

# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



November 27, 2022



First Sunday  
of Advent



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
- Kristy Burke (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Charlie (Friend of Daryl & Diane vanMannen)—Recovery
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts—Health Concerns
- Danielle (Friend of Mike and Melissa Freesh)—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dominic and Megan (Friends of Deb Bash) Dominic is a Trauma Surgeon with Air Force in Kabul
- Michael Donavan—Health Concerns
- 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
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Barbara Gunderson—Health Concerns
- Francisco Hernandez (Father of Lourdes Gasparino)—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John & Sue Hornacek)—Deployed
- Norm Jouett (Janis Fjeld's father)—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Lee Landon—Health Concerns
- Katy Lauritsen (Family Member of Steve and Susan 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
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Bobby Reiser—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Joan Sprinkle—Health Concerns
- Lisa Squires (Bob Ulland's Daughter)—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim and Carolyn Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Sandy and Dale Williamson (Parents of Heidi Ruff)—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of Wayne Malmquist (Husband of Merle Malmquist and Karen Roessler's Brother-in-law)
- Friends and Family of Lisa (Diane & Darryl vanMaanen's daughter Katy's mom)
- Friends and Family of Kathy Nelson
- Friends and Family of Philip Walmsley (Friend of Michelle Brown)
- People of Ukraine

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





**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).





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## **HOW TO BE AN ANGEL**

As we have for several years, we who wish to be angels, will be gifting children who are receiving services from the inner-city service charity, Nourish Phoenix. On Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> (post-Thanksgiving) and the following two Sundays, the Angel Tree will be in our church Narthex. The tree will be decorated with wooden angels lovingly crafted by our committee. Each angel will have a label attached with the child's name, gender, age, gift ideas, and sizes for shoes and clothing. Choose your child (or children) and **take the angel off the tree**.

The **angel is for you** to hang on your own Christmas tree, because **you are an angel!**

Also take one of the blue LWLC **blue canvas bags** that are near the tree.

Then purchase the gifts for your child. Please do not exceed **\$40/child**.

Put your gifts in the LWLC blue bag and attach the **child identifier label**, **not the wooden angel**, to the handle of the bag. Do **not wrap** the gifts.

Bring the bag back and place it under the Angel Tree **by December 11th**.

The Angel Team will carefully gather your gift bags into families on the 11<sup>th</sup>, after the church service, and attach a new Angel (**not** yours) crafted by the committee so that each family will get an Angel in addition to your gifts.

**Gift Certificates and checks (payable to Living Water or Nourish PHX) are also welcome.**





## The Farmers Market North Scottsdale

is up and running again  
in the Living Water parking lot  
on **Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm**

Please visit their website:  
**[farmersmarkethnorthscottsdale.com](http://farmersmarkethnorthscottsdale.com)**  
for a full list of vendors



## Living Water Lutheran Church Annual Advent Dinner

December 4, 2022

5:00 - 8:00 PM

McDowell Mountain Community Center  
16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road,  
Scottsdale AZ 85255

Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. This will be a potluck dinner where everyone can share their favorite recipes for an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert.

Bring your own favorite beverage.

Watch for further information on Sundays before services.

Sign-up sheet will be in Narthex



## JOIN US TO MAKE LEFSE IN DECEMBER

Want to try your hand at making Lefse (lef'-suh), a Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, butter & cream, traditionally made during the holidays?

Joan Sprinkle will open her home in North Scottsdale to host lefse making sessions. Myrna and Bob Ulland will lead the sessions, involving rolling, frying, and enjoying lefse! (The dough will be made in advance!) We can accommodate around 8-10 persons per session so everyone can have a "hands-on" experience.

We're planning two afternoon sessions right now. If there is more interest, we may plan a third session. If you'd like to join us, please email [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) and indicate your date preference: Thursday, December 15, or Friday, December 16. We plan to begin around 2 pm and should conclude by 4:30 pm.



# 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

**New in December!:**

**We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am**

**Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center**

**7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.**

**Carefree, AZ 85377**

*note: Carpool leaves church @ 7:30AM*

**\$7 for breakfast**

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**Auction**

**Friday, February 17, 2023**



Please save the date for this Fundraiser for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, NY

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## **Prayer of the Week**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

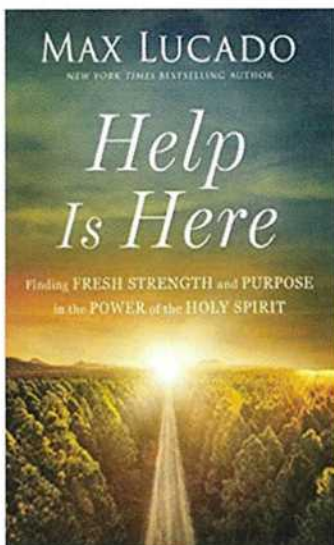




## Piecemakers Quilters in December

Want to help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries? Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 9 am in the Education Building. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie!

