

September 2019

Splash!

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

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BRIGHT

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We Remember in our Prayers

- Becky Bliefernich (Niece of Barbara Brooks)– Battling cancer
- Nancy Blazer – Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Denny Carrow (Jennie & Scott Stemm's Brother in Law) – Battling Cancer
- Bernie Eccles (Friend of Linda & Larry Coutts) – Battling Cancer
- Jinhong Fan (Sister-in-law of Kristin Smith) - Battling Cancer
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Barbara Hannan – Health concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Tom Kelland – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn –Health concerns
- Shirley Koch – Health concerns
- Jon & Tamey Manalli – Health concerns for Jon
- Maren McKay (Daughter of Lance & Carol Jacobson) – Health Concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Step-daughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Mary Nyberg – Recovering from surgery
- Darell & Darlene Powers (Relatives of Marty Lindert) – Health concerns
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Dean Watt (Son-in-law of Judy Tornowske) – Health concerns
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) - 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!

Sue	Stenehjem	9/1
Scott	Sims	9/4
Bill	Harris	9/7
Mark	Anderson	9/11
Mary Lee	Sturgeon	9/11
Charlie	Boyd	9/13
Scott	Donars	9/13
Mark	Rossmann	9/14
Jill	Wehr	9/14
Emma	Rossmann	9/15
Peggy	Schroeder	9/15



Leland	Stenehjem	9/16
Gloria	Butler	9/17
Jakab	Peter	9/19
Ron	Roessler	9/19
Gene	Perry	9/20
Linda	Coutts	9/22
Stephen	McCarthy	9/22
Nancy	Philabaum	9/23
Gary	Fjeld	9/24
Ginny	Alexander	9/30
Sarah	Dorsch	9/30
Jay	Lucas	9/30

A Message from Pastor Mark

The quiet was incredible. As the snow fell, the entire world around me seemed to be muffled. It was about 2:00 in the morning, it was Clarion, Pennsylvania, the snow was falling at the rate of 4 inches per hour and there was not a single car on the road. The only audible noise was the clicking made by the traffic lights as they turned from green, to yellow, and then to red. There was a sense of stillness, silence, and solitude as I had never experienced before as I walked down the middle of the now abandoned Main Street.

The pristine white snow transformed the rather dingy town into a glorious picture postcard, with the streetlights and traffic lights reflecting their colors off the white blanket. And there I was, in the midst of the beauty, in the midst of the silence, walking as if I was the only person in existence at that time. It was an ideal time for a self-reflective, introspective walk. The solitude of that moment was glorious.

Solitude – at times – is a very necessary part of our lives. While on the surface there does not seem to be a great deal of difference between solitude and loneliness, it is on the inside that the difference is quite profound. Solitude is something we seek out from time to time, while loneliness is something that can be thrust upon us. There are times we look for solitude, but there is never a time we seek out loneliness. While, solitude is refreshing, loneliness can be unbearable. To combat ourselves being trapped in that sense of loneliness and isolation we seek to live as part of a community of faith. It is this community that supports us, nurtures our faith, and grows with us as faith filled people.

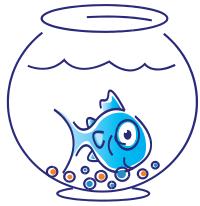
I do not believe that God ever intended for us to live in anything except such a community. That is why we are born into families, live in towns, cities and communities, and gather together to worship. Life has always been intended to be a communal activity, where we are given the ability to live, learn, and share with one another – and support and help one another when necessary.

That is why every year at this time we kick off our Sunday School Educational Program. The stuff of faith that we learn is important, but one of the first lessons we need to learn is that our faith is a community-based arrangement. God has arranged for we people of faith to learn and grow together, and it is in Sunday School we see that happen at the very earliest stages of our faith development. That is part of the reason we do the things we do, so we know that our faith is not simply a "Me and God" thing, but rather a "We and God" thing.

The Learning Mission Program Group has been working very diligently at putting together an educational program that works for just about everybody. Programs that seek to teach our children, gatherings that touch our youth, forums that help our adults expand their faith horizons and a new Wave that will wash us with new insights concerning God's grace and love.

We are a community of faith. We live together, we eat together, we pray together, we worship together, and we also learn together. Seek to discover where you fit in the faith learning experiences offered at Living Water. You may discover an opportunity to learn or discover the chance to share what you know through teaching. But in either case it is truly a moment to grow in faith and love. For that is what this community of faith is all about.

