

July 2020

# Splash!

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

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# We Remember in our Prayers



- Cy Bassett (Friend of Larry & Linda Coutts)—Battling Cancer
- Becky (Neighbor of Joan Sprinkle)—Battling Cancer
- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Cancer
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Betty (Neighbor of Joan Sprinkle)—Health Concerns
- Becky Bliedernich (Niece of Barbara Brooks)—Battling Cancer
- Nancy Blazer—Health Concerns
- Michelle Brown (Daughter of Larry and Linda Coutts)—Health Concerns
- Jeff Cross (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Barbara Germano (Friend of Joan Sprinkle)—Recovering from Cancer
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Al Hopkins (cousin-in-law of Lee and Sue Stenehjem)—Battling Cancer
- Kathryn Johnson (daughter-in-law of Steve & Susan Johnson)—Battling Cancer
- Mike Knytch—Battling Cancer
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Melissa Laudenschlager (Daughter of Larry and Linda Coutts)—Health Concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Stepdaughter of Carol Gasser)—Battling Cancer
- Beth Oujiri—Health Concerns
- Gene Perry—Recovering from Heart Procedure
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Shannon Rye (Daughter of Dick and Barbara Gunderson)—Death of Husband
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Jay Van (Iris Van's son)—Health Concerns
- Gil Wahlberg—Health Concerns
- Dave Wilder —Health Concerns
- Lew Wilson (Friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem)—Battling Cancer
- Robert Winter—Recovering from Surgery
- Family & Friends of Susan Hogan Youngdahl (Friend of Jan Johnson, at Mt. Olivet)

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

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.



Eric	Leinweber	3-Jul
Gene	Eilers	5-Jul
Ed	Shiple	6-Jul
Marilyn	Nartker	8-Jul
Susan	Purewal	8-Jul
Linda	Snaveley	9-Jul
Beth	McCarthy	14-Jul
Ron	Koch	15-Jul

Trace	Laudenschlager	15-Jul
John	Hannan	16-Jul
William	Ruff	19-Jul
Sarge	Purewal	21-Jul
Ann	Sadler	21-Jul
Michael	Winter	21-Jul
Tom	Kelland	24-Jul
Pam	Landon	25-Jul
John	Oujiri	29-Jul



# A Message from Pastor Shari

## The Hope Project

As I was listening to the latest update on Covid-19 in the State of Arizona, I was reminded of my appreciation for science, facts, and straightforward communication. The facts are important, as they give us a better understanding of what is happening, and then we can respond accordingly. However, the facts (especially in these days) can also cause us to be anxious, fearful, and preoccupied with self-preservation. Even though this isn't what God would want for us, it is very easy to fall into this temptation (myself included).

There is something, however, that helps me when I start to worry, fear and focus on my own problems, and that is **HOPE**. Hope is mentioned over a hundred times in the bible, including:

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope** and a future."

Ephesians 1:18 "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the **hope** to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

Hope is God's gift to us and when we receive it with open arms and claim it for our lives, we say, "Thank you, God, for being there for me so I can be there for others." In other words, when we have hope, we don't have to be preoccupied with our own issues and we can be free to love others.

There are so many wonderful people in our congregation who represent hope in so many ways, and during this time of social distancing, I thought it was important that we have an opportunity to share hope with each other in a virtual way. Therefore, "The Hope Project" was born.



"The Hope Project" involves you emailing a picture to Pastor Shari ([pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)) of something that depicts "hope" for you. And, then include one or two sentences that explain why this picture gives you hope. Once we receive it, we will include it in one of our upcoming worship services. We can't wait to hear from you!

Some examples include: Memories, Nature, Family, Pets, Hobbies, Faith Symbols, The Arts, etc.

THANK YOU

from all of us at

GRACE

To Our Friends at Living Water Lutheran

Thank you for your gracious donation  
of clothing, shoes and household items  
for the the grace Room in support  
of our outreach efforts.

Your generosity is much  
appreciated, especially during these  
difficult times.

Sincerely,  
Lee Ford

On behalf of Grace Lutheran Church





Bringing people together to **build homes, communities and hope.**

June 8, 2020

Living Water Lutheran Church  
Attn: Myrna Ulland  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85255-2228

Dear Myrna,

At Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona, we are driven by the vision that everyone deserves a decent place to call home. During the current health crisis, now more than ever we are seeing how important it is to have an affordable and safe place to live. Imagine being asked to stay home and having no decent place to do so. Living Water Lutheran Church's continued partnership and the generous gift of *70 face masks* will allow us the chance to continue to serve families who need our help.

When any disaster hits – a storm, disease, or financial crisis, those who struggle the most find themselves struggling even more. Arizona families will need our help more than ever and when the time is right, we will once again accelerate our efforts with renewed energy and commitment. It is because of the support of donors like you, we know we will be able to navigate these uncharted waters and serve those who need our help.

We are so grateful for your support and dedication to help make a positive impact in our community. Although we cannot affix a monetary value to your donation, we are able to provide you with this letter for your taxes. Thank you again for all you do.

Please stay healthy and safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Debra Bradley  
Chief Operating/Financial Officer

Tax Information

This letter is your tax receipt. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution. Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona, Federal Tax ID 74-2401708 is a Qualified Charitable Organization QCO Code # 20434. You may be eligible for an **Arizona Tax Credit** and will need to use Tax Form 321.





THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2020 AT 7:00PM





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





# 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.*





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