

Larkspur Connection

LARKSPUR CHRISTIAN
CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF
CHRIST)

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.

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The Membership Committee

Is sponsoring an Indoor Bar-be-cue and Picnic

Sunday, July 18, 2010—After Worship Service

M E N U

Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

Vegetables

Salads

Desserts

Drinks

(A sign-up sheet will be available during worship service)

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Annual Rummage Sale

August 20th and 21st

7:00 a.m.—Noon

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.

All items must be clean and in good repair.
Donna Manor is in charge of this event.





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Leadership

As I reflect on the meaning of leadership, I am able to see that all human beings are to some extent leaders. All of us make decisions every day. We help others make decisions and give opinions or bring solutions either in our own personal lives, the lives of others or the world around.

We are in times of crisis. I do not want to mention them because we are pretty much aware of the difficult times in which we live. In times of crisis, difficult times and in the midst of problems, we turn to the people in charge. We turn to our leaders. We look to our leaders for direction, solutions and support. When we feel lost and without direction, we want our leaders to point and direct the way. We demand a lot out of our leaders; we want our leaders to have the adventure spirit of Christopher Columbus, the determination and passion of President Lincoln, the charisma of John F. Kennedy, and the wisdom of Gandhi.

We all want our leaders to help us make the big change, help us turn around and take us to the mountaintop. We feel lost and overwhelmed, we try to find solutions and we just feel helpless not knowing what to do. We know that we need change and deep within we want change; we can go so far as to say that deep inside we want change but we have no idea where to begin, how to do it. We are not even sure of change from what or to what. So we turn to our leaders to help us and to guide us through change and difficult times. But one of the qualities of a good leader is that he or she is observing us. A good leader is seeing everything in a different way and a good leader cares.

The scripture states, *“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36 (NIV)* I believe that the true characteristic of a leader is compassion; Jesus, our supreme leader, had compassion. It was not self-interest; he gave his life in sacrifice for all of them. He wanted to look after the lost sheep and he provided guidance from the Father. It was not self-serving; he wanted to protect them and guide them.

We may not have the adventurous spirit of Christopher Columbus or the passion and determination of Abraham Lincoln, but we can look tentatively at the people around us and provide leadership in a very compassionate way. A leader does this by protecting the poor, giving hope to someone in despair, by holding the hand of someone who is looking for guidance and direction. We are compassionate when we protect the fragile and vulnerable of our community. Some are called to accomplish great endeavors; others are called to lead with very small tasks, like helping a small child give his or her first steps. As we rise each morning, let’s not forget that we are all called to be leaders.

Your Pastor,

Job J. Cobos



Lectionary Texts

July 4, 2010—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Birthday Sunday, Independence Day

Readings:

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11, 2010—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 18, 2010—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 25, 2010—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings:

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

Bible Verse for July

The Best In Life

Something completed is better than something just begun; patience is better than too much pride.

—Ecclesiastes 7:8 (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

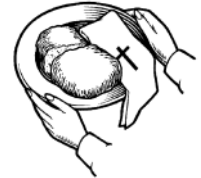
Our response to God's gift to us is an offering of ourselves.

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!



The Elders are meeting the first Sunday of each month, at 9:55 a.m., for prayer in the Friendship Room. If you are an Elder, please make every effort to attend.



ELDERS

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Due to the economy, more and more people are stopping by the church for food assistance.



As a result, our resources are

getting low.

If you are in a position to donate canned goods or other staples for the food pantry, it will be a great help. Foods like pinto beans, tuna fish, peanut butter, rice mixes, diced tomatoes, macaroni and cheese boxes, canned vegetables and canned spaghetti and meatballs and canned soup are perfect choices for the food pantry.

You can drop off your donations at church during office hours or at church on Sundays.

Thank you so much for your help.

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HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO CLEAN THE BUILDING YET?



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

Financial Report

General Fund Income—May 2010

\$8,044.57

Other Income:

\$1,308.74

Total Operating Income:

\$9,353.31

General Fund Expenses:

\$7,795.61

Average Weekly Giving (5 weeks)

\$1,608.92

July Birthdays

07	Ashli Lawler
11	Vincent Paulovich
11	Tyler Pearlman
12	John Delgado
12	Brandy Eidson
15	Jackie McBride
17	Wally Barber
24	James Paulovich
30	Ciara Delgado



July Anniversaries

No Record.

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



To Arizona Disciple Congregations:

The Arizona Regional Assembly will be gathering on October 22-23, 2010 at Sun City Christian Church. An important part of that Assembly provides a time when we meet as members of the Christian Church in Arizona.

During that time we focus on issues and business of the church in the Region and beyond. As a part of that, congregations are invited to submit **nominations for regional positions** and **resolutions of importance for the church**.

