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Splash!

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

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A Message from Pastor Mark

Much of what was done in the early years of the Christian Church was based on the understanding of the importance of fellowship. The gathering of Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper was a meal shared and in those early years of Christianity such feasts were commonplace. The whole idea of getting together to spend quality time with other people of the faith was pretty much the center of their lives together. While those beginnings have been transformed into our Sunday morning worship, there is a certain aspect of those early gathering that have remained in our communities of faith.

One such gathering which has local and international underpinnings which we think of during this time of year is Oktoberfest. More than likely this celebration has become closely knit to Lutheranism because of its Bavarian Germanic beginnings. The variety of foods coupled with the opportunity to sit and celebrate life along with the bounty of the harvest is at the center of this gathering. To see the variety of things that are brought to the buffet table is truly amazing. This is an event that has been an annual part of many lives.

That is part of the joy of being in a community. In a community we are able to gather together to celebrate the joys of life. In a community we can take tasks that would be daunting and turn them into something easy and enjoyable. In a community we are able to do things that would be impossible for an individual to accomplish, and together are able to make the workload quite light. In a community we are able to care for the needs of one another that would never happen if we were out there on our own.

Community is the central theme of the church and of Living Water. In our community we can accomplish the impossible. In our community we can make things happen that we would not be able to handle alone. In our community we are able to do the ministry of God in a way that would not and could not happen if we tried it alone. In our community, we can celebrate life in a way that simply is not possible to do on our own. With the help of God, in our community we can do anything – anything at all.

This past year has created a tremendous challenge to that sense of community. The distance and separation created by the pandemic has left us feeling as shells of our former selves. But despite these challenges we have worked at remaining the community of faith we have always been. We have used technology and creativity to stay connected. We have supported one another during this time, we have prayed together, had coffee hours and happy hours together, and we have worshipped together.

Beginning on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM, we are going to take a big step in returning together again. This will mark the first of our Outdoor Gatherings. A time of worship that you can enjoy in the comfort and safety of your own car in the Living Water parking lot, or – for a limited number of folks – from the lawn in front of the church. And while we will be offering this new form of gathering, we will still be offering our online services for those who can't attend the Gathering.

As it is with all the times of our lives, there will be many unexpected and unanticipated challenges we will be facing in the days and months to come. But when we do gather to take on a task, what we find is we turn a challenge into a celebration. For in that which we do together as God's people, we celebrate such opportunities that have been set before us. As a community, when we work together, when we each take a piece of the greater task, when we all band together for a common goal, with God's help there is nothing, absolutely nothing we cannot accomplish.

Pastor Rossman

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Following is a letter forwarded to us (with translation just below) from just one of the students in Southern Honduras who was sponsored (prior to Covid, when classes were still in session) by **Lunches for Learning (L4L)**. Being able to receive daily school lunches generates a true optimism for the poorest kids living in this rural area and makes their time in school a place of happy memories and learning. L4L makes a real difference in the life of these students.



Jicaro Abajo Moropocay Nacaome
 Departamento de Valle Honduras
 Para: Living Water Lutheran Church Scottsdale
 Arizona USA
 Reciban un cariñoso saludo de parte de
 Kevin Alejandro Aguilar Yazque Alumno
 de la escuela Dr. Ery Sagot Mejia de la
 comunidad de Jicaro Abajo Moropocay
 Nacaome Valle
 con gran alegría les escribo esta carta
 para con mentarles de mis grandes avances
 en mis clases su perando todas mis dificultades
 de aprender y así ser mejor cada día
 y quisiera lo gra se un gran abogado en mi
 futuro.
 les doy las gracias por la merienden y
 vitamina que recibimos todos los días
 ya que muchos no contamos con una alimento
 adecuada para nuestro desarrollo y esperamos
 contar con ustedes para nuestra clausura en
 este año 2020
 nos despedimos agradeciendoles por su colaboración
 para nuestra escuela gracias por su apoyo que
 Dios los bendiga grande mente.

Jicaro Abaja, Moropocay, Nacaome Valle Honduras.

