

CONNECTIONS

April 4, 2021

Living Water
Lutheran Church



Please join us!
Easter Sunday at
6:30am, 8:30am OR 10:00am
for our OUTDOOR
in-vehicle, and on the lawn social
distanced
WORSHIP GATHERING

(please wear your mask)
*Communion will be served.

Happy
Easter!



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Bill Anderson—Heart Surgery
- Lisle Anderson (Friend of the Shelmires)—Battling Cancer
- Luz Bastien (Friend of Karen Roessler)—Battling Cancer
- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Cancer
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Victoria Brown (Friend of the Shelmires)—Battling Cancer
- Duke Burford (Friend of Gene & Shirley Perry's son)—On Ventilator with Covid
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Daniel (Friend of Don Johnson)—Recovering from Car Accident
- David (Friend of Phil Pounds)—Battling Covid
- Kristina Decknick (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Covid
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Margo Ericson (Friend of Joan Sprinkle)—Battling Cancer
- Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Michelle Gasparino (Daughter of Lourdes Gasparino)—Health Concerns
- LauraLee Gaudio (Neighbor of Larry & Linda Coutts)—Praise for Answered Prayers
- Gloria Harper—Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Janis (Liz Gilkey's Friend)—Recovering from Surgery
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- JJ Landon (Son of Pam and Lee Landon)—Battling Cancer
- Ellen Liguori (Daughter of Steve and Beth McCarthy)—Medical Concerns
- Sharon Loschen (Friend of Mitch and Marty Novak)—Hospice Care
- Luri (Wayne & Leila Burrus's daughter-in-law Natalia's father)—Battling Cancer
- Cheryl Miller (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Recovering from Cancer Surgery
- Ron Ophaug—Recovering from Heart Surgery
- John & Christine Oujiri (son and daughter-in-law of John and Beth Oujiri)—Life Concerns
- Darell Powers—Battling Dementia (Friend of Marty and Gordon Lindert)
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- James Taylor (Praise Band Member)—Health Concerns
- Nancy Urban (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Terminal Cancer
- David Wilder—Health Concerns
- Lew Wilson (Friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem)—Battling Cancer
- Family & Friends of Jakab Peter

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill one out at lwlcaz.org



Sunday April 4

Easter Sunday

6:30am Outdoor Worship

8:30am Outdoor Worship

10am Outdoor & Online Worship

*Christ
is
Risen!*



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS *of Giving*



All congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to participate in the ELCA's "40 Days of Giving," a Lenten journey to explore together an answer to the question, "What will it take to end hunger?" This is not a thought experiment, but a question asking where and how we are to be the church in a world where 690 million people are undernourished. In these 40 days, we remember our spiritual forebears and their long journey from slavery in Egypt to liberation in the Promised Land. We commemorate Jesus' solitude in the wilderness and recall His journey to the cross.

Our fasting and prayer in this season remind us of our dependence on God and our longing for the fulfillment of God's promises for God's world. In the last year, we've seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, as it has for the last five years. We've watched as hunger ministries have expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests. And we have longed together in hope for the time when we "will hunger no more, and thirst no more...and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes" (Rev 7:16-17).

During this Lenten season, you are encouraged to remember the "40 Days of Giving" to ELCA World Hunger and set a goal for your giving. A gift of \$2 a day can make a significant impact on someone who is facing hunger. Consider setting aside that amount through this Lenten season to donate to ELCA World Hunger.

You can make your gift through Living Water Lutheran, indicating "World Hunger" in the memo line. Or, you can give directly to the ELCA from this link: www.community.elca.org/givenow. Your gifts matter.



TLC – THE LISTENING & CARING MINISTRY

Support when you need it through prayer, conversation, and fellowship: exploring what we as Befrienders, Stephen Ministers, and loving hearts can bring as lay leaders to support the ministry of the church by offering a "listening and caring ministry" for those in need in four congregations of our NE Valley Conference churches during challenging times. This new year is likely to be especially challenging for many of us. Helpers from nearby Lutheran churches (New Journey, New Covenant, Living Water and Christ the Lord) are coming together to provide "virtual" support - for prayer, for conversation, for fellowship - all in a safe environment through phone calls or Zoom conversations. If you would like to connect with a trained supporter, contact your pastor to be connected with one of our lay listeners.

Bios of interested persons:

Jen Smith is intern pastor at Christ the Lord and in the final year of completing her MDiv at Luther Seminary. She has CPE Level 1 training and is a certified coach. It is her joy to be part of this group as we find ways to bear one another's burdens on this earthly journey during such challenging times.

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Nicolette Maguire Bonnstetter. Nicolette taught at the University of Nebraska Lincoln for 20 plus years teaching. She taught Art Methods and coordinated a preservice teaching program. In the last several years of her time in the Midwest Nicolette was asked to help with a church in emotional crisis, art and solutions for resolution were incorporated. Now, she is in her studio daily creating art using the memories of a life.

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Myrna Ulland. Myrna was commissioned as a BeFriender in a former congregation in Cloquet, MN and has experience in this lay ministry of listening and caring. She and her husband, Bob, are now full-time residents in Scottsdale and members of Living Water Lutheran. Retired from health care administration, she facilitates the weekly women's Bible study and Women of the ELCA ministries at Living Water. Myrna is in her final year as president of the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization.

