

June 2020

# Splash!

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

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



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Sarah	Shelmire	6/4
Pam	Wilder	6/5
Nancy	Blazer	6/5
Ardie	Senft	6/5
Michelle	Brown	6/6
Denny	Dumler	6/6
Janice	Moore	6/6
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Sharon	Westergreen	6/14
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Lynda	Cales	6/23
Ellen	Schoenbeck	6/23
Lou	Handley	6/25
Penny	Kilburn	6/25
Missy	Laudenschlager	6/25
Sue	Boyd	6/30
Hunter	Brown	6/30



# A Message from Pastor Mark

105 degrees in April? And soon it will be here—summer. And we can only wonder what the temperature will be. The approach of summer is marked not so much by the beginning of the season on June 20th but by the Memorial Day weekend - and that is soon here. The space that is between Memorial Day and Labor Day are actually the days that we generally look at as the more summer-like days of the year. It is between those two weekends that most of us in Arizona try to find a way to get to cooler climates and certainly the time when our friends who visit during the winter find their way back north.

One of the things that has happened to our society since we began to view Memorial Day as the beginning of summer is a dilution of what Memorial Day is all about. With the involvement of our country in conflicts in different areas of the world over the past 20 years, we would do well to remember exactly why it is we mark the last weekend in May as such a significant time.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May. It is the day we remember the men and woman who gave their lives for the sake of this country and for the continuing freedoms we enjoy.

May is also the month when we celebrate the lives of the women who have helped shape us with Mother's Day. Due to the continuing reality of life and death, both Mother's Day and Memorial Day can be a particularly sad times for a number of families. While many of us will be celebrating, there are people who will be facing the painful reminder that someone special to them has been lost—that a life has been taken from them.

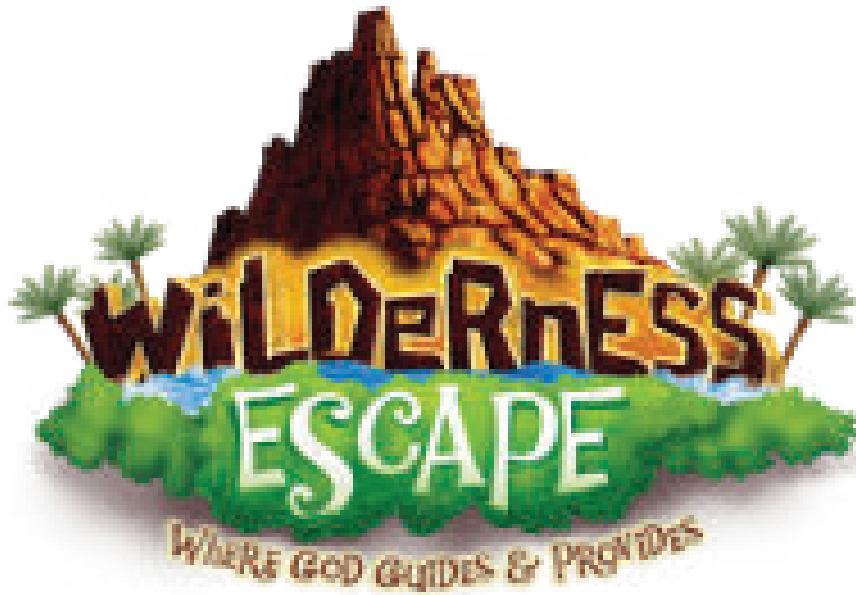
Not all that long ago we all began to gather together in our homes, around our TVs, phones, tablets and computers, to give thanks to God for the gift of life we were given through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. We did so not because we had to do so, we did so because we needed to offer our thanks for this beautiful and powerful gift of life.

Prayers to those who continue to find themselves in harm's way, prayers for those suffering physically or emotionally due to the pandemic, prayers for those who are recovering from the wounds of war, prayers for those who have lost someone special in their lives. And especially, prayers for those who find either of these days not times of celebrations, but times of mourning, or grief, and of loss.

