

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

EACH WEEKEND

Saturday—5 pm Traditional Worship
 Sunday—8 & 9:15 am Traditional Worship
 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

1st Sunday of Advent

8 & 9:15 am—Traditional Worship
 9 am—Ignite! (JH & HS combined)
 9:15 & 10:30 am—Ignite! (Kids); Advent Wreath making
 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
 11:30 am—Junior High Winter Retreat returns
 11:45 am—Junior High Leaders' meeting; NO Ignite! (JH)
 3 pm—Worship at Brookdale
 4 pm—Phoenix Children's Chorus concert

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

6:30 am—Men's Discipleship
 5:30 pm—Men's Discipleship (off campus)
 6:30 pm—Stephen Ministry Training
 7 pm—Then Sings My Soul

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:30 am—Women's AA
 9 am—Mary Martha Circle (off campus)
 9:15 am—MOMS
 9:30 am—Sarah Circle (off campus)
 10 am—Heart to Heart Grief Support ends
 4 pm—Men's Life Support
 6 pm—Heart to Heart Grief Support ends
 6:30 pm—Twilight MOMS; Men's Discipleship
 7 pm—Beyond (Young Adults); NO Carillon de Cristo (handbells)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:15 am—Men's Discipleship
 8 am—Angel Tree Drop-Off
 9 am—Liturgical Banner Making
 9:15 am—MOMS
 4 pm—Grace Notes Children's Choir
 6:15 pm—Advent Dinner
 6:30 pm—Sanctuary Choir; *Journey Through Bethlehem* rehearsal;
 RENEW
 6:45 pm—DivorceCare ends
 7 pm—Advent Worship;
 ADVENTure Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 am—Men's Discipleship
 5 pm—Men's Life@Work
 7:30 pm—Al-Anon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 am—Women's AA
 8 am—Men's Discipleship
 9:30 am—Decorate the Sanctuary
 6 pm—*Journey Through Bethlehem*
 7 pm—*Messiah* Sing Along

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9 am—Peace by Piece Quilting;
 Cantata rehearsal
 5 pm—Traditional Worship; *Journey Through Bethlehem*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 am—Angel Tree Drop-Off
 8 & 9:15—Traditional Worship
 9 am—Ignite! Christmas Party (HS)
 9:15 & 10:30 am—Ignite! (Kids)
 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
 11:45 am—Ignite! Christmas Party (JH); Caroling at PV Brookdale
 2 pm—Bridge to Hope meeting
 3 pm—*Journey Through Bethlehem*;
 Sonoran Desert Chorale concert

AT THE MINISTRY TABLES

WORSHIP SERVICE CDS & DVDS

Cost to order is \$5 per CD or \$10 per DVD.

ALTAR FLOWERS & LIBRARY DONATION CHARTS

Reserve your special dates for 2018! Flowers cost \$45 and library items cost \$15.

DROP OFF BOX TOPS, CANCELLED STAMPS, & SODA PULL-TABS

Priscilla Circle collects these items to help local charities.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

PREACHING TODAY

Pastor Matthew Knopf

LAY READERS

8 am—Pat Thoms
 9:15 am—Craig Millbranth

MUSIC

Traditional

Dr. Jeremy Peterman, vocalist (Sat.), organ
 Greg Erdmann, cantor
 Sanctuary Choir (Sun.)

Contemporary

Band of Believers

HELPFUL INFORMATION

HEARING AIDS & LARGE PRINT BIBLES

are on the table in the narthex for use during worship. Please return them as you leave.

VISIT LACASALIVE.COM

to watch past sermons or other videos, or for live streaming of worship services.

NURSERY

for children ages 0-3 is northwest of the Sanctuary. Ask an usher.

THE CRY ROOM

a place to sit with restless little ones, is behind the Sanctuary, through the narthex.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

The library in the church office is open Sunday mornings and from 9 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday.

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LA CASA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2/3, 2017

TODAY IN WORSHIP

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SCRIPTURE READINGS

Today

John 1:1-14 (P 750, LP 1645)

Next Week

Isaiah 58:8-10
 John 8:12-18

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by Ellen & Rod McKinley,
 to the glory of God

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Worship: 1549
 Ignite! Kids: 152
 Ignite! Jr. High & High School: 135
 Adult Education: 196

GIVING LAST WEEK

Program Budget needed: \$38,000
 Received: \$33,949
 Building Fund needed: \$16,000
 Received: \$19,804

WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome! Please stop by the Visitors' table as you leave today so we can greet you and answer your questions about La Casa de Cristo. We have calendars and more information available for you. Also visit the Ministry tables in the

courtyard for information about Men's and Women's Ministry, Kids & Family Ministry, and Health & Wellness. We'd love to share with you the opportunities we have for faith and fellowship.