To: Living Water Lutheran Church, Scottsdale Arizona USA.

This is an affectionate greeting from Kevin Alejandro Aguilar Vasquez, a student at school Ery Sagot Mejia from the community Jicaro Abaja, Moropocay, Nacaome Valle. I wrote this letter with great joy to tell you about how good I am doing in my classes overcoming all my difficulties to be better. I'd like to be a successful lawyer in the future.

I say thank you for the meal and vitamins we receive every day because many of us don't have the proper nutrition for our development. We hope to have you here for our graduation this year 2020.

We say good bye but very grateful for your cooperation with our school. Thanks for your support.

May God bless you greatly.

Lee	Landon	1-Oct
Nicholas	Ingwersen	1-Oct
DJ	Johnson	3-Oct
James	King	3-Oct
Davis	Shelmire	3-Oct
Lily	Shelmire	3-Oct
Michelle	Ruha	4-Oct
Marcia	Page	4-Oct
Joy	Gallimore	9-Oct
Patty	Sell	9-Oct
Kip	Wachter	9-Oct
Larry	Coutts	9-Oct

Donna	Pettengill	10-Oct
Mason	Rossmann	11-Oct
Barb	Bremer	12-Oct
Ronald	Ophaug	12-Oct
Beth	Oujiri	12-Oct
Lisa	Sleeper	14-Oct
Nathan	Fjeld	15-Oct
Kaden	Roos	15-Oct
Barbara	Brooks	16-Oct
Zoey	Crow	16-Oct
Marcella	Lindert	17-Oct
Gordon	Lindert	18-Oct



Aubrey	Coutts	19-Oct
Brad	Thompson	21-Oct
Lynda	Cadden	23-Oct
Darnell	Pettengill	24-Oct
Mike	Sadler	24-Oct
Kristin	Smith	25-Oct
Norb	Schroeder	26-Oct
Diane	Sundquist	27-Oct
Michael	Alberti	28-Oct
Frank	Stock	30-Oct
Miriam	Bernau	30-Oct
Tim	Mouer	31-Oct



**Outdoor
Gathering
beginning
October 18th
Sundays
at
10:00 a.m.**





Ask Zeke


Living Water's 24/7 office fish points out an opportunity to fight hunger as you hunker down

Q. When I read that 1 in 10 Americans lacks enough food, I wondered about the status of Living Water's grocery cart for donating food items to La Sagrada Familia. How's it doing during the pandemic?

A. Pre-pandemic, the grocery cart parked outside the sanctuary was a "billboard" for donations to La Sagrada Familia's emergency food bank. Without that visible reminder – and with many Living Water members hunkering down at home – it takes somewhat longer to fill the cart. Our last delivery to LSF, an inner-city ELCA Latino congregation, was back in June. I'm pleased to report that, as of mid-September, the grocery cart was once again chock-full and ready to roll. (Many thanks to folks who dropped off donations at LW over the summer.) It's time to fill'er up again!

LSF is one of three local food banks that LW regularly supports. COVID-19 also affected our monetary contributions to the St. Mary's Food Bank and Interfaith Cooperative Ministries. St. Mary's has been a regular recipient of Hunger Jar collections. Our mid-March suspension of in-person worship meant a smaller amount was sent to St. Mary's in April as well as no Hunger Jar collections in subsequent months. Likewise, the amount for ICM, a recipient of Lenten service offerings, was modest this year since there was only one Lenten service.

According to PBS, "Tens of millions of Americans were already wrestling with having enough food to eat before the coronavirus came along. Enter a pandemic that launched an historic recession and experts say that need has only grown." If you'd like to help one of the aforementioned local food banks ease hunger, your options are as follows:

- Put on a mask and deliver non-perishable food items to LW or directly to LSF's front desk during office hours (address: 2500 E. Campo Bello Dr., Phoenix 85032; phone: 602-237-6532)
- Send LW a check or online donation for a designated organization 
- Make a financial contribution directly to LSF, St. Mary's Food, or ICM
For online donations: St. Mary's (firstfoodbank.org) and ICM (icmaz.org)

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.



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