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Larkspur Connection

At Your Service

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Our Mission: Larkspur Christian Church exists to spread God's love through serving and making a difference in the community.

April Yard Sale – Fund Raiser

The Fund Raising Committee, under the leadership of Donna Manor and the Evangelism and Outreach team, are sponsoring a Yard Sale to benefit Larkspur Christian Church and a local Haitian church, on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This will be an outdoor event. Tables will be available for items that Larkspur's members personally want to sell, with the proceeds donated to Larkspur Christian Church and Outreach projects.

They are asking everyone to price the items before you bring them to the sale.

Because of our limited storage here at the church, items not sold will be returned to the owner.

Raffle tickets will be for sale at \$5.00 each.

Come One—Come All

Holy Week Schedule

March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday

April 1, 2010

Maundy Thursday Service and Communion at 7:00 p.m.

April 2, 2010

Twenty-four Hour Prayer Vigil begins at 3:00 p.m.

April 3, 2010

Prayer Vigil ends at 3:00 p.m.

April 4, 2010

Easter Services
SonRise at 7:30 a.m. in the courtyard
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Egg Hunt at 9:15 a.m. in the church yard
Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Rev. Job J. Cobos, Pastor



Live Longer, Live Better

The message of Easter for us is to live longer and better. People since the foundation of the world spoke about life, growth and better living. Even nature's goal and purpose is to live longer and to share in the creation of a better world as everything blooms around us. This week I read something about the life in Japan. I discovered that in Japan, the average life expectancy is one of the highest in the world.

A 2008 survey revealed that Japan has more centenarians than any country in the world with 36,000 citizens aged 100 or older. That's a huge increase from 1963; the first year the country started recording the number, when there were only 153 people in the centenarian category. Eighty-six percent of Japan's current century-club members are women, with the oldest woman in the country being a 113-year-old from the island province of Okinawa. Incidentally, Okinawa has the largest concentration of centenarians in Japan, at 838 (that's 61 for every 100,000 people). Compared to other nations, Japan's longevity factor leaves the rest of the world looking positively sickly by comparison. Out of 1.3 billion people in China, for example, there are only 18,000 centenarians, while in the United States the ratio is about 10 per 100,000. Life expectancy in Japan is a full four years longer than in America.

What's the secret to living a long life or, even better, living forever?
According to the experts in Japan we have to do this:

Dancing twice a week, exercising every day (at least 30 minutes), give up smoking, continue working (just a little) after your retirement.

Focus on social activity and family, keep a good diet, like eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables, a day and maintain a healthy weight.

We are Easter people. We are the people of the resurrection. We believe that by the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are reminded that God has not abandoned his creation. Jesus' resurrection was the beginning of the restoration of all life on earth. We understand ourselves to be part of God's mission of a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We care for ourselves. We care for each other. We care for the earth. Easter is a call to embrace the goodness of life. The whole point of the Christian life isn't that we go to heaven to be with God but that God comes here to be with us: "Your kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

As we dance the songs of life, as we take care of our bodies, as we embrace hope, reconciliation and healing, we proclaim the beauty of Easter. It does not matter if we are 10 years old or 90; we live each moment as an Easter moment knowing that by living abundantly every second we have defeated death until the eternal Easter comes.



Women's Ministries – CWF/DWM

The next CWF/DWM meeting will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 because of the Yard Sale on April 16th and 17th.

The social hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All women of Larkspur are invited to attend the CWF/DWM meetings, usually held on the third Saturday of each month.

Remember the Arizona Women's Fair will be

held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Saguro Christian Church, 8302 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ.

The leaders will be Mary Jacobs and La Verne Thorpe. They will be speaking about their Women to Women trip.

The morning activities will include Community Workshop and gathering, and a Quadrennial Skit.

HAGAR Grants will be awarded during lunch.

Cost: \$25.00 made payable to AZDWM-Women's Fair, by Saturday, April 15th. This price includes one issue of Just Women Magazine. Mail to: Rosy Cunningham, 2407 W. Paine Trail, Tucson, AZ 85745.

See Donna Manor for registration forms. If you need further information please call Rosy at 520-579-9025.



Larkspur's Youth Baseball Luncheon – April 18, 2010



Back by popular demand!

Once again the Larkspur youth will be sponsoring a baseball

luncheon on Sunday, April 18th following worship service.

The youth will cook and serve hot dogs, with or without chili, nachos, popcorn, soda, juice and coffee. A freewill offering will be taken, with the proceeds going to the Camp Youth Fund.

In addition, the youth would like to have

Larkspur's members and friends to pay \$1.00 to the youth camp fund to wear their favorite baseball team shirt or colors.

Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Prizes will be autographed baseballs, Larkspur's T-Shirts (size 2 XL), Veggie Tales Sing a long and VHS videos, and a basket full of goodies.