During our celebrations and gatherings for Memorial Day weekend take the time that is required to pray. Take the time to say a prayer for those in peril. Take the time to say a prayer for those battling Covid-19. Take the time to pray for those who are recovering from injury. Take the time to pray for those who have lost men and women special to them. And most of all, pray that in the midst of confusion and chaos of this time, that God's presence remains with us all to lead us and guide us to a peaceful and health-filled conclusion to all the conflicts of our lives.

Pastor Mark





## **2020 Vacation Bible School – BREAKING NEWS!**

Our Vacation Bible School at Living Water is not cancelled!

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy in the current Covid-19 environment, we will be offering a 5 day “Virtual” VBS program to our church family, community and out-of-state family members. Our theme of “Wilderness Escape – Where God Guides & Provides” seems especially relevant considering the uncertain times of today. As of today, we hope to deliver the VBS program the week of June 15, as previously scheduled.

Stay tuned for more information and please keep your VBS Leadership Team in your prayers. We are embarking on a whole new way of delivering the message of God’s love to children.

### **VBS Leadership Team**

Kris Crow  
Pastor Shari  
Heidi Ruff  
Kris Smith  
Myrna Ulland  
Julie Ann Walker



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

April 22, 2020

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

*Thank you!*

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$125.00 to ELCA World Hunger.

*"Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy" (ELW 328).*

On the very first Easter, there was fear, confusion and doubt before there was unreserved joy. But hope and new life triumphed. That is what we, as Christians, celebrate now. This Easter season, you are sharing that hope with your neighbors around the world through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

*Robin K Brown*

The Rev. Robin Brown  
Mission Funding Director, Congregations

*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.*



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Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

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**Thank  
You!**



4/16/20

Dear Pastor Rossman,

As we're going through this time of COVID-19, it's given us time to reflect on the blessings we've been given. We wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your congregation's support for the Fernau family last year and for the many others since you've been partnering with us!

Because of your support, these families now have a safe, affordable home as we're called to "Shelter in Place."

Thank you again for stepping out in faith as we serve the need for housing together!

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,

Andrea Northrup, Levi Myers, & The HabitatCAZ  
Faith Relations Mgr. Faith Relations Team

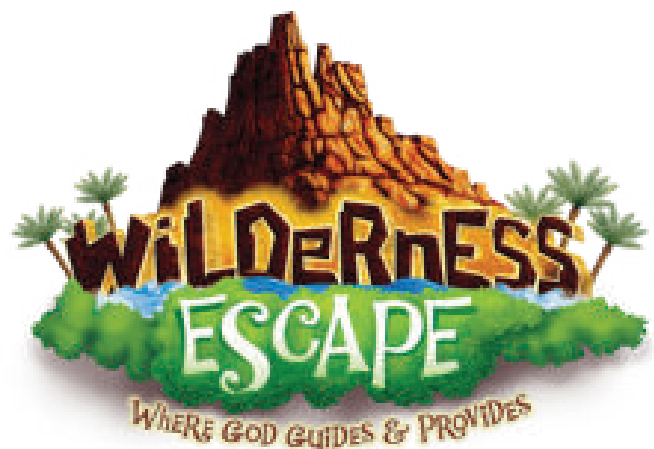
# VBS BOOK DRIVE 2020



Our mission project for VBS is books for kids and here's how you can help make this a success! New or gently used books for kids of elementary ages are preferred; however, we accept books for all ages (kids and adults), including books with a religious theme. Ima Bookworm, our VBS mission project leader, says, "a gently-used book means no rips/tears, no writing, and no worm holes!" Books can be brought to a collection box at the south door of the Education Building from Monday, June 8 to Friday, June 19. Follow the instructions on the door when you drop off your books.

