



April 2022

Splash!

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

Living Water
Lutheran Church



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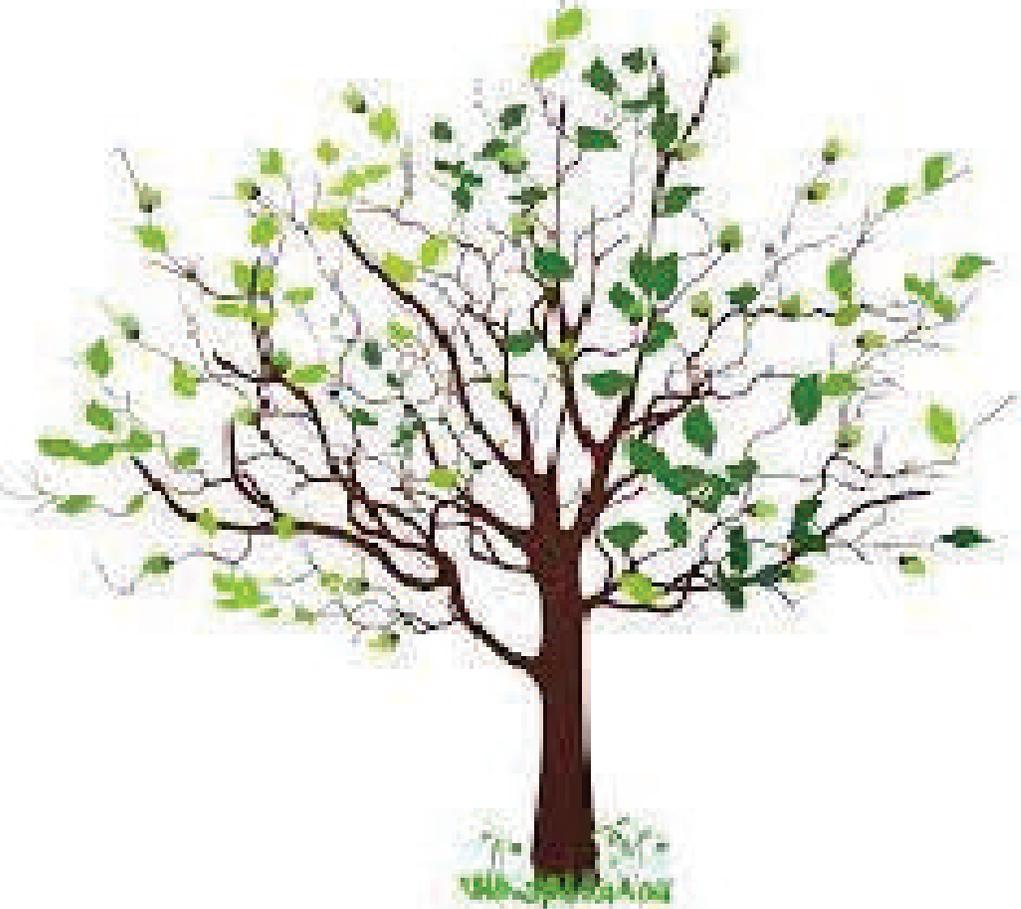
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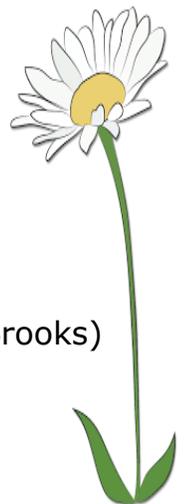
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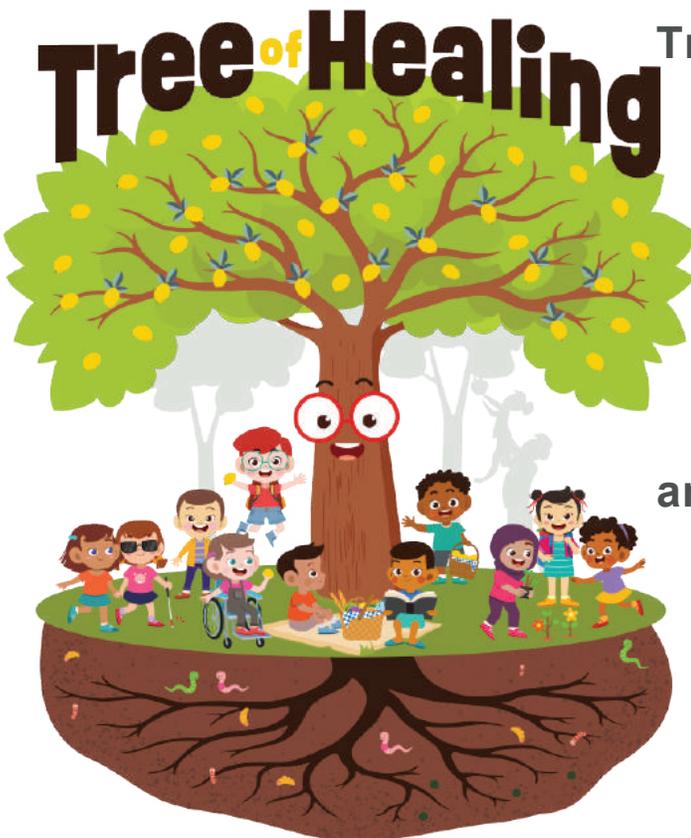
Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill one out at lwlcaz.org