Bible Verse for April

“Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”



Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV)

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and

dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Lectionary Texts for April

April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

April 11, 2010 – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-21

April 18, 2010 – Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 25, 2010- Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

**Rev. Les Lowrey,
Pulpit Guest**

Thank You

Mary Tipton would like to thank the youth and adults who came out and picked 2,092 pounds of grapefruit on her property.

The grapefruit was donated to the Westside Food Bank.

Mary Tipton had plenty of snacks on hand for the group to eat.



The church members would like to thank Jack Pesnell and his son, for painting the kitchen. It looks so beautiful.

In addition, a special thank you to Donna Manor and Roberta

Pesnell for cleaning out the kitchen and scrubbing down the walls prior to the painting.

Also, thank you to Donna Manor for doing the weeding in the Cactus Garden.



April Birthdays

- 01 Jim Andrews
- 08 Dennis Barger
- 23 Donna Manor
- 24 Sandy Delgado
- 30 Jack Pesnell

April Anniversaries

- 25 Will and
Monica
McCommas

If anyone was missed, or your date is wrong, please let Marge Day know. It is not the intention to forget anyone.



Congratulations!

Financial Reports by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary

Treasurer's Report

General Fund Income:
February 2010
General Fund Income:
\$5,764.20
Other Income:
\$1,038.36
Total Operating:
\$6,802.56

Expenses: \$8,183.58

Financial Secretary's Report

Total Receipts:
\$8,300.86

General Receipts:
\$5,764.20

Over this year: \$427.70
Average weekly giving
for four weeks:
\$1,441.05

Stewardship Thought

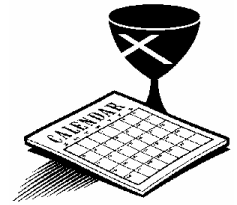
Make the offering you give to God be the best that it can be.

Eva Van Ess
Stewardship Chairman



April Calendar of Events

- April 1, 2010 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- April 2, 2010 Twenty-four Hour Prayer Vigil begins at 3:00 p.m.
- April 3, 2010 Prayer Vigil ends at 3:00 p.m.
- April 4, 2010 SonRise Service at 7:30 a.m.
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Egg Hunt – 9:15 a.m.
Regular Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- April 10, 2010 CWF meeting at 10:00 a.m. for social – meeting at 10:30 a.m.
- April 11, 2010 Board meeting following worship service
- April 16-17, 2010 Yard Sale – 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- April 18, 2010 Youth Sunday – Baseball luncheon after worship service
- April 25, 2010 Pulpit Guest – Rev. Les Lowrey

**From the Mail Box**

Hi Larkspur! I can't believe how long it has been since I came out to visit! They restructured the partner church organization and I haven't been able to make it out again. I am still loving Chapman and am now a junior almost done with the Accounting & Finance majors. Thank you so much for your support! I hope things are well and that I can find my way back out to Phoenix soon!

Love your DOC buddy,
Johnathan Pollard

To all members,

Your prayers, calls, and visits to my sister Joyce Ruble exemplify true Christian love. May you be blessed for being a blessing. Your kindness is appreciated more than you could know.

Rose

Larkspur,

Thank you so much for the \$25 Target gift card. We'll be able to get some great items for our son with your generous help! We loved seeing you March 7th – you all are such a warm and spirit-filled community! May God continue to bless you.

Love, Elizabeth and Clifton Graham-Reeves

2010 Church Camp

Camp begins Sunday at 2:00 p.m. – June 20th – June 25th, 2010. Forms are now available. Please see Christy Comer, Larkspur’s Camp Registor.

Cost: Early Bird Deadline – April 2, 2010 - \$250

Regular Camp Deadline – May 4, 2010 - \$275

We are trying for the early bird deadline to save money.

We have two campers so far who expressed an interest in attending camp. Ciara Delgado and Jeffrey Williamson.

All forms must be turned in or postmarked by May 4th – completely filled out with money by these dates in order to be processed. Forms turned in or post marked after May 4th will need to include a \$25.00 late fee.



Church Camp



**Newsletter Deadline
April 20, 2010**

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Construction completed on the Men’s Restroom.

Our contractor has finished remodeling our restrooms. Our next phase of remodeling will be on the outside of the building sometime after Easter.

The following construction projects have been completed.

- Air conditioning unit installed
- New roof
- The yard area fenced
- Sprinkler system installed
- Yard reseeded
- Bathroom construction

Projects pending:

- General repairs
- Narthex construction
- Paving of parking lot

Thank you to Vern Glossup and the property committee for overseeing the construction projects.



Serving in April 2010

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- 04 Ann Comer
- 11 Donna Manor
- 18 Youth
- 25 Evelyn Davidson



Elders:

John and Pat Noble

Diaconates:

Carolyn Barger, John Delgado, Jesse Kessler and Phyllis Murdock.



Greeters:

- 04 Jesse Kessler
- 11 Michelle Lawler
- 18 Rhonda Barr
- 25 Dutch Van Ess

Open and Close

Building: Kega Leffard

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