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Larkspur Connection

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

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FEBRUARY 2010

Valentine's Day Dinner

Join us for a wonderful Valentine's Day Dinner, sponsored by the Larkspur Christian Church Youth on Sunday, February 14, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Come and experience our wonderful food. A photographer will be available to take your picture of this memorable occasion.

Menu: Lasagna
Salad
Bread Sticks
Dessert
Drinks



Cost: \$20 per couple \$10.00 per person Tips will also be welcomed!

Reservation Deadline: February 7, 2010

Please prepay. There will be no refunds. All proceeds will go to the Youth Camp Fund.

Forty Days of Renewal

You are invited every Thursday during Lent at noon to come and explore the renewal of God's spirit in our lives. Who wouldn't like to

have something renewed? Many believe they need new eyes or new ears, or a new job, a new heart, new home, or a restored friendship or companionship. How can

such desires be realized? Come and join us!

**LENT IS A TIME TO
PREPARE!**

Stewardship—Sharing our gifts from God.



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Dreaming

Dreams do not come true until you write them down and make them goals. The last Saturday of January, 2010, the leadership of Larkspur Christian Church held their annual retreat. We dreamed together. We wrote down our dreams. We came away with some goals we want to accomplish within the next twelve months. Our church will focus this coming year in three areas: growth (evangelism), finances (tithing), and property (beautification of our church building). We came up with a theme for 2010, "Making it Happen." Everyone in the retreat had dreams for our church and we wrote them down. (I have them in my office to prove it.) Our goal is to fulfill our dreams within the next 12 months so we need your help to "make it happen." We want to get everyone involved because we only have until December, 2010, to fulfill the dreams for our congregation.

As we begin Lent, let's start a life of sacrifice and penitential practices as we focus on growth, tithing and beautifying our church property. Lent is a season of fasting, giving up, service, and prayers. But if we change a little, this Lent will be a time of growth: spiritually, numerically and personally in commitment to God. This Lent do not give up something like chocolate, candy, beer, etc. This Lent take up one more thing; take up the cross of Christ and follow Him. We have forty days to tell someone about Christ. We have 40 days to bring someone to church. We have forty days to perform a miracle, and we have forty days to start a Bible study. Lent is a time of growing closer to God.

This Lent give more. Tithing (10% of our income) is not about God, or about the church. Tithing is about us. It is about our hearts and where our treasure is. As we celebrate Lent I encourage all of us to fully tithe, to give until it hurts, and to reach out with whatever abundance we have. God has a special blessing and a promise to those who tithe to the fullest as is written in Malachi 3:8-14:

"Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams."

In Larkspur we have enough love for all of us. We have enough talent. We have enough dreamers. We have enough resources for the ministry God has called us to be part of. Our mission is "to exist to spread God's love through service and making a difference in the community."

The building belongs to the community. The generation before us gave it to us and now it is our turn to prepare the building for the next generation. So during this Lent let's do something for the building that will last for the next 40 years, something that the next generation will use for its' ministry.

Lent is a time for us to dream, to dream of a world in which God's mercies and blessings are new every morning, (Lam. 3:22, 23) to dream of a church which is always ready to proclaim the good news of Christ to others, to dream that all that we have belongs to God, to dream that we have a place of worship which resembles heaven. The challenge is that we only have forty days to fulfill the dream. So let's get to work and make it happen.

Your Pastor
Job



Please Join Us!

The next DWM/CWF meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

All women attending Larkspur Christian Church are invited to attend.

To clear up some confusion on the meeting hours, here is the current information.

10:00 a.m. for coffee and fellowship.
10:30 a.m. for meeting.

If a potluck is scheduled (usually in June, September, and December), the meeting will begin earlier.

There is no meeting in May because we have the All Daughter Luncheon.

We do not meet during the summer months of July and August.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!



CWF supports the church recycling efforts by bringing in newspapers, magazines, catalogs and aluminum cans to church.

Cookies for Fellowship Hour



Help! We are running out of refreshments for our Weekly Fellowship Hour. If you can donate a package of cookies, donuts, brownies or snack for the fellowship hour it would be greatly appreciated.

They do not have to be home made. You can just bring your donation to church on Sundays.

