

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



January 1st

2023

Happy
New Year

Living Water



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 Donavon—Health Concerns
- 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
- 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 Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- People of Ukraine

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcw.org or fill out a card in the Narthex.



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Auction

Friday, February 17, 2023



Donations are welcome to help make this a success! Maybe you have a special talent in painting, pottery, photography, etc. We also welcome gift cards to restaurants or stores, items for themed gift baskets, tickets to concerts or sporting events, or passes to area attractions. All donations are due to the church office no later than January 27. Thank you for your support!

Tickets for the event will go on sale on Sunday, January 8, for \$25 per adult and \$10 for kids 8 and under. The ticket includes dinner, entertainment and access to the live and silent auction.

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

Prayer of the Week

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

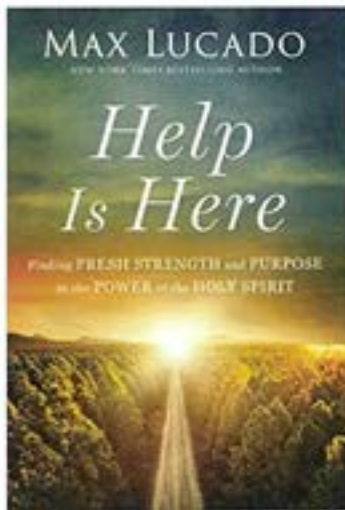
Amen.



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:
farmersmarketnorthscottsdale.com
for a full list of vendors



TUESDAY WOMEN

We continue with a video study 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.

We are taking a Christmas holiday break on Tuesday 12/20 and Tuesday 12/27. We will resume again the first Tuesday in January.

All women are invited to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually via a Zoom connection. We meet for 90 minutes on Tuesday mornings. Bring your favorite Bible translation and the Lucado book if you have it. 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.uland@gmail.com to be added to the list.

AN INTERFAITH PRAYER GATHERING (via Zoom)

FINDING HOPE IN NEW BEGINNINGS

JANUARY 25, 2023 AT NOON MST

New beginnings are a shared experience of our common humanity, irrespective of culture, country, ethnicity or faith. These may include any number of changes in our lives, both joyful and painful that are anticipated with HOPE. Come together to embrace these new journeys ahead with hope.

You are invited to join us for an Interfaith Prayer Gathering of inspirational stories of hope. Experience "Finding Hope in New Beginnings," a virtual zoom community bringing people of different faiths and perspectives together to share stories of hope and inspiration. We will hear from faith leaders and others sharing stories of new beginnings and where they found hope even when feelings of defeat seemed the only outcome.

Finding hope in new challenges and difficult situations may not be easily found, but we believe that possibilities abound when we come together.

Program format includes speakers sharing their stories of Finding Hope in New Beginnings and time for individual meditation:

Shakira – Islamic Speakers Bureau

Rabbi Sara

Refugee from LSS

Email HopeinOurWorldNow@gmail.com to register and receive the Zoom link

Hosted by

Northeast Valley Consortium & Fountain Hills Interfaith Alliance

Men's Bible Breakfast

This Thursday at 8:00am

Spirit in the Desert

\$7 Breakfast

Carpool leaves the church at 7:30am

Discipleship Training with New Covenant

How do you measure the effectiveness of your church? Is it the number of chairs that you fill each week with attendance or the amount of money that you collect from offerings? Meeting the budget, measuring attendance and supporting other outside ministries are certainly worthwhile goals, but have you ever measured the number of new converts that your church has guided to faith in Jesus? What is the number of missional ministries that have been birthed by lay members of your congregation? When you serve mission opportunities what kind of contact do you have with the people you serve, or do you just send money and product? If you have ever struggled with these questions, then a discipleship focus may be of help to you.

We invite you to join us as we explore in-depth biblical teaching that guides our discipleship. You will experience hands-on exercises and tools for personal and group development along with time for personal processing. We believe all of these things will bring about a clearer understanding of your role Christ followers in a discipling community. However, we don't do this in a vacuum. Our intent is to develop objectives that can help to transform our ministries and congregations.

Our objectives are:

1. To learn to follow Jesus Christ together, multiplying disciples who make disciples.
2. To empower spiritual families to live on mission.
3. To become a richly diverse movement of people from different walks of life, socio-economic contexts, ethnic backgrounds, and spiritual traditions.
4. To grow in our love for God, our desire to live the life Jesus modeled for us, and our passion to see the good news of God's kingdom come for all people.

So, if you are interested in engaging in a discipleship process, please join us beginning Tuesday evening from 4:00 -5:00 pm, on January 10 at New Covenant Lutheran Church. Send an email to Pastor.Steve@newcovenantaz.org as your commitment to participate in this 12-week process. We also plan to provide a Zoom option for this training.



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THANK YOU LIVING WATER! Your support of the Fund For Leaders November 2022 Golf Classic resulted in more than \$32,000 to date going to the Scholarship Funds of the ELCA and the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA. These funds will be used to provide financial assistance to students in the Seminaries of the ELCA, our future pastors and diaconal church leaders. Again this year your church and its members were the leading supporters of this event. Last year 9 students from the Grand Canyon Synod received \$38,000 from these scholarship funds. Thank you for making a significant difference.

