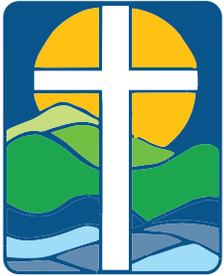


# Splash!

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

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- Hal Dawson (Son of Tod & Bonnie Dawson) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Pete DeBruyn (Frances DeBruyn's Father-in-law) – Mourning his death
- Bernie Eccles (Friend of Linda & Larry Coutts) – Battling Cancer
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
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- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- George Gorinac & Family (Dominique Gorinac) – Health concerns
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- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
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- Terry Powers (Niece of Marty & Gordon Lindert) – Battling cancer
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns



Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill one out at [lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)

## Happy Birthday!

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

Turid	Sabia	8/4
Andrea	Decker	8/5
Lisa	Moehn	8/5
Marcia	Donavon	8/6
Karen	Roessler	8/8
Grant	Smith	8/9
Carol	Jacobson	8/19
Caroline	Ruff	8/20
Ryan	Handley	8/21



Adena	Sleeper	8/22
Barbara	Gunderson	8/23
Kristi	Winter	8/23
Myrna	Ulland	8/24
Melissa	Freesh	8/25
Mike	Handley	8/31
Dave	Pendergraft	8/31
Patricia	Pick	8/31

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

## Reflections on our Youth Mission Trip to Portland, Oregon this Summer

On June 8, our group of nine people landed in Portland, Oregon. For most of us, it was our first time there and we soaked up every moment of anticipation as we loaded our van and headed to the coast. When we got to Seaside, Oregon, it was beautifully cool and clear. During the 19 hours we spent there, we went to the beach three times, collected shells, took pictures and ate ice cream. We could not have asked for a better way to start our trip together. The next day, we took the northern route through Astoria, a little bit of Washington, and then down to Portland. It was another beautiful day to experience some of God's creation in the people and places of northern Oregon.



When we arrived at our site (Resurrection Lutheran Church) in Portland, we were greeted by the Youthworks Staff, who were very gracious hosts, and welcomed us into our next home for the next six days. Now it was time to start our mission work, which for some of our group, began with dinner clean-up. The next morning, we arose to the sound of the staff excitedly shouting that breakfast was ready! That morning it was announced that we would be going to the Salvation Army to do some work, and then head to the showers, which were located a few miles from the church in locker rooms of a gymnasium. Then, we would have dinner, an offsite evening activity, and then come back for worship and church group time. The routine each day was similar, but each day, we went to a different service partner. On Tuesday, we went to the Northeast Emergency Food Program; on Wednesday, it was Mary Smith Center and Ronald McDonald House; and on Thursday, we cleaned books at the Children's Book Bank in the morning and then we went to Night Strike in the evening.

By the time Friday came around and it was time to go, we all felt like we had a full experience of what Mission work is all about. Even though some things didn't go exactly as planned, my co-leader, Michael Winter and all the kids (Grant, Jaden, Mia, Jessie, Kinsley, Amy and Anna) were flexible and open to doing God's work. I am so proud of everyone!

I could go on and tell you more, but I want to give the youth an opportunity to share their stories with you. Our worship on August 11 will be focused on sharing our stories and reflections of our Mission Trip experience in Portland. We hope you will join us. Please know that we appreciate every one of you who helped these kids get to Portland. You are a blessing!



*Pastor Shari Bernau*

**Check out more photos of our Youth Mission Trip at [lwlcaz.org/photogallery](http://lwlcaz.org/photogallery)**



# Ask Zeke

## **Living Water's 24/7 office fish gives a fins up to the parking lot's fresh face-lift**

**Q. I did a double take when I pulled into the church parking lot in July. It's at the WOW level. What gives?**

**A.** Living Water's parking lot received some much-needed attention in late June. It looks quite spiffy and welcoming, doesn't it?

Preventative maintenance for parking lots is generally recommended every five years. Our lot's last upkeep was six years ago. As time passed, its surface began to sport unsightly cracks that eventually became more sizeable and started to present a trip hazard. Unfilled crevices also set the stage for moisture (when we're lucky enough to get some!) to seep in and cause very serious – and therefore costly – subgrade damage. So, in the interests of safety, solvency, and Scottsdale city code compliance, our parking lot got a face-lift that took off five years of wear and tear.

Living Water began the process by getting proposals from six highly qualified contractors. The paving company that was selected spent two days rejuvenating our parking lot. Workers sealed all cracks and applied a mineral-reinforced asphalt emulsion sealer. Their next step was striping all 153 parking spaces, including 7 handicap spots, and fire lanes. In addition, the crew installed new code-compliant ADA signage for handicap spaces. Photos documenting the face-lift appear on page 8 of this issue of SPLASH!

