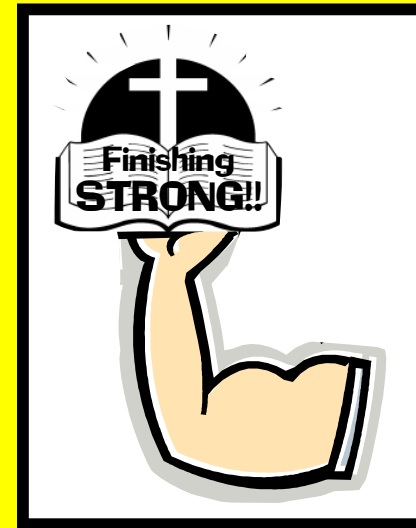


**LA CASA DE CRISTO  
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## **Men's Ministry Handbook 2007-2008**

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.



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## Do YOU have questions about.....



- ? The PHD program? Contact Jim McGiffert at [jmcgiffert@azachievers.com](mailto:jmcgiffert@azachievers.com)
- ? Men's Discipleship Groups? Contact Pastor Jeff at [jruby@lacasadecristo.com](mailto:jruby@lacasadecristo.com)
- ? Men's Retreat 2007? Contact John Wenner at [jwenner@cox.net](mailto:jwenner@cox.net)
- ? Men's Breakfasts? Tim Hatlestad at [tim@investaz.com](mailto:tim@investaz.com)
- ? Young Men's Groups? Contact Ted Cole at [tecole@cox.net](mailto:tecole@cox.net) or [brianjordananderson@gmail.com](mailto:brianjordananderson@gmail.com)
- ? Men's Retreat 2008? Greg Parkinson at [gparkinson@cox.net](mailto:gparkinson@cox.net)



### **La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church**

from the desk of  
Pastor Jeffrey Ruby  
Men's/Family Ministries

Dear Hombres,

As we approach our second full year together, I am excited by the many facets of Men's Ministry. On any given week we have sixteen discipleship groups meeting, and that is an increase of two from last year as we now have two new young men's groups. We have a great PHD program, headed by Jim McGiffert; a strong Men's Breakfast ministry, headed by Tim Hatlestad; and a great retreat planned for this year with guest leader Steve Sonderman, pastor of men's ministry at Elmbrook Church in Wisconsin. Our retreat leader this year is John Wenner.

Add in all the other arenas that men are involved with at LCdC, ranging from teaching Sunday School and Adult Ed to serving meals or helping those in need, and I am proud of so much that is going on. As we continue to serve together this year, let's keep our focus on Jesus Christ, and FINISH STRONG together.

Blessings,  
**Pastor Jeff**

Pastor Jeff

## Men's Breakfasts

Breakfasts are on Saturday's, beginning at 7:30 a.m. (coffee is on at 7:00 a.m.). The exception to this is the later start time of 8:00 a.m. in January. At this breakfast men are encouraged to bring their children as the wives and mothers will be on the Women's Retreat that weekend.

### 2007

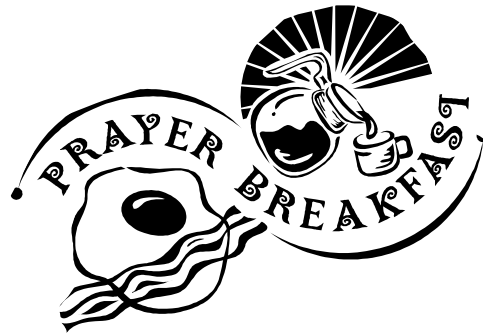
**August 18** - the South Africa mission team

**September 8** - Bishop Steve Talmage, Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA

**October 13**

**November 17**

**December 8**



### 2008

**January 26** - Father-Child breakfast (8:00 a.m. start time)

**February 23**

**March 29**

**April 26**

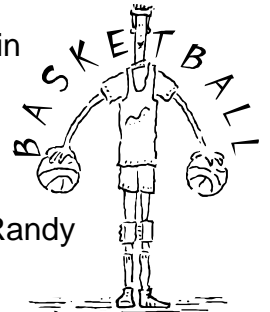
**May 17**



Father & Child Breakfast

## Fellowship Opportunities

**Basketball** is played Sundays at 6:45PM in the Fellowship Hall. No sign up needed, just come ready to play! Men's basketball will begin August 27 and usually continues through June (with breaks for some holidays). For information, contact Randy Artman, 602.291.9800.



