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# Splash!

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."  
John 4:14*

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



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# 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



Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

**Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill one out at [lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)**

# A Message from Pastor Shari

I have some great news to share! This summer, we have 9 youth who are planning to go on a Mission Trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan from July 3-10. We are very excited about this opportunity to help others following a time when many of us were mainly focused on our own needs and safety. Also, we have been assured that the organization we are working with, which is called Youthworks, has created COVID-19 safety policies by looking at CDC guidelines, state recommendations and resources from the American Camp Association.



If you have never heard of Benton Harbor, it is a small community on the coast of Lake Michigan in the southwest corner of the state. Two hours outside Chicago, Benton Harbor's long been a destination for tourism, manufacturing, and agricultural commerce. Benefactors of the Great Migration - an early twentieth century

migration of African American families from the Jim Crow South to the North - many African Americans moved to Benton Harbor in lure of honest blue-collar work, including at Whirlpool's corporate and manufacturing headquarters. This movement made Benton Harbor one of three primarily African American communities in Michigan, alongside Detroit and Flint.

Manufacturing jobs began to decline in the 1960's, however, with the first wave of automation; Benton Harbor's population has been in decline since, dropping nearly 50% since the mid-twentieth century. The city has felt economic decline in ways that neighboring St. Joseph's has not. St. Joseph, unlike Benton Harbor, is an upper-class, predominately white, tourist community across the St. Joseph River. The two towns are referred to as the "Twin Cities," but they share few similarities. The population of Benton Harbor is nearly 90% African-American, while St. Joseph's is 88% white. Benton Harbor's median yearly income for families hovers just below \$19,000; St. Joseph's median yearly income is nearly triple that of Benton Harbor's at almost \$56,000."

Projects that we will do circle around kids summer programs, hands on work projects around homes or community places, and working at community gardens.

Thank you for your support in helping to make this happen, as our fundraising from 2019-2020 should adequately supplement the cost of this trip. We cannot wait to share our stories with you upon the return from our trip, because YOU have played a big role in making a difference in the lives of these youth and, in turn, the people they will encounter on this Mission Trip.

Please keep us in your prayers as we venture out of our comfort zones and into new experiences, challenges, protocols, and as these youth spend a week away from their families.

Pastor Shari Bernau



# Ask Zeke

*Living Water's 24/7 office fish is excited about the pioneering Northeast Valley Consortium*

**Q. A few months ago I read something about Living Water partnering with other ELCA churches to develop cooperative ministry endeavors. What can you tell me about this?**

**A.** Last fall the Dean of our conference and the Grand Canyon Synod approached Living Water and three nearby churches – Christ the Lord (Carefree), New Covenant (Scottsdale), and New Journey (Fountain Hills) – about exploring ways to work together. The ensuing creation of the Northeast Valley Consortium (NVC) set the stage for these four ELCA congregations to strengthen their relationships and mutually support one another in ministry, particularly in terms of offering parishioners more ministry and fellowship opportunities. The consortium also seeks to develop a stronger outreach presence in communities surrounding the four churches.

Our pastors believe that joining forces makes us stronger together. As Christian churches experience overall membership and worship attendance declines, old ministry models are not as effective. Pastor Shari views the NVC as an opportunity: “I love to think creatively about how we can reach out to more people and be an even stronger body of Christ.”

The consortium is a catalyst for sharing multiple gifts and strengths. LWLC, for example, has strong Bible study groups, Children and Youth Ministry (especially VBS), community service, and music and fellowship ministries. Our partners bring to the table strong music ministries, a preschool program, experience in interfaith relations and social ministries, and other assets. The NVC's mix of resources paves the way for an array of joint endeavors, such as parishioners from other churches joining our Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Steve Holm.

Currently, parishioners from our congregation are part of the NVC's recently established Covid Care Network. Another LWLC member is putting together the music component of the upcoming virtual Adult Bible School in May. Additional volunteer opportunities will emerge as NVC activities increase. Your willingness to share your gifts with groups that include familiar as well as unfamiliar faces will be greatly appreciated.

LWLC parishioners are also encouraged to spread the word that we are working together with other churches in the name of Christ. The NVC presents an opportunity to unify the body of Christ in a way never explored two or three decades ago. Pastor Mark hopes “our collaborative efforts can serve as a model for other congregations in the ELCA.” Please help make that happen!

*Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at [AskZeke@cox.net](mailto:AskZeke@cox.net) or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-515-4813.*

## **Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's "A Season of Hope"**

During Lent 2021, we will again collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, February 21 and ends on March 28.**



Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

We can give hope through these 5 items:

- ☒ **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- ☒ **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred (no bath sheets or large, fluffy towels, please!)**
- ☒ **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping\*\***
- ☒ **1 medium to wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- ☒ **1 metal nail clippers (finger or toenail), with or without a nail file attached**

Bath towels should be new and light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR.