Thank you for your help!



Property Improvement Update:

The rod iron, six foot fence has been installed around the church courtyard.

Work has been started on the restrooms.

Only one restroom at a time will be worked on. The women's restroom is being remodeled first.



During this period of time of remodeling, please use the handicapped restroom, located by the Friendship Room.

We apologize for this inconvenience.

We are making progress!

Financial Report

General Fund Income—December 2009

\$5,451.75

Other Income:

\$1,074.34

Total Operating:

\$6,526.09

General Fund Expenses:

\$6,824.85

Average Weekly Giving—5 weeks

\$1,090.35

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February Birthdays

08 Vern Glossup
13 Morgan Jones
22 Jerrie French
24 Bob Manor



Feed My Sheep

In his last conversation with the disciples after his resurrection, Jesus repeated the same message *three* times. If you love me, take care of the people I love. Jesus had given up everything to care for ordinary people. He called on his followers to now make a tangible difference in the lives of others. (John 21:15-17)

When you make a gift to Week of Compassion, you actively participate in tending God's flock throughout the world. Your gift brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. You help refugees find safe shelter and begin to build new lives. You aid impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water. And you help provide medical care and education that strengthen bodies and minds and create brighter futures.

Remember the feeding of the 5,000? The disciples thought their resources could never meet the people's great need. Yet the followers of Jesus gave sacrificially from what they had—and through God's blessing, their gifts created a miracle for all.

Live your love for the Good Shepherd. Feed Jesus' sheep with a generous, even sacrificial, gift to Week of Compassion, and become part of a *new* miracle of sharing.

February Anniversaries

No Record.

Congratulations!



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

Thanks for your help!

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Bible Verse for February

Compassion

"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.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV)

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NOTICE TO OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Please remember to check your mailbox in the narthex weekly.

Sunday Sermons and Lectionary Texts

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Birthday Sunday

Pulpit Guest, Kega Leffard

Scriptures:

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday

Sermon Title: "Practical Living"

Scripture Text: Exodus 34:29-35

Scriptures:

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

Sunday, February 21, 2010

First Sunday in Lent

Sermon Title: "The First Things"

Scripture Text: Deuteronomy
26:1-11

Scriptures:

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

**Sermon Title: "How To Keep
Our Promises"**

Scripture Text: Genesis 15:1-12,
17-18

Scriptures:

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

*Please take the time to read the
scriptures before the Sundays sermons
to give you a better understanding of
the morning message.*



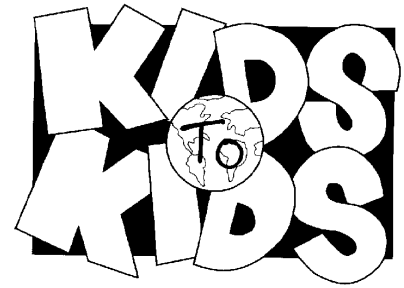
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2010 CENSUS

By answering the 2010 Census Survey, you are ensuring that your community receives its fair share of tax money to pay for important community services.

The ten question form, scheduled to arrive in March, takes just a few minutes to complete. The information you provide is confidential and, by law, cannot be shared with any person, agency or organization.

Remember: Do not provide your Social Security number, credit card, banking or similar personal information to anyone, and treat people you don't know with caution. The Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail, so treat e-mails claiming to be from the Census Bureau as a scam.



SPRING YOUTH RETREATS

Chi Rho—February 20 & 21
Park Avenue Christian Church
Tucson—\$20.00

CYF—February 20 & 21
Desert Dove Christian Church
Tucson—\$20.00

Registration form and fees are due in the Regional Office by Tuesday, February 9th.

See Christy Comer for forms.

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The youth and adults will volunteer at St. Mary's Food Bank on Saturday, March 6th from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. The food bank is located at 2831 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009. Please signup with Faye Pearlman or Christy Comer. We need your help.

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Thank you to everyone who helped clean up our sponsored street on January 23, 2010. The weather was cold—but we did it!

Our next clean up will be sometime in the Spring.

Please
Join
Us!



Did You Know????

