

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



January 30, 2022



*Join Us for*  
**WORSHIP**

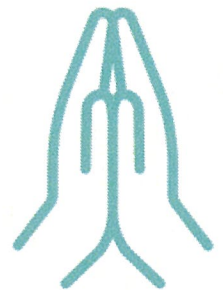
Sundays at 10:00am on-site and online



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

# We Remember in Our Prayers

- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Kay Beebe—Battling Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Dave Chapin (Son-In-Law of Joan Sprinkle)—Health Concerns
- 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)
- Pastor Michael Dubsky (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Life and Health Concerns
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—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
- Dalton and Foster Krueger (Great Grandsons of Judy Tornowske)—Born Premature
- 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
- Beth Oujiri—Health Concerns
- 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
- Joan Tryhus—Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery
- Gavin Vaughan (Friend of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns



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



# 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

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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



## La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Pantry Needs

Your support of non-perishable food items for our Hispanic 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” found in the envelope in the grocery cart set out each Sunday morning.

This list is still accurate and items are welcomed by LaSagrada. For the safety of our friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or “close-to” date items. Please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need. We thank you!



## Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response, brings God’s hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States

and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ’s call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need.

Whether it’s the recent devastating tornadoes or now the Colorado wildfires, Lutheran Disaster Response, an arm of our ELCA, is ready to step in. Your gifts are needed and can be directed to US Disaster Response. You can give in several ways:

- Through Living Water – just indicate Lutheran Disaster Response in your gift
- Online at <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse> - and designate your gift on behalf of Living Water
- By phone: 800-638-3522
- By mail direct to ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield VA 22116-8009. Indicate Lutheran Disaster Response on your check



**LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!**

Please join us on

**Saturday, March 5th**

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 freewill donation. **Ticket sales begin February 6th.**



### **Piecemakers Quilting in February**

Join us in February to continue our ministry of making mission quilts for LWR. Gather with us to tie quilts that have been assembled at home. Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling being shared through a LWR

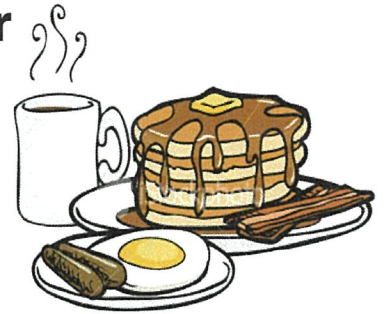
Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope: you are not alone.

Come and tie quilts with us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 2 and again on Wednesday, February 16, 9 am to about noon. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)

# 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

## ELCA GOOD GIFTS



A BIG thank you to all who donated to the ELCA Good Gifts program in 2021.

It was a successful year for LWLC donors. We hit a record amount of \$7,000.00!! Some of the funds were given on matching funds days so they received extra \$\$\$.

You are great supporters!!

*Ron and Cindy Ophaug*



## EPIPHANY SEASON

We are now in the Epiphany Season of the Church year. “Epiphany” is a Greek word meaning “appearing” or “revealing”—the revelation of God through the birth of His son to all the nations of the world. It begins on the day of Epiphany which is January 6, a date set to commemorate the arriving of the Wise Men from the East. Since they followed the light of the star, these people from other nations create themes seen in Epiphany of Light, Star, and outreach to all Nations.

The first and last weeks of this season are marked with white paraments for significant days in Jesus’ life—Baptism and the Transfiguration. Otherwise, green banners and drapes indicate the season until Lent begins on March 2 with Ash Wednesday. — *Liturgical Arts*



For we walk by  
**faith**  
not by sight.

2 corinthians 5:7



## 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)



# LUNCHES FOR Learning

After having adapted the school lunch program in 2021 (in response to restrictions in Honduras), *Lunches for Learning* has two very clear priorities for 2022.

First, resume the daily school lunch program at all 46 schools.

Second, impact even more kids with this life-changing program by reaching new schools in new communities. If you are planning any year-end giving this year, please consider a gift to L4L to help us expand our reach.

