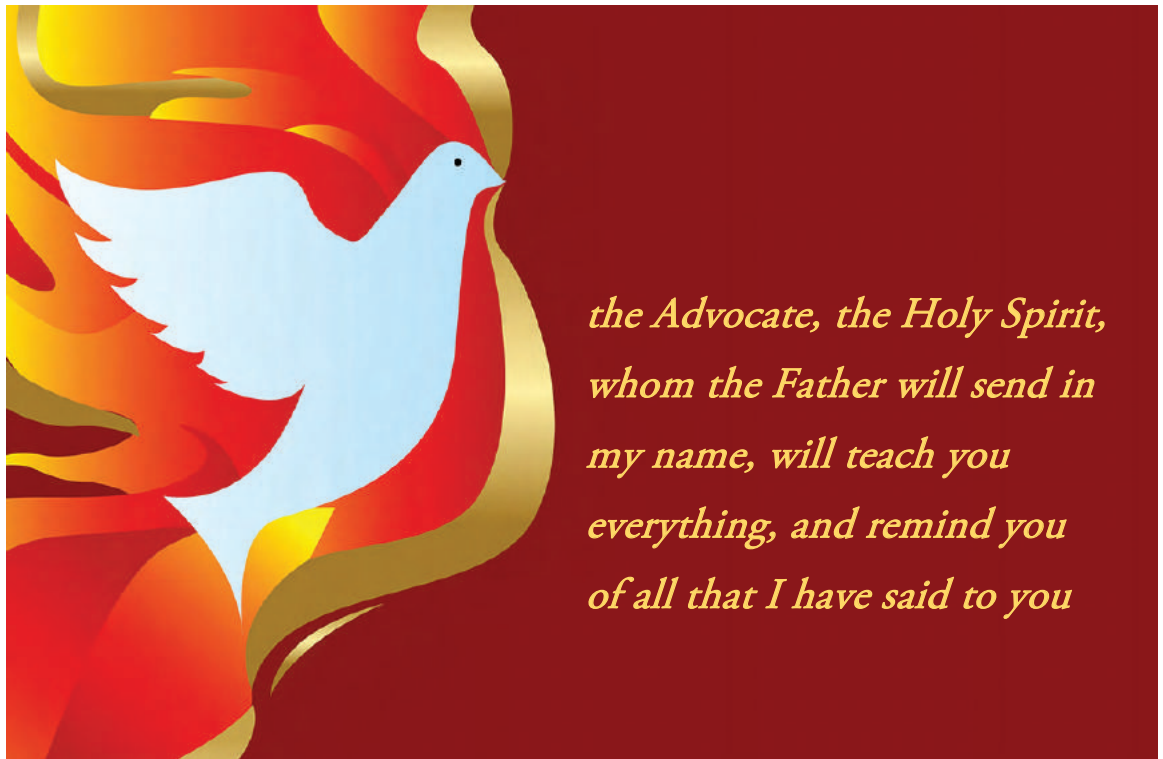


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



June 05, 2022



*the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in
my name, will teach you
everything, and remind you
of all that I have said to you*

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



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts—Health Concerns
- Kristina Decknick (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Covid
- Sue and Dave Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dominic and Megan (Friends of Deb Bash, Dominic Trauma Surgeon Air Force in Kabul)
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)—Battling Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Barbara Gunderson—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John & Sue Honacek)—Deployed
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Jay and Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Mary (Friend of Larry Coutts)—Health Concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ron Roessler—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Stemm (Scott Stemm's Mother)—Health Concerns
- Jim and Carolyn Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Tori (Susie Purewal's Daughter-in-law)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Wayne Shubert (Pastor Shari's uncle)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Moore—Healing from broken bone in her foot
- Cole—Pat and Janet Guthrie's grandson
- Family and friends of Heidi Gerrish (Friend of Myrna and Bob Ulland)—auto accident
- Stephen and Katherine Gerrish and Justin (Friends of Myrna and Bob Ulland)—injured in an auto accident
- The family and friends of Larrie Larson
- People of the Ukraine

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

Vacation Bible School 2022

Registration is open for our 2022 VBS program. Join us June 20-24, from 9-11:30am, as we explore the "Tree of Healing."

Children will explore the daily Bible stories through music, games, crafts, drama, snacks and visits around the world to countries that benefit from the ELCA World Hunger programs.

Registration is free and each child will receive a free VBS t-shirt. Go to www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2022/ to register your child/children now. Registration is open for children ages 4 through 6th grade. You will receive a confirmation email once your registration is received.

***The registration deadline is Monday, June 6**



Medical Lending Library

Thank you to all Living Water congregants and friends for a successful initial donation drive to benefit La Sagrada Familia church. Your donations of walkers, rollators, raised toilet seats, assorted braces, crutches, canes, and a power lift chair were gratefully accepted. This is a recurring event so hang onto anything that will help the uninsured. Look for our next drive in the Fall/Spring.

Steve McCarthy

Questions: Please contact Steve at 928-848-2458



VBS BOOK DRIVE 2022

Our mission project for VBS is again collecting books, especially books for kids, and here's how you can help make this a success! New or gently used* books for kids of elementary ages are preferred; however, we accept books for all ages (kids and adults), including books with a religious theme. Ima Bookworm, our VBS mission project leader, says, "a gently-used* book means no rips/tears, no writing, and no worm holes!" Books can be brought to our VBS Book Drive bookshelf/bins in the narthex/gathering space in the church from now through June 26. Look for the book drive banner!

You can also help us purchase new or gently used books by making a \$\$\$ contribution to our VBS Book Drive.

Sue Brash, our LWLC book drive coordinator, can purchase books at a discount from many sources. Please note 'VBS Book Drive' on your check, your offering envelope, or your online donation.

