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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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Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 17, 2011
Worship at 10:00 a.m. -Sanctuary

The children will come down the aisle waving palm branches and shouting "hosanna" and "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" to simulate the crowd as Jesus road into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 21, 2011
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary
Communion

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus washed the Apostles' feet before sharing bread (His body) and wine (His blood) with them at the Last Supper. Then, He said, "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*" John 15:12



Good Friday
Twenty-four Hour Prayer Vigil begins on Friday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m.



On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. On the way to Calvary. He suffered greatly and was crowned with a wreath of thorns. Despite His agony on the cross, Jesus asked God to forgive those responsible before He died.

Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

"Son-Rise" Service at 7:30 a.m. in the Courtyard
Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.—Fellowship Hall-
Donation
Easter Egg Hunt—Outside after breakfast
Worship and Baptism at 10:00 a.m.—
Sanctuary
Remember to bring Easter Lilies and Cut
Flowers for the Flowering of the Cross.





“Action is the path to holiness.”

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Limits

As I lay in the hospital bed for ten days I came aware of my own limitations. As most of you know I am a very active person. Since I was a young boy I thought that “Action is the path to holiness”. When I was at the hospital the social worker came in to tell me that they may have to send me to a skilled nursing home until I fully recover, putting more limitations on my life. The doctors were telling me that my recovery process will take weeks or even months. After hearing all my future limitations, depression set on my mind and heart for several days. There were several things that I couldn’t do, like going to the bathroom by myself, showering on my own, walking alone etc. Limits, limits, limits! That was not me!

Most people as they visited me at the hospital told me that being in the hospital was a forced Sabbath for me. They were saying that somehow God was forcing me to rest or to take a break. In other words, God was putting in my life limitations through sickness.

The world has limits. We have laws we need to keep, rules and regulations to obey, limits to bring order to the world we live in. The bible is full of limitations. In the beginning God told Adam and Eve that they can have everything in the garden except (limitations) of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat” (Genesis 2:17). Most of the bible has limitations of what we can or cannot eat, drink or how we ought to behave. The church is a place of limits, but somehow the church got quiet or silent about the proclamations of Christian limitations. Maybe because when we speak out about our limitations as people of faith we are labeled as a judgmental congregation.

Jesus had limitations; he can’t convert the stones into bread; he can’t get the crown without the suffering of the cross. As a church we have been too quiet for too long. We need to affirm monogamous and healthy relationships. We need to affirm that the abuse of alcohol, addicted gambling, and illegal drugs are off limits in the church and in the Christian life. Hate, injustice and prejudice are things God tells us to stay completely away as they are off limits. It’s not just the five-year-old who needs a safe place to make a bed. Limits provide guidance, nurture, and protection for us all. As we acknowledge our limitations we thoroughly free ourselves to continue with what we have and to value life as it is at the present moment without losing focus of a bright future. It is not about being confined, boxed in or jailed in the misery of our limitations, but in the facing of our limitations we find ways to end some things in our lives gracefully and to begin new liberating journeys.

Job J. Cobos
Pastor





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

April 16, 2011.

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 Arizona Women's Fair held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, was well attended by Larkspur's DWM members.

They enjoyed the presentation on World Religions and thought the overall Fair this year was excellent.

Looking Ahead—the All Daughter Luncheon will be held May 7, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. It will be a Western Theme this year.



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

Things That Make My Heart Beat Faster



- Visiting my grandchildren
- Visiting my Pop in Tempe
- Having lunch with Job
- Having lunch with my daughter

- Visiting my children
- Being with Matthew
- Meditating
- Singing in the shower
- Sunday Hugs
- Walking Amy
- Waking up in the morning

- Being with my three best friends: Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

- Submitted by Richard Hampton

**What makes your heart beat faster?
Let's hear from you!**

Mission Trip to Mexico

Many of you have asked about the Nogales congregation and would like to return for a visit and worship with them.

We will leave on Sunday, April 10th at 7:00 a.m. in time to worship with the

congregation at 11:00 a.m.

We will have lunch, and then return back to the Valley.

As an outreach project, we can help the Nogales

Congregation with school materials for the children or anything else a child could use. A box will be available in the narthex to collect the items.

Remember, you will need a passport to cross the border.

Please let Pastor Cobos know if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

Lectionary Text and Sunday Sermons

April 3—Fourth Sunday in Lent

“We Belong to the Light”

Scripture Text: Ephesians 5:8-14

Scripture Readings:

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

John 9:1-41

April 10—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pulpit Guest: Christy Comer

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

April 17—Passion/Palm Sunday

“Last Moments of Jesus”

Scripture Text:

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

April 21—Maundy Thursday

“The Meal”

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, (12-19)

I Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 24—Easter Sunday

“Being Jesus”

Scripture Text: Matthew 28:1-10

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

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Bible Verse for April

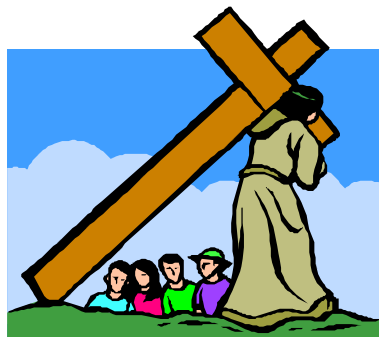
Sin

He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many.