\*\*we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

**We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can.** There will be a collection bin in the church entryway. We'll again have some financial support from a Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 86 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

**A message from LWR:** As we approach Lent, so many of our neighbors around the world are longing to experience — to truly touch, hear, see, smell and taste — the hope that only Jesus can bring. Meanwhile, we know your congregation is restless and eager to be Christ's hands and feet in a world reeling from hardship.



## 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 a.m.!

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 their vehicle
- ✓ live streaming of the service for those who need to stay home





## Easter Lilies 2021

- Mark & Roz Anderson, *in loving memory of friends who passed away from complications of Covid*
- Deb Bash, *in loving memory of Cedar*
- Ken & Joyce Bash, *in loving memory of parents J. Farrell & Velma Bash, Thomas & Louise Shaffer*
- Dick Blazer, *in loving memory of Nancy Lee Blazer*
- Dave & Kay Bonar, *to the glory of the Risen Christ*
- Boyd family, *in honor of our family*
- Sue & Eric Brash, *in loving memory of brother Rich Mall*
- Gerry & Lynda Cales, *in loving memory of Mary Cales*
- Larry & Gail Cavallo, *in loving memory of Matthew Paul Cavallo; in honor of Caroline Loretto Cavallo*
- Frances & Mike DeBruyn, *in loving memory of our parents; in honor of our family*
- Denny Dumler, *in loving memory of Judy Dumler*
- Carol Gasser, *in loving memory of Art & Mildred Hula, Lynn Mohr, Alison Johnston, Bill Gasser, Charles & Grace Johnston*
- Ron & Joan Halverson, *in loving memory of Pastor Bob Borgwardt & Stephany Halverson*
- Leon & Claudia Igras, *in loving memory of Peter Igras*
- Carol & Lance Jacobsen, *in loving memory of Celia Giontzeneli*
- Alan & Sherry Katriun, *in loving memory of our parents and our Aunts & Uncles*
- Diane Klumpp, *in loving memory of Larry Klumpp*
- Ron & Shirley Koch, *in loving memory of George & Thelma Wilson and Ray & Emma Koch*
- Lee & Pam Landon, *in honor of our children and grandchildren*
- Don & Patti Pick, *in honor of Major Donald W. Pick and Leading Chief John & Norma Lalley*
- Phil & Jeri Pounds, *in loving memory of Dr. Arnold & Mrs. Thelma Menning (Jeri's folks)*
- Sarge & Susie Purewal, *in loving memory of all our loved ones*
- Ron & Karen Roessler, *in honor of our children and grandchildren*
- Phil & Nancy Rogers, *in honor of Vern & Betty Stensrud and Charles Rogers*
- Henry & Kathie Roenigk, *in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. Henry Roenigk, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Frach*
- Eric & Diane Sundquist, *in loving memory of our parents*
- Dave & Ellen Schoenbeck, *in honor of our grandsons: Elijah, Bowan & Renner*
- Ed & Darrell Shipley, *in loving memory of our parents*
- Scott & Jennie Stemm, *in honor of our parents, children, and grandchildren: Connor, Owen, Mia, Adam and Ben*

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## Easter Lilies 2021

- Kristin & Steve Smith, *in loving memory of dear friends and family we have lost; in honor of our dear daughters who have persisted during the challenging time*
- Joan Sprinkle and family, *in loving memory of Tom Doench, Chuck Sprinkle; in appreciation for God's blessings*
- Judy Tornowske, *in loving memory of husband Dick and mother Alice Catlin*
- Myrna & Bob Ulland, *in honor of Covid vaccines*
- Yvonne Weber, *in loving memory of Gordon Weber*
- Sharon Westergreen, *in loving memory of her dear late husband Charlie*
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*Thank you everyone for your donation and for helping to make our Easter service so beautiful with the lilies.*





## 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.

Jennie Smith, MBA, CPC  
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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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Phil	Pounds	April 1
Claudia	Ingwersen	April 3
Ed	Kilburn	April 5
Linda	Hoenig	April 8
Anna	Bernau	April 9
Kinsley	Smith	April 11
Leslie	Mouer	April 11
Barbara	Hannan	April 12
Dave	Schoenbeck	April 15



## April Birthdays!

Sally	Harris	April 16
Iris	Van	April 20
Joan	Tryhus	April 21
Larry	Carr	April 22
Diane	Klumpp	April 23
Kim	Leinweber	April 23
Doug	Yock	April 24
Paul	Swenson	April 25
Roz	Anderson	April 25
Dick	Blazer	April 25

# Outdoor Gathering Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



*in-vehicle or on the lawn*





# Bible Studies & Retreats

Visit the Living Water website to keep up-to-date:  
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Here you will find links to our YouTube videos of weekly worship and studies, plus PDF outlines for each Bible study & worship. You can also sign-up on the website to receive email notification when new videos are posted.

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