

Splash!

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

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September 2022

Welcome to Worship!

Every Sunday at 10:00am

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Road
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For where 2 or 3 gather in my name I am with them.
Matthew 18:20



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We Remember in our Prayers



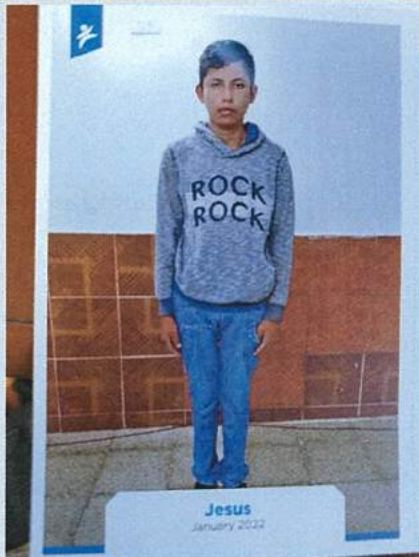
- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
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- Cole (Pat and Janet Guthrie’s grandson)
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- Danielle (Friend of Mike and Melissa Freesh) —Health Concerns
- Kristina Decknick (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Covid
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dominic and Megan (Friends of Deb Bash, Dominic is a Trauma Surgeon with the Air Force in Kabul)
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Barbara Gunderson—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John & Sue Hornacek)—Deployed
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Katy Lauritsen (Family Member of Steve and Sue Johnson)—Battling Cancer
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Jay and Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Marni Lucas (Daughter of Lois Lucas)—House Fire
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Joan Sprinkle—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim and Carolyn Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Charlie (Friend of Daryl & Diane vanMannen)
- People of Ukraine

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

A Message from Pastor Shari

Meet Jesus David from Ecuador

In December of 2020, the youth of our congregation chose a sponsor child from Compassion International named Jesus David. Thanks to the encouragement and full financial support of a couple in our congregation, we have enjoyed the opportunity to correspond with Jesus David and get to know him through letters. Because of Covid and the geographical distance, it takes a while to get the letters, but it has been a joy to hear about how Jesus David's educational opportunities and ambitions have been positively impacted by the sponsorship. Please see one of his most recent letters below.



Here are some facts about our sponsor child, Jesus David:

He is 17 years old, and he lives in the region of Guayas in the country of Ecuador. His primary caregiver is his grandmother, and he has an older brother and two younger sisters. The community where he lives is home to approximately 3,000 residents. Typical houses are constructed of cement floors, wood walls and cement or tin roofs. The spoken language is Spanish, and the regional diet consists of potatoes, fish and rice. Common health problems include the flu, dengue, parasites, and respiratory illnesses. Most of the adults in the area are unemployed but some work in domestic services or as day

laborers and earn the equivalent of \$150 per month. Through Compassion International, Jesus David is provided with Bible teaching, nutrition and health education, field trips, birthday celebrations, tutoring, computer education and vocational training workshops.

Traducción (Translation)

Dear Friends:

I greet you in the name of Jesus. Thank you for your letters, picture and the drawing of a flower, trees and an Easter egg. I have one brother who is older and 2 sisters who are younger than me. My plans for the future are to be the best programmer of the world. I do like homework because they make me discover new things I didn't know. I am not practicing any sport because I recently returned to high school. I am attending 12th grade, computing specialization. I don't have any friends because we are recently integrating to this new classes stage. I want to tell you that my teachers are masters and a teacher has PDH academic degree. His curriculum has more than 16 pages. He is teacher of computing. Your church is very nice. I wish you a happy Easter day. I say goodbye in the name of Jesus. Greetings for Miriam, Ella, Carolina and Henry. Please pray my family and my studies.

I would like to ask you, could you recommend a book to read? Do you like to attend classes? What specialization did you study? What are you studying?

The illustration says: "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans", Proverbs 16:3.

Sing to the Lord a new song! The Living Water Choir welcomes new and returning singers, and now is the perfect time to join. We are just kicking off the program year, and we invite YOU to come and sing with us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Psalms room of the Christian Education building. All are welcome!



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

Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish

Living Water's well-schooled 24/7 office fish is delighted to give our snowbirds a summer update

Q. As I listen to loons on one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, I miss Living Water. Has anything interesting happened this summer?