A Message from Pastor Shari

Have you heard about this year's Vacation Bible School theme? It is called Tree of Healing and it is the ELCA World Hunger's VBS Program for 2022. This is the second year we will be utilizing the ELCA World Hunger's VBS program and we are excited about how the curriculum engages the children to think of ways in which our faith connects with our lives and the world. The "Tree of Healing" theme helps us consider God's promise and a reminder of God's will for all the nations to experience healing. In fact, we will talk about all kinds of healing. Topics include environmental health, mental health, healthy grieving, different abilities and health justice. We will look at bible passages from the book of Psalms, 3 John, Exodus and the Gospel of John; and we will travel (in our imaginations) to Eswatini, Africa; Egypt; Bangladesh; Palestine; and even Minnesota and learn about people helping people. We will also sing and dance and do some fun crafts and enjoy some yummy snacks. If you know anyone ages 4 through 6th grade, please let them know that registration is now open, it's free, and easy to access on our website.

Pastor Shari

VBS Week – June 20 to 24 2022 – 9am- 11:30am daily



Tree of Healing VBS is a chance for children and adults to consider what health means and how God invites us to share in the building of a just world where all can enjoy the gifts of God's creation. The program will include fabulous music, dramatic skits, creative crafts, fun games, Bible stories, and a focus on ELCA World Hunger programs around the world. A delicious snack will be provided "to-go" at the end of each morning. Registration is FREE and each child will receive a colorful VBS t-shirt. Go to www.lwlcaz.org

Ask Zeke



Living Water's 24/7 office fish thinks the Ladies Tea leadership team and volunteers got it right to a T

Q. As a guy, I'm curious about the Ladies Tea last month. What made it so special?

A. The Ladies Tea on March 5 was an elegant affair that took its cue from a traditional English Tea. Kudos to the adults and teens who staged this spectacular soiree. They created a memorable afternoon that blended shopping, sipping, and sisterly sharing, all for a worthy cause: raising funds for our youth mission trip.

The 50 women fortunate enough to score tickets to the tea played their part by getting gussied up in tea party attire, including several hats. The festivities began with shopping: five long tales sparkling with jewelry and a row of chairs displaying around 75 handbags. When a gently used item caught a woman's fancy, she'd estimate a fair price and put cash in a box. The event also featured a silent auction for pricier pieces.

