

*“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

“Serve One Another”

A comment that we often hear is that La Mesa Tue/Thu nights seem to run themselves like a well-oiled machine. But why is that? It is because we have so many amazing people serving, both onsite and offsite to support La Mesa. A lot of the offsite work helps make it go so smoothly when the evening starts. The most obvious is all the planning and cooking that happens. Our amazing cook teams do a lot behind the scenes. Not just the planning and cooking, but also the transportation and serving of the food. Then there others who make up the to-go sacks that we hand out. Another group sorts the clothes that get distributed on Tue/Thu nights and through the food truck. Then there are those who transport the clothes to the Tue/Thu locations, and still others who bring drinks, ice, and hygiene products.

Jesus uses the gifts of so many to bless his ministry, La Mesa. Paul reminds us in

Romans 12:4-6, *“⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;”*

Thank you to everyone who makes La Mesa happen every week. You touch many lives and this community feels the love of Jesus through all you do!





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Hand out for a Hand up!

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 7:30 pm La Mesa provides a handout to our homeless neighbors. It would appear as such as we hand out free bus passes, hygiene items, clothing, soft drinks, coffee and a great meal. What you may not know is this is the beginning of relationship building with our neighbors. Conversations, sharing stories, a simple hello and a how are you make for the beginning of change. Our biggest handout is showing and sharing the love of Jesus to our neighbors. There is no condemnation, no shame, no guilt, only an open heart and love of Jesus for those who attend. This is what makes us different from all the other food kitchens in the east valley. The relationships we make on Tuesdays and Thursdays helps La Mesa Ministries to provide a hand up through the Resource Center to those who now feel comfortable about making a change in their life. For those who are ready the Resource Center can assist with employment, housing, shelter, addiction recovery and a variety of social services. Our newest and biggest hand-up is Eden Village where our chronically homeless neighbors with a disability can find their new permanent home in a loving Christ centered community built around relationships and support.

In 2024 La Mesa LLC served 12,336 individuals. The La Mesa Ministries Resource Center in 2024 met with 192 individuals and successfully helped 87 meet their goals. The Mobile Loaves Food Truck met with over 3600 homeless neighbors.

Whether it's building a relationship foundation or providing a hand up in changing a life, it takes a lot of prayer, time, effort and money. As our all-important Tax Day of April 15th approaches won't you please consider making an Arizona Tax Credit donation where you know how your donation will be used.

If you are single you can donate up to \$470 and a married couple can donate up to \$938 for a dollar-for-dollar Arizona tax credit. Please go to our website at www.lamesaministries.org/giving/ or mail a check to 425 N Greenfield Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85234. You can also go to Arizona Gives at: www.azgives.org/organization/LaMesaMinistries.

from the KITCHEN...

MESA DINNER MENU:

- + Mar 4: Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Yellow Rice, Salad
- + Mar 11: BBQ Pork Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Coleslaw
- + Mar 18: Pizza Pasta Bake, Salad, Garlic Bread
- + Mar 25: BBQ Kielbasa, Veggies and Rice

TEMPE DINNER MENU:

- + Mar 6: Chicken Rice Bowls
- + Mar 13: Chicken Biscuits, Salad
- + Mar 20: Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas Casserole
- + Mar 27: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread



For more details on how to get involved, visit lamesaministries.org.

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from 9am to 2pm. Tuesdays 10am to 6pm.