

LARKSPUR CHRISTIAN  
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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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## Annual Rummage Sale August 20th and 21st 7:00 a.m.—Noon

**It's that time again.  
Get ready—get set—go!**



You can start bringing your items to church the first two weeks in August on Tuesday or Thursday—12:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. If you need a special pickup or special time to drop your items off, please call Vern Glossup at 602-354-7626.

All items must be clean and in good repair.

Donna Manor is in charge of this event. If you want to volunteer to help set-up, price, sort, cashier and cleanup, please give Donna a call at 602-942-6469.

Setting up, sorting and pricing will begin on August 17th at 8:00 a.m. and will continue on the 18th and 19th.

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FOOD

CLOTHING

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BOOKS

**FURNITURE AND JEWELRY WILL BE  
SOLD!**



*On Saturday only, Iglesia Cristiano El Buen Samaritano will be selling breakfast Burritos!*

**Remember: One man's trash is another  
man's treasure!**



## The Parable of the Fisherman

Friends, I came across this parable on the internet and enjoyed it so much I felt the need to share it with you. Enjoy!

A boat docked in a tiny village in a third world country. An American tourist complimented the fisherman in that village on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took him to catch them

“Not very long,” answered the fisherman.

“But then, why didn’t you stay out longer and catch more?” asked the American.

The Mexican explained that his small catch was sufficient to meet his needs and those of his family.

The American asked, “But what do you do with the rest of your time?”

“I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, and take a siesta with my wife. In the evenings, I go into the village to see my friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs. . . I have a full life.”

The American interrupted, “I have an MBA from Harvard and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat.

“And after that?” asked the fisherman.

With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant. You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City! From there you can direct your huge new enterprise.”

“How long would that take?” asked the fisherman.

“Twenty, perhaps 25 years,” replied the American.

“And after that?” the fisherman asked.

“Afterwards? That’s when it gets really interesting,” answered the American, laughing. “When your business gets really big, you can start selling stocks and make millions!”

“Millions? Really? And after that?”

“After that you’ll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends.”

To that the fisherman gentle reply, I think I am already doing all of that.



**Lectionary Texts**

**August 1, 2010—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Birthday Sunday**

Readings:  
Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**August 8, 2010—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings:  
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

**August 15, 2010—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings:  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

**August 22, 2010—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings:  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

**August 29, 2010—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings:  
Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Bible Verse for August**

*I pray that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will give peace, love, and faith to every follower!*

-Ephesians 6:23 CEV



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**The Upper Room**

The July—August 2010 issue of the Upper Room is available in the narthex for 60 cents each.

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**Stewardship Thought**

*When we follow the example that God has given to us for giving, we will experience and celebrate being in God's Kingdom.*

Summer is here and many of us are planning vacations. Don't forget the church when you are away.

Stewardship is about more than money—it's about giving yourself to God and his plans!



Thank you to everyone that brought food for the pantry.

The pantry is now full for the time being. We will let you know when and if we will face a shortage again.

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**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO CLEAN THE BUILDING YET?**

Please see Leota Shaw for a time slot. Thank you! 😊



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**Sing A Long!  
August 29, 2010**



Do you have a favorite hymn? Then this Sunday is for you! Between now and Sunday, August 29th you will have the opportunity to put in your request for your favorite hymn or hymns.

A request sheet will be available each Sunday beginning August 1st.

The Worship Committee will try and honor as many requests as possible.

# Financial Report

General Fund Income—June 2010  
 \$6,365.66  
 Other Income:  
 \$808.37  
 Total Operating Income:  
 \$7,174.03  
 General Fund Expenses:  
 \$7,257.05  
 Average Weekly Giving (4 weeks)  
 \$1,591.42

## August Birthdays

06 Faye Pearlman  
 07 Joyce Ruble  
 08 Gloria Luker  
 09 Joan Andrews  
 10 Ed Pearlman  
 29 Diane Ray  
 30 Dutch Van Ess



## August Anniversaries

24 George & Leota Shaw

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

Thanks for your help!



## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR PASTOR

Most of you **know** that your pastor is:

Consecrated

Dedicated

Educated

Inundated

And sometimes Frustrated.

You also **know** that the pastor:

Sermonizes

Theologizes

Baptizes

Sympathizes

And sometimes Surprises.

**BUT** here are Six Things you may **not** know about your pastor:

Pay is Low—**but** the Pastor serves anyway.

Awakened in the middle of the night—**but** goes readily.

Servant of all — **but** that's what ministry is all about.

Takes hours to prepare — **but** always has time for you.

Often overworked — **but** wouldn't have it any other way.

Reserves time for family—**but** something always comes up.

To **KNOW**. . . Is to **LOVE, APPRECIATE** and **SUPPORT**



As you know, our youth are responsible for cleaning up the street located at 51st Avenue and Peoria to 51st Avenue and Cactus. They do this four times a year.

The City of Glendale recently erected signs designating Larkspur Youth as the sponsor.

The signs are located just past the bridge on the right going south on 51st Avenue and the other one is just past the light at 51st Avenue and Peoria. Check them out!



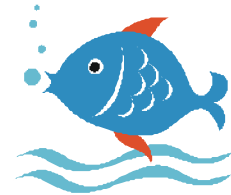
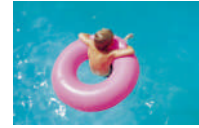
The youth work hard during the school year for Larkspur by putting on fund raising events, cleaning streets, weeding rose bushes, picking fruit and volunteering at the food banks.

