

Splash!

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

Join Us In Worship Online:

Palm Sunday April 5th

Maundy Thursday April 9th

Good Friday April 10th

Easter Sunday April 12th



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- Family and Friends of Harold Keyser



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

Happy Birthday!

Phil	Pounds	4/1
Claudia	Ingwersen	4/3
Ed	Kilburn	4/5
Linda	Hoenig	4/8
Anna	Bernau	4/9
Kinsley	Smith	4/11
Leslie	Mouer	4/11
Barbara	Hannan	4/12



Dave	Schoenbeck	4/15
Sally	Harris	4/16
Iris	Van	4/20
Janis	Fjeld	4/21
Joan	Tryhus	4/21
Larry	Carr	4/22
Kim	Leinweber	4/23

Diane	Klumpp	4/23
Doug	Yock	4/24
Paul	Swenson	4/25
Roz	Anderson	4/25
Jan	Beebe	4/25
Dick	Blazer	4/25
Bob	Welnhofer	4/27

A Message from Pastor Shari

As I watch the news and experience the impact of what's happening in our world, the following lyrics keep playing in my head. It's from Christian artist, Matthew West's song called "Do Something."

*"I woke up this morning.
Saw a world full of trouble now.
Thought, how'd we ever get so far down?
How's it ever gonna turn around?
So I turned my eyes to Heaven.
I thought, 'God, why don't You do something?'
He said, "I did, I created you."*

I know the message of "Do Something" sounds a little different than the messages we are hearing these days, such as, "stay home" and "stay away from each other." And, I agree these messages are important and should be taken seriously, however, it does not have to mean that we should just pause and stop living out our calling as Christians in the world. God created us with a purpose, and for our own health and well-being, it's important to stay focused on that purpose (even if it has to be adjusted a little bit due to safety measures). And, we all have gifts that can be used to bless others, and in a crisis, these gifts are needed more than ever.

In our phone calls with many of you in the last week, Pastor Mark and I have been hearing stories from you about how you are helping others (from the safety of your home) in many different ways, such as sending encouraging stories, poems and prayers; making phone calls; setting up "face-time" group chats; keeping your house clean for your family members; making meal-time special; sending flowers to your neighbors; and enjoying happy hour with your friends or family on Zoom. These are all wonderful! And, I'm sure in the coming week or so, we will continue to come up with many other "safe" ways to find our purpose and use our gifts to lift each other up and to bless the world.

For inspiration on how to live out your purpose and use your gifts in this unique situation we are facing, the Bible is a great place to turn:

Psalm 119:105

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."

Proverbs 3:6

"Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way."

God's peace,

Pastor Shari



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



March 18, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ---

At St. John we have a practice of praying for our fellow beloved disciples of Jesus at churches both near and far to us. Here is what we prayed for you this past Sunday in which we recognized the 3rd Sunday in Lent during morning worship:

Lord God, watch over and protect our brothers and sisters at Living Water Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, AZ, fellow members with us of the Body of Christ. Fill them ever more fully with your Holy Spirit. Proclaim through them the Gospel, your power of salvation to all who believe. Bless them both in ministry and mission, that their neighbors might find the life that is truly life

You may even have received a note of encouragement from one or more of our members, as we listed your church's address in our bulletin that morning. Either way, we wanted to let you know that we have been praying for you all.

God go with you as together we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in both word and deed!

Yours in Christ,

God bless & keep us all.

Pastor Paul Offhaus

(On behalf of the entire St. John congregation)

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Servant Teams

There are a great many people involved in making Sunday worship happen. Some of the very first people you see are our Servant Teams. This is the group that makes up the Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. It is a rotating group of folks who have Leadership Teams designated for each Sunday. If you are interested in being part of one of these Servant Teams, the folks listed below are the ones you should see. If that isn't something that is of interest to you, then how about thanking these folks for the work they do.



1st Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Deb Bash / Debbie Anderson
11:00 a.m. Gene / Dee Eilers

2nd Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. DJ / Jan Johnson
11:00 a.m. Don / Patti Pick

3rd Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Lee / Sue Stenehjem
11:00 a.m. Darryl / Tana Harlan

4th Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Denny Dumler
11:00 a.m. Charlie / Sue Boyd
Ed / Darryl Shiplley.

Many hands make the work a little lighter.

Please consider making this part of your service ministry gift.