NEW AND NOTABLE

COMMUNION TODAY

To receive communion in your pew, please alert an usher or the worship coordinator. Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastors.

PROGRAM FUND ENVELOPES

Please pick up your Program Fund envelopes today to save mailing costs. Thank you!

MARRIEDPEOPLE

Plan to stop in the courtyard on **Sun., Dec. 3 (today) or Dec. 10** between services to pick up your MarriedPeople Christmas Stocking Surprise.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE RETURN

Return your gifts/food boxes to the **Gathering Place** on **Wed., Dec. 6, 8 am-7 pm, and Sun., Dec. 10, 7:30 am-noon.**

WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP

Dec. 6, 13, & 20, 7 pm, join **Pastor Jeff Ruby** in the **Sanctuary** for traditional worship. Also at 7 pm, ADVENTure Worship for kids 3 yrs.-6th grade. Dinner for all ages at **6:15 pm** in the **Gathering Place**.

JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM

Be here next week for this fun, interactive Christmas event! Visit the town of Jesus' birth to feel what that special night might have been like. Enjoy kids' crafts, live music, and holiday refreshments. **Fri., Dec. 8-Sun., Dec. 10.** Times & other details at lacasafamily.com/Bethlehem.

USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS

We will need many ushers for our Christmas services: **Christmas Eve at 4:30, 6, 7:30, 9, & 11 pm, and Christmas Day at 10 am.** Sign up at the Ministry tables.

WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

"Growing disciples in a community where love works."

MAKE OUR HOUSE YOUR HOUSE!

Our worshipping community comes to us from near and far, from diverse church backgrounds or no previous church experience, both full-time and part-time residents. Our classes, groups, choirs, and events are open to all. Please worship the Lord and serve Jesus Christ with us! We think you'll feel right at home.

STAFF

PASTORS

Jeffrey Ruby - Senior Pastor
Matthew Knopf - Associate Pastor
Susan Ramsay - Associate Pastor
Joel Bjerkestrand - Visitation Pastor
Chris Tansey - Youth Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jennifer Song Sheldon - Director
Bill McKennon - Assistant
Dr. Jeremy Peterman - Organist/Handbells
Gary Spears - AV Technical Director

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Nancy Berry - Adult Education
Staci Medina - Children's Ministry
Joe Wentling - Men's Ministry
Kristen Cross - Nursery Ministry
Rita Block RN - Parish Nurse
Jennine Ulibarri - Girlfriends UnLTD
Suzan Scudder - Associate Youth Director

ADMINISTRATIVE

Kelly McKennon - Office Manager

YOUTH MINISTRY

JUNIOR HIGH

Ignite! Sun., Dec. 3,
JH & HS combined at **9 am**

Confirmation resumes **Jan. 9 & 10**

Coming in 2018: JH & HS combined at least once each month!

Save the Date: April 27-28,
JH Overnighter

HIGH SCHOOL

Ignite! Sun., Sun., Dec. 3,
JH & HS combined at **9 am**

JH Leaders meet **today, Sun., Dec. 3, 11:45 am, Youth Room**

"Sabbath Rest," HS Winter Retreat, Feb. 16-19, Prescott. Get info and register at lacasayouth.com. Early bird deadline **Sun., Jan. 21**

Coming January 21! KALEO,
HS Sunday nights, **6-8 pm**

HEALTH & WELLNESS

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon meets **Thurs., 7:30-9 pm.** Contact **René Thomas** at **480-221-4838.** **Women's AA** meets **Tues. & Fri., 7:30 am.** Contact **Leslie** at **602-697-0867.**

Support After Loss meets **Mon., Dec. 11, 6 pm.** **Alzheimer Support** meets **Wed., Dec. 13, 7 pm.** **HopeKeepers** meets **Thurs., Dec. 14, 11 am.** **Ostomy Support** meets **Thurs., Dec. 21, 12:30 pm.** More info on our website under *Ministries/Health & Wellness.*

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Do you have a wheelchair or walker, clean and in good working order, that you're no longer using? The church could use it, especially with winter visitors returning, and family and friends visiting for Christmas. Email **Rita Block, Parish Nurse,** at RBlock@lacadecristo.com, or call the church office.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

SUPPORT THE PV FOOD BANK

In December, the food bank requests canned beef, chicken, fish, chili, or other canned meat. Drop off at the Sanctuary, Gathering Place, or church office.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is hurting, call one of our Stephen Ministry leaders: **Claudia King** at **480-269-1181** or **Steve King** at **602-492-6966.** Stephen Ministers are La Casa members trained to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care at no cost.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Sign-up charts to sponsor our missionaries in 2018 are available in the **Narthex (Sat.)** and the **courtyard (Sun.)** Support is \$15/day. Visit the table in the courtyard for information and to choose your dates.

