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Splash!

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



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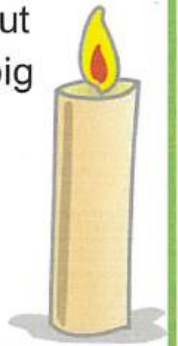
A Message from Pastor Shari

All Saints Day is a wonderful day to remember our dearly departed loved ones. They walked with us along our journey, and impacted our lives in very special ways. They were our grandparents, our parents, our friends, siblings and family members. Some were our spouses, and some were even our children. They were old, middle-age, and young. But, they were so much more than that. They were saints. And, they will not be forgotten.

I often think about the dearly departed saints in the churches that I have served as a pastor. Amazing people who touched so many lives. They all were special and one-of-a-kind people that spread joy when they were serving God's people through the work of the church. I'm sure many of them never would have thought they would be called "saints" after they had died, but I think it's a perfect word to describe them. They weren't perfect, in fact, sometimes we annoyed each other. But they found their calling and pursued it to the fullest, and found so much joy in serving with the gifts they had been given.

Martin Luther and Saint Paul agreed that we do not have to die to become saints. That, in fact, all who have been sanctified through Christ are saints, which is all of us! And, at the same time, we are all sinners. We have the potential to do good, and the potential to do bad.

As we think about the decisions we make, the ways in which we spend our time, and how we nurture our relationships, I think it is very helpful to remember how other saints have touched our lives. We might want to think about what stands out in our memories when we think of them. Was it their joy or passion? Was it the ways in which they showed that they were genuinely interested in getting to know us? Was it how they listened? Was it how their face lit up when they saw us? Was it their loyalty and commitment to loving us no matter what? Whatever it was, it was their own unique way of living out their sanctification through Christ. And, though it may not have been a big thing, it made a difference in our world. Thanks be to God.



All Saints Day

Ask Zeke



NOVEMBER

ASK ZEKE

Living Water's 24/7 office fish explains PACE's mission and vision

Q. Occasionally I see or hear a reference to something called PACE. What is it?

A. Pro-Active Community Engagement (PACE) is a ministry team formed in 2017. Its mission is to promote awareness of LWLC as a community resource, and as a welcoming center of Christian faith, fellowship, and service. This ministry team's vision for PACE is to attract new people to LWLC by planning activities and initiatives that engage our neighbors and enable our members to become ambassadors of outreach.

The PACE team has undertaken a variety of projects. One of its first pursuits was designing bright blue LWLC tote bags. Church members can use these eye-catching bags for shopping. They're also perfect for LWLC Service Mission Group activities, such as the distribution of food around Thanksgiving and Angel Tree gifts for children around Christmas.

PACE also organizes events that are open to the community. For example, it occasionally recruits speakers to come to our campus. Its first such event was a well-attended gathering that featured Pro Golfer Tom Lehman. A year or so later, Dr. David Williams of ASU presented an out-of-this-world program: "NASA's Exploration of Our Solar System." PACE recently sponsored "Aging and Transitioning," an informative presentation by Mari Murrin, who shared her wide-ranging knowledge about senior care options.

Pet festivals are one of PACE's favorite and popular events. The first of its three family-friendly festivals included the blessing of all sorts of animals. It also featured a friendly camel named Elvis and a riveting Scottsdale K-9 unit demonstration. The most recent festival was in 2022. Along with blessing animals and a K-9 encore, it included a dog agility course and photo-ops with Ben the Clydesdale. Stay tune for the next festival!

While pet festivals are great fun, PACE's most important activity is serving as a blood drive site for the Red Cross. Providing space for much-needed blood donations is truly a godsend.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO JOIN US FOR:

Thanksgiving Worship Service

**on Tuesday
November 26th
at 6:00 pm**



VISTA DEL CAMINO FOOD BANK

THANKSGIVING-MEAL PROGRAM

The Vista Del Camino Food Bank depends on your donations of food, cash, and grocery store gift cards to help feed members of the Scottsdale Community who are families and seniors in need, homeless, or otherwise experiencing crisis.

Please help by filling a Living Water grocery bag, picking up a grocery store gift card, or putting a check in the offering to Living Water but marked for Vista Del Camino.

THANKSGIVING WISH LIST UPDATED FOR 2024

- 2 Boxes of Stuffing Mix
- 2 Cans of Sweet Potatoes
- 1 Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- 2 Cans of Gravy
- 2 Cans of Corn
- 2 Cans of Green Beans
- 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- 2 Cans of Chicken Broth
- 1 Can of Pumpkin (large)
- 1 Can of Evaporated Milk
- 1 Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- A \$25 grocery gift card (please staple card to top of bag)
(Gift cards are used by Vista Del Camino staff to purchase a turkey or ham for inclusion in the food box.)