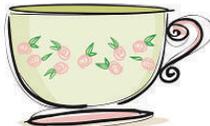
The "shoppers" were then invited to take a seat for a genuine three-course afternoon tea: an array of sandwiches followed by a selection of scones and topped off with mouth-watering pastries. As attendees daintily nibbled on tempting treats and sipped flavorful tea, Pastor Shari presented an entertaining program about tea customs around the globe. Laughter and happy chatter filled the Fellowship Hall as women enjoyed the special sisterly fellowship they've been craving for the past two years.

The Ladies Tea raised more than \$5,000 toward this summer's youth mission trip to Alamosa, CO. The tea's benefits also flow beyond Living Water: all unsold items have been donated to the Lutheran Thrift Store in Sun City and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Scottsdale Hope Chest thrift store.

Pastor Shari is grateful the Ladies Tea proceeds surpassed its fundraising goal. She also sees another positive outcome: "We LOVE to see relationships grow among the participants and volunteers as a result of fellowship events such as this." Aah, the power of tea!

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.

Saturday March 5th Ladies Tea



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Saturdays 9:00-1:00pm
Farmers Market
Living Water Parking Lot



Please check their Facebook page for operational updates and to sign-up for market notices:

facebook.com/FarmersMarketNorthScottsdale

Men's Bible Breakfast

Thursdays at **8:30AM**
Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.
Carefree, AZ 85377



Carpool leaves church @ 8:15AM
\$7 for breakfast

**La Sagrada Familia Lutheran
Food Shelf Needs Our Help!**

Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagrada Familia in northern Phoenix is appreciated, and there is a continuing need. Items needed most frequently are noted on the "shopping list" in the grocery cart that is set out each Sunday morning. For the safety of our



friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or "close-to" date items. Please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP ALAMOSA, CO JULY 2-8, 2022

Who: Youth entering grades 7-12, and graduating seniors

Cost: \$300 + help with fundraisers

Deadline to register with \$100 deposit: **ASAP**

In Alamosa, we'll experience the beauty of the mountains but also learn about the struggle of rural life in Southern Colorado. With one of the worst unemployment rates in Colorado, rural poverty is felt throughout the San Luis Valley. Our group will come alongside existing organizations to meet on-going needs, including working in gardens to meet food needs, doing home repair projects, and running a kids club for elementary-aged kids in this community. During the evenings, you'll learn more from a community speaker about what the community is doing to serve the under-served, explore the natural beauty of this area, and visit the **Great Sand Dunes National Park**.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

A BIG thank you to all who donated to the ELCA Good Gifts program in 2021.

It was a successful year for LWLC donors. We hit a record amount of \$7,000.00!! Some of the funds were given on matching funds days so they received extra \$\$\$.

You are great supporters!!

Ron and Cindy Ophaug



Lent and Holy Week Service times

Lent:

April 6, Wednesday/**Lenten** Study 6:00pm/Lenten Worship 7:00pm

Holy Week:

April 14, Thursday/**Maundy Thursday**/Worship Service 7:00pm

April 15, Friday/**Good Friday**/Worship Service 7:00pm

April 17, **Easter Sunday** Worship Services:
6:30am, 8:30am (this service also posted online), and 11:00am
Brunch at 9:30am



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Living Water has built nineteen houses through Habitat for Humanity over the years. Habitat has an opportunity for Living Water to do some painting at a North Phoenix home on April 30 at 6:30 AM. Anyone interested may contact John Goesling at 480-310-1699 or at jmgoesling@msn.com. He will then give you all the details.



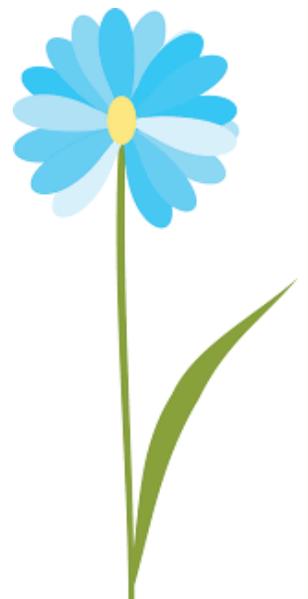
Piecemakers Quilting in April

We are planning two more sessions in April to get as many quilts completed as possible before our Lutheran World Relief ingathering at the end of the month. Join us on Wednesday, April 6 and 20.

