

CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



November 21, 2021



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SUNDAY

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

# We Remember in Our Prayers

- Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Fred Bliefertich (Brother of Barbara Brooks)—Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Victoria Brown (Friend of the Shelmires)—Battling Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts—Battling Cancer
- Kristina Decknick (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Covid
- Dominic & Megan (Friends of Deb Bash, Dominic Trauma Surgeon Air Force in Kabul)
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Peter Fasseas (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Battling Cancer
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave & Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Michelle Gasparino (Daughter of Lourdes Gasparino)—Health Concerns
- Gloria Harper—Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- JJ Landon (Son of Pam and Lee Landon)—Battling Cancer
- Larrie Larson (Friend of Barb Bremer)—Health concerns
- Ellen Liguori (Daughter of Steve and Beth McCarthy)—Medical Concerns
- Elijah Montgomery (Infant Great Grandson of Shirley & Gene Perry)—Health Concerns
- Maryann O'Shea (Sister of Barbara Brooks)—Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
- Donna Pettengill—Recovering from a Fall
- Darell Powers (Friend of Marty and Gordon Lindert)—Battling Dementia
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Robin (Jennie Stemm's friend)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ron Roessler—Recovering from a Fall
- Lisa Sajda (Sister of Tamey Manalli)—Battling Cancer
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Karen Seidman (Friend of Barbara Brooks)—Recovering from Surgery
- Ardie Senft (Mother of Tracey Kontz)—Health Concerns
- James Taylor (Praise Band Member)—Health Concerns
- Peter Testino (Friend of Pastor Mark) —Liver Transplant
- Dorie Underkofler—Recovering from a Stroke
- Nancy Urban (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Terminal Cancer
- Gavin Vaughan (Friend of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Julie Ann Walker—Knee Replacement



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



## HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE – 2021 *Pandemic Version*



In past years, members and friends of Living Water Lutheran Church have supported the Vista del Camino Thanksgiving Food Drive. Through this program of the city of Scottsdale, food is distributed to members of our community who are families or seniors in need, homeless, or otherwise experiencing crisis.

***The 2021 Pandemic Version:*** This year, to support the Vista del Camino Food Bank during the upcoming holidays, we will not be collecting food items. Instead, we encourage gifts in the form of checks and food gift cards, which the Vista del Camino staff will use to purchase food for distribution.

- Vista Del Camino prefers individual **food gift cards of no more than \$35** each.
- Please send checks and food gift cards to the church office – *9201 E Happy Valley Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255* – by **the end of November** so that they can be delivered to Vista Del Camino in early December.
- Please make checks payable to Living Water Lutheran Church, noting “Vista del Camino” on the memo line.

By adapting our tradition, we can continue to support this important program. The staff at Vista del Camino and the people they serve appreciate your gifts. Thank you for helping to continue Living Water’s generous support of the Vista del Camino Holiday Food Drive!

If you have questions, please contact the office or Myrna Ulland.



# *Bible Studies & Retreats*

## *Dennis Nelson Bible Study*

Published via our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines also available on our website:

[lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)

Please know that we livestream Sunday worship services. This may include images of anyone attending, participating in or serving at those services. We just wanted you to be aware that in attending our services you may appear in our video feed. In your attendance of any of Living Water's worship services your consent is considered automatic.

## *Prayer of the Week*

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



**LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!**

Please join us on

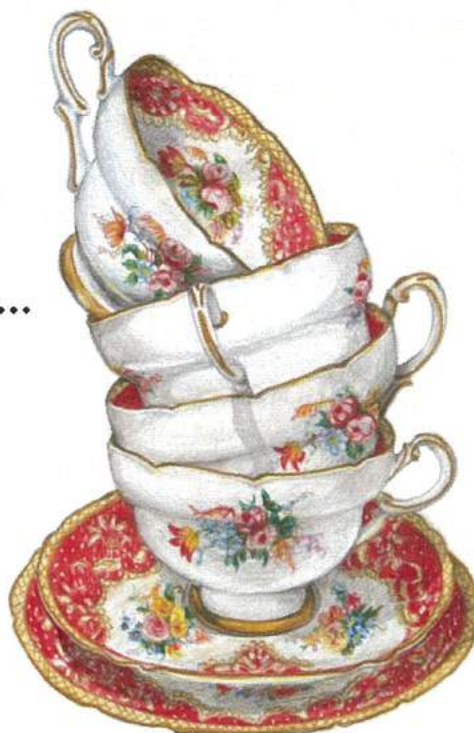
Saturday, January 29 at 2:00pm

at Living Water Lutheran Church for a...

