

*“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*

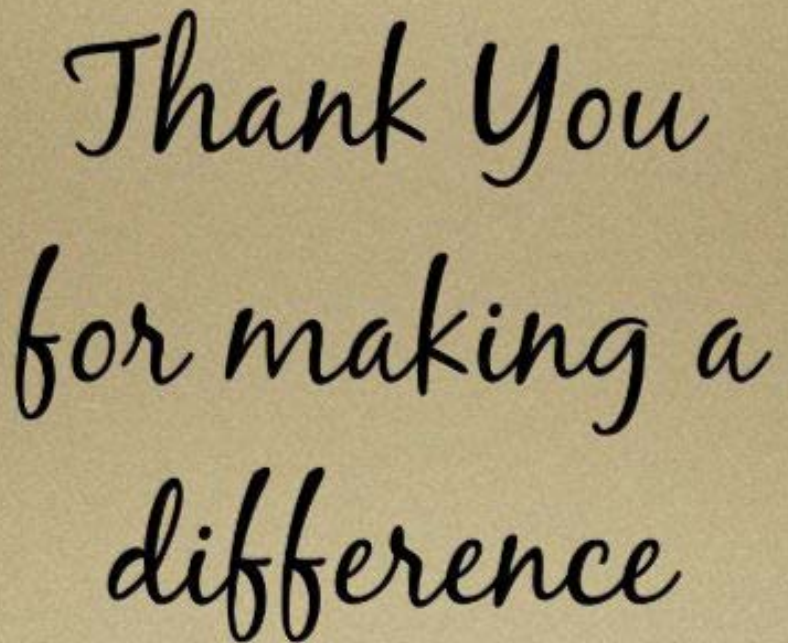
# Ministry News

## *Making a Difference*

We love what we do at La Mesa. Whether it is the meal, hanging out with one or another, or worshipping together – everything here displays the love of Jesus. Often times we don’t know if we are making a difference. We just trust that God has a plan and that he will guide us in what we do.

But then there are other times when we get to see the difference in action. We get to walk alongside someone and watch them grow closer to Jesus. We get to witness firsthand how prayer impacts lives. We see those who come to be baptized or share the Lord’s Supper together. We get to see God at work in so many ways!

As we celebrate Holy Week and Easter this month, may we never forget all that Jesus has done for us. It has truly made all the difference!



Thank You  
for making a  
difference



## Won't you please Help Hope Happen Here?

Support La Mesa with your one-time gift or monthly \$34 donation.

Every donation qualifies for an Arizona State Tax Credit.

Connect LaMesa to your Fry's Food Store card.

Go to our web page at:

[www.lamesaministries.org/giving/](http://www.lamesaministries.org/giving/)

to find more information.



# Tax Day is Approaching

This year there are no extra days given to us to pay our taxes. On Monday, April 15th, 2024, everyone must take the time to file their taxes or at least file for an extension. With only days left before the deadline we would like to let you know about an option to make this date a little less painful. Many of you have already taken advantage of this option but others of you who are like me procrastinate and always wait till the last minute. I'll pay no taxes before it's time! I also don't take any joy in sending a check to the state or federal government when I know I can contribute to La Mesa Ministries instead and get a federal tax break from my donation and a dollar-for-dollar tax credit from the state of Arizona.

In Arizona you can donate up to \$421 if you are single and \$842 if you are married to a Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO) like La Mesa Ministries. The best thing about my QCO donation is that I know it is going to be used on things like Eden Village of Arizona, a tiny house community that provides permanent supportive housing to those with disabilities. Eden Village of Arizona is becoming a reality as a groundbreaking is being planned for the summer of this year. I also know that my QCO donation is being used to support the Mobile Loaves Food truck that reaches out to the homeless weekly, providing food, drinks, clothing, hygiene and a friendly invitation to visit our resource center to get the help they need.

The La Mesa Ministries Resource Center provides employment counseling, Housing and shelter opportunities, drug and alcohol treatment support and so much more all because of my QCO dollar for dollar Arizona tax credit. The list goes on and on and I hope you will join me by supporting La Mesa Ministries this "Arizona Gives" day on April 2 or before the April 15th tax filing deadline. Your support does indeed change lives. Please go to our websites at : <https://lamesaministries.org/giving/> or <https://edenvillageusa.org/phoenix-az/> and make your Arizona QCO tax credit donation. You can also find out more about what we are doing and what other opportunities there are to support La Mesa Ministries.

## from the KITCHEN...

- + April 2 - Mesa: Chicken Teriyaki, Steamed Rice & Veggies
- + April 4 - Tempe: TBD
- + April 9 - Mesa: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans and Coleslaw
- + April 11 - Tempe: Tacos, Rice and Beans
- + April 16 - Mesa: Sloppy Joes, Pasta Salad and Corn
- + April 18 - Tempe: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Garden Salad, Lemon Poke Cake
- + April 16 - Mesa: Chicken Taco Bowls, Rice and Beans, Chips and Salsa
- + April 25 - Tempe: TBD
- + April 30 - Mesa: BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Potato Salad

*Then he said to them,  
"So give back to Caesar  
what is Caesar's, and to  
God what is God's."  
(Matthew 22 :21)*



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Tuesdays Wednesday, and Thursday by appointment  
from 9am to 2pm. Tuesdays 10am to 6pm.

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