All books received are directed to the Phoenix Assistance League and other local organizations for distribution. Sue Brash tells us that metro Phoenix is a "book desert." Every book you donate goes to a happy new home. It may be the very first book a child will own. We appreciate a Thrivent Action Team grant that supports our VBS book drive, allowing us to purchase even more books for our community. And thank you, Living Water, for helping our VBS book drive be successful!

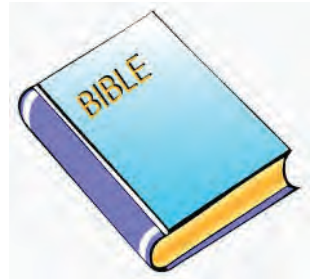
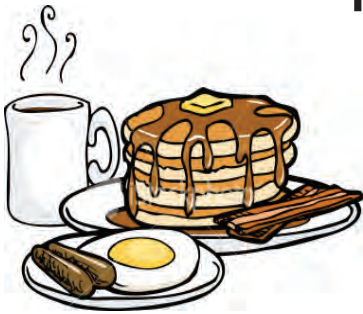


Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at **8:30AM**

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

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



You can find outlines for Sunday's worship service and Wednesday's Bible Study on the Worship Videos page of our website: lwlcaz.org



Diakonia Retreat: Life of Faith Initiative

June 25 – 26, 2022

Presenter: Rev Dr. Craig Nesson
Academic Dean, Professor of Theology and
Ethics Wartburg Theological Seminary

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ
1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Saturday, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

You will join in several interactive presentations that will help you enhance your church community by offering a substantial encounter with God. You will leave with ideas on how serve our neighbors, where ever you encounter them and to make positive changes in your life and your church.

Cost: \$60.00 – Includes Dinner on June 25th and Breakfast & Lunch on June 26th

Register at: <https://www.diakonia.education/> > Events/Retreat

More information on Life of Faith Initiative here: <https://lifeoffaith.info/>

Everyone is welcome! You need not be a Diakonia student or graduate to attend.

Questions? Contact admin@diakonia.education



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.

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!



WEEKLY ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to **donate the altar flowers** for an upcoming Sunday in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion, please contact the office to sign up for weekly flowers at our services.

You may also sign up on the clip board in the entrance to the church or online:

lwlcaz.org / [Sign-ups / Volunteer and Flower Sign-ups / Weekly Flower Donations](#)

Just let us know the date, the occasion and any special notes. You may take the flowers with you after the service.

Please prepay \$45 for the flowers to Living Water

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

Thank you



Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Nancy Blazer's birthday by Dick Blazer.



We lift up in prayer the friends and family of Heidi Gerrish. Heidi died at the scene of an automobile accident Saturday morning, May 21, 2022, while traveling to her sister Julie's graduation from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Also in the car were her friend Justin, and her brother and sister-in-law, Stephen and Katherine, who were all injured in the head-on collision with a driver going the wrong way on the freeway. Those three have varying severe injuries requiring

surgeries and extensive care. The family requests prayers for everyone involved in the accident, as their outcomes become clearer. We will share more information as we receive it.

Heidi was a board member of the University of Arizona Lutheran Campus Ministry, and worked with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest as Communications Coordinator in the Fund Department. She and her family are well-known to many in the synod and very active in congregation, synod, and churchwide ministries.

Prayer of the Week

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

LIVING WATER'S "HUNGER JARS"



The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. There is also a smaller jar to the right of the choir risers. You are invited to place an offering in the Hunger Jars while the offering is being collected during the worship service.

While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be U.S. coins or 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 Jars, with typical distribution 50/50 to local and international/global hunger organizations or initiatives. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

Piecemakers Quilters: Sew Thankful



Our Piecemakers quilting group is taking a much-needed break for the summer. These past months we completed 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, 22 quilts for the Rocky Mountain Synod for individuals impacted by the wildfire in Boulder, CO, one quilt for an Afghan refugee family, two twin extra-long quilts for high school graduates at Living Water, and 16 "pocket pal" quilts for Arizona Foster Children's program. Some of us will continue to sew quilt tops at home during the summer heat, and we'll regroup to begin assembling quilts in September. We are thankful for several donations of quilting material to continue our ministry, and for your support from our Living Water family.

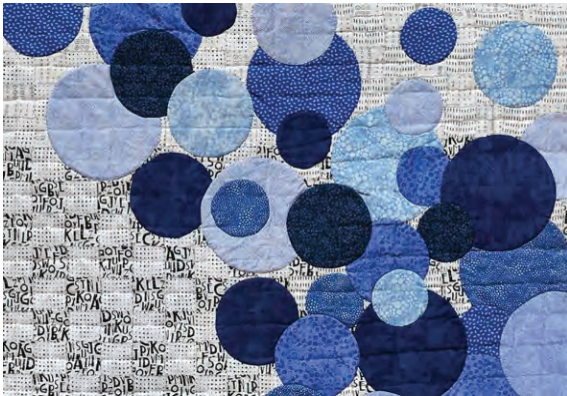
Bible Studies & Retreats

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published via our YouTube Channel
Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines also available on our website:
lwlcaz.org.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Our Tuesday Women's Bible study has completed our study on the Gospel of Mark and we are taking a break for the summer; one might call it some sabbath time.

Watch for an announcement of a short 3-session study on "Crafted in Christ" coming mid-summer. This study uses the concept of quilting to explore themes of community and sabbath. You'll find it in

the Gather magazine (issues May/June and July/August).

We hope that you will find time for rest and relaxation in the coming summer months. And we invite you to join us for this special summer Bible study. If you aren't on our email distribution list, please contact Myrna at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be connected to our communications.

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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