**Summer Golf League** play begins in April at Orange Tree Golf Resort, 56<sup>th</sup> Street south of Cactus. We tee off from both the first and tenth tees starting at 4:30 PM, unless otherwise notified. The cost includes free range balls.

This is open to all men, regardless of their ability. The theme of the league is fellowship and fun, not to mention a chance to sharpen your

golfing skills. You can sign up at the Men's Ministry table between Sunday services, or send an e-mail to Bob Dvorak at [bandbdvo@aol.com](mailto:bandbdvo@aol.com).

**Recreational family events** will be coordinated throughout 2007/08 by Greg Parkinson.



## PHD

The purpose of the PHD program is to commit one year to the development of spiritual and leadership potential and Christian character formation. To accomplish this goal, prior to a monthly meeting, each participant is required to complete the assigned reading and accompanying application guide.

The program demands a commitment to meeting once a month for four hours, meeting a minimum of once a month with your prayer partner, two retreats, the annual Men's Retreat, Bible study, participation in a group outreach activity, no papers and no exams, and reading the following books:

*Becoming a Contagious Christian*  
*Disciplines of a Godly Man*  
*You Are the Message*  
*Celebration of Discipline*  
*Caring Enough to Confront*  
*Developing the Leader within You*  
*Half Time*  
*The On-Purpose Person*  
*The 7 Secrets of Effective Fathers*  
*If Only He Knew*  
*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

Lead by Jim McGiffert, the 2007-2008 participants are:

Ken Baker	James McFarland
Mike Higgins	John Proske
Larry Nelson	Stephen Thune
Pete Faur	Frank Stynen

## Men's Retreat



Our retreat for 2007 will be held at Bison Ranch near Heber, AZ. Check out more information at [www.bisonranchonline.com](http://www.bisonranchonline.com)!

Our speaker is Pastor Steve Sonderman, founder of Top Gun Men's Ministries and Men's Ministry Pastor for Elmbrook Church in Wisconsin. Steve is a gifted speaker and retreat leader, having spoken at national ELCA youth gatherings and men's events, as well as many other national seminars. Learn more about Steve at [www.topgunministries.org](http://www.topgunministries.org).



Steve Sonderman

John Wenner is our retreat chair for this year, and we look forward to a great event! Make sure you sign up as soon as possible, and mark the dates of September 14-16 on your calendar!



The Lodge at Bison Ranch

## Men's Discipleship Groups

Have you wanted to join a men's study group?? **Morning, afternoon or evening,** they are available. We currently have sixteen Discipleship groups meeting on weekdays. Please contact the individuals listed for more information.

Day	Time	Location	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	6:30am	Church	Bob Vollmann Matt Butters	480-575-9566 480-951-6024
Monday	6:30am	Church	John Wenner	480-419-1000
Monday	5:30pm	Church	Bruce Milack	602-953-9049
Monday	6:00pm	Church	Brian Anderson	602- 374-7930
Tuesday	6:30am	Egery Camelback & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Don Stevens	602-674-3341
Tuesday	6:30pm	Church	Jim McGiffert	602-765-9240
Tuesday	7:00pm	Church	Bill Krieg	480-502-2681
Wednesday	6:15am	Church	Eric Swanson	602-319-4965
Wednesday Meets Monthly Last Wednesday	6:30am	Good Egg Scottsdale & Thunderbird	Elliott Gappinger	602-971-6847
Wednesday	7:00am	Southwest Mortgage 17015 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 200	Mark Johnson	602-390-8304
Wednesday	Noon	Church	Jim Robison	602-404-3791
Wednesday	7:00pm	Church	David Ulibarri	480-419-5016
Thursday	6:30am	Church	Steve Bane	480-575-9566
Thursday	7:00pm	Church	Frank Tresnak	602-867-8775
Friday	6:30am	Good Egg Scottsdale & Thunderbird	Jim Jimieson	602-996-9958
Friday	6:30am	Church	Jerry Harper Todd Belzner	480-563-0364 480-391-2488