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## to LA CASA



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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF LA CASA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

### LA SAGRADA DEDICATION

*This Sunday!* We hope you will attend the dedication of La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church on **Sun., Feb. 10, 4 pm, 2500 E. Campo Bello Drive, Phoenix.** Enjoy fellowship and dinner as we celebrate this joyous event along with the congregation of La Sagrada Familia.

### SATURDAY CLASS

Join **Nancy Butters** for Part 2 of *Genesis to Revelation*, covering the entire New Testament, on **Sat., Feb. 16, 9-11 am.** You'll walk through the 27 books of the New Testament in chronological order in this informative class. Come at **8:45 am** for continental breakfast. Sign up at [lacasadecristo.com/adulteducation](http://lacasadecristo.com/adulteducation).



### Arizona Musicfest

Hear the **Ruth Moody Band** in the **Gathering Place** on **Tues., Feb. 12, 7:30 pm.** Ruth Moody is a founding and current member of **The Wailin' Jennys**, frequent guests on the public radio variety show, *A Prairie Home Companion*.

Later this month it's Festival Orchestra Week in our **Sanctuary: Tues., Feb. 19, 7:30 pm, Beethoven & Dvorak**, with pianist **Andrew von Oeyen; Thurs., Feb. 21, 7:30 pm, Concert of Triumph** with the Festival Orchestra; **Fri., Feb. 22, 7:30 pm, Festival Orchestra Pops**, featuring the string trio **Simply Three**; and **Sun., Feb. 24, 3 pm, Violins of Hope: Gil Shaham with the Festival Orchestra.** Before each concert this week, attend a free pre-concert talk at **6:30 pm** in **Fellowship Hall**.

Tickets are available for all concerts, with discounts for multiple purchases. For details and to purchase, go to [azmusicfest.org](http://azmusicfest.org) or call **480-422-8449**.

### SPRING TRAINING

La Casa's annual spring baseball outing is coming, so save the date! See the **Diamondbacks** play the Milwaukee Brewers on **Sun., March 24, 12:10 pm**, at **Salt River Fields**. Tickets on sale **Sun., Feb 24**.



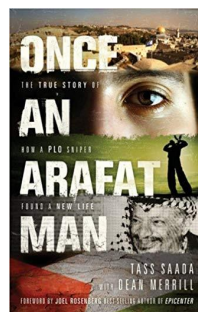
### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Sunday, March 3  
1:30 to 6 pm (includes dinner)**

Whether you have been worshipping with us for months or worshiped with us for the first time recently, this afternoon is planned with **YOU** in mind! Come learn more about the Lutheran faith and La Casa de Cristo. While it is necessary for those who plan to join the church to attend, attendance does not obligate a person to join. Because of the full agenda, we ask that you stay for the entire event. Childcare is available for infants through 6th grade. RSVP to **Kelly McKennon** at [KMckennon@lacasadecristo.com](mailto:KMckennon@lacasadecristo.com).

### A POWERFUL STORY

Author and speaker **Taysir (Tass) Saada** will share the compelling story of his conversion to Christianity and how it inspired him to begin two humanitarian organizations, **Seeds of Hope** and **Hope for Ishmael**, that have a profound impact on the lives of children and families in the Middle East and worldwide.



Born in Gaza and raised in Saudi Arabia and Qatar, Tass Saada became a sniper for Yasser Arafat in the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO). After his conversion, he dedicated his life to Christian ministry, advancing Israeli-Palestinian understanding and dialogue and also reaching Muslims with the gospel. He is the author of *Once An Arafat Man* and *The Mind of Terror*. Hear him speak at La Casa on **Thurs., Feb. 21, at 10 am or 7 pm.** Learn more at [hopeforishmael.org](http://hopeforishmael.org).

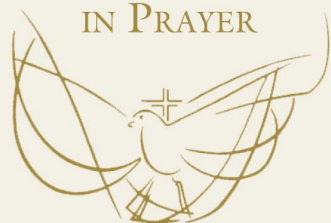
### GCU SINGERS AT WORSHIP

Critical Mass, Grand Canyon University's elite choral ensemble, will sing at our **8 & 9:15 am** traditional worship services on **Sun., Feb. 17**. Don't miss the opportunity to be inspired by the talent and energy of these accomplished young singers!