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts and we've already resumed this fall. We will gather next on December 7 and December 21, from 9 am to about noon. We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



## TUESDAY WOMEN'S NEW STUDY

Join us on Nov. 29 to begin a 5-week study with new material from Max Lucado: "Help is Here. Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Lucado will lead us in the tools and encouragement needed to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God, learn who the Spirit is, and how the Spirit can help you find true rest and peace. The book is recommended and there are a few copies remaining in the church office. \$18 to purchase, pay to Myrna Ulland. You can also get a Kindle version of the book.

All women are invited to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually via a Zoom connection. We meet for 90 minutes every Tuesday morning. Bring your favorite Bible translation and the book. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be available if you're joining us in person. If you aren't on our email notification list for our Tuesday Women, please contact Myrna at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

## **You can pick up your church directory in December!**

Living Water's 2022 pictorial directory will be available in December. You can pick up your copy after worship on three upcoming Sundays: **Dec. 4, Dec. 11, or Dec. 18.**

If the weather is good, look for Jill Wehr out on the patio (otherwise in the Fellowship Hall).



### **ONE STOP SHOPPING**

Good gifts! Gifts that make a difference. Through the ELCA Good Gifts you have an opportunity to purchase gifts that make a difference. Gifts for your children, your grandchildren, yourself, parents, co-workers, teachers, friends, your Christmas card list. Pick up a coin barnyard bank and help your children use their money for some one else.

Catalogs, gift cards, stickers – all free.  
Check out the display on the patio.



## First Sunday of Advent – Hope for God’s Presence

Choral opening with Congregational refrain (please join in singing when directed)

“Gesù Bambino”  
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by  
JOEL RANEY

O come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring  
hope to the world, bring peace to the  
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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### *Responsive Litany*

P: In this season of Advent, we long for God’s presence.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

P: In this season of Advent, we search God’s truth.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

P: In this season of Advent, we seek God’s guidance.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

P: In this season of Advent, we remember God’s promise.

**C: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

### **Candle lighting**

**Congregational Refrain repeated (please join in singing when directed)**

# Gathering Hymn..... "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

## VERSE



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus,  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er,



born to set Thy peo - ple free; From our  
born a child and yet — a King; Born to



fears — and sins re - lease — us, let us find our  
reign — in us for - ev - er, now Thy gra - cious



rest — in Thee. Is - rael's strength — and con - so -  
king - dom bring. By Thine own — e - ter - nal



-la - tion, hope of all — the earth — Thou art;  
Spir - it rule in all — our hearts — a - lone;



Dear — de - sire — of ev' - ry na — tion,  
By — Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,



joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.  
raise us to — Thy glo - rious throne.

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# Sermon Song..... "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907  
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

# Communion Song..... "All Who Are Thirsty"

The image shows a musical score for a communion song. It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into a main body of verses and a chorus. The lyrics are: "All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep. We sing". The chorus begins at measure 18 with the lyrics "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come." The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1 All who are thirs - ty, all who are weak,  
5 come to the foun - tain. Dip your heart in the stream of  
9 life. Let the pain and the sor - ow be washed a - way  
13 in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries out to deep. We sing  
18 *Chorus*  
Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,  
24 come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.  
29 Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Ho - ly  
35 *Go To Chorus*  
Spir - it, come. As deep cries out to deep. We sing

Brenton Brown | Glenn Robertson

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# Sending Hymn..... "Soon, Very Soon"



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

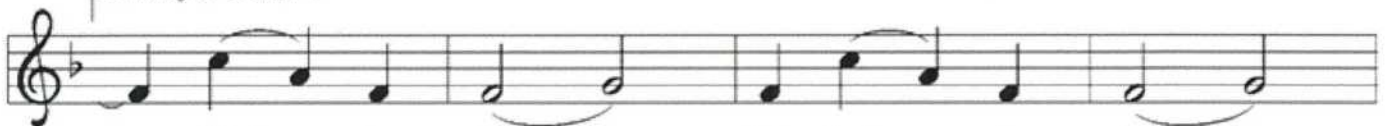


soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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