

MARCH 2017



Splash!

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

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SOUP SUPPER @ 6PM,
"Table Talk" with Dr. Martin Luther,
& **LENTEN SERVICE @ 7PM**



Each Wednesday
March 8 - April 5

NEW MEMBER



March 25 @ 4pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served. Sign-up online!



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- Janet Adanski - (Rita Reamer's sister) Diagnosed with cancer
- Stuart & Gillian Bailey (Friends of Brenda Berry) - Family hardship
- Dee Eilers - recovering from surgery
- Emily Kaso (Celia Giontzeneli's sister-in-law) - Health concerns
- LeeAnn Land - Recovery from bike accident
- Family & Friends of Chuck Nyberg - Mourning his death
- David Olive (Pete Pritt's son-in-law) - Battling prostate cancer
- Family & friends of Vicki Rossman (Pastor Mark's cousin) - Mourning her death
- Mary Lee Sturgeon - Health concerns
- Trueman Tryhus - Battling cancer
- Geri Ulland (Ulland's sister-in-law) - In hospice for progressing cancer
- Stephen Wehr (Son of Richard Wehr) - Recovery from accident



Email your prayer request to prayer@lwlcaz.org

Welcome to our Guests

Jen Bagan
Mark & Judy Becker
John & Brenda Berry
Amy & Scott Bishop
Charlie & Sue Boyd
Pat Burns
Dick & Virginia Conrad
Pete Dahl
Aileen Fallis
John & Patty Gamble
Lordes Gasparino
Paul & Ruth Gillquest
Jason, Stephanie, Ryan & Allison Handley
Eric Hauonstoin
Elaine Hitchcock
Sharon & Dave Humphrey
Bob & Nancy Hutson
Dennis & Carol Johnson
Joyce & Stan Kerber
Harold Keyser
Diane Klumpp
Vitla Loveland
Joseph Luna
Jimi Lyells
Jamie McDermont
Toney & Joyce Manelli
Bob & Mary Lynn Merrenb
Sandy Moses
Tim & Leslie Mouer
Brian & Teresa Neilson
John & Judy Nerison
Chris & Lori Norgren
Mike & Donnice Olsen

Carolyn Oster
Karla Palss
Nancy Payne
Steve & Nyla Rome
Steve & Gretchen Stenehjem
Paul & Janelle Swenson
Gary & Sue Quart
Jim Roberts
Paul & Martha Schmidt
Julie Schneider
Darlene & Ed Shipley
Ingrid Simonson
Maria Virede
Ward Weichert
Harold Wilhelmson
Karen Wilffahrt
Jillian Williams
Steve & Julie Yates

OUT OF TOWN

Steve & Ann (Dief) Albertin, Zionville, IN
Kathy Anderson, Omaha, NE
Harold and Judy Britton, Hillsboro, OR
Barry Burriss, Valley Springs, CA
Carmen, Moscow, ID
Jim Dahl, St. Cloud, MN
David Farris, Omaha, NE
Sherry & Wes Gienger, Aberdeen, SD
Keith & Jane Goetz, Ottawa, IL
Donna & Don Ingram, Isle of Palms, SC
Susan Janik, Milwaukee, WI
Mary & Duane Lund, Eau Claire, WI
Carolyn Ortis, Hazen, ND

John & Eileen Quillo, Sioux Falls, SD
Frank & Ursala Rasmussen, West Bend,
Tom & Sandy Rossman, Butler, PA
Helen Sigurdson, Rhinelander, WI
Wayne & Linda Torgerson, Milford, IA
Betty & Hal Wingard, Indiana, PA

WINTER VISITORS

Tod & Bonnie Dawson, Champaign, IL
Sam & Lori Kalainov, Des Moines, IA
Zoe & Gary Karlstad, Grand Forks, ND
Mary & Duane Lunde, Eau Claire, WI
Ken & Claudia MacKay, Wheaton, IL
Gaylen & Shirley Mendini, Greenfield, WI
Jim & Carolyn Tonneson, St. Paul, MN
Bonnie Townsend, Rock Island, IL
Dorie Underkofler, Madison, WI
John & Eunice Vorhees, Dellwood, MN
Don & Judy Warrington
Jack & Ellen Wise, Mansfield, PA

Happy Birthday!