Nominations opened for 2010-2012 are: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Corporate Secretary, Treasurer (Also serves as chair of Commission on Finance) Administrative Council (At Large Positions—5 total); and Mission Focus Team (At Large Positions (5 total).

All nominations and resolutions must be received in the Regional Office no later than **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 14, 2010**.

A third item is the election of your **Congregational Representative**. Congregations elect one member to serve as their CR for a two year term, coinciding with our Regional Assemblies. They will serve as a primary link between Congregation and Region, responsible for communication, interpretation, promotion and registrations. This Representative will be *affirmed* by the Regional Assembly. We wish to include your CR in our Assembly Docket information, and would ask for these to be submitted no later than **Friday, September 10, 2010**.

Please pick up a Nomination Form from Marge Day if you are interested in nominating someone.



Candy Paulovich, and sons Vincent Jr. and James, Faye Pearlman, and son, Tyler, pulled weeds and grass around the front rose bushes on June 18th at the church. Afterwards, they went to Wendy's for lunch.

The older youth will be attending a Diamondback game on July 2nd with Ed and Faye Pearlman as group leaders.

The youth also went paint-balling on Tuesday, June 22nd.

The parents of Larkspur's teens, are reading the book, *Contemplative Youth Ministry, Practicing the Presence of Jesus*, by Mark Yaconelli. This book will get the parents to listening more intently to God and responding more directly to the needs of their children. Through the application of contemplative traditions and authentic relationship building, they will discover a new sense of ministry that's less about what should happen soon to what can happen now.

Ashli Lawler gave testimony during a recent worship service about her encounter with God at church camp. Larkspur welcomes back Ciara Delgado and Jeffrey Williamson from church camp.



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

Registration
**Registration Deadline is
July 19th.**

Cost: \$120 for overnight guests
\$ 65 for commuters
Overnight cost based on double
occupancy. Both rates include 4
meals.

See Donna Manor or Marge
Day for registration forms.





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*



Fundraising Opportunity

Do you shop Safeway and have a Safeway club card? If you do, please sign up for eScrip by going to www.escrip.com/my-eScrip.jsp. Larkspur Christian Church supporter ID is 900866303. If you do not have a computer, please see Marge Day and she will input the information for you. We just need your club card number for processing. eScrip will send you a password to access your personal area of eScrip. By registering your Safeway club card on line and using Larkspur's supporter ID number, it will automatically earn money for Larkspur each time you shop Safeway. You can also register with other eScrip merchants by simply shopping with participating eScrip merchants when you sign up. To find the eScrip merchants in your area, go to www.escrip.com

"My eScrip" allows you to securely manage and update your account information and view monthly purchase reports online, anytime. In addition, you can change your group, add cards such as debit and credit cards for shopping and dining.

Thank you to the members who are now participating!



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"At Larkspur It's the love"

July 2010-Calendar of Events



July 4—Independence Day Holiday

Birthday Sunday

Elders Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

July 11—Board Meeting

July 18—Indoor Picnic

July 20—Newsletter Deadline

Adult Sunday School Class—Sundays at 9 am

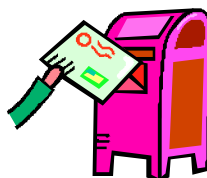
Pastor Prayer Group—9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Teen Class—9:40 a.m.

Coming in August

August 20th and 21st—Rummage Sale

From the Mailbox



Dear Larkspur Family,

Thank you all for thinking of me during my graduation time.

Thanks for all you do. I'm so happy to know I belong to the Larkspur family!

Always,

Remi Hildebrand

Hi! It's Ciara. I just got back from camp and enjoyed it A LOT! I wanted to thank everyone for sending me and sending me letters so I could sing, too. I would also like to thank the church for the graduation money you gave me. I really appreciate it!

Camp was soooo fun and I hope I can go back again soon!

Ciara Delgado

Dear Larkspur Church,

On behalf of the Ronald McDonald House, thank you for your generous donation of pop tops! Together as a community we are able to make our house a "Home away from Home" for more than 1200 families a year.

Thank you!

Cara (volunteer)

Dear Larkspur Family,

Thank you everyone for the cards, visits, calls and prayers. Larkspur is, and always has been, a blessing in my life.

Yours in Christ,

Joyce Ruble

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for helping me go to church camp. It was a lot of fun! One of the things that was fun was when a bat flew into the cabin during movie night. I can't wait until next year!

Thanks again for sending me to camp.

Jeffrey Williamson

Serving in July 2010

Elders: John Noble and Pat Noble

Worship Leaders:

04	Christy Comer
11	Donna Manor
18	Ann Comer
25	Ashli Lawler



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

Greeters:

04	Phyllis Murdock
11	Rhonda Barr
18	Christy Comer
25	Jessie Kessler

Open/Close Building: Vern Glossup

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