Isaiah 53:12 NKJV



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FROM



THE

MAILBOX

Dear Larkspur Christian Church,

My name is Chelsea Gregory and I am a sophomore member of Disciples on Campus at Chapman University. Here I am studying public relations and advertising. I want to thank you so much for your continuous support and contributions, helping me attend Chapman.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Gregory

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Dear Members and Friends,

I just want you to know that my son, Pat Largent, estate is now settled. I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support you have given me during these difficult three years. It is such a relief to have closure.

Thank you again, for sharing my sorrow and trials. You have been and are a wonderful body of people.

With appreciation and love,

Gwen Largent



Financial Report

February 2011

General Fund Income:

\$5,203.05

Other Income:

\$640.86

Total Operating:

\$5,843.91

General Fund Expenses:

\$7,280.90

Ahead for the Year:

\$540.42

Average Weekly Giving:

\$1,300.76

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In Prayer:

Lent Stewardship Prayer

May the spirit of stewardship pervade the lives of Larkspur Christian Church members and friends, empowering each of us to selflessly manage our God given gifts of time, talents, and treasure for the common good of our family, church, and community. Amen.



April

Birthdays

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

April

Anniversaries

- April 24 Will & Monica McCommas

Congratulations!

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



Thanks for your help!

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to our Minister of Music, Laura Hunter, on the loss of her brother, Mark Hunter, on Sunday, March 27, 2011.



The Youth Silent Auction raised \$478.50.

The next youth fund raiser is the Baseball—Raffle Hotdog Luncheon on April 3, 2011, after worship service.

Wear your favorite team shirt or colors and pay the youth \$1.00 for the privilege of wearing it.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of food.

Thank you for supporting the youth here at Larkspur.

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Hats off to Tyler Pearlman for cleaning up the alley adjacent to the church each week. Please know it is appreciated.



Thank you to Dutch Van Ess and George Shaw for replacing the light bulbs around the church building.

Leota Shaw doesn't have enough to do, but keep the rose garden free of weeds. Roberta Pesnell does her share of weed pulling, too. Thank you, ladies!



Spotlight on Joe and Virginia Ybanez . . . Reported by Leota Shaw

Joe and Virginia have been attending Larkspur Christian Church for quite sometime now. They came to Larkspur from Phoenix Calvary Temple Church where they attended for fourteen years. They decided one Sunday to visit Larkspur and continued to attend because they liked the warmth and friendliness of the people and the relaxed tone of the worship service. They also enjoy the coffee time prior to church so they can get to know all of us better. They would like each of the members to come up and introduced themselves and get to know them.

They live in our church neighborhood and have two daughters living in Phoenix and two sons living in California. They have eight grandchildren. Joe and Virginia are both retired.

Global Mission Summit

There will be a Global Mission Summit on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande.

This summit will be led by Bob Shebeck, Disciples of Christ Executive for

Mission Interpretations and Felix Ortia-Cotto, Area Executive for Latin American and Caribbean.

The cost is \$25.00 for the first four people and only \$10 for each person over four.

If you are interested in attending, please let the church secretary or the Board Moderator , Leota Shaw know.

Let's support the Arizona Region's programs.

Poem—*Things I Love*—Submitted by Richard Hampton

Birds flying,
High and Free
The Puppy,
Sitting next to me

A plot of soil,
Old yet new
The little green plant,
First I grew

Squirrels storing
Food away
Smiling children
As they play

Streams Racing
To Infinity
The sky, the moon
Eternity

— 1964



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"At Larkspur It's the love"

April Calendar of Events

April 2—Farmer's Market—8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

April 3—Birthday Sunday, Youth Hotdog Baseball Luncheon and Raffle

April 05—Lent Study—12:30 p.m. and Lunch Bunch

April 10—Pulpit Guest—Mexico Outreach Trip

April 12—Lent Study—12:30 p.m.

April 16— CWF meeting at 10:00 a.m.

April 17—Palm Sunday and Youth Sunday

April 19—Newsletter deadline

April 21—Maundy Thursday Service-7:00 p.m.

April 22—Good Friday— 24 hr Prayer Chain

April 24—Easter Services



2011 Church Camp



Camp begins Sunday at 2:00 p.m.—June 26th—July 1, 2011
 Forms will be available the week of April 15, 2011.

Cost:	Early Bird Deadline	April 30, 2011	\$299.00
	Regular Camp Deadline	May 1, 2011	\$330.00

Please let the church secretary 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 before June 13, 2011—completely filled out with money by these dates in order to be processed. Forms turned in or post marked after June 13, 2011 will need to include a \$25.00 late fee and will be considered on an individual basis. Forms must be postmarked by April 30th to qualify for the early registration.

Serving in April 2011

Elder: Vern Glossup

Diaconates: Jesse Kessler, Phyllis Murdock, Ed and Faye Pearlman

Worship Leaders: **03 Vern Glossup**
 10 Donna Manor
 17 Youth
 24 Christy Comer

Greeters: **03 Marion Jones**
 10 Donna Manor
 17 TBA
 24 Jesse Kessler



Open/Close Building: Vern Glossup

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