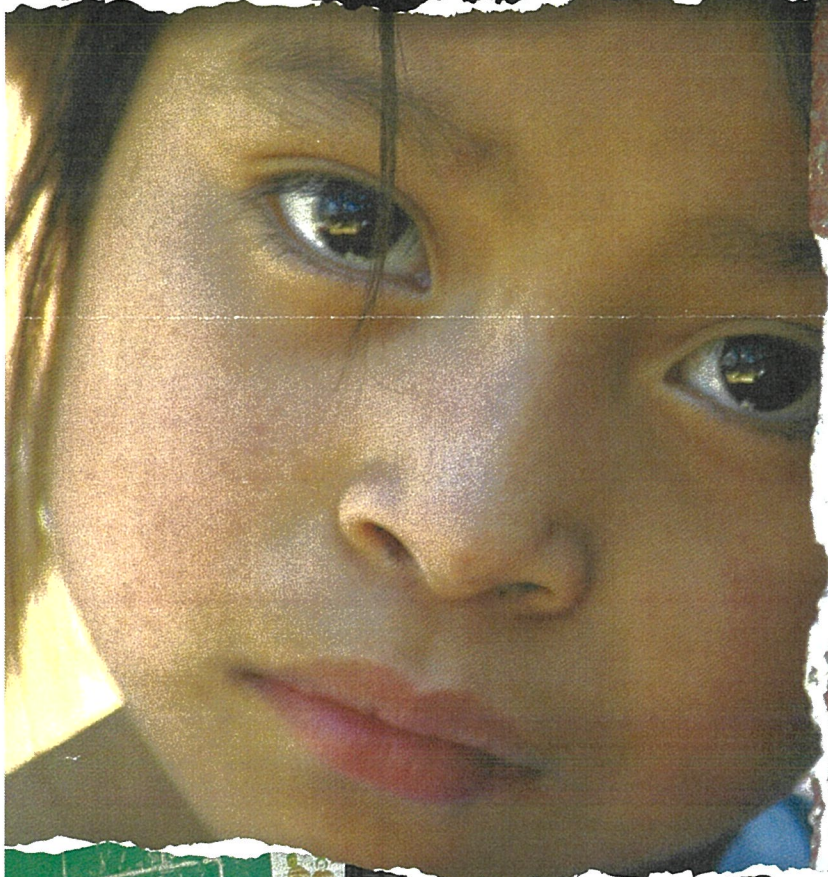
## We Remain Focused

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Honduras in March 2020, the impact of the economic shutdown has caused the poverty in Honduras to worsen. Even more families now find themselves living in abject poverty ... meaning that they typically have \$2 or less available each day to feed their families.

This means that the need for the L4L school lunch program is greater than ever right now. Generosity from our supporters has allowed L4L to adapt our program to meet the need in 2021, and now we have our hearts set on reaching into even more Honduran communities that need our help in 2022.

**Donate Today at [lunchesforlearning.org](https://lunchesforlearning.org)**

Checks can be mailed to  
**PO Box 2146 . Roswell, GA 30077**  
**[empower@lunchesforlearning.org](mailto:empower@lunchesforlearning.org)**



## The Impact of Your Generosity:

- A gift of \$150 provides school lunches to one child for an entire school year.
- \$750 feeds a single grade-level grouping of children (ex: 3rd graders, averaging 5-6 students).
- \$1,500 covers the cost of lunches for an entire classroom (multiple grade-level groups).
- \$2,500 will sponsor a kindergarten or a small K-6 school for a full year.
- \$5,000 will sponsor a medium sized K-6 school for a full year.
- \$10,000 will sponsor a large K-6 school for a full year.
- \$20,000 will sponsor a large K-9 school for a full year.



# Saints & Sinners

Although the Saints & Sinners January 15th Kick-off party was cancelled, Saints & Sinners small groups fellowship are still expected to **go forward** in **February** and **March** as planned.

Sign-up continues and will remain open. Formation of the small groups will begin in two weeks.

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.

**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





**Get ready to smile!**



It's time to update Living Water's Pictorial Directory.

Photographer Richard Wehr will start taking pictures after Sunday worship services starting Jan. 30 and will continue for several weeks. Photo sessions will also be available 1-3 pm on four different weekday afternoons in February: Thursday the 3rd, Wednesday the 9th, Friday the 18th, and Monday the 21st.

Please contact Joan Sprinkle to make a reservation for your photo session. Joan will be on the patio after worship, or you can call her at 480-244-6380. Your photo session will also be an opportunity to update information in your directory entry. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Wehr at 480-710-4506.

**MY  
WORDS**

**WILL NEVER**

**PASS  
AWAY.**

**MARK 13:31, NIV**



# 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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