Donations should be delivered to Living Water by
Sunday, November 10th.



How you can help



In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

To give by phone, call 800-638-3522.

Checks can be made out to Living Water Lutheran Church. In memo line, please write “Hurricane Response.”

Great Gatherings

Annual Advent Party



Saturday, December 14
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Spirit of the Desert
\$30 per person*

* payable by check
(includes appetizer, entrée, sides, dessert & gratuity)

Coffee, tea & soft drinks provided; bring your own wine or beer if you wish.

Note: Please make checks payable to: Living Water Lutheran Church and write "Advent Dinner" in memo line. (By no later than November 28)

For questions, please call Marty Lindert at 602-284-5704 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!

CONFIRMATION

At baptism, God claims us as His children. We were given the free gift of membership in the family of God and set apart for God's work in the world. Most of us were baptized as children, possibly too young to fully grasp what was happening. We were also too young to take on the full responsibilities of membership in God's kingdom. Our parents and sponsors took on the responsibilities of those promises for us. On Sunday, November 10th, nine of our Confirmation Students, after learning and completing the confirmation program requirements, will affirm these promises, and profess their faith.



Be a part of something GREAT!



On Monday, November 11 from 12-2pm, we have an opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children at a new location in Tempe: 1100 West Grove Parkway, Suite 101, Tempe, AZ 8583. This event is for adults, and families with kids ages 5 years old and up.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please email Pastor Shari: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org





Intersections of Grace

Exploring Methodist and Lutheran Traditions

Saturday, November 9th, from 9:30-11:30am - Hot brunch will be served.
North Scottsdale United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

1pm tea available for those who can't join in the morning (or who want more!)

The Methodist and Lutheran traditions are both grounded in God's grace and neighborly love. Join us for a Saturday brunch and/or afternoon tea where we will dive into understanding the early history of both traditions, highlighting their distinctive gifts and similarities.

Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes was baptised and raised in the UMC and ordained in the ELCA. As a faculty member at Cal Lutheran, she continues to work in inter-faith communities.



Register here:



North Scottsdale
United Methodist Church

<https://tithe.ly/my-events/event-details/9363495>



Ascension Lutheran Church

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on

our website: **lwlcaz.org**

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.

Carefree, AZ 85377

\$7 for breakfast

Family Sunday School



returns this fall with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "Jesus helps people in need."

*Bible Verse - "Give all your worries and cares to God for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)



! **Sunday, November 3, 9:00am** Jesus Heals 10 Men

Sunday, November 24 – ADVENT FAIR

Sunday, December 8, 9:00am – Jesus Feeds People



We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.

Piecemakers Quilting

Adjusted Schedule for October and November



Come and tie quilts with us! Our quilting primarily supports Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and we also make quilts for refugee families and our high school graduates. We have adjusted our October and November

schedule due to the election the first week of November. We meet from 9 am to about noon, in the Education Building on the first floor on October 16, October 30, and November 20. Bring your own water or coffee for a mid-morning break. If you're a winter visitor who likes to quilt, come and tie with us. If you like to sew, we can provide pre-cut squares to make quilt tops. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org

Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see QR code below to access Living Water's online giving platform.



*Thank
You*



“Aging and Transitioning”

How do we get the information we need to make informed decisions about major life events as we age? What is the difference between private in-home care and assisted living care? Is community style living the right decision for me or my loved one? How much does each of these choices cost? What does Medicare pay for?

Join us for a free information session on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 1:00pm to 2:30pm, at Living Water Lutheran Church, to get answers to these questions and more. Mari Murrin, Concierge Placement Consultant at Senior Care Arizona, with over 18 years of experience in the field of home health in Arizona, will present basic information about care options for you and for your loved ones and will answer your questions about choosing the right care.

Please join us to learn about how best to discern the right choice for you and your family through aging and transitioning.



November Birthdays

Darrell	Shipley	11/1
Lance	Jacobson	11/5
Jenny	Dorsch	11/6
Gabriele	Laudenschlager	11/9
Shirley	Koch	11/10
Sue	Umland	11/11
James	Bernau	11/12

Conrad	Roos	11/12
Pat	Guthrie	11/17
Louise	Evenson	11/19
Heidi	Ruff	11/19
Carol	Gasser	11/20
Robert	Ziegler	11/22
John	Nerison	11/27

Happy Birthday!!



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

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
Connections Newsletter - Every **Tuesday** by **NOON**
SPLASH! Newsletter - The **20th** of each month by **NOON**

The Living Water
QR code for giving:



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