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



Ulland, Robert 3/17

Smith, Landry Nicole 3/23

Anderson, Cade 3/6

Harlan, Lauren 3/18

Correll, Thomas 3/23

Tripp, Justine 3/16

Fordiani, Kim 3/7

Mathews, Kristin 3/29

Land, LeeAnn 3/9

Pounds, Jeri 3/22

Hagstrom, Rev. Dennis 3/14

Manalli, Jon 3/17

Fankhauser, Sheila 3/2

Wachter, Valerie 3/3

Goesling, John 3/1

Brash, Eric 3/22

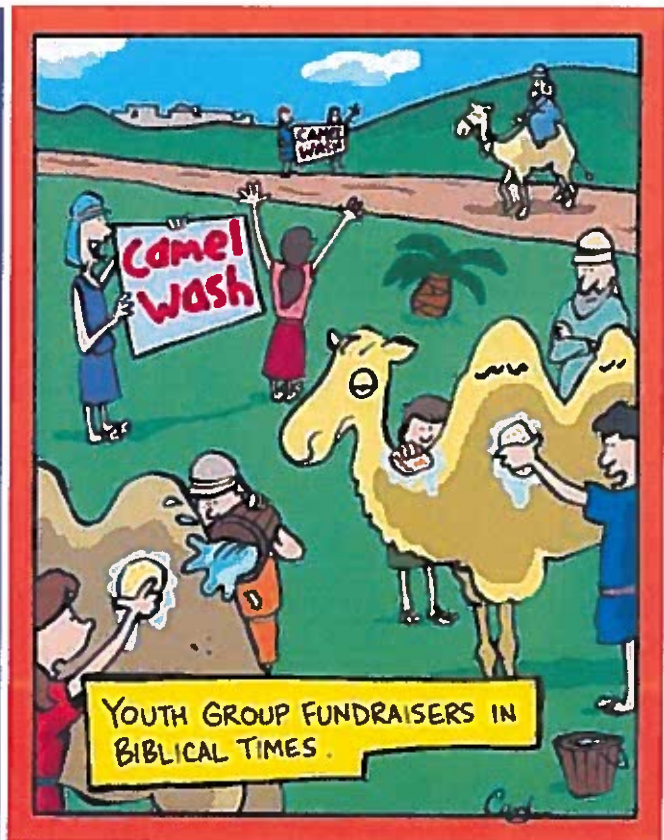
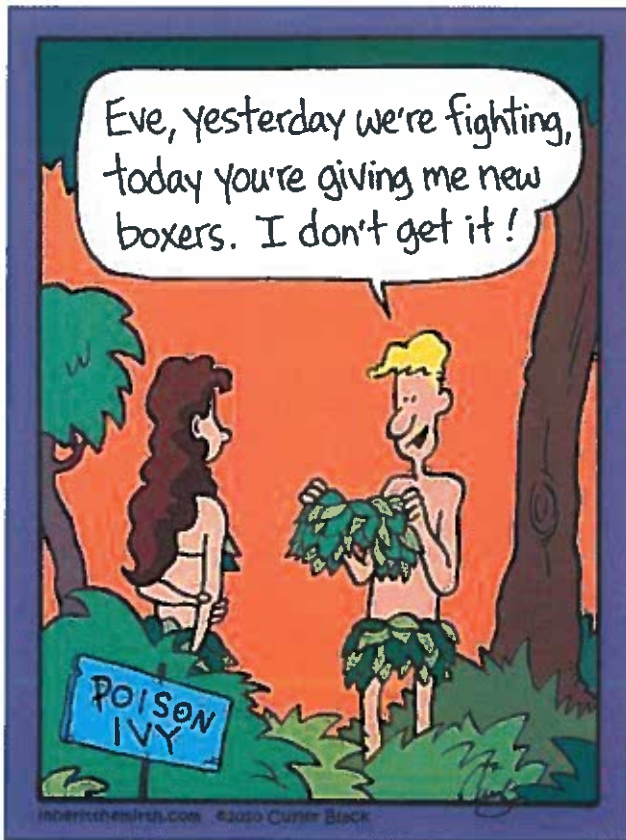
Nyberg, Mary 3/26

Swanson, Karen 3/25

Welnhofer, Karen 3/19

Netland, Joanne 3/3

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 Rosseman

March 1 begins the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Normally, I would use this space to talk more about our Lenten experience. But on March 16, the ministry of Pastor Shari Bernau at Living Water begins. This is a blessing that I cannot even begin to find words to properly address. As Pastor Shari begins her ministry here please plan to join us on Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 PM for a Service of Installation as we gather with Pastor Shari, Bishop Talmage and other representatives of the Grand Canyon Synod as we officially mark and celebrate the beginning of Pastor Shari's ministry at Living Water. Following the service the celebration will continue with a dinner. Please plan to join us. To help in the planning please sign up in the Narthex or contact the Office at office@lwlcaz.org or call 480-473-8400. Please plan to join us in this wonderful day.

