



December 26, 2021



First Sunday of  
Christmas

# We Remember in Our Prayers

- Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- 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
- Sue & Dave Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Larrie Larson (Friend of Barb Bremer)—Health concerns
- Ellen Liguori (Daughter of Steve and Beth McCarthy)—Medical Concerns
- Becky McGovern (Jennie and Scott Stemm's daughter)—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
- Darell Powers (Friend of Marty and Gordon Lindert)—Battling Dementia
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Lisa Sajda (Sister of Tamey Manalli)—Battling Cancer
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Karen Seidman (Friend of Barbara Brooks)—Recovering from Surgery
- Bonnie Stemm (Scott Stemm's Mother)—Health Concerns
- Peter Testino (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Liver Transplant
- Joan Tryhus—Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
- Dorie Underkofler—Recovering from a Stroke
- Gavin Vaughan (Friend of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Friends & Family of Amy Florio-Gholson (First Cousin's Daughter of Linda Coutts)
- Friends & Family of JJ Landon (Son of Lee and Pam Landon)



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



## La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Shelf Needs Our Help!



Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagrada Familia in northern Phoenix is appreciated, and there is a continuing need. Items needed most frequently are noted on the “shopping list” in the grocery cart that is set out each Sunday morning. For the safety of our

friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or “close-to” date items.

We are also looking for an individual/couple who would agree to routinely deliver our collected food items to La Sagrada. Perhaps once or twice a month, depending on what’s in the grocery cart. La Sagrada repackages donated items into smaller grocery bags and makes them available to their parishioners at the end of each Sunday service. If you are interested in this delivery service support, please contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)



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WITH THEIR FAMILIES

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AND  
Mark Rossman

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9201 E. HAPPY VALLEY ROAD, SCOTTSDALE AZ

*reception to follow*

Please rsvp at  
[wedding@lwlcaz.org](mailto:wedding@lwlcaz.org)  
by January 15th.





# *Bible Studies & Retreats*

## *Dennis Nelson Bible Study*

Published via our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

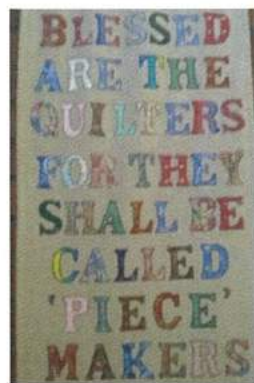
Bible Study Outlines also available on our website:

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

## *Prayer of the Week*

Shine into our hearts the light of our wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



### **Piecemakers Quilting Continues in 2022!**

Join us on Wednesday, Jan 5 and again on Wednesday, Jan 19 to continue to tie quilts that have been assembled and are destined for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Come and tie quilts with us! No special skill needed. We will teach you! We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to about noon. Feel free to wear a mask and bring your own beverage. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Cindy Ophaug, Lois Lucas or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us on

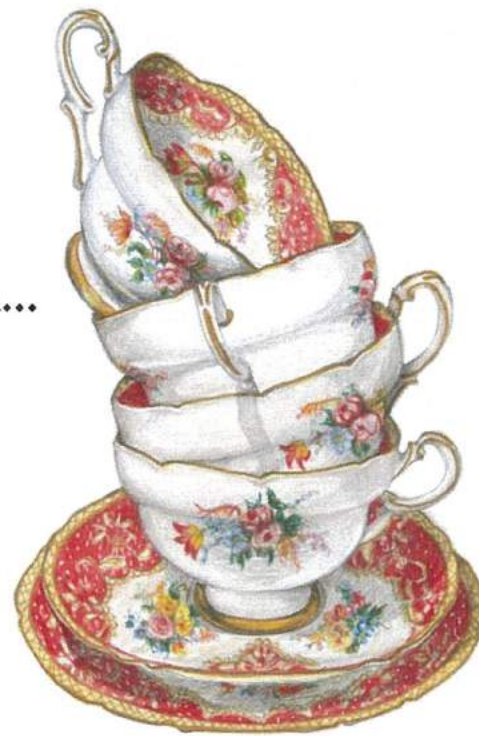
Saturday, January 29 at 2:00pm

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.

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





## Farmers Market

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)

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**notes:**



## 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.

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## *Men's Bible Breakfast*

**NEW meeting time in 2022! Thursdays at 8:30AM**

**Spirit of the Desert Retreat Center  
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.  
Carefree, AZ 85377**

Carpool leaves church @ 8:15AM  
\$7 for breakfast/Scholarships Available

**\*Note: We will NOT be meeting on  
December 30th**

## **AZ TAX CREDITS**

Arizona permits taxpayers to claim multiple credits for contributions to charitable organizations and schools. This means that you can claim credits for donations to Habitat for Humanity (a charitable organization), and to a public school and to ACSTO (a private school tuition organization). For more information, visit <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Preparations are now underway to build another Habitat home with Lutheran churches starting in 2022 in the Greater Phoenix area. We need to raise our fair share to pay for the out-of-pocket costs that Habitat incurs to build these homes. Our goal is to raise \$4000.

AZ law provides a tax credit for contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. Habitat is one of the qualifying organizations. So, if you are going to be paying income taxes to the State of Arizona, you can claim a credit on your income tax return. Taxpayers filing as "single" and "head of household" and "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800. You may do this even if you don't itemize deductions.

You can either send your check directly to Habitat of Central AZ or hand your check to Greysen West, Financial Manager or to Marilyn or John Goesling. If you send your check directly, please note on your check that it applies to the Northeast Lutheran Coalition-Living Water Church. If you need additional information, contact Marilyn or John Goesling. And, if you are interested in working on the build next spring, a signup sheet will be available in the narthex once details are confirmed.

### **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian School**

Here is another AZ Tax credit opportunity. This is through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO). One of the schools helped by this tax credit is the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school in Rock Point. This school needs financial help. We currently help the school with the collection of box top labels. We have found this brings in very little income for the school. This would be more helpful to the school. With this one, you donate right to ACSTO and specifically designate the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school. Donors can give up to \$1221/\$611 (married/single) towards the original tax credit. Any donation above this amount will then go towards the Overflow Tax Credit, up to a maximum of an additional \$1214/\$608. It is clearly explained at the ACSTO website which is <http://acsto.org>. They walk you through the donation process right there on the website. The website also provides the tax reporting instructions and documents needed if you participate in this unique tax credit opportunity. Also, note that donations can be made in early 2022 if it is before the April tax deadline.



SAVE THE DATE!  
SAINTS & SINNERS  
2022 SEASON KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, January 15, 2022; 5-8pm

**Location:** McDowell Center; 16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road (8.7 miles south, and a bit east, of Living Water Lutheran Church).

The purpose of the Saints and Sinners program is to build closer social ties with new members, prospective members and existing members of Living Water Lutheran Church. We do this by forming a number of small fellowship groups, each of which is led by a "Captain." Each Captain plans, organizes, promotes and leads an "event" or get-together of some sort for his/her group. This can be as simple as a "happy hour" get-together or more involved such as an activity followed by a dinner. These "events" happen in February and March only. All are welcome.

*Note: You don't have to attend the Kick-Off Party to join a "small group".*

**Sign-up sheets in the Narthex.**

If you are out of town, simply contact the church office to be added as a small group participant. You will need to provide your best contact phone number, email address, and indicate if you will be attending the Kick-Off party on January 15, 2022.

More details to follow+

# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



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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