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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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## Global Outreach Mission

Kega Leffard and Helen Nasios will be making Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits for countries that have been exposed to different types of disasters.

The kits will be assembled on Saturday, March 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome to help.

You can help by donating funds and/or supplies.

Types of kits needed.

### **School Kit—**

**Baby Care Kit—**value \$39.00 plus \$2.00 per kit processing/shipping cost.

**Emergency Clean-up Bucket—**value \$56.00 plus \$3.00 per bucket for processing/shipping cost.

**Hygiene Kit—**value \$10.00 plus \$2.00 per kit processing/shipping cost.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

Also, a handout is available that will show you how to assemble a kit and the items that you will need to complete your kit.

For further information, contact Kega Leffard at 602-621-1348 or Helen Nasios at 602-621-0764.

Thanks for your help!

## Upper Room

The March-April 2010 Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide is available in the narthex for sixty-cents each.

This issue has a weekly

study guide that covers some of the following topics:

March 3—Faithful in Prayer

March 10—God is Real

March 17—Cured or Healed  
March 24—Fellowship  
March 31—Infinite Love

And more!  
Pick up your copy today!

Stewardship isn't just about money, it is about the way we live our lives.



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## LENT

As I visit twenty patients for pastoral care everyday at the hospital, I find that most people do not have a strong support system. Most of them have family or friends but their relationship is not very strong for them to respond to their needs.

I met a lady in her 70's. She was under a lot of distress because she was in the hospital and there was no one to take care of her dog. I asked if she had some friends and she replied that she had some but not to the point of trusting them or asking them a favor. I asked about relatives, she did not want to talk about it. I asked about neighbors, she did know them. Finally, I asked about church friends hoping that she would give me a positive answer but she was not a part of a community of faith either. It was sad to see her old and alone, with no one to turn to.

There is a quote from Robert MacAfee Brown that states: *"How does one keep from "growing old inside"? Surely only in community. The only way to make friends with time is to stay friends with people.... Taking community seriously not only gives us the companionship we need, it also relieves us of the notion that we are indispensable."* So many people have been to the hospital in the last few weeks, like Billy, Scott, Michelle and Joyce Ruble. It was so nice to see people visiting and praying for each other.

As we begin this Lent season, we must renew our commitment to God and to each other. We must grow old together; we must protect and nurture each other. This season is a time we have to figure out how we get closer to God: by changing our old ways of thinking and taking the mind of Christ by worshiping God with fervor and sacrificing for the sake of the God's kingdom, and by "picking up our cross and following Him." This is a time in which we must love and take care of each other.

As you know, Lent is one of my favorite liturgical seasons. This season is full of mystery, newness, changes, colors, etc. I remember that as child I visited a town deep into the mountains in Mexico. The family that I stayed with cooked a fresh meal for the people who were in jail. It really impacted my life as we visited the people in jail and we gave them food and clean clothing. I asked why they did that, and their response was "It is Lent". Lent is a time in which we are reminded that we need to take care of others as Christ takes care of us. So, stay close to the community of faith. It is the best way to stay young at heart, and connected to the world around us. As together we celebrate Lent, we will be surprised by God as we get closer and more dependent on Him. We will then be amazed of how much we need each other.

Your pastor,

Job





The next CWF/DWM meeting will be held on Saturday,

March 20, 2010.

Social hour will begin at 10:00 a.m., meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

Remember, our on going projects are:

- Collecting Campbell Soup bar codes,
- Eye glasses
- Blankets,
- Diapers
- Small toys
- Empty pill bottles
- Labels for education

Thank you so much for your support with the above projects. Your help is appreciated!  
The women's group

would like to thank Eva Marie Johnson for being their guest speaker at the February meeting.

Miss Johnson has had an exciting journey serving the Lord as a Missionary in Mexico, Africa and many others places.

Thank you, Miss Johnson!



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

## Coming Soon—Yard Sale



The Fund Raising Committee, under the leadership of Donna Manor, is planning to have a Yard Sale on April 16th and 17th here at the church. This will be an outdoor event.