Installation of



Pastor Shari Bernau



MARCH 19 @ 4PM

Dinner to follow
Please RSVP to Office@lwlcaz.org
or 480.473.8400 by March 13





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish searches for small fry in local waters

Q. A little bird told me you've done some sleuthing about the presence of kids in this part of the Valley. What did you discover?

A. Yep, earlier this year I did some fishin' on this subject. I figured kids, like fish, could be found in schools. So I plunged into an online search for local schools. I was buoyed by what I caught.

Did you know Living Water sits near the convergence of three school districts? The boundaries of these three – Cave Creek, Paradise Valley, and Scottsdale unified school districts – flow like water across city limits. Depending on a family's address, youngsters living in Scottsdale may attend a CCUSD, PVUSD, or SUSD school.

What *really* amazed me was the number of public schools within a dozen miles of Living Water. I counted seventeen: all five CCUSD elementary schools plus a middle school and high school, six PVUSD elementary schools and a middle school, and two SUSD elementary schools and a middle school. These aren't small schools. PVUSD's Pinnacle Peak Elementary, which is a stone's throw from us, has almost 650 students. A couple miles down the road from there, enrollment at Grayhawk Elementary approaches 800.

My web surfing netted additional impressive kid-related numbers. For instance, as of 2014, 30% of the households in 85255 (the church's zip code) included children. Ditto for 85331 in Cave Creek.

After diving into Google waters, I drifted over to the ELCA's website. I wanted to see whether families in 85255, 85331, and nearby zip codes had other ELCA options on Sunday mornings. The map indicated an ELCA congregation about 10 miles due north of us in Carefree and another one roughly the same distance south on Frank Lloyd Wright. But I was shocked to the gills to see that, north of the 101, there's a vast populated area between Living Water and I-17 *without* any ELCA congregations. My mind is swimming with the opportunities that await us....

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

Every Thursday @ 7:30am
at Soul Cafe (7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd)

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:40 AM IN PSALMS

The Sunday morning Adult Forum meets at 9:40am in the Psalms room on the second floor of the Education Building. On March 5 Dennis Nelson will conclude his four-week presentation on his pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece this past fall to follow the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul. He will complete this series by telling about Paul's visits to the cities of Corinth in southern Greece and Ephesus on the west coast of Turkey. The account of Paul's ministry in Ephesus is an amazing story of the work of God to defeat the powers of darkness. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." Do you believe that God can also do great things in your life, in our church, and in our world?

On March 12 Dennis Nelson will begin a several-week study on the Gospel of John, using a video-based series featuring Adam Hamilton. Enrich your observance of Lent by joining this study of the fourth Gospel, which depicts Jesus as the Word become flesh, the Lamb of God, the Light of the World, the Living Water, the Good Shepherd, the Vine, and the Resurrection and the Life.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY - NEW SERIES AT 10 AM & 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

We'll begin a 4-week Bible study from the Gather magazine titled "Christian Faith and Freedom," a study on the book of Galatians with a focus on the anniversary of the Reformation. Martin Luther was said to love the book of Galatians as much as he loved his wife, Katie. This study was written by Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, Professor of Religion at Wartburg College in Waverly, IA. Here's what the author says of Galatians: "Luther's reformation was centered in the doctrine of justification by faith through Christ's sake - which he saw as the heart of the letter to the Christians in Galatia. It's also the heart of Paul's - and Luther's message for us today." Here's the schedule:

- March 7 - "No Other Gospel" - from the January/February issue**
- March 14 - "Children of God" - from the January/February issue**
- March 21 - "Heirs of the Promise" - from the March issue**
- March 28 - "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free" - from the April issue**

GATHER

Bring your issues of Gather to the study. If you don't subscribe, there may be a few complimentary copies of Gather on the counter in the church entryway. Copies of the study material will be available if you don't subscribe. We meet at 10 am and 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall so choose the time that works best for you. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate is always on. Bring a friend! Questions: contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

2017 Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now for our 2017 edition of Vacation Bible School on **June 19-23!** Our theme this year is "ROME - Paul and the Underground Church." Your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends will elbow through a crowded Roman marketplace, visit with the Apostle Paul and gasp as a thief is wrestled to the ground. They'll tiptoe past Roman guards as they inch their way to a hidden cave - where first-century Christians eagerly await their arrival. And that's just one day at this summer's most exciting VBS!