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Mon., Feb. 18**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

### To Remember IN PRAYER



#### CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF

Claire Belle Medina  
born to Staci & Eddie Medina

#### ANTICIPATING SURGERY

Judy Franson (2/12)

#### HOSPITALIZED

Nancy Jones Greer Neal  
Omer Reed James Wood

#### REHAB HOSPITAL

Helen Hoffmann Jean Steinmetz

#### RECUPERATING

Audrey Busse  
Audrey Hallett Rosemary Hudson  
Jeff Jorgenson Heidi Jurs  
Dave McCurdy Linda Mueller

#### NEW TO HOSPICE CARE

Bill Jacobson





Go to [lacasadecristo.com/g-groups](http://lacasadecristo.com/g-groups) to read about all the current groups and to contact leaders for more information.

**Peace by Piece Quilting** – Sat., Feb. 9, 9 am, Room 107.

**Soul Food** – Mon., Feb. 11, noon, Gordon Biersch Restaurant, 18545 N. Allied Way, Phoenix. For a reservation, email [Susan@SusanMcGiffert.com](mailto:Susan@SusanMcGiffert.com).

**Liturgical Banners** – Wed., Feb. 13, 9 am, Sacristy.

**Chick Flickers** – Wed., Feb. 13, morning; Thurs., Feb. 14, evening; off campus.

**Knifty Knitters** – Wed., Feb. 13, 4 pm, Sanctuary Cry Room.

## SUPER SOUPER BOWL!

The New England Patriots won their sixth Super Bowl but at La Casa the winner on Sunday was the **Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank**.

La Casa members raised \$2,547.40 for the Souper Bowl of Caring. (\$1,630 went into pots for the Rams so we did not predict the winner this year!) Thank you for your generous giving to help those in need, and thanks also to our youth for helping out this great cause.

## MEXICO MISSION

If you plan to go on the mission trip to help plant a Lutheran Church in Atlacomulco, Mexico, your registration form and deposit is due **Sun., Feb. 10**, in order to lock in current pricing. After that, registrations will be accepted dependent on airline availability and subject to airfare price changes. Go to [lacasadecristo.com/mexico](http://lacasadecristo.com/mexico) for information and registration. Dates are **July 26-August 2**.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend the annual congregational meeting on **Sun., Feb. 10** at **11:45 am** in the Sanctuary. Copies of the annual report will be available at worship on **Sat. and Sun., Feb. 9/10**.



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### PASTORS

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- MATTHEW KNOPF
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- JOEL BJERKESTRAND
- CHRIS TANSEY

### WORSHIP -

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

## TIME-VALUED MATERIAL

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Kids, parents, and youth leaders: Are you interested in learning more about the persecuted church around the world? **Pastor Chris Tansey** and **Suzan Scudder** are taking a group to **The Voice of the Martyrs** conference on **Sat., Feb. 16, 9 am-4 pm**, at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Phoenix**. You'll share in worship, prayer, and hearing the testimonies of the persecuted. Please RSVP to Chris or Suzan. More info at [vomadvance.com](http://vomadvance.com).

Save the date for the **Youth All Nighter, Fri.-Sat., April 5-6, 8 pm-8 am**. Open to all junior high and high school youth for 12 hours of non-stop fun at La Casa (and AZ Ice Peoria)! Cost is \$50 for games, movies, food, laser tag, inflatables, and lots more. Details at [lacasafamily.com/youth\\_all\\_nighter](http://lacasafamily.com/youth_all_nighter). Registration coming soon!

## BE A LENT LEADER



Are you interested in leading a small group for Lent? You'll serve primarily as a facilitator as all material for group

discussion is provided in the devotional book written by **Pastor Carol Peters**, *Encountering God Through the Psalms*. We especially need leaders for **Tues. and Wed. evenings** and **Sat. afternoon** preceding worship. Contact Adult Ed Director **Nancy Berry** in the office or at [NBerry@lacasadecristo.com](mailto:NBerry@lacasadecristo.com).

Sign up to join a small group at [lacasadecristo.com/len](http://lacasadecristo.com/len) beginning **Fri., Feb. 8**, or in the courtyard **Sun., Feb. 17**. Devotional books will be available for a suggested donation of \$5 beginning **Sun., Feb. 24**. Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6**.

## MEN'S EVENTS



**Sat., Feb. 16, 8 am:** Hike the **McDowell Sonoran Preserve Gateway**, a great outdoor trail just a few miles from La Casa.

**Fri., Feb. 23, 5 pm:** **Topgolf Scottsdale**,

a fun place to show off your golf skills or just swing away.

**Thurs., Feb. 28, 6 pm:** Meet up in a small group for good conversation at **Porkopolis**, on the southwest corner of Shea & Scottsdale Rd.

Save your spot for any or all events by calling **Eddie Medina** at **520-603-8894** or email [EMedina@lacasadecristo.com](mailto:EMedina@lacasadecristo.com). More info at [LaCasaFamily.com/BTBmen](http://LaCasaFamily.com/BTBmen).