You can also help us purchase new or gently used books by making a \$\$\$ contribution to our VBS Book Drive. Sue Brash, our LWLC book drive coordinator, can purchase books at a discount from many sources. Since our VBS is "virtual" this year, we are not seeking donations of food or supplies as in past years. This year, you can direct what you might have spent on those items, or even more, to our VBS Book Drive! Please note 'VBS Book Drive' on your check, your offering envelope, or on your online donation.

All books, donated or purchased, are directed to the Phoenix Assistance League for distribution. Every book you donate goes to a happy new home. Sometimes it's the very first book a needy child will own. Look at the joy we can bring to others!







## LUNCHES FOR Learning

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift to Lunches for Learning:

Date of this gift: 3/23/2020  
Amount of this gift: \$6,400  
Your giving in 2020: \$6,400

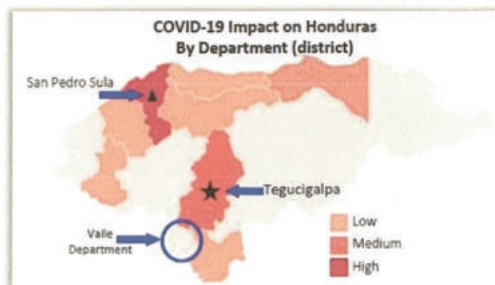
After beginning the 2020 school year in Honduras on a high note – announcing that we were able to invite five additional schools and 180 additional kids into the L4L program in February, we now find ourselves in uncharted territory ... like virtually everyone else on the planet.

In mid-March, around the same time similar decisions were being made in the US, Honduras went into a full lock-down because of COVID-19. Schools were immediately closed and Hondurans were asked to restrict their movements, remain at home, and observe “social distancing”. While this appears to be a prudent course of action given the circumstances, our hearts are breaking for all the kids in L4L-sponsored schools who have not been receiving daily school lunches for nearly a month now. While the lockdown order continues, our options are very limited.

Soon after all Honduran schools were closed-down in March, we sent word to all school Principals at L4L-sponsored schools authorizing them to distribute all L4L food at their schools to the families of their kids. This certainly helped in the short-term, but the isolation of these remote Honduran communities has only amplified their struggle for food. Without the school lunches for their kids, these families find themselves right back in the struggle for a way to feed their families each day.

It is our sincere hope that this situation will resolve itself soon so that we can resume operations and kids can again begin receiving the daily nutrition in the L4L school lunches. We have developed a “rapid response” plan which will allow us to quickly re-supply all 46 schools in the program once schools are re-opened.

The good news is that Honduras has approximately 350 total confirmed cases of Coronavirus, and there are zero cases in the Valle Department where L4L operates. The majority of cases occurring in Honduras are in the cities of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula.



Thank you for the impact your giving will again be having on these very deserving kids in the L4L program once we are able to resume operations there. Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you at any point. On behalf of the kids in Honduras ... THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



Phil Dodson, Executive Director

*Lunches for Learning is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.  
All gifts are tax-deductible. No goods or services were rendered in exchange for this gift.*

Bringing hope to Honduras ... one lunch at a time  
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Students in L4L-sponsored schools enjoy a healthy lunch each day, provided through the support we receive from our sponsors and donors. Each lunch includes rice, beans, tortillas, a glass of milk and a chewable multi-vitamin which provides vitamins A, C, D, E, B1, B2, B6 and B12, as well as Niacin, Folic Acid and Iron.

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Lunches for Learning exists with one targeted goal – to break the cycle of poverty in rural Honduras. In a region where up to 30% of children drop-out of school each year to find food, and more than 70% live in poverty, Lunches for Learning is making a difference.

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Amount of this gift: \$ 390.50  
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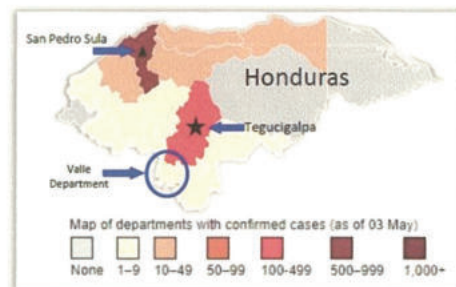
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Honduras has just recently crossed the threshold of 1,000 total confirmed cases of Coronavirus, with only one confirmed case in the Valle Department where L4L operates. The majority of cases occurring in Honduras are concentrated in the city of San Pedro Sula in the far north.