Pastor Mark Rossman



Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish enumerates some summer highlights

Q. As a snowbird, I never experience the summer months at Living Water. Can you bring me up to speed?

A. Summertime tends to be slow, but this year we've had a number of things happening.

Miles to fly to Portland and back: 2,020

Pastor Shari and co-leader Michael Winter accompanied seven teens on a Youth Mission Trip to Portland, OR, in June. The group experienced multiple hands-on opportunities to do God's work. They shared stories of this service trip during worship on Aug. 11.

Kiddos at VBS in June: 49

Although 1 of the 50 children registered didn't attend, a bumper crop of VBSers visited "Athens Southwest" to learn about Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth. This year, the kiddos outnumbered the 42 on-site volunteers who shared God's love with them. Kudos to those volunteers, the talented set design and construction crew, and everyone who generously donated food and craft supplies.

VBS Book Drive tally: 1,048

This year's record-setting drive netted a boatload of books. After a bookplate including Living Water's name was placed in each book, the "literary loot" was delivered to Assistance League, a philanthropic organization that collects books for ICM Food & Clothing Bank. When ICM handed out sack lunches to children in Central Phoenix during their summer break from school it also gave them a book.

Average Sunday worship attendance in June and July: 133

Non-snowbird parishioners may have noticed a visible increase in summer worship attendance. The number of worshipers in June and July was up 15% over the same two-month period last summer.

Education Building openings transformed into windows: 3

Glass installed in three large openings on the building's south end is part of a project to enclose the elevator and stairwell area. Upon completion of construction in mid-September, the existing door will have been moved approximately 12 feet south of its present location.

Not bad for our supposedly slow season, is 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

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)

Confirmation Retreat

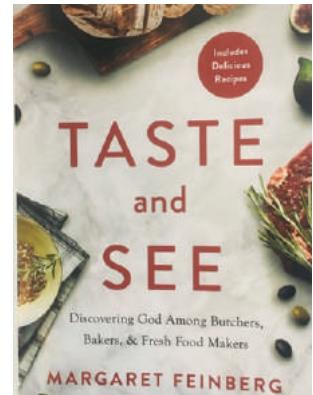
To kick off our confirmation classes this year and to recognize our three students who will be affirming their baptism on November 3, we will having a retreat for all confirmation students on the weekend of September 7-8 in Pine, Arizona. Please keep us in your prayers as we embark on this adventure.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 10

Our Tuesday Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday morning, Sept. 10 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we delve into a new six-week video series from Margaret Feinberg, "Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers." Feinberg's delightful curiosity and whimsical humor will help us learn to nurture deeper connections around any table and discover the satisfying, fruitful life you've been created for. This is a deeply nourishing six-week study sprinkled with delicious recipes and tangible insights. It's at the table where we learn to taste and see the goodness of God. There's a place set just for you.

We meet at 10 am every Tuesday morning for approximately 90 minutes.

Purchase of the Taste and See book is recommended but not required. I will have 15 copies of the book available for purchase (\$12.40 each). You can also purchase the book from Amazon or from Feinberg's website at www.margaretfeinberg.com. Kindle version is available. Bring your favorite Bible translation (electronic or paper) and bring a friend.



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

Adult Forum begins on September 8

Our fall Sunday morning Adult education sessions will begin on Sept. 8 at 9:45 am in the upstairs of the Christian Education building. The first three classes will focus on our interest in the relationship between Christianity and Science. The discussion leaders will be Richard Wehr, a biologist and member of LWLC. He has a strong background in science and is a very active leader in our church. A Christian perspective will be offered by Pastor and member Gene Perry, who has an earned doctorate and been an occasional Adult Ed presenter. Session One will focus on the different realms of science and religion, and Sessions Two and Three will illustrate the different ways science and religion consider the central topics of Origin and Destiny.



YOU ARE INVITED TO.....



**SUNDAYS - STARTING SEPTEMBER 8 - 9:45 - 10:45 AM
KIDS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME!**

At 9:45 am

Adults, and Kids (3 years old and up) meet together for the opening of Sunday School in the Matthew/Mark rooms

At 10:15 am

Club 5 & UP (Adults, and Kids in 5th grade and up) move to Esther room

Communion Class - October 5

Kids starting first grade and up (and their parents) are invited to participate in our Communion Class! **This class is for children who have been baptized, and would like to learn more about what this sacrament means for our faith.** This class will include a time of learning and sharing, arts and crafts and even some baking. Upon completion of the class, we will celebrate Holy Communion together in worship.

Communion Class: Saturday, October 5: 10 – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Receive Communion: Sunday, October 6 at 8:30 am or 11:00 am Worship

(Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend class with child).



NEW MEMBER *Orientation*



October 12 @ 4pm

Sign up in the Narthex or online at
lwlcaz.org/signups/newmember



News & Events

♥ ♦ BRIDGE ♣ ♠

Why not try your hand at bridge on Sept. 20?