The Fund For Leaders Golf Classic Committee



Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published via our YouTube Channel
Wednesdays at NOON

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

Saints and Sinners 2023

Sign-up for the 2023 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program is now open.

You can sign -up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) or email Wayne Burrus at wlburrus@earthlink.net. We will need your name and best contact phone number and email address.

Saints and Sinners is a popular "Small Groups" fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both single and couples.

The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other a little better.

The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We will be forming the small groups in early January, so sign up as soon as possible.



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 factors to include weather, materials scheduling, availability of resources, and coordination with others.

Current Construction Information::

Pima Road:

Crews continue work to construct box culverts and retaining walls on Pima Road at La Mirada Shopping Center as part of the drainage improvements for the project. Work on the box culvert at the south driveway continues with the south driveway closed. Scheduled for the week of Dec. 28, crews will pour the walls and deck for the box culvert. Access to La Mirada continues to be provided at remaining Pima Road driveways and all Pinnacle Peak Road driveways to the plaza.

Crews also continue work on channel excavation for the future channel on the east side of Pima Road. Over the next few weeks, utilities such as Cox and CenturyLink will be working to relocate their facilities along Pima Road. We are working to coordinate these efforts to the extent possible to minimize the impacts, but appreciate your patience as these relocations take place to clear the way for the planned improvements. Tentatively scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 3, a contractor for Southwest Gas will be relocating their facilities on the west side of Pima Road north of Chama Road, and then to other locations along Pima Road and Happy Valley Road in preparation for road improvements.

Also scheduled for the week of Jan. 3, crews will begin the next segment of relocations of reclaimed and raw water pipeline to accommodate future box culvert construction along Pima Road. This next relocation will take place on the west side of Pima Road, about 700 feet south of De La O and will likely extend into the night hours to minimize the water outage to customers on the pipelines being relocated. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this work.

Tentatively scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 12, following the relocation south of De La O, similar work will take place at the next relocation which is located on the west side of Pima Road, just north of Chama.

Happy Valley Road:

APS contractor crews are currently working to relocate electric facilities along the north side of Happy Valley Road just east of Pima Road and moving in an easterly direction toward Golf Club Drive.

Paving crews have completed temporary paving along Happy Valley on the existing shoulder and where medians existed. This was done to be able to maintain traffic during construction. Additional temporary paving may take place toward the end of January to cover any remaining areas that still need clearing prior to paving.

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.

Crews continue clearing activities for the next few weeks to prepare for construction.

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Scheduled for the week of Jan. 3, crews will begin installing waterline in the north side of Happy Valley Road beginning at Alma School Road and working to the west.

Scheduled to begin the week of Dec. 27, electric crews will install electric conduit on the south side of Happy Valley Road, from Pima Road working in an easterly direction toward Golf Club Drive. As this work crosses side streets or driveways, crews will work to maintain access; however, there may be short periods where access is restricted.

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.

Thank you for your patience during this construction.

On behalf of the project team, we wish you a very Happy Holiday!

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



Piecemakers Quilters in the New Year!

Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 9 am in the Education Building.

Help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie!

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts. We will gather next on January 4 and January 18, 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



Special Event: Parenting Expert Sheryl Gould – Moms of Tweens & Teens

Join us for a FREE Mom's Night Out on Jan. 21 at 5:30 pm!



Moms Night Out!
Escaping
Entitlement:
Raising *Responsible,*
Respectful and
Kind Teens
in an Entitled
Generation

Schedule

5:30 pm Social time and Appetizers/Refreshments

6:00 pm Presentation and Small Groups

7:30 pm Q & A time with Cookies and Coffee

Register today at <https://lwlcaz.org/momsnightout/>

About Sheryl Gould



I'm a parenting expert that focuses on tweens and teens, and I wrote the "[SOS! The Technology Guidebook for Parents of Tweens and Teens: Get The Answers You Need, Keep Them Safe and Enjoy Your Kids Again](#)" because we need it!

I founded Moms of Tweens and Teens 15 years ago, and it has grown into an international organization that supports moms as they grow in their self-awareness, become more effective parents, and build stronger connections with their adolescents and families.

I have worked with moms for over 15 years and provide simple, practical tools, backed by solid research and real-life stories, that will help you understand your adolescents on a deeper level. I will teach you how to communicate so you can start building real connections, love, and trust; in order to raise emotionally healthy, happy, and responsible

adults.

Gathering Hymn..... "Love Has Come"



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es; Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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Sermon Song..... "Holy Child within the Manger"



1 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, long a -
2 Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— how your
3 Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, lead us



go yet ev - er near; come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, when the im - age of your
ev - er in your way, so we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, come as hope for ev - 'ry fear.
glo - ry wore an im - age like our own.
stran - ger how you come to us to - day.



As you lived to heal the bro - ken, greet the
Come, en - light - en with your wis - dom, come and
In our lives and in our liv - ing give us



out - cast, free the bound, as you taught us love un -
fill us with your grace. May the fire of your com -
strength to live as you, that our hearts might be for -



spo - ken, teach us now where you are found.
pas - sion kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
giv - ing and our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Sending Hymn..... "Away in a Manger"

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, 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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