### **THREE COURSE TEA**

Including:

- Finger Sandwiches
- Fresh baked scones
- Pastries



### **JEWELRY & HANDBAG BOUTIQUE**

Timeless jewelry and handbags available to browse and purchase for a free-will donation. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Looking for an easy way to serve at Living Water!?**

We've got just the opportunity that fits you. We need a few individuals to join our Sunday morning servant teams by greeting and ushering one Sunday a month. Simply:

- (1) place the name tag rack and the welcome sign outside the front doors and set the disposable communion packets on the table inside the Narthex;
- (2) greet members and visitors as they arrive;
- (3) collect the offering during the service and
- (4) after the service, tidy up the sanctuary and return the name tags, welcome sign and communion packets to their storage areas.

\*If interested, simply **e-mail Darnell Pettengill at [dwpettengill@cox.com](mailto:dwpettengill@cox.com) or text/call 847-951-5758.**

Thanks for prayerfully considering serving.





# Farmers Market

Fall hours:  
Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm  
Living Water Parking Lot

Please check their Facebook page for operational updates and to sign up for market notices:

[facebook.com/FarmersMarketNorthScottsdale](https://facebook.com/FarmersMarketNorthScottsdale)

## Refugee apartment setup for an Afgan family of seven.





## ANGEL TREE 2021

Once again we are working with Nourish Phoenix (formerly ICM) to bring Christmas joy to needy Phoenix inner city children ages 6 months to 13 years old. Nourish Phoenix tells us their families are extremely grateful for the generosity of LWLC. We are their biggest contributor for Christmas.

This year we plan to bring happiness to 100 children in about thirty families.

*Here's how it works:*

Wooden angels crafted by the Angel Tree committee will be hanging on the Angel Tree **beginning Sunday November 28th**. Each angel will have a label attached with the child's name, gender, age, gift ideas, and sizes for shoes and clothing. Choose your child (or children) and take the angel off the tree. The angel is for you to hang on your own Christmas tree, because you are an angel. Also take one of the blue LWLC blue canvas bags that are near the tree. Then purchase the gifts for your child. Please do not exceed \$40/child. Put your gifts in the LWLC blue bag and attach the child identifier label to the handle of the bag. Bring the bag back and **place it under the Angel Tree by December 12th**. The Angel Team will gather the gift bags into families on the 12th and attach a new Angel crafted by the committee so that each family will get an Angel in addition to your gifts.

*You all are a blessing in action!*



### Men's Bible Breakfast



Thursdays at 7:30AM

**Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center**

**7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.**

**Carefree, AZ 85377**

Carpool leaves church @ 7:15AM

\$7 for breakfast/Scholarships Available



## Asylum-Seekers Needs

Asylum-seekers are those fleeing violence and persecution, applying through the courts for protection in the US. They are following all the rules and are here legally, living with sponsors, usually close family members.

The goal of this program is to assist asylum-seekers to journey safely home, as well as assist those asylum-seekers who live in the Phoenix area with basic needs while their claims are being adjudicated. Seeking asylum is a legal right under federal law. We have always had asylum seekers in our community, and they are vulnerable while their court cases are being decided.

Listed below are the items requested for donation with links provided for purchasing clothing items through Amazon.

All donated items may be dropped off in a box labeled "**Asylum-Seekers Needs**" located in the church narthex. Email Dave Gilkey at [2gilks@gmail.com](mailto:2gilks@gmail.com) with any questions.

*These items will go to recently released asylum-seekers. They travel for up to 3 days to their destination in the U.S. All items are non-perishable.*

### Snack Packs

A one gallon "ziplock" bag containing an assortment of snacks. Here are some ideas: cereal, crackers, granola bars, protein bars, poptarts, Uncrustables, jerky, individual chicken/tuna packs, raisins, nuts, juice boxes, Gatorade, water bottle, apples/oranges ONLY as they last longer...etc.

