

Windows

to LA CASA



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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF LA CASA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Can You Spare A Drop?



Be a life saver by giving blood! **Sun., Sept. 9, 7:30 am-12:30 pm, Room 307**, in the pre-school building, the

American Red Cross will be on campus for our next blood drive. Sign up at the Ministry Center on Sunday or online at redcrossblood.org.

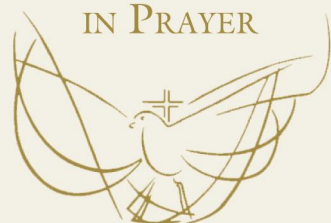
For instructions on how to sign up online, go to lacasadecristo.com/blooddrive. There you'll also find helpful information on how to have a happy and healthy blood donation!

JOIN MARRIEDPEOPLE

Join us for our Night Out at La Casa kickoff event, **Sat., Aug. 25, 5-7 pm**, and enjoy a live show from comedian couple, **Barnes & Miner**. Experience a night of comedy and laughter while exploring what it takes to make your marriage great.

Register now for MarriedPeople at lacasadecristo.com/marriedpeople. Then check your email on Fri., Aug. 10, for a link to sign up for dinner and MPKids childcare for the kickoff. Invest in your marriage this year by becoming a part of MarriedPeople!

To Remember IN PRAYER



HOSPITALIZED

Laurel Andersen Kristin Zakowski

RECUPERATING

Lynda Gabrielson Tatum Gillis

ON DEATH OF LOVED ONE

Cheryl & Bruce Gilroy ... his father Cole, Conner, Colin, Lily, & Jacob ... their grandfather

CLOTHING DRIVE

Clean out your closets and drop off all sizes of clothing for La Casa's clothing drive, beginning **Sun., Sept. 9**. Drop off on Sundays in bins outside the Sanctuary or in the church office during the week. If clothing is for teenagers, please clearly mark bags "Teens." Donations go to our free **Shop It for Your Moppet** clothing exchange and to thrift shops at Palomino and Campo Bello schools.

How else can you help? Volunteer to sort clothing in the Gathering Place starting Sept. 10. Watch the newsletter for details and watch your email for a SignUpGenius.

TRY ALPHA

Got questions about life?

Try Alpha, the perfect venue for bringing key questions of life and God. Be energized by an engaging film series and discussion time, where every question raised is valued. For both Christians and non-Christians, get ready to travel on the adventure of a lifetime. Watch your mail for a letter from **Pastor Susan Ramsay** with more information and an invitation to participate in the *Alpha 30-Day Prayer Challenge*. Alpha begins **Wed., Sept. 19, 6-8:15 pm**. Learn more at lacasadecristo.com/alpha.



DIVORCECARE

Whether you are going through a divorce, recovering from a divorce, or feeling isolated due to separation, DivorceCare can help you recover and move forward with your life.

DivorceCare is a faith-based program offering relevant topics presented on DVD with a workbook, and providing a safe place to discuss issues important to you. Topics include anger, depression, loneliness, finances, and children. Get to know facilitator Kari Evans, who, like many others, has been helped by this course. Begins **Wed., Sept. 5, 6:45 pm**. Workbook fee is \$15; scholarships are available. Childcare upon request for infants-6th grade. Contact **Pastor Susan Ramsay** in the church office, email pastorsusan@lacasadecristo.com or visit divorcecare.org for more info.



Being a mom is hard, but it doesn't have to be lonely. Our MOMS group is a fun, Christ-centered community for moms with children from birth through age 18. We offer Tuesday and Wednesday morning meeting times and Tuesday nights.

Our goal is to meet the needs of moms by providing sound Biblical resources through speakers, outreach opportunities, moms nights out, and loving care for each mom. Our Moppets program engages the youngest children with Bible stories, crafts, play, and story time. We also offer Homework Hut for ages kindergarten through 6th grade on Tuesday nights.

The 2018-19 year begins **Sept. 11/12** with guest speaker **Joanne Kraft**, author of the book *A Mean Mom's Guide to Raising Great Kids*. Learn more about MOMS and register today at lacasadecristo.com/moms.

MEET CUB SCOUTS

Are you ready for adventure? Check out **Cub Scout Pack 316** at the annual **Ice Cream Social, Fri., Aug. 17, 6:30 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall. You'll have fun and find out about the exciting events they

have planned for this year. Enjoy plenty of treats and games for the kids.

