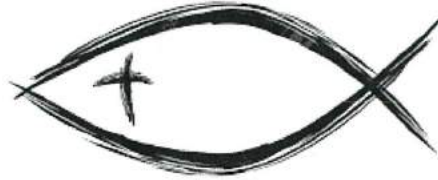


# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



March 6, 2022



## First SUNDAY IN LENT

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
- 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
- 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
- Elijah Montgomery (Infant Great Grandson of Shirley & Gene Perry)—Health Concerns
- Nick (Friend of Ashley Elam)—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
- 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)*





## 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 “Hybrid Style” beginning 3/8/22

We will return to **in-person** Tuesday Women beginning on March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd prefer to join us **virtually**, we will also continue with our Zoom connection, 10 am Tuesdays. Masks are optional but

recommended if you are joining us in-person. All women are invited as we continue a study on the Gospel of Mark, written by New Testament scholar, Professor N.T. Wright. This course is titled “A Look at Mark and His Version of the Good News of Jesus.” No book purchase is required. In this study, we continue to examine the oldest and the shortest Gospel in the New Testament, recorded for us by Mark.

No prior Bible study experience is needed. We learn, grow, and pray together **as we meet in-person and in virtual community** with one another. Tuesdays at 10 am for about 90 minutes. Join us in the Fellowship Hall (mask recommended) or 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.

# *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**

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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.



Thank you to everyone  
who donated, and joined us  
for the Ladies Tea Fundraiser  
for Youth trips.



*Notes:*



## Piecemakers Quilting in March

Join us in March 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 2, March 16 and again 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](http://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







Saturday, March 19, 2022  
Scottsdale, Arizona

# FAITH FORMATION IN A SECULAR AGE

How we can partner with God in reshaping the church in the 21st century



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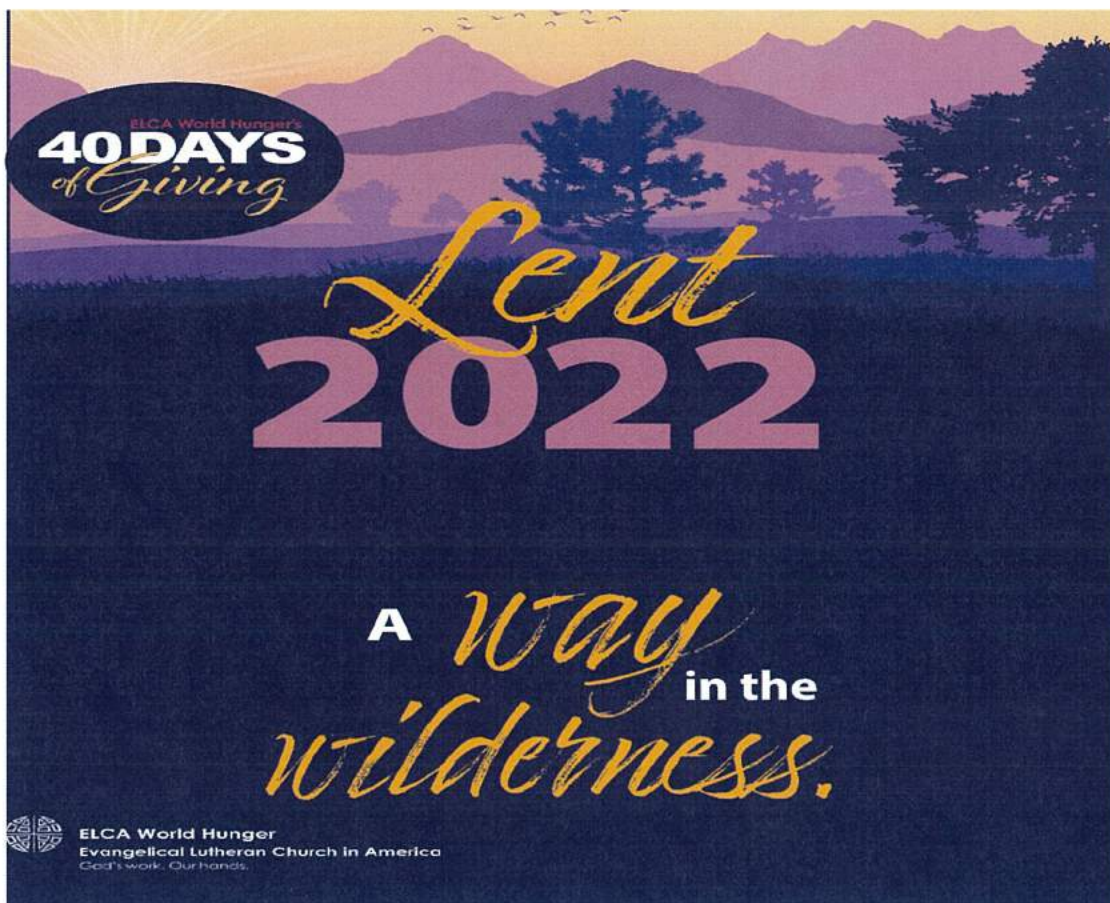
**Saturday, March 19, 2022 | 2-5 p.m.**

*Reception to follow.*

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E. Happy Valley Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

A virtual option will also be available. Space is limited.  
To register for free, please email [aschmidt001@luthersem.edu](mailto:aschmidt001@luthersem.edu)  
or call **651-641-3431** by March 11, 2022.





The season of Lent grounds us in a time in the wilderness. In Lent, we wander with our ancestors, longing for a new life in a land of promise and opportunity. We are reminded of our dependence on God. Yet we are reminded that even as we journey toward that promised ending, we are not alone. **“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”** Isaiah 43:19

This promise is the Lenten theme for the ELCA’s World Hunger 40 Days of Giving. This Lent, we trust that even now, God is making a way in the wilderness, leading us toward a future of wholeness and fullness. This Lent, we look back, remembering the ways that God has been with us in our journey, and we look forward, longing for the fulfillment of God’s Easter promise. And we trust that the God of our wandering ancestors is still being revealed today in our neighbors as we find our way through the wilderness together.

**PRAYER:** God of our yesterdays and tomorrows, you guided our ancestors through the wilderness to freedom, a new home and a future with promise. Turn our hearts toward our neighbors who face uncertainty, insecurity and risk today. Inspire within us compassion for their needs, gratitude for their gifts and a holy yearning for justice, that all may experience safety, security and hope in our world today. In your name we pray, Amen.



# 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,



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



# 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.

*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@lwlc.org](mailto:office@lwlc.org).





## 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)



## **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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

*Living Water*  
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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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