Tables will be available for items you personally want to sell, with the proceeds donated to Larkspur Christian Church. For more information, please contact Donna Manor at 602-942-6469.

## Directory Changes

**New Address:**

Kimberly Eakins-Largent  
Diane Ray  
26098 N. 83rd Lane  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
623-696-6006  
Email:  
keakinslargent@yahoo.com

**Add:**

Eva Marie Johnson  
Glencroft Assisted Living  
8611 N.67th Avenue #212  
Glendale, AZ 85302-4319  
480-280-1675

Please pick up your new directory in the narthex. If you have any additions or corrections please let the church secretary know. Thank you.



## Sunday Sermons and Lectionary Texts

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**  
Third Sunday in Lent

**Sermon Title: "One More  
Change"**

Scripture Text: Luke 13:1-9

Scriptures:  
Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Sunday, March 14, 2010**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Sermon Title: "Coming  
Home"**

Scripture Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Scriptures:  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Sermon Title: "Doing  
Something New"**

Scripture Text: John 12:1-8  
Isaiah 43:16-21

Scriptures:  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sunday, March 28, 2010**  
Holy Week  
Palm (Passion) Sunday

**Sermon Title: "Celebrate"**  
Scripture Text: Luke 19:28-40

Scriptures:  
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11

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

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### Pastor's Class

Do you have a child or know of an adult that is interested in baptism? During Lent, Pastor Cobos will have a class for those interested in baptism. Please let the pastor or the church secretary know if you would like to participate in this class. The dates and times will be determined on an individual basis.

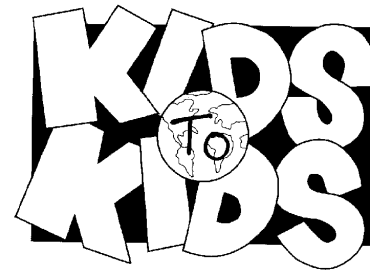
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### Bible Verse for March

#### Commandment

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating, Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

*Mark 12:28-31 NIV*



The youth and adult sponsors held a very successful Valentine's Day Dinner. The youth raised over \$300 plus \$50.00 in tips. They had thirty people in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a fantastic dinner! Thank you everyone for your support. The proceeds went to the camp fund.

Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee for sponsoring this event and working so hard to put it all together.

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The youth and adults will be volunteering at the St. Mary's Food Bank, 2831 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85009 on Saturday, March 6th from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.

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The next fund raising event will be in April, when once again the youth will sponsor a baseball luncheon. The youth will cook and serve hot dogs, with or without chili, nachos, popcorn, soda, juice and coffee. A freewill offering will be taken.

Also, 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. Look for more information next month!

**ARIZONA WOMEN'S  
FAIR**  
Saturday, April 24, 2010  
At  
Saguaro Christian Church  
8302 E. Broadway  
Tucson, Arizona  
520-296-5901



**Remember  
In  
Prayer**

Leaders: Mary Jacobs and La Verne Thorpe

Speaking about their Women To Women Trip

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

HAGAR Grants will be awarded during lunch. (Provided by Disciples Men)

The afternoon workshop sign-up sheets will be available at the Women's Fair Registration area.

Quadrennial shirts will be available that day: T-Shirts—\$15.00 and Polo's—\$20.00.

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

Registration forms were emailed to members. Please see the church secretary if you need additional registration forms.

If you need further information please call Rosy at 520-579-9025.

**Recycling For Our Children's Future!**

We need ALL your:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Shopping catalogs
- Office and School papers
- Mail

Please do NOT include:

- Plastic
- Glass
- Metals
- Trash
- Cardboard

Thank you for your continued support by dropping off your recycling in the yellow and green bin.

We are averaging about \$120 per year through your efforts.

Remember:

One ton of recycled paper used to make newsprint saves:

- 390 gallons of oil
- 4100 kw hours of electricity
- 7000 gallons of water
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space

As a security measure, please shred papers that have your name and address on them to cut down on identity theft.

