

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



March 20, 2022



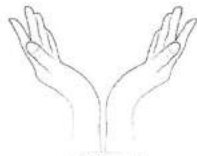
Sundays Worship Service at 10:00am on-site and online



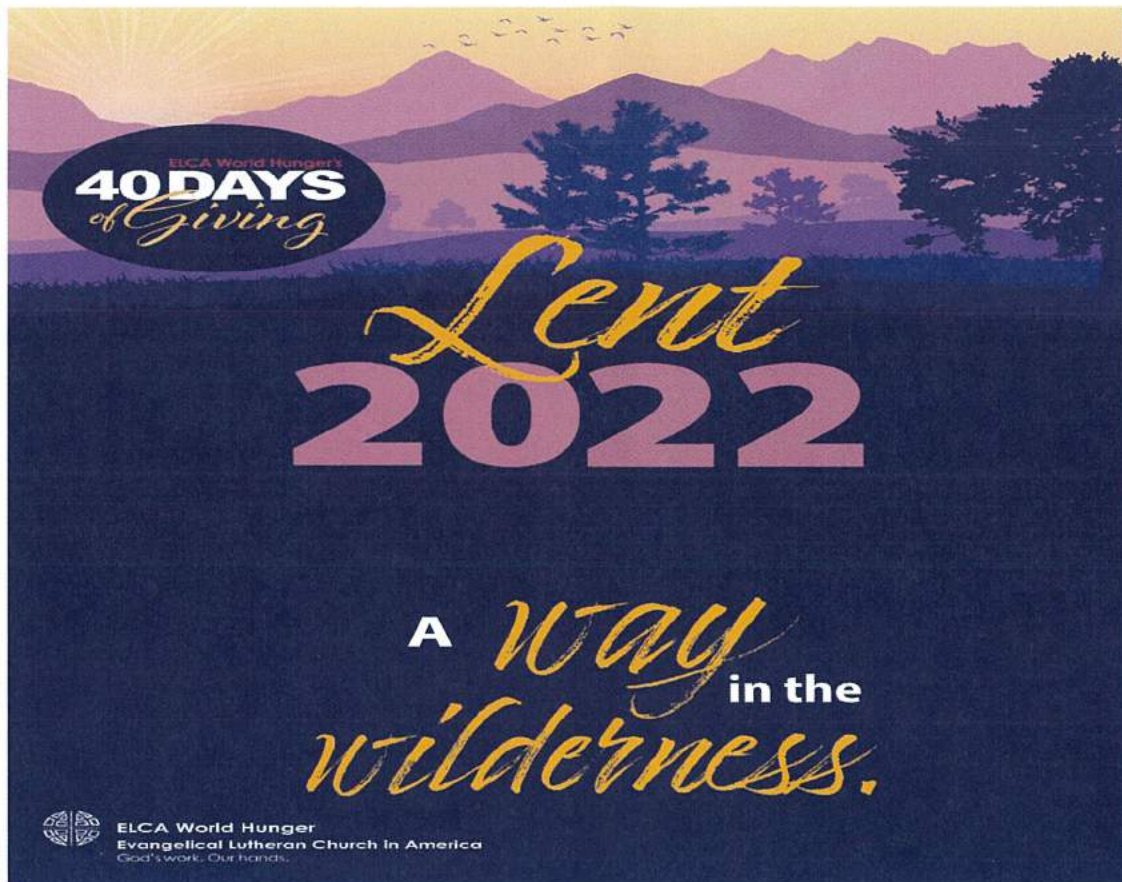
Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Kay Beebe—Battling Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- John Chvatal (Friend of John & Sue Honacek)—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
- Barbara Gunderson—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
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Jay and Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Mary (Friend of Larry Coutts)—Recovering from Heart Surgery
- Elijah Montgomery (Infant Great Grandson of Shirley & Gene Perry)—Healing from Heart Surgery
- Sonya Musgrove (Friend of Erik & Missy Laudenschlager)—Battling Cancer
- Nick (Friend of Ashley Elam)—Health Concerns
- Darell Powers (Brother 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
- Bonnie Stemm (Scott Stemm's Mother)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Family & Friends of Ruth Fundner—Grandson's Passing (Friend of Barbara Brooks)
- Family & Friends of Sonya Musgrove (friend of the Laudenschlager family)
- Family & Friends of Beth Oujiri



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



“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water” (Psalm 63:1)

Thus far in this season of Lent, we have been reflecting on what it means to be in the wilderness, journeying toward the promise God has in store. Jesus’ question in Luke 12 and 13 reminds the crowd that tragedy and trauma don’t wait for morally upright people to get out of harm’s way; we are all vulnerable as we traverse a wilderness fraught with injustice, violence, hunger and poverty. The superiority we may feel is neither true nor significant. In Luke 13:1-9, Jesus reminds us we’ve all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Regarding hunger and poverty today, no amount of hard work can ultimately overcome an unjust system.

PRAYER: Gracious God, amid the challenges our world faces, you remind us of your promise for the future of our world. Draw near to us and draw us near to your neighbors, that we may be inspired with hope, courage and audacious faith to be the people you are calling us to be. Be present with our companions and partners around the world as we work together toward a just world where all are fed. In your holy name, Amen.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

ALAMOSA, CO

JULY 2-8, 2022

Who: Youth entering grades 7-12, and graduating seniors

Cost: \$300 + help with fundraisers

Deadline to register with \$100 deposit: **ASAP**

In Alamosa, we'll experience the beauty of the mountains but also learn about the struggle of rural life in Southern Colorado. With one of the worst unemployment rates in Colorado, rural poverty is felt throughout the San Luis Valley. Our group will come alongside existing organizations to meet on-going needs, including working in gardens to meet food needs, doing home repair projects, and running a kids club for elementary-aged kids in this community. During the evenings, you'll learn more from a community speaker about what the community is doing to serve the under-served, explore the natural beauty of this area, and visit the **Great Sand Dunes National Park**.