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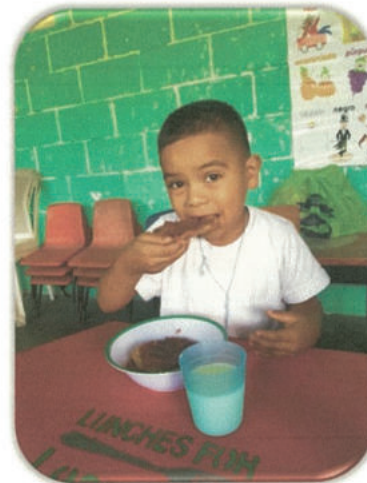
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# Bible Studies & Retreats

Visit the Living Water website to keep up-to-date:  
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Here you will find links to our YouTube videos of weekly worship and studies, plus PDF outlines for each Bible study & worship. 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](mailto:jillajw@cox.net)).

*note:*

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

**New date to be announced!**







# Ask Zeke

***Living Water's 24/7 office fish applauds the outpouring of support as the coronavirus impacts lives around the world.***

**Q. The ELCA has been helpful in guiding congregations through the coronavirus pandemic. How is it addressing the impact of COVID-19's global spread?**

A. Lutheran Disaster Response is an ELCA entity that “brings God’s hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.” As such, it’s the ELCA’s engine for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic at home and abroad. Although the outbreak is unlike “conventional” disasters – e.g., floods, tornadoes, and wildfires – LDR is no stranger to providing food and hygiene kits. But this highly contagious pandemic also presents another urgent need: personal protection equipment and other medical supplies.

As the coronavirus erupted in the U.S., LDR stepped into action by helping a Lutheran church in New Orleans expand its meal program for at-risk residents. It also partnered with southern California churches involved in a social ministry delivering food and essential supplies to elderly and homebound people. By late April, LDR was also supporting relief assistance in Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

Overseas, LDR collaborates with various organizations in numerous locations. Programs it funds include the provision of PPE and sanitation supplies for a Jerusalem hospital, meals and hygiene kits in India, medical supplies and hygiene training in South Sudan, and PPE in Italy.

Other arms of the ELCA are helping here in Arizona. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest continues its critical services related to in-home care, shelter for the homeless, food pantries, and meal delivery. Living Water’s response is driven by the spirit of “God’s work. Our hands.” In April, our congregation participated in a local ELCA church’s collection of funds and food for the Navajo Lutheran Mission. In May, our confirmation youth decided to help local hunger by designating \$596 from Souper Bowl Sunday to St. Mary’s Food Bank, which is struggling to feed more families. Your ongoing prayers are also a powerful crisis response.

***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.***



# *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

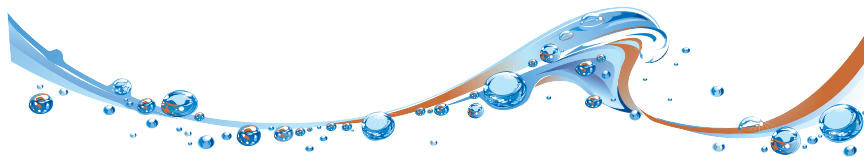
## **4th Sunday of the Month**

8:30 a.m. Denny Dumler

11:00 a.m. Charlie / Sue Boyd

Ed / Darryl Shipley.

Many hands make the work a little lighter.



## **Publication Deadlines:**

Connections- Every Tuesday by noon

SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon



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# Methodus of Marie Baill (Moultier of Janine Moultier)



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Child and Friend of Maria Ball Mother of Janie Moore

by and Friends of Maria Ball Mother of 13 and Maria