Melanie Armeli  
Wally Barber  
Dennis Barger  
Rhonda Barr  
Felma Beach  
Billy Blackburn  
Amy & Austin Blankenship  
Angela Cobos  
Bob Day, Jr.  
Steve Day  
Scott Day  
Zachary Day  
Vern & MaryAnne Glossup  
Mary Jane Hart  
Tim Johnson  
Rick Jones  
Ashli and Michelle Lawler  
Joseph & Nicole Loupe  
William Lowery  
Antonio Lujano  
Bob Manor  
Matthew Mills  
Nancy Moses  
Kathy Noble  
Andy Pearlman  
Ben Pearlman  
Stephanie Pearlman  
Diane Ray  
Joyce Ruble  
Mary Wells  
Brenda Wharton  
Madeline Williamson  
Desiree Young

If you know of others who are in need of prayer, please contact the church secretary.

... "And I tell you more: whenever two of you on earth agree about anything you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."

*Matthew 18:19-20*

**THINK GREEN**

# Financial Report

General Fund Income—January 2010

\$5,985.90

Other Income:

\$1,467.49

Total Income:

\$7,453.39

General Fund Expenses:

\$8,868.00

Average Weekly Giving:

\$1,197.18 (5 weeks)

## March Birthdays

- 01 Mary Jane Hart
- 08 Casey Wall
- 09 Remi Hildebrand
- 13 Dona McFarlane
- 13 George Shaw
- 17 Mary Wells
- 22. Madeline Williamson
- 23. Billy Blackburn
- 24 Tom Barber
- 30 Jordan McCommas
- 30 Nancy Moses



## March Anniversaries

- 20 Rick & Sandi Delgado
- 23 John & Pam Delgado
- 27 Jack & Roberta Pesnell



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



## Restroom Remodeling Project

The construction on the women’s restroom is now completed. Construction on the men’s restroom has been started and will be completed around the middle of March.



Please check out the before and after pictures in the Fellowship Hall. Our contractor is doing such a wonderful job with the remodeling of the restrooms.

During this time of remodeling, the handicapped restroom is available for use.

Thank you to Vern Glossup and to Jack Pesnell for lending a helping hand when needed to assist the contractor.

Thank you members and friends for your cooperation during the construction period. We are sorry for the inconvenience. However, we are making progress with our improvements.



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

## March

### Calendar of Events



- March 4**—Prayer Group at noon  
**March 6**—Global Mission Group—Kits—  
 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
 Youth at St. Mary's Food Bank—12:00 p.m. –  
 3:00 p.m.  
**March 7**—Birthday Sunday  
**March 11**—Prayer Group at noon  
**March 18**—Prayer Group at noon  
**March 19**—Regional Hispanic Prayer Vigil at  
 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.  
**March 20**— CWF meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
**March 21**—Youth Sunday  
**March 23**—Newsletter deadline  
**March 25**—Prayer Group at noon

# 2010 Church Camp



Camp begins Sunday at 2:00 p.m.—June 20th—June 25th, 2010.  
 Forms will be available the week of March 15, 2010.

Cost:	Early Bird Deadline	April 2, 2010	\$250.00
	Regular Camp Deadline	May 4, 2010	\$275.00

Please let Christy Comer know if you plan to attend camp this year.  
 Let's try for the early bird deadline to save money.

**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.**

## Serving in March 2010

Elders: Jack Pesnell and Madeline Williamson

Diaconates: Jesse Kessler, Monica Mc Commas, Phyllis Murdock, TBA

Worship Leaders: 07 Brenda Wharton  
14 Eva Van Ess  
21 Youth  
28 Christy Comer



Greeters: 07 Mary Wells  
14 Leota Shaw  
21 Jesse Kessler  
28 Candy and Vincent Paulovich

Lenten Moment: 07 Kega Leffard and Helen Nasios  
14 Rhonda Barr, Ann Comer and Christy Comer  
21 Donna Manor and Madeline Williamson  
28 Michelle Lawler and Scott Seago  
April 02 Evelyn Davidson, Koren (Ren) Andres and Nicholas Meyers

Open/Close Building: Donna Manor

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