A. You betcha! Our campus was abuzz with activity this summer, including my Top 4 below.

Vacation Bible School

Our 18 VBS attendees experienced a fun, God-focused week of singing, playing, and learning from the talking Tree of Healing. Almost four dozen volunteers, including many youth, assisted with teaching, singing, baking, site security, and other responsibilities. Adult volunteers enjoyed working together and getting to know fellow parishioners. Kudos to everyone involved and to our congregation, whose generosity paid for over 90% of the program costs.

VBS Book Drive

Ima Book Worm's appeal for new and gently used children's books netted 936 donations from VBS attendees and Living Water folks. Each donated book gets a bookplate featuring Living Water's logo. The book drive's grand total was 1,659, thanks to a \$250 Thrivent grant that astonishingly procured a whopping 723 new and almost-new books for K-8 students in Title 1 schools.

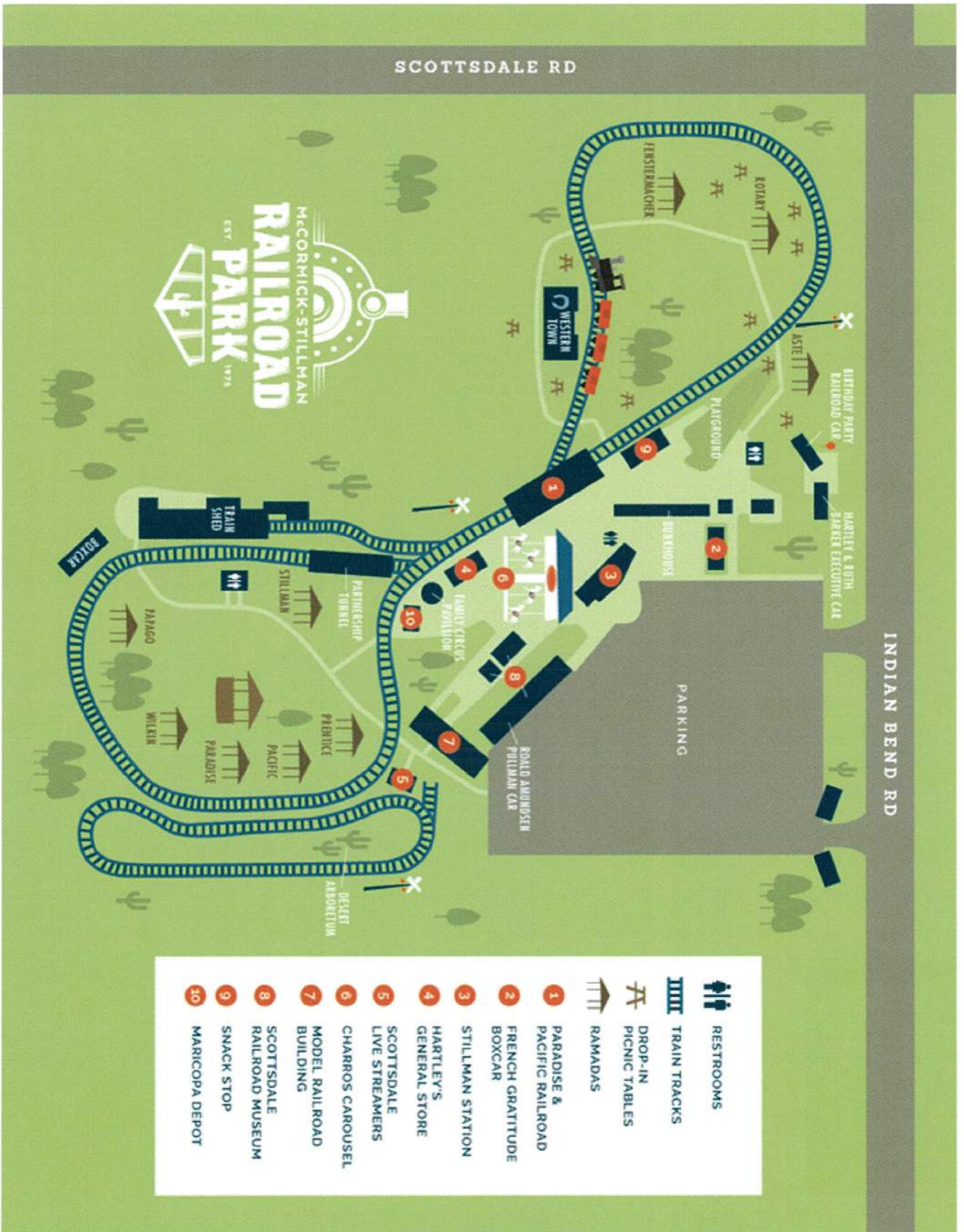
Youth Mission Trip

Four teens and one adult experienced an amazing, eye-opening week of service in Alamosa, CO. As promised, their early July mission trip was an opportunity for them to make a difference in the community. Mission trip participants shared stories and pictures with our congregation during the Aug. 21 worship service. Anyone who wasn't worshipping in person or online that Sunday morning can view the group's presentation by going to Living Water's website (lwlcaz.org) and clicking on "Worship Videos."

Mother Nature

Living Water lived up to its name as monsoon clouds rolled in and dumped tons of rain on north Scottsdale in late July. Gushing water from higher ground left trails of gravel and muck in our parking lot. The violent storm also delivered a microburst that toppled all three large trees on our lawn plus one by the playground. Fortunately, the campus was empty, and no one was hurt. Whew!

Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at AskZeke@cox.net or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-710-4506.



*Living Water Lutheran Church
Annual Picnic 2022*

*Great Gatherings invites you to our
Living Water Lutheran Church
Annual Picnic 2022*

Please come join us!

Date: Sunday, **October 9, 2022**
Time: 4:00- 7:00pm
Place: McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Rotary Pavilion (Far Westside of the Park)
Address: 7301 E. Indian Bend, Scottsdale, AZ 85250
Cost: Monetary donations will be welcome at the picnic!

LWLC will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. Please bring your own water, soft drinks and ice. This year we are also asking attendees to bring a potluck dish. Bring your favorite Vegetable, Salad or Dessert.

There will be fun games to play, you can even try your hand at our rendition of Frisbee Golf! The picnic will also provide a perfect opportunity for fellowship outside in the fresh air.

