

# la mesa Messenger

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*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.  
Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.” — 1 John 4:16*

## Tuesday Night News “Saying Goodbye”

This past year La Mesa has been blessed by the service of **Vicar Noah Strand**. At the end of the month, he will leave us at La Mesa and head back to finish his final year of seminary in St. Louis. It has been a joy to have him as part of La Mesa this past year. He has really owned his role and helped keep the worship service flowing smoothly. Whether it is bringing the Word, facilitating the worship service or even stepping in to help with vocals for the music at times, Noah has been a blessing to La Mesa during his time here.

We are very thankful for the fingerprint he leaves on this ministry and the fingerprint we are sure it leaves on his heart as well. He has made many friends and helped the spiritual journeys of many with his understanding of Scripture and his ability to get people to see something in a different light.

Good luck, Noah, as you continue on the path that God has planned for you. Thank you for your service over this past year here. We will miss you at La Mesa but we know that Jesus has great plans for you!

 *Our fingerprints  
are co-mingled.  
It will always be so!*

## On My Knees

Shelly found herself at a church campus on her knees crying to God for help. God answered her prayer that day in January of 2018 when He directed her path to La Mesa, the church with three crosses. She had an issue with alcohol and was living on the streets of Mesa. She needed to get off the streets and away from a hostile environment. She had a meal and stayed for the church service and was told to meet with the staff of the Resource Center for help. The Resource Center was successful in getting her off of the streets and into the Mesa I-Help shelter for women. She lasted a few months and moved on to what she thought was a better situation. Shelly had not dealt with her issue with alcohol and found herself back on the streets of Mesa. She still attended La Mesa on Tuesday nights where she felt and witnessed the love of Jesus. We were always so happy to see her. In 2020 when the pandemic was in full swing Shelly by the grace of God was accepted into the City of Mesa's shelter program at the Windermere Hotel. It was there she started to turn her life around. She stopped drinking and was committed to do whatever it took to get her own place. Even though the hotel was a long bus ride away she would still attend LaMesa whenever she could. One Tuesday night was very special for Shelly as she couldn't wait to get there to tell us she was now receiving Social Security. She was so thankful for what God was doing in her life that she tithed her entire first check to LaMesa. It made me cry as I remembered the words of Jesus in Matthew 12, vs 43-44 in the story of the widow's offering. Shelly was now ready to work on getting her own place. She signed up for



the La Mesa Financial Management Class and graduated in May of 2021. Shelly never gave up hope that she would one day move into her own place. In March of 2022 she finally received a housing voucher to cover the cost of her monthly rent. She met with Jennifer Holba, La Mesa's volunteer Housing Specialist, who worked side by side with Shelly until she finally located an available apartment that would accept her voucher. After living at the City of Mesa's Homeless Shelter for two years Shelly has finally received the keys to her very own place. La Mesa's partner, Furnishing Dignity is providing her with all the home furnishing she needs. God is so Good!

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# A Look at The LaMesa



## FROM THE KITCHEN...

- ✦ July 5 - Mesa:  
Lasagna, Ice Cream Bar, Fruit
- July 7 - Tempe:  
Cheeseburgers, Salad and Beans
- ✦ July 12 - Mesa:  
Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Fruit
- July 14 - Tempe:  
Pasta with Meat Sauce and Salad
- ✦ July 19 - Mesa: Sammie Jo's Specials
- July 21 - Tempe:  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad
- ✦ July 26 - Mesa:  
Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad
- July 28 - Tempe: Sammie Jo's Specials



*Good luck, Noah!  
May God guide your  
steps away from us as he did  
when guiding you to us!*



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