During the summer months the youth are rewarded. Ed and Faye Pearlman have been taking the youth to Sea Life, Wet and Wild, Laser Tag and out to lunch.

Thank you Ed and Faye Pearlman for the time you put in supporting our youth.

Thank you youth for all of the work you do at Larkspur and for the community.

Thank you Larkspur members for your support to the youth programs.



## 2010 Arizona Disciples Women Retreat



**“Spirited Places”**  
**2010 Women’s Retreat**  
 at the  
**Franciscan Renewal**  
**Center**

5802 E. Lincoln Drive  
 Scottsdale, Arizona

**Saturday, September 11**

Registration 9-10 a.m.

Opening Session starts at

10:30 a.m.

Retreat ends

**Sunday, September 12**

after lunch

Keynote by  
**Rev. Erin Wathen**  
 Pastor of Foothills Christian  
 Church in Phoenix

For this year we are meeting in a different place. We welcome all women of Arizona to a spirit filled event with something for everyone.

- Julie Nicolay—Music Leader
- Worships by Rev. Heather Tolleson

Pastor Erin Wathen will focus on the spiritual value of mountaintop, desert and river landscapes, lifting up women in scripture and women we know who have met God in each of these places.





**DECALS  
FOR  
SALE**

The Evangelism Committee has available car decals for \$5.00 each and free business cards for you to distribute to people and friends when you invite them to worship with us. This is an excellent way to advertise Larkspur Christian Church.

You can purchase the decals from the church office and pick up some business cards at the same time.

Evangelism is everyone's responsibility—remember everyone needs a church home! If your friends or neighbors don't have an active church home, invite them to visit Larkspur Christian Church.

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**The business of the church is  
to know Jesus and to make him  
known to others.**

—Michael Slaughter



**Support Through Other Parents**

STOP is a Nonprofit Self-Help Parent Support Group. We can offer you suggestions and support like none you've had before. Support Through Other Parents is a new group based on the ToughLove philosophy that we are all caring parents that are concerned about the choices our children are making.

Is/Does your child:

- Have failing grades
- Refuse to go to school
- Verbally or physically abusive
- Refuse to get a job
- Abuse drugs and or alcohol

**A STOP group meets weekly at Larkspur Christian Church, located at 3302 W. Larkspur Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85029, in the Fellowship Hall. (Between 35th Avenue and I-17—just north of Cactus.**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Whether your problems are new or long term . . .

Whether you have done nothing or tried everything . . .

Groups in Phoenix and Mesa—[www.supportthroughotherparents.org](http://www.supportthroughotherparents.org) Phone: 623-846-5464



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

**August 2010-Calendar of Events**



**August 1— Birthday Sunday**

Elders Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

**August 20-21—7:00 a.m.—Noon—**

Rummage Sale

**August 24—Newsletter Deadline**

Adult Sunday School Class—Sundays at 9 am

Pastor's Prayer Group—9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Teen Class—9:40 a.m.

**There will be no board meeting in**

**August**

**Coming in September**

**Congregational Meeting**



**What Can WE Do?**

We work. We go to school. We are too old. We are too young. We have a busy life. We volunteer. We take care of family. We have a social life. We are disabled in some way. However, there is something we can all do—and many of us are all doing it. We teach. We preach. We take church members to doctors' appointments and shopping. We clean the church. We help with the overall church upkeep. We get people to donate materials need. We recycle. We pull weeds in the yard. We keep the food pantry stocked. We help with fund raising.

If you are not involved and think there is nothing you can do, think again. We all know Joyce Ruble and about her crippling arthritis. We know she was recently in rehab for months after breaking a leg, is on lots of pain medication and moves with great difficulty, but is happy to be back home at Waymark Gardens. If there is anyone with an excuse to sit back and do nothing, it is Joyce. What can she do? She saves her newspapers for recycling—AND gets other residents at Waymark to save papers for the recycling effort. She always has a huge paper donation.

When she learned that our church pantry was bare, she let her neighbors know. Many of them get food boxes monthly and don't always like what is in them. One person donated five cans of corn. One had three boxes of powdered milk. Another had cereal, another mac and cheese. Bag after bag was left at her door step to join the purchases that Joyce made for the pantry. Her gifts were multiplied many times over. Joyce orders her groceries from Safeway. She signed up with eScrip so the church could benefit from her purchases. And as always, she went a step farther. She found out the names of others who order from Safeway or shop there. She asked if she could sign them up on eScrip so the church could benefit. Several of them allowed her to do so. With the rummage sale fast approaching, she is talking to her neighbors about donations they might have. If Joyce can think of so many ways to help—AND ask her neighbors to participate also, can we do any less? Not one of us can say there is nothing we can do. Ask Jesse Kessler! He mops our floors every Friday.

Anonymous

# Serving in August 2010

**Elders: Donna Manor**

<b>Worship Leaders:</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Eva Van Ess</b>
	<b>08</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Donna Manor</b>



**Diaconates: Carolyn Barger, Marion Jones, Dutch and Eva Van Ess**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Carolyn Barger</b>
	<b>08</b>	<b>Brenda Wharton</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>TBA</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>Rhonda Barr</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Jessie Kessler</b>

**Open/Close Building: Marge Day**

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