

Splash!

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."
John 4:14*

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

A Message from Pastor Shari



When you sit down at the Thanksgiving table this year, for what will you give thanks? I would like to suggest that we all take some time to think about what we will give thanks for on that special day.

Feel free to print out this page and write some answers to the questions below. And then after you have done this, take note of how you feel. Does this practice bring you joy? Do you feel more connected to God, the giver of all things? Whatever happens, I hope that it is a positive experience for you and that you will have a wonderful and beautiful Thanksgiving!

What is it that has made your heart sing this year?

What is it that has given you happy tears?

Who in your life has made you smile and laugh?

Who has helped you when you needed it the most?

What unexpected blessings did you encounter?

Where in your life did God bring beauty from ashes?



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Living Water
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Auction

Friday, February 17, 2023



Please contact Pastor Shari if you would like to donate an item toward the auction or have any questions. This is a fundraiser for the Youth of Living Water who are planning to attend the Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, New York next summer.



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.

Thanksgiving Worship Service Tuesday November 22 at 7:00pm

A time to whorship and give thanks!

GIVE
thanks
with a
GRATEFUL
heart



A Christmas Play

LOVE FINDS A WAY

*The story behind the world's
most famous Christmas carol*

Join us for worship on Sunday, December 11
for this intergenerational mini play
to celebrate God's faithfulness during this
season of Advent.

ART WALK


in Old Town Scottsdale
Thursday, November 10th
Dinner at 5:00pm
Art Walk 6:30 - 9:00pm



see Leila Burrus
or
the sign-up sheet in the Narthex



Pet Festival

 A free, family-friendly
community event
featuring furry friends & more

Blessing of the Animals

Allergic to pets? Bring your stuffed animal.

 Scottsdale PD K-9 Demo

Dog Agility Demo

 Ben the Clydesdale

Photo Booth & Refreshments

1pm on Sunday, Nov. 13

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

All pets & people are welcome.

Pets MUST be leashed or otherwise secured.

Sponsored by PACE (Pro-Active Community Engagement team)



TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY IN NOVEMBER

All women are invited to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually via a Zoom connection, for a 3-session study from the Sept/Oct and Nov/Dec issues of Gather magazine. This study, "Jesus and nature: Teachers of faith" uses vines, branches, mustard shrubs and fig trees to teach us about our reliance on God and on each other. We'll look at various Scriptures to consider the environment in which Jesus lived, one that also shaped His teaching. It also hopes to renew our motivation to work for the care and future of this planet and its trees, vines, prairies and other plant life.

The Bible study appears in the fall issues of Gather magazine. If you don't subscribe or have misplaced your magazine, not to worry. Myrna will email the study material.

We meet for 90 minutes every Tuesday morning. Bring your favorite Bible translation. 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 to be added to the list.

SHOP ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is a church that

is called to do God's work in the world. Together as the ELCA, we do more than we could ever do alone; grow our congregations, inspire new leaders, and care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Good Gifts are a creative way to do just that. Your gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Each ELCA Good Gift changes at least three lives: The life of the person helped by your gift, the life of your friend or loved one, and your own.

Catalogs, gift cards, stickers and ideas will all be available every Sunday during Advent. Now is the time to grab your holiday shopping list and browse the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Each of these gifts has the remarkable capacity to transform lives... all in God's name.



Eastern Europe Crisis Response

The Situation:

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Russia has launched air strikes across the country, including on the capital of Kyiv and other major cities. Millions of people fleeing the violence of Russia's war against Ukraine and are moving 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.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as this Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. 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 war in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give:

Your gifts designated for "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. To donate online, go to <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>



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



Pima & Happy Valley Road Improvements Project Update

The City of Scottsdale's Pima Road Improvements will widen Pima Road from Pinnacle Peak to just north of Happy Valley Road to three thru-lanes in each direction, and Happy Valley Road from Pima Road to Alma School Road to two thru-lanes in each direction with roundabouts at Golf Club Drive and Alma School Road. Both projects include raised median or center turn lane, bike lanes, sidewalk, multi-use path, drainage improvements and utility relocations.

The Pima Road Improvements project includes a regional drainage channel to reduce the potential for flooding on the homes to the west which will be funded by fees from the stormwater utility bill and the Flood District of Maricopa County. The Pima Road project will include a sound wall on the west side of Pima Road from Pinnacle Peak Road to just south of Happy Valley Road. Noise mitigation on Happy Valley Road was not warranted.

Provided below is information on the upcoming construction schedule, but please remember schedules can be impacted by a variety of factor to include weather, materials scheduling, availability of resources, and coordination with others. Current Construction Information:

Pima Road:

Crews continue work to construct box culverts at the north and south driveways on Pima Road to La Mirada Shopping Center as part of the drainage improvements for the project. Work on the north driveway is expected to be complete and the driveway reopened just prior to Thanksgiving. Access to La Mirada continues to be provided with at least one driveway available from Pima Road and this work will not affect the Pinnacle Peak Road driveways to the plaza.

Also scheduled to take place on the east side of Pima Road near La Mirada, you may see increased truck activity as crews excavate for the future channel on the east side of Pima Road. Trucks will be loading and traveling north on Pima Road to the west on Happy Valley Road. No additional traffic restrictions are required for this hauling activity.

Scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 31, southbound Pima Road will be reduced to one lane from north of Happy Valley at Hackamore Drive to about 200 feet south of Chama Road. Access to Hackamore should remain open; however, a law enforcement officer or flagger may be in place to assist travelers around the work zone. Access to Chama should remain open with possible barricades in place along the north edge of the road to protect the work zone. APS contractor crews will relocate electric facilities along the west side of Pima Road in this area, and also on the north side of Chama Road from Pima Road to the west about 150 feet. This work will take place during daytime hours (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day) weekdays, for approximately 3-4 weeks. Electric crews continue their work installing electric conduit on the east side of Pima Road.

Happy Valley Road:

Crews are scheduled to remove sidewalk on the northeast corner of the Pima/Happy Valley intersection to prepare for work to bore electric conduit. Scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 7, this work will take place at various locations on the east side of Pima Road near Happy Valley Road. Crews will work at one location at a time with the outside northbound lane on Pima Road closed during daytime hours to accommodate the work.

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Landscape crews continue work salvaging native plants along Happy Valley Road, within the City's right-of-way and easements, by spading and boxing trees to prepare for relocation to the contractor's nursery.

Utility crews continue work installing conduit on the north side of Happy Valley Road, east of Pima Road and moving in an easterly direction to Alma School Road. This work is taking place on the north side of the road, off the roadway.

Pima Road and Happy Valley Road remain open for travel during this work; however, there may be lane shifts or turn restrictions to shift traffic away from the work zone. During construction, business and resident access will be maintained, although there may be times wherein it will not be the most direct route, so please allow extra time for your travel during construction. Work typically takes place weekdays during daytime hours, though some overnight concrete pours may occur as needed. Traffic control remains in place even during non-work hours with speeds reduced near the work zone in the interest of safety.

Project Info: 480.898.4110 | www.PimaHappyValley.com | www.ScottsdaleAz.gov

Men's Bible Breakfast



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

Sing to the Lord a new song! The Living Water Choir welcomes new and returning singers, and now is the perfect time to join. We are just kicking off the program year, and we invite YOU 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.

The 2022 FUND FOR LEADERS Golf Classic

Since 2000 the ELCA Fund for Leaders has supported over 1,000 pastors with more than \$25 million in Scholarship Support. Living Water Lutheran Church has supported this fund for many years. We do this by participating in and financially supporting the Annual Golf Classic.

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 14, 2022 for this year's annual Fund for Leaders Golf Classic. The event is in the morning and includes lunch. It will be held at Arrowhead Country Club in Glendale, AZ. More information will be forthcoming.



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AZ TAX CREDITS

Arizona permits taxpayers to claim multiple credits for contributions to charitable organizations and schools. This means that you can claim credits for donations to Habitat for Humanity (a charitable organization), and to a public school and to ACSTO (a private school tuition organization). For more information, visit <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Preparations are now underway to build another Habitat home with Lutheran churches starting in 2022 in the Greater Phoenix area. We need to raise our fair share to pay for the out-of-pocket costs that Habitat incurs to build these homes. Our goal is to raise \$4000.

AZ law provides a tax credit for contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. Habitat is one of the qualifying organizations. So, if you are going to be paying income taxes to the State of Arizona, you can claim a credit on your income tax return. Taxpayers filing as "single" and "head of household" and "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800. You may do this even if you don't itemize deductions.

You can either send your check directly to Habitat of Central AZ or hand your check to Greysen West, Financial Manager or to Marilyn or John Goesling. If you send your check directly, please note on your check that it applies to the North-east Lutheran Coalition-Living Water Church. If you need additional information, contact Marilyn or John Goesling. And, if you are interested in working on the build next spring, a signup sheet will be available in the narthex once details are confirmed.

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian School

Here is another AZ Tax credit opportunity. This is through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO). One of the schools helped by this tax credit is the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school in Rock Point. This school needs financial help. We currently help the school with the collection of box top labels. We have found this brings in very little income for the school. This would be more helpful to the school. With this one, you donate right to ACSTO and specifically designate the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school. Donors can give up to \$1221/\$611 (married/single) towards the original tax credit. Any donation above this amount will then go towards the Overflow Tax Credit, up to a maximum of an additional \$1214/\$608. It is clearly explained at the ACSTO website which is <http://acsto.org>. They walk you through the donation process right there on the website. The website also provides the tax reporting instructions and documents needed if you participate in this unique tax credit opportunity. Also, note that donations can be made in early 2022 if it is before the April tax deadline.

November Birthdays

Darrell	Shipley	11/1
Lance	Jacobson	11/5
Dale	Bedenkop	11/6
Jenny	Dorsch	11/6
Gabriele	Laudenschlager	11/9
Shirley	Koch	11/10
Sue	Umland	11/11

James	Bernau	11/12
Conrad	Roos	11/12
Heidi	Ruff	11/19
Carol	Gasser	11/20
Robert	Ziegler	11/22
John	Nerison	11/27
Kayla	Sklar	11/30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

Publication Deadlines:

Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon



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