of love because Jesus is the ultimate example of how one should love. And He loves His church with a perfect love. Even as imperfect as each one of us is, Jesus shows us that receiving His love and giving it to others is the perfect way.

As we celebrate our love for those who are special to us on Valentine's, let's not forget others around us — known or unknown — who also need our love.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Carolyn Stock