Cub Scouting is open to all boys entering kindergarten through fifth grade this coming school year. If you'd like to know more, contact **Cubmaster Steve Lawrence** at azpack316@gmail.com.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

Sunday morning has taken the lead after week one of the great **Mac & Cheese Challenge** to benefit the **PV Emergency Food Bank**. Sunday worshippers have donated 905 boxes while the Saturday service has donated 320. That's a total of 1,225 boxes, a great start to the month! Thank you for your generosity.



g! Groups
Check lacasadecristo.com/g-groups
for current information and contacts.

Soul Food – Mon., Aug. 13, 11 am,
Room A. Meet for the annual service
project. Please bring a brown bag lunch;
water and dessert provided. Email
Susan@SusanMcGiffert.com

Liturgical Banners – Wed., Aug. 15,
9 am, **Sacristy.**

Christian Fiction Book Club – Wed.,
Aug. 15, 9:30 am, **Room D,** to discuss
Riders of the Purple Sage by Zane Grey.

Lit 'n Lattes – Thurs., Aug. 16, 7 pm,
Sanctuary Family Room, to discuss *The
Heart Mender* by Andy Andrews.

Breakaway Weekend! Jan. 25-27,
2019, **Flagstaff.** Get details at
lacasadecristo.com/breakaway.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

From renowned financial expert
Dave Ramsey, FPU can change your
life! Start with a no obligation preview
session on **Wed., Sept. 5, 6:45-8:30 pm.**
The 9-week course, led by **Joel
Truemper**, begins **Sept. 19.** Based on
more than 800 Scripture verses, FPU is
practical, entertaining, and fun—and a
proven plan that works! You'll be
encouraged along the way as you get
control of your money and change your
family's future. Childcare for infants
through 6th grade is available upon
request. Find more information at
lacasadecristo.com/adulteducation.



**Michael McClanathan: Wed., Aug. 15,
7 pm, Sanctuary.**

Arizona's premier bagpiper has played all
over the world, from Italy to Canada to
the British Virgin Islands, and of course,
Scotland. Closer to home, Michael
donates his piping skills for the Maricopa
County Sheriff's Department Honor
Guard and has performed at the Orpheum
Theatre, Phoenix Symphony Hall, Dodge
Theater, and Mesa Arts Center. Michael
will share with his La Casa audience the
beautiful antique pipes he plays and his
lifelong passion for piping.



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WORSHIP -

SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS, 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 AM
IGNITE! - KIDS - 9:15, 10:30 AM
JUNIOR HIGH - 11:45 AM
HIGH SCHOOL - 9:00 AM
ADULTS- 9:15, 10:30 AM

TIME-VALUED MATERIAL

5 REASONS TO JOIN SANCTUARY CHOIR

From Jennifer Sheldon, Director of Music Ministry:

1. You'll gain another family

Choir is a group of people that sing together and also watch out for each other. When one of our singers was ill recently, choir members made many visits to the hospital, brought food, and even stayed at the member's house to help. That type of community and love lives in the hearts and minds of our choir members!

2. Everybody needs a good midweek worship service

Yes, at choir rehearsal you'll learn your part, but you'll also worship God in the words and music and leave feeling refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your week.

3. No music degree needed

If you don't read music, come to a rehearsal and you'll sit next to someone who does. You'll be amazed at how quickly you'll catch on beside a strong singer. One of the amazing things about choir ministry is how God takes voices – some strong and others not so strong – and evens things out to bring forth beautiful music.

4. Choir is an extension of the pulpit

Sanctuary Choir uses music to bring a rich dynamic to the theme or message, with songs that teach, encourage, compel, and call to action. The choir acts as musical ambassadors for the Word.

5. Choir is fun!

Plus, you are always guaranteed a seat, especially Christmas and Easter!

Choir rehearsals begin **Wed., Sept. 5, 7 pm**, in the **Music Rehearsal Room**.

HELP STUDENTS AT CAMPO BELLO

Would you like to make an impact in the educational lives of young students? Campo Bello Elementary School uses volunteer helpers in many ways. Some work with 1st-graders on reading basics, others with math or writing in grades 4-5. You may help individual students or small groups.

If you can spare an hour or two once a week or even once a month, you can make a difference in a child's learning life. Help is always needed in the Eagle's Nest Thrift Shop too. So please consider joining this great group of volunteers. Contact **Esther Kovacs** at ejk4242@yahoo.com or **480-544-0552**.

TO EXPLORE THE CHURCH FAMILY LIFE OF LA CASA DE CRISTO, VISIT LACASADECRISTO.COM