A "WOW level" reaction to the parking lot's fresh appearance is spot on. The improvement is noticeable. Drivers who park in handicap spaces will also appreciate the bright-blue refurbished wheel stops. These concrete blocks look good as new thanks to restoration of their edges by a Living Water member.

Thanks also to folks who contributed to the "Adopt a Parking Spot" drive. Being a well-schooled fish, I did the math. At \$75 per spot, it's a bargain. Five years of Sunday worship plus Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Lenten services averages out to about 25 cents for an hour or more of parking. That's a whale of a deal!

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





# Bible Studies & Retreats

## MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

**SoulCafe**

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

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, ADULT FORUM &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER**

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## Confirmation Retreat

To kick off our confirmation classes this year and to recognize our three students who will be affirming their baptism on November 3, we will have a retreat for all confirmation students on the weekend of September 7-8 in Pine, Arizona. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this adventure.



*Coming  
Soon!*

**Stay tuned for the revealing of a  
new monthly program  
starting on Wednesday, September 4!**

**\*Hint: It involves faith, food, family and friends\***



# News & Events



**Calling All Bridge Players!**

The Living Water Bridge Group is trying something different in August. Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun afternoon of party bridge at the home of Larry and Linda Coutts on Thursday, Aug. 22, starting at 1:30 pm. Dinner at a restaurant afterward is optional. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The hosts will send you driving directions. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).

## **POOLSIDE GET TOGETHER FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 5-12**

Come and relax with friends, enjoy a pizza dinner, talk about faith and life,  
and then jump in the pool!  
Please bring your swimsuit and towel.

Where: The home of the Ruff family  
When: Thursday, August 1 from 5-8pm



# **MOPS & MOMSnext**

**Are you a mother or know a mother of preschool  
or school age children?**



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

**Starts September 5**

Two years ago, Living Water Lutheran Church started our MOPS & MOMSnext Program. We will be starting up again in September and would love for you to spread the word about this amazing program!

## **What is MOPS & MOMSnext?**

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 group is an open, accepting place for all mothers to experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope.

**We meet from 9:30-11:30am on the First and Third Thursdays of the month starting September 5!  
Childcare is Free!**

**Check out [www.lwlc.org/mops](http://www.lwlc.org/mops) for Fall 2019 dates and to register .  
Questions? Contact Pastor Shari Bernau  
[pastorshari@lwlc.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlc.org)**

## **Back to School Blessing Sunday August 4 @ 9:30 am**

All Students, Teachers and Staff who are soon going back to school are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, or tool belts to worship for a special blessing to begin the new school year surrounded in prayer. There will also be a 'backpack clip' craft for kids after worship during Fellowship Hour. In addition, on this special occasion, we will be serving 'back-to-school' cupcakes!



# Parking Lot Facelift

Our Parking Lot had a much needed Facelift in June. Check out the BEFORE and AFTER photos below.

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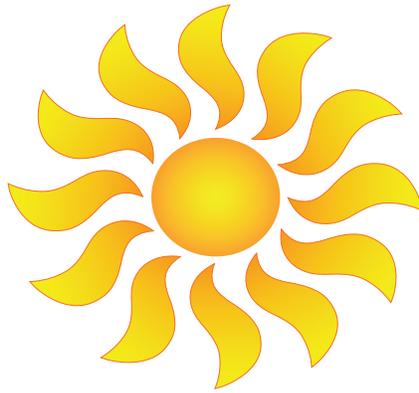


After



# Dates to Remember

AUGUST 1	YOUTH POOLSIDE GATHERING 5 PM (RUFF HOUSE)
AUGUST 4	BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 9:30 AM (SANCTUARY)
AUGUST 11	MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS 9:30 AM (SANCTUARY)
AUGUST 20	SPLASH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
AUGUST 22	BRIDGE 1:30 PM (COUTTS' HOUSE)
AUGUST 25	CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION 10:45 AM (YOUTH ROOM)
SEPTEMBER 1	LAST SUMMER WORSHIP 9:30 AM (SANCTUARY)
SEPTEMBER 4	NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM - DETAILS TBC
SEPTEMBER 5	MOPS/MOMSnext MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
SEPTEMBER 7-8	CONFIRMATION RETREAT - PINE, AZ
SEPTEMBER 8	LITURGICAL WORSHIP 8:30 AM & PRAISE WORSHIP 11 AM (SANCTUARY)
SEPTEMBER 8	SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT FORUM 9:45 AM (ED. BUILDING)



## Weekly Events

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

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB  
Friday 9:00 am (FH)

WORSHIP  
Sunday 9:30 am Summer Worship (Sanctuary)

**Publication Deadlines:**  
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon  
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

# STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MESSAGE

As we enter the 2nd half of 2019, it is a good practice to sit down and evaluate our progress to see if we are on track to meet our full year-end goals. This may include family time, volunteer time, health, professional, and financial goals and commitments. With respect to the latter, these financial goals may include saving for child's education, saving for retirement, as well as our charitable giving commitments.