Our LWLC Ongoing Book Drive

Thanks to this summer's VBS staff and students another record-breaking number of books have been distributed to grateful persons in need. A majority of children's books went immediately to ICM Food & Clothing Bank where neighborhood children were fed sack lunches and given a choice of book to own. Religious books were delivered to the UMOM New Day Centers' chapel; and it was reported they were especially pleased because their supply of children's books had been depleted. So, this is a reminder to please keep Phoenix children in mind as you shop. Hint: Public libraries often have greatly discounted books to purchase. Our Book Drive basket is always open for donations in the narthex. Please call Sue or Eric Brash, 602-317-9444, if you have a large pick-up!





Bible Studies & Retreats

Visit the Living Water website to keep up-to-date:
lwlcaz.org/videos/

Here you will find links to our YouTube videos of weekly sermons and studies, plus PDF outlines for each bible study & sermon (if applicable). You can also sign-up on the website to receive email notification when new videos are posted.

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News & Events

A BRIDGE GROUP



Bridge for 1 or 2 players and other card games

The Bridge Group won't meet until further notice. But its members – and other Living Water folks who are staying home 24/7 – can still play cards. One option is playing bridge online. You can also search the Internet for instructions for Honeymoon Bridge (for two). If bridge isn't your deal, there's a lengthy list of other card games that can be played by two people: Canasta, Crazy Eights, Gin Rummy, Go Fish, Golf, Hearts, 3 Card Poker, and so on. If you're going solo during the coronavirus outbreak, multiple versions of solitaire – such as Klondike, Patience, Pyramid, and Spider – are available. Finally, you can always pull out several decks and create an elaborate house of cards. Check the web for inspiration!

For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813 or jillajw@cox.net).

Prayers for Active Military Members

We would like to recognize all of the Active Military Members that members of our Living Water Lutheran Community would like us to place on the prayer list.

Please send any requests to
office@lwlcaz.org.





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish gives two fins up to angelic souls who spread love and joy in the new year.

ASK ZEKE

Living Water's 24/7 office fish flaps his fins in favor of youth discipleship

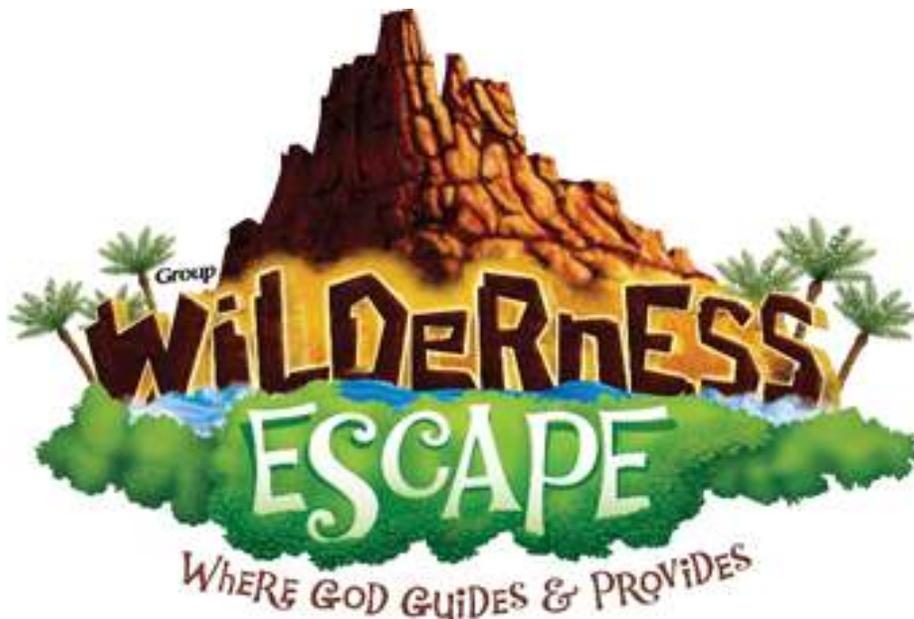
Q. I was astounded by the size of this summer's Youth Mission Trip group: 20 participants is incredible. What's the scoop?

A. I was also bowled over by that number. The 20 participants going to Montana in June include 16 young people plus Pastor Shari and 3 other adult leaders. Nine of the youth are Living Water members. The other 7 young people are: 1 from Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (just up the road), 3 whose mothers are involved in our MOMS/MOMSnex program, and 3 friends of members. Not surprisingly, the 7 youth who traveled to Portland last summer had such a positive experience that they've all signed on for this trip to minister to the Blackfeet Nation in northwest Montana.