### New underwear

- Men's underwear (sizes: med, lg)
- Women's underwear (sizes: 6, 7, 8)
- Bras (sizes: 34B, 34C, 36B, 36C)
- Boy's underwear (sizes s, m, lg)
- Girl's underwear (sizes 6, 8, 10)

### New socks

- Men's socks (shoe sizes: 6-12)
- Women's socks (shoe sizes: 5-9)
- Kid's socks (shoe sizes: 2-9)

### Other

- **New Men's T-shirts** (sizes: M, L)
- **CLEAN AND GENTLY USED: jeans, baby clothing, and sneakers** (all sizes and ages)
- **Baby wipes and Diapers** (all sizes)



# ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is a church that is called to do God's work in the world. Together as the ELCA, we do more than we could ever do alone: grow our congregation, inspire new leaders and care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Good Gifts are a creative way to do just that. Your gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Each ELCA Good Gift changes at least three lives: the life of the person who helped buy the gift, the life of our friend or loved one, and your own.

CATALOGS, GIFT CARDS, STICKERS, COIN BOXES, IDEAS will be available every Sunday during Advent. Now is the time to grab your holiday shopping list and browse the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Each of these gifts has the remarkable capacity to transform lives all in God's name.

Did you know that the Children, Youth and Family Ministries of Living Water has a Facebook page?! You are invited to check it out and stay up-to-date on all of our events.



Children, Youth and Family Ministries of Living Water Facebook  
Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3644639615618365>



Dear Parents and Grandparents,

**Family Sunday School** returns this fall with a new curriculum entitled



“Simply Loved.” This program is geared for our 3-year-old to 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God’s story of Love. The curriculum was created by Group, the same team that we use for our annual VBS program. You can expect your children to grow their friendship with Jesus and each other through Bible stories, fabulous music, videos, fun crafts, activities, and games. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:



\*Bible Point - “God always loves us...and gives us all we need to live.”



\*Bible Verse - “And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.” Ephesians 3:18

- **Sunday, December 5, 11:00am** - In-person Annual Advent Fair

## Christ the King Sunday

The last Sunday of the church year is called Christ the King Sunday. It focuses on the end of time when Christ will return as King with all the saints. The tone is triumphant with the crucified and risen Christ victorious over sin, death and the devil for all time. This Sunday concludes the salvation story emphasizing that Jesus has put everything under his control. We praise our Savior for fulfilling the divine promise to make us members of his family and to allow our access to his kingdom for eternity. On the purple cloth—the color of kings—are displayed a crown and scepter for his kingship and a cross to remind us of his sacrifice for our salvation.





## Living Water Lutheran Church Annual Advent Dinner

December 12, 2021

5:00 PM

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. This will be a potluck dinner where everyone can share their favorite recipes for an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert.

Bring your own favorite beverage

Watch for further information on Sundays before services.

Sign-up sheet will be in Narthex



## TUESDAY WOMEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us through a Zoom connection at 10am on **November 30<sup>th</sup>** (*note: we will be taking 11/23 off for Thanksgiving Week*) when we continue to study the Gospel of Mark, written by New Testament scholar, Professor N.T. Wright. You may remember the study we did on "The New Testament You Never Knew," co-authored by Wright. This

course is titled "A Look at Mark and His Version of the Good News of Jesus." No book purchase is required. Myrna will provide the study material.

This course examines the oldest and the shortest Gospel in the New Testament, recorded for us by Mark. You are invited to study the life of Jesus and the Good News he both announced and enacted. Join Prof. N.T. Wright as he teaches and guides you to look *through* Mark at Jesus. Come find out what makes this Gospel distinct from Matthew's and Luke's accounts. Learn the reasons Mark selected and arranged his material in the particular way that he did. Discern the ways in which Mark may have launched a new literary genre for his time. Explore what Mark has to say about what God has done in and through Jesus. Discover the remarkable achievement of Jesus, and how Jesus calls people to be his followers as a result.

No prior Bible study experience is needed. We learn, grow, and pray together as we meet in community with one another. **Tuesdays at 10 am for about 90 minutes.** Join us from the comfort and safety of your home. Have your Bible and your coffee/tea ready!

If you aren't on our email distribution list, please contact Myrna at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be connected to our communications.

You can find Outlines for  
Worship Service AND Bible Study  
on the Worship Videos page  
of our website.



# 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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