With respect to our charitable giving for 2019, there are a number of reasons why addressing these prior to the end of the year may be beneficial. (It is a well known fact that over 50% of charitable donations made to organizations are typically made in November and December every year, indicating a rush to get the contributions completed by year end.)

Here are a few reasons to do a bit of planning;

- The best charitable giving decisions are made without the pressure of time. These decisions about amount and grantees are best made prior to the fourth quarter.

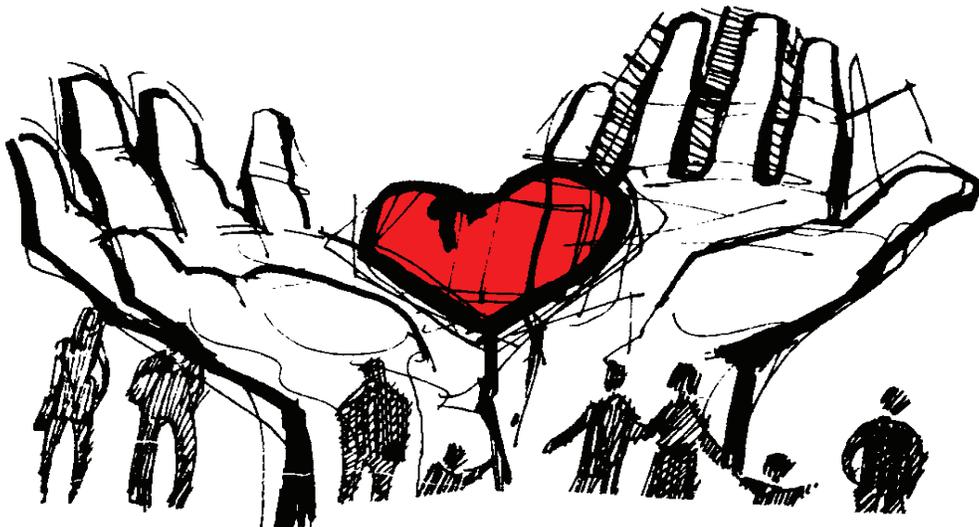
- The time to donate stock or other assets may have a greater tax benefit to the donor earlier than November/December or when recommendations to sell a stock may be initiated.

- Many donors like to include family in their charitable decision making. If so, trying to accomplish this during the busy holiday season can be difficult to accomplish. Addressing this during the summer so that it can be completed during the fall can make it more effective.

- For those individuals taking required minimum distributions(RMD's) from their IRA's at year end, review taking the amount on a monthly basis , as well as taking advantage of the tax law permitting these distributions be directly transferred or provided to the church without the individual having to declare the income (with some limitations).

- Think about making a legacy gift . The LWLC Endowment Fund is now available to accept legacy gifts. Robert Winter heads up that committee and can fill you in on methods and types of assets that may be contribute in support of the long term goals of LWLC.

*Frank Stock*



July 12, 2019



Pastor Mark Rossman  
and Pastor Shari Bernau  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 East Happy Valley Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Pastors:

Once again your Vacation Bible School children and staff have produced a most generous donation of 1,048 books to support our organization's philanthropic programs.

This year the need was so great at one of our community partners (ICM Food & Clothing Bank, with which you are familiar) that our volunteers quickly came to work with your church members to place bookplates into every title and create boxes for various grade levels and then had the ICM truck pick up this wonderful donation the next day. Great teamwork! Several thousand sack lunches will be handed out to Central Phoenix children this summer, and your donation will go a long way to seeing that a book goes home with each child as well.

As the volunteers sorted the books, they created a few boxes of religious titles for both children and adults. These books have been delivered to UMOM's Chapel, where they were gratefully received.

Our volunteers had an extremely pleasant time working with your church members and later expressed interest in getting together with them again. So thank you so much for partnering with us, and please share our appreciation with your congregation.

With Gratitude,

  
Aimee Runyon  
CEO

cc: Sue Brash, Book Gifts Chairman

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## Thank You

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,  
I would like to personally thank you for your donation of \$1754.00 to support ICM's mission. Our food, clothing and courses bring hope and dignity to the working poor in Phoenix and we couldn't fight the good fight without your help!

In gratitude,  
May



Dear Pastor Rossman, Pastor Bernau, and members of Living Water,

Through your prayers and mission support God uses you to make a difference in the GCS.

Grateful for your partnership,

Bishop Hutter

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