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Bob Ulland. Bob was commissioned as a BeFriender in a former congregation in Cloquet, MN. Bob is the retired president of Ulland Brothers, a heavy and highway contracting company in Minnesota. He served as president of the council of Living Water for four years. He has experience in BeFriender's lay ministry of listening and caring. He's also done in-home visiting and communion serving to shut-ins at a former congregation in Duluth, MN.

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Nancy Ehlers. I grew up in a typical small town in northwest Iowa, moved to Omaha, Nebraska and worked in a finance area at Mutual of Omaha for 41 years until retirement. After spending winter months in Fountain Hills since 2011, my husband and I moved here full-time in 2019. From the first time we attended New Journey Lutheran Church we knew it would be our church in Fountain Hills.

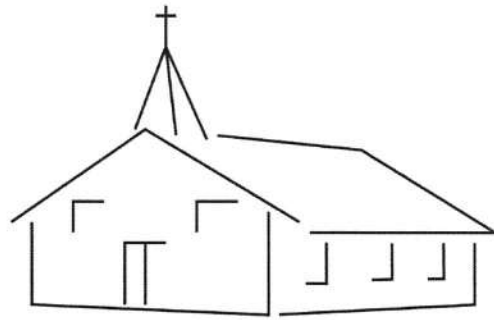
I was trained and commissioned as a Stephen Minister by St Matthew Lutheran Church in Omaha in 2010. In Arizona I am part of a Stephen Ministry group from Fountains Methodist Church that meets monthly for discussion and peer review.

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Pete Carpenter: Pete has a lifetime of caring for others and has been involved in a variety of civic organizations, including Kiwanis, Scottsdale Chamber, and Scottsdale Healthcare, where he served as a volunteer in the emergency department. Pete is trained in Stephen Ministry and has served as a Minister of Communion from the Community, as well as serving terms as Council President for Ascension Lutheran Church in Paradise Valley and for Christ the Lord Church in Carefree.

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Grand Opening of Indoor Services Sunday, May 2nd



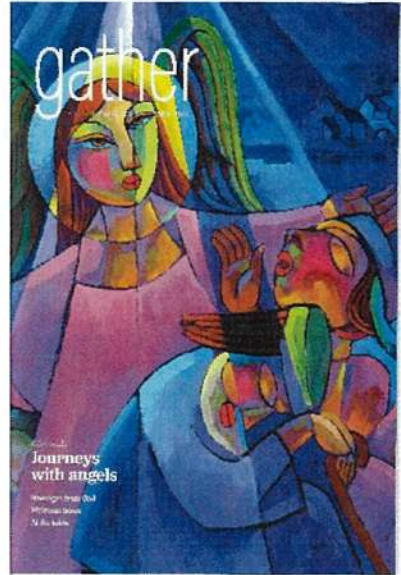
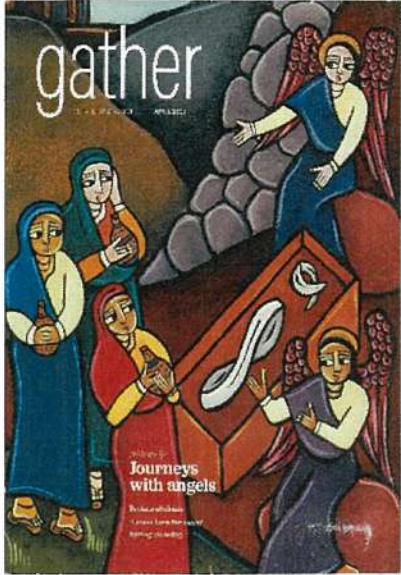
We look forward to welcoming you back to worship
in-person and in the sanctuary
on May 2nd at 10:00 am!

Please remember to observe these precautions when in the sanctuary:

- ✓ bring (BYOM) and wear your face mask
- ✓ maintain 6 feet social distancing
- ✓ service ALSO broadcast outside for those who wish to attend seated on the lawn or in vehicle
- ✓ live streaming of the service for those who need to stay home



Bible Studies & Retreats



TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY

During Holy Week and Easter Week

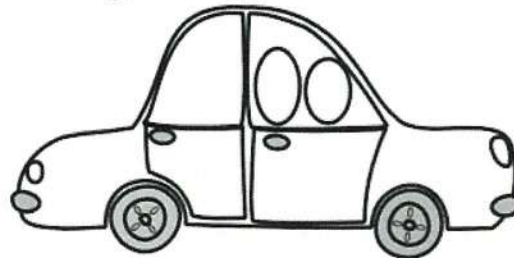
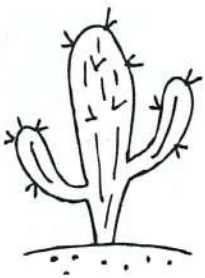
Join us at 10 am AZ time on March 30 and April 6 as we continue the Gather magazine's study on "Journeys with angels." This study continues in the March and April Gather magazine.

Written by Lutheran pastor, The Rev.

Dr. Christa von Zychlin, the study

continues to explore various kinds of angels, their place in God's cosmos and their relationship to humans. These last two sessions focus especially on Lent and Easter. All women are invited to participate. If you aren't on the email list, please request to be added by contacting myrna.ulland@gmail.com and you'll get the Zoom invite. We meet for approximately 90 minutes each week. Please invite a friend and join us!

Join Us on SUNDAYS at 10:00 am for Worship
IN VEHICLE -or- on the LAWN (with masks) at
Living Water Lutheran Church



- also -Worship Services & Family Sunday School
continue to be held online
every Sunday at 10:00 am
<http://www.lwlcaz.org/videos/>

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."



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Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.

Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon



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