Come and tie quilts with us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 6 and 20 from 9 am to about noon. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits



April
SHOWERS
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May
FLOWERS





Lutheran Disaster Response in Eastern Europe

Millions of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary.

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region.

What you can do:

Pray:

Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give:

LWLC's 2022 Mid-week Lenten Offerings. All mid-week worship offerings received from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday will be directed to **Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Europe Crisis Response.**

Your gifts designated for this crisis response will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. You may also give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response from this link: "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response.](#)" When you give online, you can associate your gift with Living Water Lutheran.

Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's "A Season of Hope"

During Lent 2022, we will again collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent.

Our collection begins on Sunday, March 6 and ends on April 10.



A message from LWR: As we approach

Lent, so many of our neighbors around the world are longing to experience — to truly touch, hear, see, smell and taste — the hope that only Jesus can bring. Meanwhile, we know your congregation is restless and eager to be Christ's hands and feet in a world reeling from hardship. Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

Living Water, we can give hope through these 5 items:

- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred (no bath sheets or large, fluffy towels, please!)**
- **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping****
- **1 medium to wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- **1 metal nail clippers (finger or toenail), with or without a nail file attached**

Bath towels should be new and light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR.

**we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can. There will be a collection bin in the church entryway. We'll again have some financial support from a Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 122 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com or Ron Ophaug at ronophaug@yahoo.com.



St. Mary's
Food Bank®

www.StMarysFoodBank.org
602.242.FOOD (3663)

March 14, 2022

Pastor Mark Rossman
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Rossman,

Thank you for your selfless act of kindness. Your support is the reason we are able feed so many people in our community. Your generous gift of \$319.50 on 3/9/2022 was put to work immediately to provide 2,237 meals for our neighbors struggling to put food on the table. We are truly thankful for supporters like you who have been helping us fight hunger since 2002.

Low-income families and seniors on fixed incomes who were working towards a post-pandemic recovery are now finding themselves strained – emotionally and financially – from the prolonged inflation. Engulfed by the rising costs of housing, gas, and food, their hardship has been drawn out longer than expected.

That is when you stepped in. Because of you, St. Mary's Food Bank is a place our clients can come to for immediate relief and hope. They are so grateful to you, our generous donors, for the boxes and bags filled with milk, eggs, bread, protein, and rice. We thank you for providing these nutritious foods.

If you would ever like to come for a tour at our Phoenix food bank, please call our Development team at 602-242-3663 to reserve your spot.

Thank you for caring,

Tom Kertis
President and CEO

Consider a donation from your Donor Advised Fund.

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation.

St. Mary's Food Bank is a qualifying charity of the

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit – Qualifying Charitable Organization Code 20208

STARDUST FOUNDATION CAMPUS
2831 N. 31st Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85009

SURPRISE
13050 W. Elm St.
Surprise, AZ 85378

FLAGSTAFF
5200 E Cortland Blvd. Ste A15
Flagstaff, AZ 86004



April Birthdays!