Photo forecast: sunny smiles!

Did you know that Scottsdale has more than 330 sunny days a year? Enjoying sunshine 90% of the year is hard to beat. However, with your help, Living Water can top that record by having 100% participation in the upcoming pictorial directory.

Shutterbug Richard Wehr has already snapped pics of 75+ smiling faces. If you're among the unphotographed, please make an appointment with Joan Sprinkle on the patio today or give her a call (480-244-6380). All Living Water members, snowbirds, and others who regularly worship with us are encouraged to participate.



Saints & Sinners

Sign-up continues and will remain open.

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 number and email address.

Moonlight and Music

Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 pm

Live Music by our own LWLC Band

Appetizers and desserts



We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening on the Living Water Lutheran Church patio. Reservations are \$25/person and can be made up until Sunday, March 27. All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip. Thank you for your support of our young people who are going to make a difference in Alamosa, Colorado.



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. Please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need.



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NO SESSION ON 3/22

We will not meet on Tuesday, 3/22.

We return to the study of the Gospel of Mark on Tuesday, 3/29. Please join us.

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



Today's floral bouquet donated by Frances DeBruyn, "in celebration of our nephew's wedding anniversary."

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.

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Lent Bible Study on Wednesdays
6:00pm Lenten Study and 7:00pm Lenten Worship

Pictures of the Passion

A Lenten Bible Study on Excerpts from John's Gospel

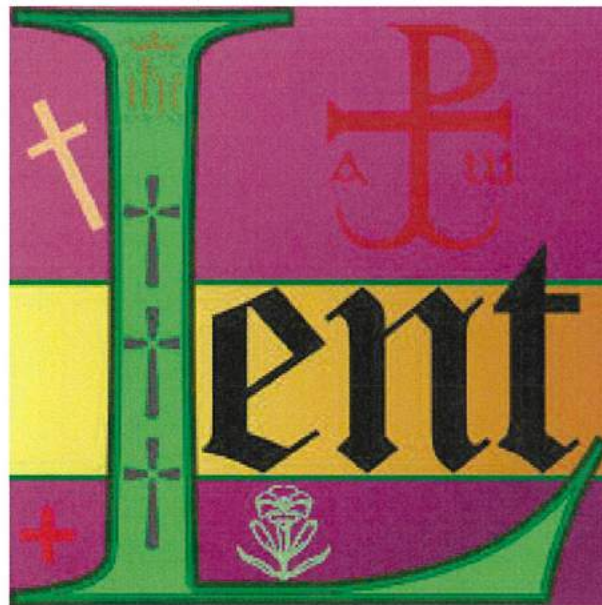
Living Water will have Bible Studies each Wednesday during Lent meeting at 6 p.m. They will be led by Pastor Les Hoffmann who has served as a Mission Director and pastor in Phoenix for many years. He is delighted to share 5 events which highlight his unique Gospel

Wednesday March 23

“Feeding the Multitude and Food for the Soul”

John Chapter 6

Plenty of food and hard words





Piecemakers Quilting Continues

Join us 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, March 30, from 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

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on 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



LIVING WATER'S "HUNGER JAR"



The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 to local and international/global hunger organizations or initiatives. You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service.

While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar."

The Service and Caring Ministry Team at LWLC periodically determines how we distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the available balance of \$639 to St. Mary's Food Bank here in Phoenix and to Lunches for Learning, a school lunch program we support in Honduras. In the past, Hunger Jar offerings have been split and sent to ELCA World Hunger, Vista del Camino, St. Mary's Food Bank and Feed My Starving Children.

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

Note: If you would like **donate the flowers** for an upcoming Sunday in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please contact the front office to sign up for weekly flowers at our services. Just let us know the date, occasion and any special notes.

Please prepay \$45 for the flowers to the Living Water Office

If you have any questions please contact office@lwlcaz.org.



Medical Lending Library Ministry

What: It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

Who: Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

How: Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

When: We will collect them on **March 20 and 27** at Living Water.

Questions: Please contact Steve McCarthy at 928-848-2458,

Ready to make Living Water your church home in Scottsdale?

If so, please make plans to attend the

**New Member Dinner
on Saturday, April 30
from 4:00-6:00 PM**



To reserve your seat, please send an email to:
office@lwlcaz.org with the subject line:

New Members Dinner.

Or, contact the front office at 480-473-8400.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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

During Lent 2022, 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, March 6 and ends on April 10.**



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. 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.

Living Water, 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 122 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com or Ron Ophaug at ronophaug@yahoo.com.



Lutheran Disaster Response in Eastern Europe

Millions of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary.

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region.

What you can do:

Pray:

Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give:

LWLC's 2022 Mid-week Lenten Offerings. All mid-week worship offerings received from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday will be directed to **Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Europe Crisis Response.**

Your gifts designated for this crisis response will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. You may also give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response from this link: "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response.](#)" When you give online, you can associate your gift with Living Water Lutheran.



Farmers Market

Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm

Living Water Parking Lot

Free Entry

Live Music

Pet Friendly

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

facebook.com/FarmersMarketNorthScottsdale

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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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