The Interchurch Resource Center, located at 4423 N. 24th Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85016, has available the following resources. For further information call: 602-468-3810 or email director@icresource.org

Workshops for VBS will be held on February 11th and on March 11th. Both will be at the Resource Center from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call 602-468-3810.

Bible Studies: Invitation to Psalms and Invitation to Genesis. Also, Invitation to the Old and New Testament, Romans and John. These are excellent video based studies with leader guides and participants books.

From Live the Questions—First Light-Jesus and the Kingdom of God with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. An excellent study for Lent.

Lent/Easter Resources include: Death and Resurrection of Jesus with Marcus Borg.

Death and Resurrection of Jesus and The True Easter Story with Ray Vander Laan.

Dateline Jerusalem presents the Easter story the way it might be reported by today's newscasters.

The Faces of Easter: Six lessons from Godley Play. A great way to teach the easter story for children.

These and many more resources are yours to use because Larkspur Christian Church pays for an annual membership fee.

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Facility Available—Did You Know???

Larkspur Christian Church rents out it facilities for weddings, funerals, classes, special interest groups and meetings. If you know of others that would like to use our facilities for a fee, please have them contact the church office at 602-866-7161.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pastor Cobos and Family

Dennis Barger
Rhonda Barr
Felma Beach
Billy Blackburn
Amy Blankenship
Austin Blankenship
Zachary Day
Eric Dudley
Mary Jane Hart
Tim Johnson
Marion Jones
Rick Jones
Jesse Kessler
Mike Kessler
Marilyn
Mary Lawler

Michelle Lawler
Joseph & Nicole Loupe
Les & Sadie Lowrey
Bob & Donna Manor
Karl & Jackie McBride
Dona McFarlane
Matthew Mills
Nancy Moses
Pat Noble
Candy Paulovich
Ben Pearlman
Ed Pearlman
Jack Pesnell
Joyce Ruble
Scott Seago
George & Leota Shaw
Mary Wells
Brenda Wharton
Madeline Williamson

Bashas' Shop & Give Fundraising Program—runs from now to April 30, 2010

When you link your Bashas' Thank You Card to Larkspur Christian Church ID number **23174**, Bashas' will donate 1% of your grocery purchases to Larkspur Christian Church.

- As always, there is **no cost** to participate in this program.
- Larkspur can **earn up to \$5,000**, more than any other local supermarket fundraising program!
- We now have **one extra month** to raise additional funds. Bashas' extended Shop & Give by a month to help Larkspur earn even more.
- Larkspur can now receive a **quarterly check** for the funds we earn, provided that we earn at least \$25 during each quarter. That means no more waiting for a check at the end of the program for the amount we earned!
- **Supporters who participated in last year's Shop & Give program must re-link their Thank You Card at the start of this year's program.**



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"At Larkspur..... It's the love"

February 2010 Calendar of Events



- 07 Pulpit Guest—Birthday Sunday
- 14 Valentine's Day Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Lent Begins—Lent Service at 6:00 p.m.
- 18 40 Days of Renewal at noon.
- 20 CWF Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Youth Sunday—Week of Compassion begins. Board Meeting after worship Service.
- 28 Barbeque after worship service. Week of Compassion ends.



Mail Box



Phoenix Suns Faith and Family Night

- Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2010
- Game: Phoenix Suns vs. Minnesota Timberwolves
- Game Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Post Game: Special Suns Q & A / Testimonial (lower level)
Aaron Shust Private Concert (lower level)
- Price: \$21 Upstairs (Regular up to \$54.75) \$59 Downstairs (Regular up to \$106.75)
- FREE Giveaway: Limited Edition Suns Player Jersey Bags for everyone in your church group.

Please let Marge Day know if you want to attend as a group. The Suns only require a \$1.00 per seat deposit. Final payment will be collected three weeks prior to the event.

Plan to attend for a great night out!

Serving in February 2010

Elders: Donna Manor and Brenda Wharton

Diaconates: Jim and Joan Andrews, Dutch and Eva Van Ess

Worship Leaders: 07 Donna Manor
14 Ann Comer
21 Youth
28 Helen Nasios

Door Greeters: 07 Phyllis Murdock
14 Mary Wells
21 Jerrie French
28 Jesse Kessler

Open/Close Building: TBA



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