And if you are so inclined, take a ride on the train or visit the various attractions. Check current times on their Website.

If you are interested in model trains, there is a really cool Model Railroad Building which houses a variety of HO trains. Check them out on this Website:
<https://www.therailroadpark.com/rides-and-attractions/model-railroads/>.

If you arrive early (before 4:00pm), there is a museum that features the Campaign Train of FDR. (\$2 each, children 12 and under are free) Check it out:
<https://www.therailroadpark.com/rides-and-attractions/trains-cars/>

Please sign up early at our kiosk in the Narthex! We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the fellowship!

If you have questions, please call Marty Lindert at 602-284-5704 or LWLC at 480-473-8400.

***Please Mark your Calendars for December 4th, 2022. Great Gatherings has reserved this date for our Annual Advent Dinner to be held at McDowell Center in McDowell Mountain Ranch. Watch your Bulletin for more information!**



Eastern Europe Crisis Response

The Situation:

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Russia has launched air strikes across the country, including on the capital of Kyiv and other major cities. Millions of people fleeing the violence of Russia's war against Ukraine and are moving 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.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as this Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. 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 war in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give:

Your gifts designated for "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. To donate online, go to <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

HYGIENE KITS FOR AZ FOSTER CHILDEN/YOUTH

On Sunday, September 11, Living Water will partner with the Northeast Valley Consortium congregations to assemble hygiene kits for foster children/youth. Our kits will go to Arizona Helping Hands to help foster kids be healthy and feel confident. Arizona Helping Hands is the largest provider of essential necessities for children in foster care in the State. See more at azhelpinghands.org. More than 14,000 Arizona children are in out-of-home care, the majority of which are ages 1 to 5 years. More than 34% of children spend over 12 months in care.

Each kit will include a hair brush or comb, hair ties for girls, kids 3-in-1 (shampoo/conditioner/bodywash), kids’ toothpaste, kids’ toothbrush, dental floss. We’ll pack these items into a colorful reusable drawstring bag.

Thanks to everyone for their donations to support this activity. And thanks to Thrivent for a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 to help us purchase needed items.