Unless you're a recent first-time visitor, you're undoubtedly familiar with the fundraising flurry that began in October. The three fundraisers thus far – a casserole sale, a Christmas gift box sale, and a sold-out tea time – have netted impressive results. Thanks to the congregation's generosity, the youth are two-thirds of the way to their \$12,000 goal. This amount is based on the projected total needed for the Youth Mission Trip and this year's Youth Quake, a life-changing local weekend experience in late April. Additionally, each Mission Trip participant contributes \$300; Youth Quake attendees pay \$60. (Note: As of mid-March, the status of these events was pending due to the coronavirus.)

Parishioners' prayerful and financial support of youth activities has a profound impact on young people's lives. As Pastor Shari explains, you're giving Mission Trip participants the opportunity to "experience safe, trusting, and loving Christian relationships where self-esteem and faith can be nurtured." They'll also engage in fun and challenging service. And, they'll be exposed to "experiences that open up their view of the world and people who are different from them, so that their heart is moved to want to be God's hands and feet in the world." Amen!

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.



Registration is now open for our 2020 edition of Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church on **June 15-19**. Our theme will be **“Wilderness Escape – Where God Guides & Provides.”** Throughout the week we will take an exciting journey with God’s people, the Israelites, that brings God’s Word to life for kids and adults. Moses will be our guide as we escape Egypt and see, hear, touch and even taste what it might have been like to live in the Bible-times wilderness.

All children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to participate in our **free** Vacation Bible School program. Each child will receive a “Wilderness Escape” t-shirt and will participate in large and small group discussions, join Moses in his tent for our daily Bible stories, burn off some energy in the Fun & Games area, make innovative crafts, enjoy a healthy snack and sing and cheer in our opening and closing celebration times. The week will conclude with the children leading our worship service on Sunday, June 21.

If you are interested in joining us for our VBS program as a youth or adult volunteer, please contact Kris Crow at

kcrow737@gmail.com.

Register at lwlcaz.org/vbs/

We hope to see you this summer!

note:

The Living Water Lutheran Church Annual Picnic
is postponed until Fall of 2020.

New date to be announced!



The Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona, which Living Water has supported for many years, is an important source of services for members of the Navajo Nation. As a result of the COVID-19 crisis and an order to shelter in place, Navajo people are finding it even more difficult than usual to secure necessary provisions.

The Mission's church and school have closed because of the crisis, but as an essential services provider, it continues to offer medical assistance and to distribute water and food (including breakfast and lunch for students). To help respond to the increased hardship of the people it serves, the Mission has requested donations to help sustain these programs.

Gifts may be made online at <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=42cb52>

They also may be mailed to:

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission
One Mission Lane
PO Box 354
Rock Point, AZ 96545

In addition to gifts toward essential services at this time, the Service and Caring Ministry Team continues to encourage annual use of the Arizona tax credit program for donations to the school – *Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission School* – through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) at <https://acsto.org/>.

For information about the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, see <https://www.nelm.org/>

If there are questions, please contact Doris Yock or Denny Dumler.

Coronavirus Helpful Guidelines Reminder

Co-vid 19 is a novel virus in humans, and is still evolving. No one should live in fear, but some precautions are a good idea. Guidelines change frequently, but for now this may be a helpful guide.

Symptoms of the virus might start as a “dry or sore throat” for a few days. After 5-6 days, it will cause pneumonia with a fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you think you have symptoms, please contact your health care provider for advice. Do not go into clinics, Urgent Care, or the ER without calling so you do not expose others. If many of our health care workers are exposed, and ill, the system will be overwhelmed.

- No handshaking or hugging.
- Distance yourself from others when possible. 6 feet away is a good guide, especially if you are around someone who is ill or coughing.
- Follow good cough and sneeze etiquette. Cough into a tissue, discard, and wash your hands immediately.
- Wash your hands 20 seconds (“sing Row Your Boat 3x”). If you cannot wash your hands with soap and water, use 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer generously.
- Carry your own personal hand sanitizer in your purse, your car, etc.
- Wash your hands as soon as you arrive home.
- If you think you might be getting sick, or someone at home is ill, STAY HOME.
- Open doors and windows when possible, and at work and meetings. Eat at your desk in your office.
- Decrease your social contacts. Avoid large meetings when possible, or meet outside.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your nose and eyes. People touch their faces more than 90x/day without even realizing it.
- Wipe off surfaces with 10% bleach/water solution daily, at least. Other disinfectants found to be effective against Coronavirus can be found at <https://abcn.ws/39ni6Vb>. They include Lysol and Clorox products.
- Travel by air only if necessary and avoid crowds of > 20.
- Use your own cell phone, pens, computer.
- Keep a supply of canned goods on hand to last 2 weeks.



Publication Deadlines:

Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon



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