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## to LA CASA



FEBRUARY 2, 2012

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF LA CASA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH

### FOOD BANK ITEM

Our food bank liaison, Brad Trump, reports that the Paradise Valley Food Bank currently has a real shortage of **canned tomato products**: whole, diced, stewed, sauce, paste, etc. They need them all. All those shelves which were so loaded after the fall school and church drives are beginning to show some bare spots. La Casa's generous and consistent support really makes a difference.

*From PVEFB's 2011 "Year in Review"*

Another remarkable year of service.

Our resources were taxed to the limit and beyond in 2011. As in the past, thanks to the generosity of our community (and our exceptional frugality) we maintained our record or uninterrupted service to our neighbors. (In the acknowledgments to contributors that follows La Casa de Cristo is listed among the Platinum Donors, those who contributed 10,000+ pounds or dollars.)

### JOHN'S VISION – OUR HOPE

#### *A Study of Revelation*



Join our churchwide Lenten Bible study for 2012! The themes of Revelation and how they impact our lives will be the theme of our small group discussions.

*Your Lenten journey will be greatly enhanced by joining a group!*

Small discussion groups will meet for one hour each week for six weeks starting Tuesday, February 21. (Sunday groups begin February 26.) You can join

a daytime or evening group, or one of the popular Sunday morning groups. Some groups meet in homes, most at church. Group members will need the devotional book, available for purchase in the church office or on the courtyard on Sundays at a cost of \$10. Sign up on Sundays or call the church office to be placed in a group.

**In addition**, Pastor Peters will also offer a special Bible study each **Monday** night during Lent (Feb. 27 – April 2) from **7 – 8 pm** that will examine the weekly readings in more depth.

Bible "beginners" and long-time students of Scripture are all encouraged to join this class, *and* a small discussion group.

### NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR HERE FEB. 19!!

La Casa de Cristo is proud to present, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues," a hymn festival with the National Lutheran Choir and David Cherwien on **Sun., Feb. 19, at 3 pm**. Join with the Minnesota-based chorus, as we raise the roof in praise, along with several hundred voices from area church choirs, a brass choir; and the voices of you, the assembled people---along with the encouragement of David Cherwien's creative and powerful leadership at the organ and piano, to raise the roof in praise.

All singers, whether choir members or not, are invited to share in this event as we come together as members of the body of Christ

through a celebration of music. Well-loved hymns, choral literature, and some new songs will be creatively sung, and will be combined with thoughtful reflections creating a vibrant and memorable experience of living faith. Included will be the premiere performance of David Cherwien's hymn setting "Oh, for a

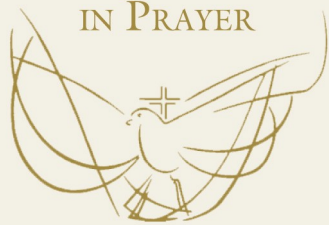
Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Join us to sing, or just to listen! Rehearsal will be from **9:30 am – 12:00 noon on Sat., Feb. 18**.

Tickets are General Admission: Adult \$15 / Student (18 & under) \$10. Order online at [www.NLCA.com](http://www.NLCA.com) or call toll-free 1-888-747-4589.



To  
Remember  
IN PRAYER



#### ANTICIPATING SURGERY

Steve Yates (2/7)

#### HOSPITALIZED

Debbie Geise

#### REHAB HOSPITAL

Jean Poarch

#### RECUPERATING

Craig Culleton      Leon Drage  
Jan Solberg

#### NEW TO HOSPICE CARE

Addie Bishop      Evelyn Hartig

#### ON DEATH OF LOVED ONE

Brenda Partlow ... her husband, Howard  
Susan Bettcher and Sally McCullough ...  
their father  
Family and friends of Janice Chadwick

### MOVIE SHOWING!

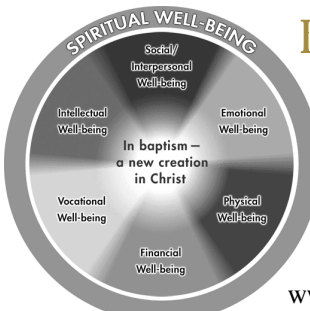
*Courageous, Honor Begins at Home* will have two screenings at La Casa de Cristo:

6 pm Sat., Feb. 11 or 4 pm Sun., Feb. 12, with dessert and discussion following.

Childcare provided. Please sign up at the Men's Ministry table, and while you are there, men can choose a day and time to join the four-week Bible study, *Courageous Living*. You can also sign up for the movie via the church website.

*You don't want to miss Sunday, February 19 ...*

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### INTENTIONAL WELL-BEING

#### *Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World*

We will focus on the "Wholeness Wheel" in Pastor Jeff Ruby's sermon, and with speakers Rhett Smith in Adult Ed sessions and Sam Lample in High School and Junior High as well as Adult sessions. For more details, visit the church website, [www.LaCasadeCristo.com](http://www.LaCasadeCristo.com).