Registration is available at lwcaz.org for all children ages 3 through 6th grade. We will also need lots of youth and adult volunteers to bring this adventure to life. Please contact Kris Crow (kcrow737@aol.com) or Janice Moore at (jl.b.moore@yahoo.com) if you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our amazing children!





News & Events

POLO SHIRT

Orders due March 19

Sign up in the Narthex or contact the office. Please note that there must be a minimum of 12 polos for us to place the order.



♥ ♦ BRIDGE ♣ ♠

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a lucky evening of cards on March 17!

Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun evening of party bridge at the home of Larry and Linda Coumts on Friday, March 17, starting at 7:00 pm. Please add your name and email address to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the narthex. Larry and Linda will send participants directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard and Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).

Easter Lilies & Spring Flowers

We have ordered Easter Lilies, Tulips & Daffodils to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning. You may purchase plants at the cost of \$15.00 each. Plants are given to the glory of God and His love for us in Jesus Christ. Following the Easter Services those who donate a plant are encouraged to take it home. The deadline for placing orders is Tuesday, April 4. Payment is to accompany each order.

If you wish to donate your plant in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please let us know. You may place the order form along with payment in the offering plate, or mail to the church office: Living Water Lutheran Church, 9201 East Happy Valley Road, Scottsdale AZ 85255.

Ash Wednesday - March 1 @ 7pm

Maunday Thursday - April 13 @ 7pm

Good Friday - April 14 @ 7pm

Easter Sunday - 6:30am, 8:30am & 11:00am

Easter Brunch - 9:40am





God's Work, *OUR* Hands!

Piece-Makers Mission Quilting at Living Water

The ministry of mission quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) continues in October. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR 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 again on **Wednesday, March 15 and again on Wednesday, March 29, from 9:30 to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall** to continue tying quilts that have been assembled. All interested women are welcome to join us. 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 (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 flat sheets that are in good condition with no stains 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
- offset 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 40 quilts plus 3 for our graduating seniors! Our goal is the completion of as many quilts as we can before they are blessed and delivered to a LWR Ingathering truck scheduled to be in the Phoenix area in April 2017. 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>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Living Water Lutheran Church, as part of the Northeast Coalition of Lutheran Churches, broke ground last month in Tempe for a new Habitat for Humanity house. The house is being built for the Sherman family. Our one work date will be Saturday, April 8 and we will need men and women willing to help with the build. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex this month. If you have questions, call or email John Goesling, (480) 778-9176 or jagoesling@outlook.com.



Clip Boxtops for Education – Help the Navajo Lutheran Mission School

This is a WONDERFUL ministry: it costs you NOTHING EXTRA and helps raise THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS for the Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy.

Here's what you do:

- Shop as you normally do – you probably already use some of the qualifying products.
- Check all packaging for the Boxtops Logo.
- Clip out the logo and when you have a few, bring them to the kiosk in the Narthex.
- Pat yourself on the back for participating in a such a worthy cause!



ELCA World Hunger's **40 DAYS** of Giving

The ELCA is once again encouraging us to remember the hungry during our Lenten journey. Nearly 1 in 9 people in our world today are hungry – that's about 800 million. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

In 2016, gifts to ELCA World Hunger have helped our church respond to hunger and poverty through more than 400 projects in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States. These gifts are brought together with the skills, capacity and resources of local communities to make transformative change. By working effectively through trusted relationships, ELCA World Hunger has consistently kept fundraising and administration costs at less than 10 percent annually, to ensure that your gift goes where it is needed most.

The congregation here at Living Water made a generous contribution to ELCA World Hunger last year. Let's do it again! Sunday, March 26, has been designated as ELCA World Hunger Day here at Living Water. There will be a special offering envelope in your bulletin on March 26. You can make your check out to Living Water Lutheran, or to ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for your caring, and your continued generous support for ELCA World Hunger.