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| Phil | Pounds | 4/1 |
| Claudia | Ingwersen | 4/3 |
| Linda | Hoenig | 4/8 |
| AJ | Bernau | 4/9 |
| Kinsley | Smith | 4/11 |
| Leslie | Mouer | 4/11 |
| Barbara | Hannan | 4/12 |
| Dave | Schoenbeck | 4/15 |
| Sally | Harris | 4/16 |
| Iris | Van | 4/20 |



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| Janis | Fjeld | 4/21 |
| Joan | Tryhus | 4/21 |
| Larry | Carr | 4/22 |
| Kim | Leinweber | 4/23 |
| Diane | Klumpp | 4/23 |
| Doug | Yock | 4/24 |
| Roz | Anderson | 4/25 |
| Dick | Blazer | 4/25 |
| Paul | Swenson | 4/25 |
| Jennifer | Sadler | 4/27 |
| Jennifer | Weisman | 4/30 |

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

Publication Deadlines:

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



AZ TAX CREDITS

Arizona permits taxpayers to claim multiple credits for contributions to charitable organizations and schools. This means that you can claim credits for donations to Habitat for Humanity (a charitable organization), and to a public school and to ACSTO (a private school tuition organization). For more information, visit <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Preparations are now underway to build another Habitat home with Lutheran churches starting in 2022 in the Greater Phoenix area. We need to raise our fair share to pay for the out-of-pocket costs that Habitat incurs to build these homes. Our goal is to raise \$4000.

AZ law provides a tax credit for contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. Habitat is one of the qualifying organizations. So, if you are going to be paying income taxes to the State of Arizona, you can claim a credit on your income tax return. Taxpayers filing as "single" and "head of household" and "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800. You may do this even if you don't itemize deductions.

You can either send your check directly to Habitat of Central AZ or hand your check to Greysen West, Financial Manager or to Marilyn or John Goesling. If you send your check directly, please note on your check that it applies to the North-east Lutheran Coalition-Living Water Church. If you need additional information, contact Marilyn or John Goesling. And, if you are interested in working on the build next spring, a signup sheet will be available in the narthex once details are confirmed.

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian School

Here is another AZ Tax credit opportunity. This is through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO). One of the schools helped by this tax credit is the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school in Rock Point. This school needs financial help. We currently help the school with the collection of box top labels. We have found this brings in very little income for the school. This would be more helpful to the school. With this one, you donate right to ACSTO and specifically designate the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school. Donors can give up to \$1221/\$611 (married/single) towards the original tax credit. Any donation above this amount will then go towards the Overflow Tax Credit, up to a maximum of an additional \$1214/\$608. It is clearly explained at the ACSTO website which is <http://acsto.org>. They walk you through the donation process right there on the website. The website also provides the tax reporting instructions and documents needed if you participate in this unique tax credit opportunity. Also, note that donations can be made in early 2022 if it is before the April tax deadline.

LUNCHES FOR Learning

After having adapted the school lunch program in 2021 (in response to restrictions in Honduras), *Lunches for Learning* has two very clear priorities for 2022.

First, resume the daily school lunch program at all 46 schools.

Second, impact even more kids with this life-changing program by reaching new schools in new communities. If you are planning any year-end giving this year, please consider a gift to L4L to help us expand our reach.

We Remain Focused

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Honduras in March 2020, the impact of the economic shutdown has caused the poverty in Honduras to worsen. Even more families now find themselves living in abject poverty ... meaning that they typically have \$2 or less available each day to feed their families.

This means that the need for the L4L school lunch program is greater than ever right now. Generosity from our supporters has allowed L4L to adapt our program to meet the need in 2021, and now we have our hearts set on reaching into even more Honduran communities that need our help in 2022.

Donate Today at lunchesforlearning.org

Checks can be mailed to
PO Box 2146 . Roswell, GA 30077
empower@lunchesforlearning.org



The Impact of Your Generosity:

- A gift of \$150 provides school lunches to one child for an entire school year.
- \$750 feeds a single grade-level grouping of children (ex: 3rd graders, averaging 5-6 students).
- \$1,500 covers the cost of lunches for an entire classroom (multiple grade-level groups).
- \$2,500 will sponsor a kindergarten or a small K-6 school for a full year.
- \$5,000 will sponsor a medium sized K-6 school for a full year.
- \$10,000 will sponsor a large K-6 school for a full year.
- \$20,000 will sponsor a large K-9 school for a full year.