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SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM  
SUNDAYS, 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9:15, 10:30, & 11:45 AM

• TIME-VALUED MATERIAL

girlfriends  
unlimited

g\* Groups

**Liturgical Banner** group will meet off campus on **Mon., Feb. 6**, at **7 pm**. Please contact Lyn Morrow for more information at [LSMorrow@cox.net](mailto:LSMorrow@cox.net).

**Chick Flickers** will meet on **Thurs., Feb. 9**, to see the movie *Big Miracle*. Contact Nancy Butters for movie time and location at [MattandNancy@cox.net](mailto:MattandNancy@cox.net).

Other Notes:

**Hiker Chicks** and the **Eclectic Crafters** have a sign-up sheet at the Girlfriends' table. Please stop by on Sunday for more information.

**Christian Fiction Book Club** is reading *Healing Sands* by Nancy Rue and Steve Arterburn for their meeting at **9:30 am** on **Feb. 15**.

**Lit 'n' Lattes** is reading *Exposure* by Brandilyn Collins for their meeting at **7 pm** on **Feb. 15**.

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

**Correction:** They will meet at the home of Karna Walther at 9:30 am on Tues., Feb. 14. Call her to RSVP and for directions at 480-614-9091.

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
MEMORY WORK

Congratulations to these students who completed their memory work during December and January!

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade – The Lord's Prayer**

Rory Doring      Maxwell Satrom

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – The Ten Commandments**

Nicole Clark      Parker Gaunt  
Aria Marum      Eric Szanto  
Carson Tininenko      Dylan Winford

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Books of the Bible**

Mark Chavez      Emily Franson

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade – The Apostles' Creed**

Zach Adam      Jacob Hulett

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

*Hearts and Soles*

For only \$25 you can join Hearts and Soles, as we work (out) to raise \$5000 to furnish an apartment for Cottage of Hope at the Phoenix Rescue Mission's Changing Lives Center. Participants exercise on their own schedule and log their miles weekly. For more information or to join, visit our church website or stop at the Health and Wellness table on Sunday.

*We Need Wheelchairs*

Do you have a wheelchair that you aren't using and is taking up space? If you are willing to donate it, please drop it off at the church office, as our supply of wheelchairs to loan out to those in need is extremely low. Please be sure it is in good working order. Questions? Contact Rita Block at ex 1110.

HOMBRES DE CRISTO  
BREAKFAST

140 men attended our last breakfast in January, when we welcomed **Jack Harris** as our new Men's Breakfast Leader! Sign up for the NEXT breakfast on **February 25**, when our own **Mark Scott** and **Jay Harper** will lead us in "How Are You Doing-Really?" as they discuss the challenges faced by Christian men in business and a tough economy.

COME AND HEAR . . .

About his love and the love we can share as a church family at our new member orientation.

1:30 – 6:00 pm, Sun., Feb. 26  
in Fellowship Hall, Room B

Childcare for children under age 5 will be available in the Nursery, and dinner will be provided.

This meeting is required for those who plan to become members ... but attendance does not obligate you to join! If you will attend, RSVP to the church office by February 17.

LIBRARY NEWS

During January we received two books for our library: *Living Beyond Your Feelings* and *Psalms for Young Children*. Every weekend (except Easter) you have two opportunities to dedicate library items as a lasting memento to a special person or event in your life. And the cost is still only \$15. You can reserve your special day for 2012 at the Information table on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

AUTISM RESOURCE  
MEETINGS (ARMS)

If you know a child with autism or similar traits we hope you will join us at the first of our Autism Resource Meetings. Our initial meeting will help us determine how to best support and educate our community, both families with children on the spectrum and others who would like to know more about the diagnosis. We hope a variety of people will take part in the meeting and offer up ideas that allow us to take this group in a great direction. The meeting will be on **Tues., Feb. 28**, at **7 pm** in **Classroom B** of the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions don't hesitate to email **Katie Murwin**, [KTMurwin@gmail.com](mailto:KTMurwin@gmail.com).

BLOOD DRIVE

On **Sunday, Feb. 12**, our focus on worship will be healing ... and you can help others heal by donating blood at our blood drive that day. Appointments are available from **7:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Reserve your time online at [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) using the sponsor code "cristo" or on the sign-up sheet at the Information table on Sundays.

CAMPUS WORKDAY

Our dedicated crew of volunteers meets the **third Saturday** of each month from **8 am until noon** to trim, prune, rake, and do general picking up. If you can help on **Sat., Feb. 18**, please sign up at the Information table on Sunday. Many hands make light work, so come when you can and leave when you must. Bring gloves and tools if you can.

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