TAX CREDIT

Support extracurricular activities at Palomino & Campo Bello Schools by making a tax credit contribution. Pick up a form with details at the Ministry tables.

MUSIC MINISTRY

PHOENIX CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Peace on Earth, with selections by several choirs as well as 300 voices combined, **Sun., Dec. 3, 4 pm, (today)** in the **Sanctuary.** See ticket availability at pcchorus.org.

MESSIAH SING ALONG

Fri., Dec. 8, 7 pm, in the **Sanctuary.** No ticket required to take part in this exciting and joyful Christmas classic! See today's bulletin insert for details.

SONORAN DESERT CHORALE

Desert Voices of Christmas, **Sun., Dec. 10, 3 pm, Sanctuary.** Enjoy a concert featuring strings, voices, and the amazing La Casa organ! Celebrate "the most wonderful time of the year" with music. Tickets at SonoranDesertChorale.org.

SCOTTSDALE PREP CONCERT

Tues., Dec. 12, 7 pm, Sanctuary, enjoy a free choral concert by the high school students of Scottsdale Prep Academy.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Greatest Gift, a musical celebration at all worship services, **Dec. 16-17.** Don't miss our annual concert worship experience with members of every music group at La Casa. A great weekend to invite friends and family!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ORDER POINSETTIAS

Order poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one to beautify our Sanctuary. \$15 per plant. A form is in today's bulletin or order online at lacadecristo.com/poinsettias. Deadline is **Dec. 11.**

COME A-CAROLING

Sun., Dec. 10, La Casa's g!-Group, Then Sings My Soul, invites all who love to sing Christmas carols to sing for the residents of **Brookdale Senior Living.** Meet at **11:45 am, Room 307,** to review songs; sing from **1-1:30 pm.** Contact **Merridith Hackley** at Desertboom07@yahoo.com.

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Potluck dinner at the Butters' home on **Sun., Dec. 10,** after the Sonoran Desert Chorale concert and Journey Through Bethlehem. Sign up at the Ministry tables or contact Nancy at NButters@lacadecristo.com or **480-778-8335.**

WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY WEEKEND

Jan. 19-21, at **Little America Hotel, Flagstaff.** The theme: **Steppin' Out in Faith: Living the Life God Designed,** with guest speakers **Dr. John Trent** and his daughter, **Kari Trent Stageberg.** Details and registration at lacadecristo.com/breakaway. Registration deadline is **Fri., Dec. 15;** payment due **Jan. 7.**

2018 MISSION TRIP

Join **Pastor Matt Knopf,** along with **Esperanza Lutheran Church,** for a joint mission trip to central Mexico with Mazahua Valley Ministries, **June 29-July 6.** Read all about it at lacadecristo.com/mexico.

G! GROUPS

Check lacadecristo.com/g-groups for current information.

THEN SINGS MY SOUL

Mon., Dec. 4, 7 pm, Music Rehearsal Room. **Merridith Hackley** at Desertboom07@yahoo.com.

LITURGICAL BANNERS

Wed., Dec. 6, 9 am, Sacristy. **Lyn Morrow** at LSMorrow@cox.net.

PEACE BY PIECE QUILTING

Sat., Dec. 9, 9 am, Rm. 109/111. **Vickie Mueente** at Mickey1814@cox.net.

SOUL FOOD

Mon., Dec. 11, 11 am, Room A, for a Christmas Potluck. Hear a message from **Pastor Joel Bjerkestrand.** **Susan@SusanMcGiffert.com.**

ALSO FOR WOMEN

CIRCLES

Circles are study groups for women.

Mary Martha Circle meets **Tues., Dec. 5, 9 am,** at the home of **Elayne Campbell.** Contact **Elayne** for location at Elayne88@aol.com.

Sarah Circle meets **Tues., Dec. 5, 10 am,** at the **English Rose Tea Room, 201 Easy St., Carefree.** Contact **Lynn Hall** at **843-860-6685.**

Priscilla Circle meets **Wed., Dec. 13, 1 pm, Room 103.** Contact **Bev Redding, 480-998-8521** or **Lyn Lesch** at MissionLynx@msn.com.

NAOMI'S DAUGHTERS

This social group for widows meets for breakfast on **Thurs., Dec. 14, 8:30 am, Room A.** Newcomers are welcome. Sign up at the Ministry tables or call the church office.