

# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



August 21, 2022

WELCOME  
*to Worship!*

For everything there is a season and a  
time for every matter under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am  
on-site and online

# 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
- Cole (Pat and Janet Guthrie's grandson)
- Larry Coutts—Health Concerns
- Danielle (Friend of Mike and Melissa Freesh) —Health Concerns
- Kristina Decknick (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Battling Covid
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dominic and Megan (Friends of Deb Bash, Dominic is a Trauma Surgeon with the Air Force stationed 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
- Katy Lauritsen (Family Member of Steve and Sue Johnson)—Battling Cancer
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Jay and Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Marni Lucas (Daughter of Lois Lucas)—House Fire
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ron Roessler—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concerns
- Joan Sprinkle—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim and Carolyn Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Lisa Squires (daughter of Bob Ulland)—Health Concerns
- Charlie (friend of Daryl & Diane vanMannen)
- The Family and Friends of Nancy Fitzgerald (Aunt of Steve McCarthy)
- The Family and Friends of Dave Dixon (Brother-in-law of Rick Sherrin)
- People of Ukraine

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex*



# “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



## HYGIENE KITS FOR AZ FOSTER CHILDEN/YOUTH

On Sunday, September 11, Living Water will partner with the Northeast Valley Consortium congregations to assemble hygiene kits for foster children/youth. Our kits will go to Arizona Helping Hands to help foster kids be healthy and feel confident. Arizona Helping Hands is the largest provider of essential necessities for children in foster care in the State. See more at [azhelpinghands.org](http://azhelpinghands.org). More than 14,000 Arizona children are in out-of-home care, the majority of which are ages 1 to 5 years. More than 34% of children spend over 12 months in care.

Our goal: 100 kits assembled following the 9-11-22 worship service

What is needed:

- Hair brush/comb
- Hair ties for girls
- Kids 3-in-1 (shampoo/conditioner,body wash)
- Kids toothpaste
- Kids toothbrush
- Dental floss

Bring in your donated items to the collection bin in the church entryway. Your gifts will be supplemented by a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250. Colorful drawstring bags to hold each assembled kit have already been donated.

Bring your family and plan to join us immediately following the service on 9-11-22 to assemble the kits and be “God’s Work, Our Hands.”

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We are currently sorting out any insurance coverage to replace the trees and pay for the removal of the broken ones. However, if you would like a portion of your giving to go towards new shade trees, please make a note of it accordingly.



On Friday, August 26, YOU are invited to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children.



We have 20 spots for the time slot of 4:30-6:15pm, so please let Pastor Shari know if you would like to help. We will plan to meet at the location in Mesa, but please let me know if you need a ride. [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)





## **Prayer of the Week**

**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



Sing to the Lord a new song! The Living Water Choir is getting underway for the 2022-2023 program year. YOU are invited to come and sing with us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Psalms room of the Christian Education building. All are welcome!

For more information, contact Marcie: 602.321.2561 or email [MLC123@cox.net](mailto:MLC123@cox.net).



## Starting on September 11:

Confirmation classes for students in grades 6-8 will be held two Sundays each month from 6:30-8:00pm.

This is a two-year program, and we will be learning about the Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran History and Catechism and Lutheran Living. So far, we have seven students who are registered to attend the class, and we look forward to a fun and relationship-building learning environment!

Please let Pastor Shari [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org) know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.



**TODAY: Sunday, August 21 at 10:00 am.**

☀ **Back to School Blessing**

All Students, Teachers and Staff who are soon going back to school are invited for a special blessing to begin the new school year surrounded by prayer.



☀ **Mission Trip Reflections**

The students who participated in the mission trip to Colorado will share stories and pictures.



God bless all the kids  
and teachers  
going back to school this fall!





## **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*

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The AmazonSmile Foundation, a 501(c)(3) private foundation, donates 0.5% of your purchase price (on eligible purchases) to the charitable organization of your choice. With the start of school just around the corner and the holidays being here before you know it, there's no better time to start shopping at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) than now.

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A D U L T C H O I R

Please join us in kicking off the 2022-2023 choir season with food, fellowship and a fun preview of new music! Spouses are welcome. Lunch and beverages will be provided by our lovely hosts, Nancy Payne & Julie Ann Walker. Please just bring yourselves!

WHEN: Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 12-3:30pm

WHERE: Home of Nancy and John Payne

RSVP by 8/22/22 to Marcie @ 602-321-2561 or [MLC123@cox.net](mailto:MLC123@cox.net) (call, text, or email)





# *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).

## *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

# Gathering Hymn....."God Is Here"



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



# Sermon Song....."Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

## *Chorus*

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

*(Sing Chorus 2x's)*

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like  
snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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# Communion Hymn....."Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950  
Music: Graham Kendrick  
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# Sending Hymn....."I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

# 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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