Join us in making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "Project Promise" during Lent. Our collection begins on Sunday Feb. 26 and ends on Sunday, March 26. Project Promise Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. We can give hope through donating these items:

- 2 bars of soap,
- a lightweight bath towel,
- 1 tooth brush,
- 1 wide-toothed comb, and
- 1 metal nail clipper

Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the preferred size is 52" x 72." The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel. We ask that you bring in a complete kit if you can. There will be a collection bin in the church entryway. The kits will be assembled the week of March 26 and blessed on Sunday, April 2. They will be picked up by the LWR Ingathering truck at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Phoenix on Saturday, April 22.



Sunday Worship Times

8:30am Liturgical Worship

9:40am Adult Forum & Sunday School

11:00am Praise Worship

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 1	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (7PM)
MARCH 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
MARCH 19	POLO ORDERS DUE
MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29	SOUP SUPPER (6PM/FH) & LENTEN SERVICE (7PM)
MARCH 15 & 29	PIECE-MAKERS (9:30AM/FH)
MARCH 17	BRIDGE (7PM/COUTT'S HOUSE)
MARCH 19	PASTOR SHARI'S 1ST SUNDAY AT LW
MARCH 19	PASTOR SHARI'S INSTALLATION & DINNER (4PM)
MARCH 25	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION (4PM/FH)
APRIL 5	SUPPER (6PM/FH) & LENTEN SERVICE (7PM)
APRIL 8	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
APRIL 13	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE (7PM)
APRIL 14	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (7PM)
APRIL 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
APRIL 16	EASTER SUNDAY (6:30AM, 8:30AM & 11AM)
APRIL 16	EASTER BRUNCH (9:40AM)
APRIL 22	HAPPY VALLEY COUNTY FAIR
APRIL 29	SPRING LEADERSHIP MEETING (9:30AM/FH)

Weekly Events

TUESDAY LADIES 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 ON WWW.LWLCAZ.ORG?

Event Calendar, SPLASH!, Weekly Connections, Photo gallery, Weekly Bible Readings, Bible Studies, Prayer List, LW Ministries, Online Sign-ups, Weekly Sermons, and much more!

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I GAVE MY LIFE FOR THEE

"Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" is a 2016 British-American war drama film that is based upon a novel of the same name. The story focuses upon the experiences of a nineteen-year-old Army specialist who is caught on camera dragging his wounded sergeant to safety during an intense firefight. His act of courage quickly escalates him and his unit to celebrity status. They are sent on a several-weeks-long nationwide victory tour, which culminates in a Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day home game halftime show. The film depicts the great disconnect between the people back home and the soldiers on the field. The people say that they appreciate what the soldiers have done – the risks they have taken and the price they have paid – but their actions show that they do not really mean it.

Frances Havergal's most famous poem are the words to the song, "*Take my life that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*" Another one of her poems she wrote in 1858 while she was in Dusseldorf, Germany, where she saw a painting of Jesus. Above the picture were the words, "*All this I did for thee; what hast thou done for Me?*"

Moved by the probing question, she wrote the poem, "I Gave My Life for Thee." But she was not happy with the poem, so she threw it into the fire, but a draft blew the paper out of the fire. Feeling that this might have been God's doing, she took the slightly scorched paper, folded it, and sent it to her father in England. Her father composed a tune to match the words and had it published. The tune that you might know to go with the words was written years later.

In the poem, which has been set to music, Jesus says –
*I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
 That thou might ransomed be, and raised up from the dead.
 I gave, I gave my life for thee; what hast thou done for Me?*

In a later verse Jesus says –
*And I have brought to thee, down from My home above,
 Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love.
 I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee; what has thou brought to Me?*

As we begin another Lenten season, it is a good time for us to ask ourselves, Do I show by my living and by my giving how grateful I am to Jesus and how much I love Him for what He has done for me? Or, like the people in the movie, "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk," is there a disconnect between my words and my actions?

Dennis D. Nelson



Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	YTD Actual
Income	45,312	79,301	33,600	33,600
Expenses	35,872	48,106	34,975	34,975
Net Income (Loss)	9,440	31,195	(1,375)	(1,375)
BUILDING FUND	November 2016	December 2016	January 2017	YTD
Income	4,718	63,390	4,318	4,318
Disbursements	8,004	8,004	8,004	8,004