Are you a former bridge player? A newbie? A bridge whiz who can help others step up their game? Players of all levels are invited to participate in an enjoyable evening of casual party bridge at the home of Richard and Jill Wehr on Friday, Sept. 20, starting at 7:00 pm. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The hosts will email you directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill (480-515-4813 or jillajw@cox.net).

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.



Sing to the Lord a New Song

The Living Water Adult Choir is getting underway for the 2019-2020 program year. Come and sing with us! We'll kick-off the season with a potluck retreat at Linda & Larry Coutts' home on Sunday, August 25th at noon. Starting Wednesday, August 28th, we'll resume regular rehearsals at 7 pm in the Psalms room of the Christian Education building. All are welcome.

For information, contact Marcie: 602.321.2561 or email MLC123@cox.net.



MOPS & MOMSnext

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



Starts September 5

MOPS & MOMSNEXT

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.

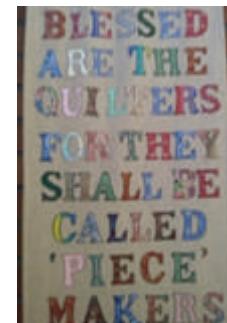
**We meet from 9:30-11:30am on the First and Third Thursdays of the month starting September 5!
Childcare is Free!**

Check out www.lwlcaz.org/mops for Fall 2019 dates and to register .
Questions? Contact Pastor Shari Bernau
pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

Piece-Makers Mission Quilting Resumes September 25

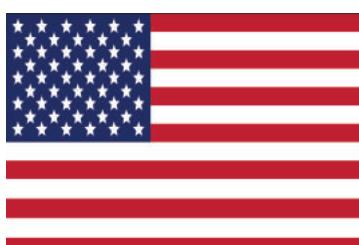
Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 25 to tie quilts that have been assembled during the summer. We're ready to kick off a banner year, supported with gifts received when we blessed our quilts last April!

Come and tie quilts with us! No special skill needed. We will teach you! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 9 am to about noon. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be on. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits



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.



Beauty From Ashes

Isaiah 61:1-11

Grand Canyon Synod Women's Fall Retreat for all women

November 8-9, 2019
Love of Christ Lutheran Church
1525 N Power Rd, Mesa AZ 85205

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Canon Debbie Royals

\$45 registration fee includes Saturday lunch. Hotel accommodations are not included in registration. We've provided a link to area hotels.

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- Music
 - Devotions
 - Movement
 - Workshops
 - Communion
 - Fellowship

Come be renewed and restored, ready to respond

For more details and to register online,
go to our website:
grandcanyonwomen.org/events/

Registration forms also available from
your church women's ministry contact

Helping Refugees

Recently members of Living Water helped to set up a new home for recent refugees. Thank you to everyone who have donated items! Your items have been put to good use!

Living Water Lutheran Church collects items to help refugees. This is done in partnership with Lutheran Social Services. If you have any items that you can donate from the below list please contact Dave & Liz Gilkey at 2gilks@gmail.com.



R&P HOME SUPPLY LIST

Affiliates must ensure that all housing needs, furniture, household items, food and/or food allowance are provided upon arrival. When completing this form list the specific quantities provided; check marks or "enough" are *not* acceptable responses.

PA Name:	Case #:	List Completed by:	
Case Size: 4	DOA:	# of Occupants:	Date Completed:
Address:		Temporary (T) or Permanent (P) Housing: P	
Furniture	Quantity	Kitchen Items	Quantity
Mattress and box spring (only married couples or small children of same gender may be expected to share beds)	2 Twin sets 1 Full set	One place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon) per person	1 set of 4
Bed frame	3	One place setting of dishes (plate, bowl and cup) per person	1 set of 4
One set of drawers, shelves or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing per family	2	Pots and pans: at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish	1 set
One couch or equivalent seating per family (in addition to kitchen chairs)	1	Mixing/serving bowls	1
One lamp per room, unless installed lighting is present and adequate, and light bulbs as needed	3	One set of kitchen utensils (Such as a spatula, wooden spoon, knife, serving utensils, etc.)	1 set
Kitchen table (per case) and chair (per person)	1 table with 4 chairs	Can opener	1
Linens and Other Household Supplies			
One bath towel per person	4	Toilet paper (list number of rolls)	4 sets
One set of sheets for each bed	3	Shampoo	4
Blanket(s) for each bed as seasonally appropriate	3	Soap	4 sets
One pillow and pillowcase for each person	4	One toothbrush per person	4
Alarm clock	1	Toothpaste	4
Paper, pens and/or pencils (one set per case recommended)	4 pens w/ 2 note books	Personal hygiene items as appropriate (such as deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and razors)	1 set for each
Cleaning Supplies			
Dish soap	1 large	Two waste baskets	3
Bathroom/kitchen cleanser	1	Trash bags (list number of boxes)	3
Laundry detergent	1 large	Mop or broom	1
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels	1 set		1 set
Other Items and Food		Description	
Appropriate seasonal clothing for work, school and everyday use: Clean clothing, in good condition, for all members of the family (including proper footwear)			
Baby items as needed: such as baby food, clothing, diapers, infant and children car seats, and cribs			
Food available on arrival: Culturally appropriate, ready-to-eat food, plus one day's worth of additional food supplies and staples (including baby food as needed)			
Food within one day of arrival: Food or food allowance at least equivalent to the food stamp allocation for that family unit and continued food assistance until receipt of food stamps or until individual/ family is able to provide food for himself, herself or themselves			
PA Name:	Signature:		Date:
Case Manager Name:	Signature:		Date:
Interpreter Name:	Signature:		Date:

Based on the FY17 Cooperative Agreement, 16.g.4.

CWS/EMM/LIRS-Recommended

Revised 2/23/2017





Living Water's Wave begins on
Wednesday, September 4

This is a great opportunity to connect to the church family!

Everyone (all ages from 1-101) is invited.

5 pm to 6 pm: Snack and Inflatable Water Slides

Please bring your swim suits and towels, and enjoy some outside fun. Feel free to come anytime between 5 pm and 6 pm.

6 pm to 6:40 pm: Mexican Taco Fiesta

What makes this meal a little different and fun is that children and youth will be assigned a table with a couple of “Table Captains” who will facilitate discussion and help to foster a sense of ‘belonging’ and connection among the table members. Adults are welcome to sit anywhere, but are encouraged to make “new” connections.

6:40 pm to 7:00 pm: Worship

We will move to the Sanctuary where we will sing and read scripture and have a devotion that connects with the theme.

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 1	LAST SUMMER WORSHIP 9:30 AM (SANCTUARY)
SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 4	WAVE MONTHLY PROGRAM 5 PM (COURTYARD & FH)
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)
SEPTEMBER 10	WEEKLY TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 10:00 AM (FH)
SEPTEMBER 16	COUNCIL MEETING (ESTHER)
SEPTEMBER 19	MOPS/MOMSnext MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
SEPTEMBER 20	SPLASH! NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 20	BRIDGE 7 PM (WEHR'S HOUSE)
SEPTEMBER 22	CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 PM (YOUTH ROOM)
SEPTEMBER 25	PIECE-MAKERS MISSION QUILTING 9 AM (FH)



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 8:30am (Liturical Worship)
Sunday 11am (Praise Worship)

Publication Deadlines:

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



July 10, 2019

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

You are such a blessing. Your gift of \$354.00 on July 8, 2019 to Feed My Starving Children is sending 1,475 nutritious MannaPack™ meals to those around the world who need it most. Hope is greater because of you.

Every gift matters to a hungry child. You're saving lives. You're providing hope.

It's an honor to care for these precious children alongside you.

"...and they will do even greater things than these..." – John 14:12

May God bless you.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Crea".

Mark Crea
Executive Director/CEO

*Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law. EIN 41-1601449
No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.*



Reden says "salamat" (thank you)! In his poor community in the Philippines, Reden was malnourished and struggling. His mother Charisse brought him to our partner International Care Ministries (ICM), where she was given FMSC MannaPack™ meals to feed her son. His health stabilized. He gained 10 pounds! "The muscles in his arms and legs grew," Charisse said.

Through your generosity, partners like ICM have FMSC meals on hand to instantly provide care and nutrition to undernourished children. Your loving gift brings hope to these communities in need. Thank you for feeding kids around the world.

HQ 401 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433 | HQ 763-504-2919 | F 763-504-5235 | fmsc.org

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 East Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

LUNCHES FOR Learning

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,754.00 to Lunches for Learning received on 7/5/2019.

During our Day-in-the-Life trip in mid-June, we visited one of the newer schools in the L4L program, a school named Francisco Morazán in the Las Uvas community. It's a school which has been in the L4L program for less than a year, having been invited to join us in August of 2018.

As we were completing our visit, we were presented with some handmade signs on construction paper by the students, some of which are included in this photo. The one sign written in English on yellow paper is easy to read, but the one at the bottom of the photo is particularly poignant. The message translates as:

"Great people are hard to find,
hard to leave,
and impossible to forget."