If you picked up a blue “God’s Work Our Hands” t-shirt, please wear it on Sept. 11 to add to the fun! Bring your family and plan to join us immediately following the service on 9-11-22 to assemble the kits and be “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

Men's Bible Breakfast

Thursdays at **8:30AM**

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.

Carefree, AZ 85377

Carpool leaves church @ 8:15AM

\$7 for breakfast





TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY RESUMES IN SEPT

Beginning Tuesday, September 13th – 10 am

All women are invited to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually via a Zoom connection, when we resume our regular Tuesday Women's Bible study time.

We begin with new material from women's Bible study author, Melissa Spoelstra. This study centers on Isaiah, a prophet who served as God's mouthpiece to the people of God and the surrounding nations. Isaiah's message reverberates through our lives today as we read his call to rely on the Lord, to strive less and trust God more.

This is a seven-session video-based study, and each session will include a video presentation of 20-25 minutes. Purchase of the accompanying Study Guide is optional but not required. You can purchase the study guide thru Amazon or from Lifeway.com. We meet for 90 minutes every Tuesday morning. Bring your favorite Bible translation. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be available if you're joining us in person. If you aren't on our email notification list for our Tuesday Women, please contact Myrna at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added to the list.

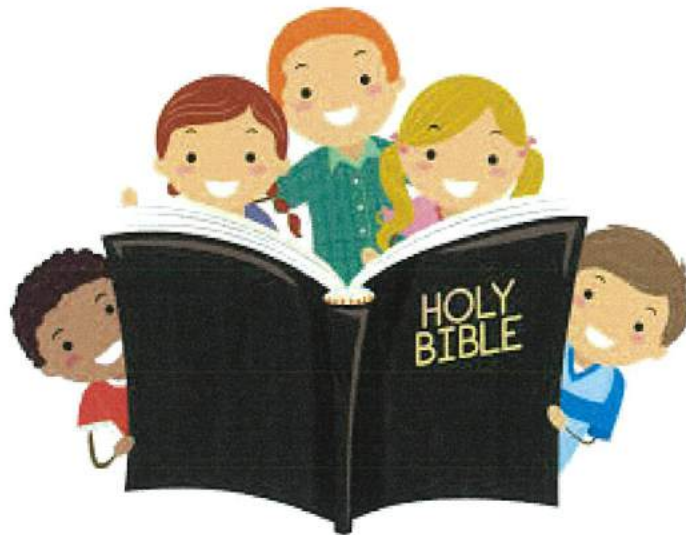
CONFIRMATION

Starting on September 11:

Confirmation classes for students in grades 6-8 will be held two Sundays each month from 6:30-8:00pm.

This is a two-year program, and we will be learning about the Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran History, Catechism and Lutheran Living. So far, we have ten students who are registered to attend the class, and we look forward to a fun and relationship-building learning environment!

Please let Pastor Shari pastorshari@lwlcaz.org know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.



Piecemakers Quilters Resumes



Want to help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries? Join us on Wednesday, September 21, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie!

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts and we're ready to kick it off again this fall.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 21 from 9 am to about noon. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

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.



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.

JEREMIAH

29:77

GOD KNOWS THE PLANS HE HAS FOR YOU



September Birthdays

Kathy	Nelson	1-Sep	1
Sue	Stenehjem	1-Sep	1
Jenna	Fjeld	2-Sep	2
Scott	Sims	4-Sep	4
Bill	Harris	7-Sep	7
Sebastian	Martello	9-Sep	9
Mark	Anderson	11-Sep	11
Charlie	Boyd	13-Sep	13
Scott	Donars	13-Sep	13
Jill	Wehr	14-Sep	14
Mark	Rossman	14-Sep	14

Leland	Stenehjem	16-Sep	16
Gloria	Butler (Harper)	17-Sep	17
Ron	Roessler	19-Sep	19
Gene	Perry	20-Sep	20
Stephen	McCarthy	22-Sep	22
Linda	Coutts	22-Sep	22
Diane	VanMaanen	22-Sep	22
Nancy	Philabaum	23-Sep	23
Gary	Fjeld	24-Sep	24
Ginny	Alexander	30-Sep	30
Jay	Lucas	30-Sep	30
Sarah	Dorsch	30-Sep	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