This gesture by the kids of this particular school shows just how grateful these communities are for the L4L lunch program which is changing the lives of their students.

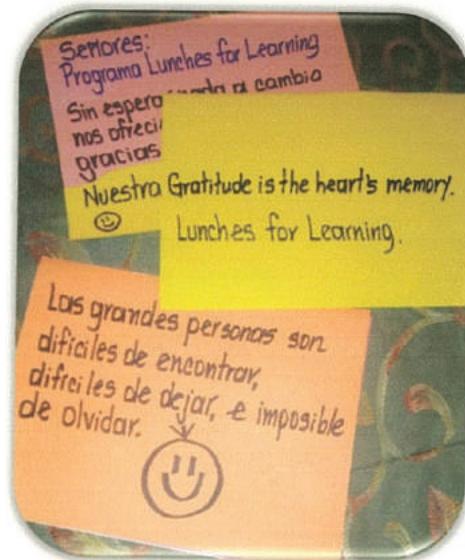
Because of your support, these kids are remaining in school, rather than having to drop-out to search for food. They are learning ... and growing ... and graduating because of your generosity.

We cannot thank you enough for your support of Lunches for Learning and the new sense of hope you are helping to bring to the families in these rural Honduran communities.

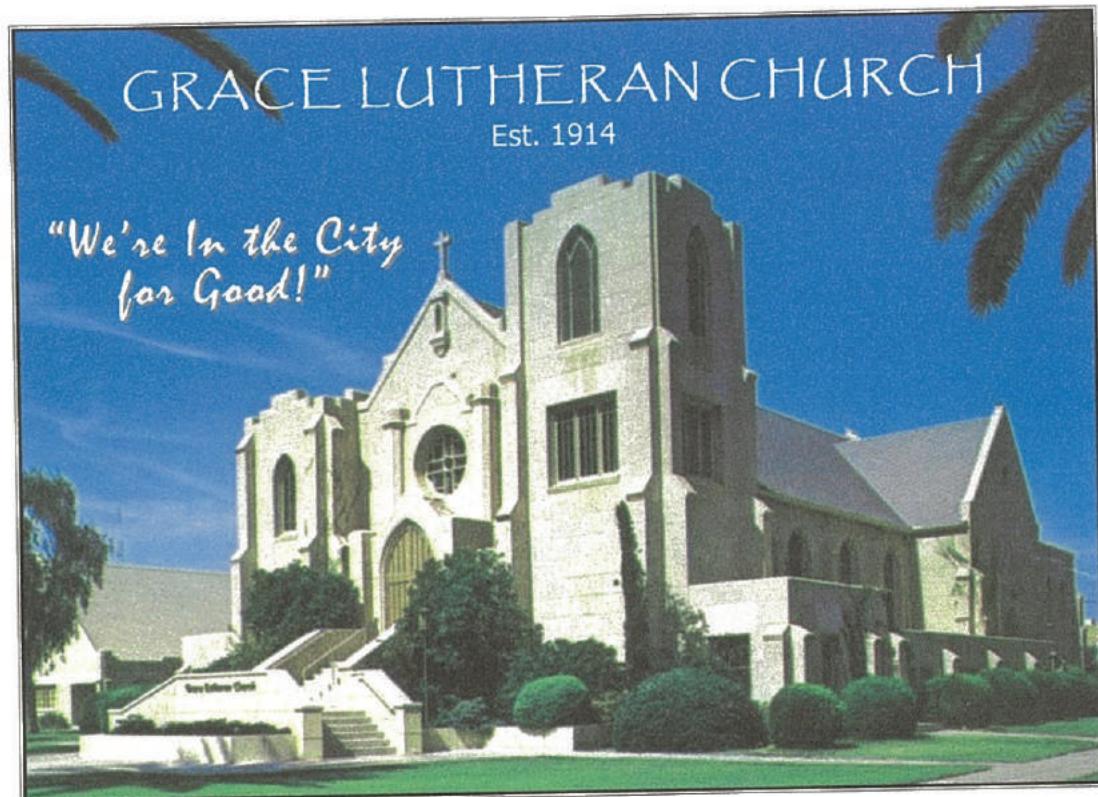
Sincerely,



Phil Dodson, Executive Director



Bringing hope to Honduras ... one lunch at a time
P.O. Box 2146 • Roswell, GA 30077-2146 • 678.397.1624 • lunchesforlearning.org



To Members of Living Waters Lutheran
Church,

The Grace Lutheran Heat Respite
Program thanks you for clothing
and toiletries in support of
our outreach to those experiencing
homelessness in our community.
Your generosity is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Dee Buer
Heat Respite Volunteer