

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



December 11, 2022



## **Christmas Eve Worship Services**

Saturday, December 24th

**Family-Friendly Candlelight Service**

**4:00 PM**

**Traditional Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM**

## **Christmas Day Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 25th

**10:00 AM**



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
- 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 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 Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)
- Friends and Family of Carolyn Tonneson
- People of Ukraine

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

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## CAROLYN TONNESON OBITUARY



Of St. Paul, Minnesota Died December 1, 2022, after a short and difficult battle with cancer. Carolyn was born October 30, 1946, to Selma (Rosenberg) Heuer and William C.F. Heuer in Bertha, Minnesota. She grew up on a farm near Bertha and attended Bertha-Hewitt School, where she graduated as valedictorian in 1964. Carolyn attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, graduating with honors in Elementary Education and Music in 1967. She met her husband, Jim Tonneson, at Concordia and they were married June 24, 1967 in Bertha. Jim was a seminarian and the couple lived in many cities in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Washington, where Carolyn worked as a second grade teacher and as a piano teacher. During this time, Carolyn and Jim welcomed three children, Mark, Scott, and Kimi. In 1982, Carolyn earned her master's degree in counseling from North Dakota State University. She became a clinical social worker and marriage and family therapist for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota and was later named Regional Vice President. She also owned a consulting business and held several executive positions with nonprofit organizations. At the age of 72, Carolyn fulfilled a lifelong dream of volunteering overseas, spending a month in Mombasa, Kenya. Upon her return, she founded the nonprofit Peter's Hope so that she and Peter Ochieng, the director of the school and women's center, could work together to bring better opportunities for education and empowerment to the children and women of Bamburi, Kenya. Carolyn loved many things: traveling, reading, music and the arts, her church, her nonprofit, and most of all—her family. Carolyn just plain loved life and tried to live each day with a positive attitude. She gives credit to the Divine for each and every opportunity she had to touch the lives of other people. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Don and Jerry; and sister Mona. She is survived by her husband, Jim; children, Mark (Tami), Scott (Jennifer Thorson), and Kimi; two grandchildren, Owen and Noah; and sister and brothers Maxine, Wally, Jim, and Chuck. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul, with a reception to follow at the church. Memorials are preferred to Peter's Hope or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. All memorials should be mailed to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, MN, 55116. 651-767-9333



# *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**

\$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



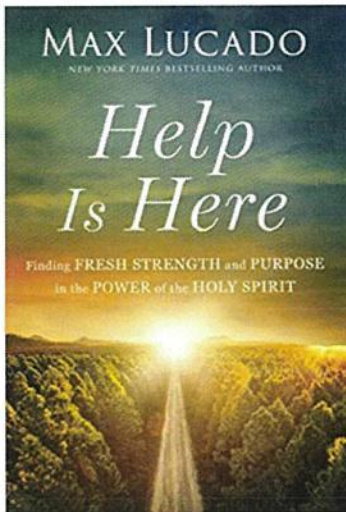




## Piecemakers Quilters in December

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

A 5-week study began on November 29<sup>th</sup> 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 two upcoming Sundays: **Dec. 11 or Dec. 18.**

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



### 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



## Prayer of the Week


Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.



# What Child Is This?



Please join us on  
Sunday, December  
18 as the Living  
Water Choir  
presents the  
Cantata  
*What Child is This?*  
By Joel Raney





## 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.



# Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

## Third Sunday of Advent – “Love’s Pure Light” Choir and Congregation

(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 celebrate with joyful hearts.

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

P: We count our blessings, and give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

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

P: We strive to search for the good in our neighbors near and far.

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

P: We remember that God has promised us full and joyful lives.

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

### **Candle Lighting**

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

## Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we ask that you open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us, and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and source of all joy, and that we are here to serve you and to spread that joy to others.

**Amen.**





## Gathering Hymn..... "He Came Down"



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

## Christmas Play....."Love Finds a Way"

Written by Lois Anne DeLong and Barbara Anne Antonucci

Performed by the children and youth of Living Water, Scott Sims, Dan Wiebe, Heidi Ruff, Kris Crow and the Living Water Choir (directed by Marcie Donavon)

# Sermon Hymn..... "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

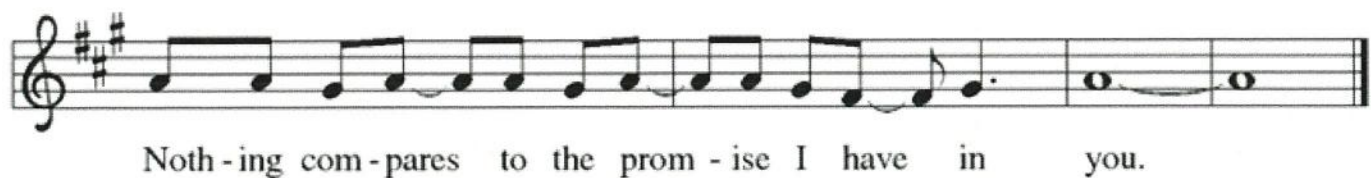
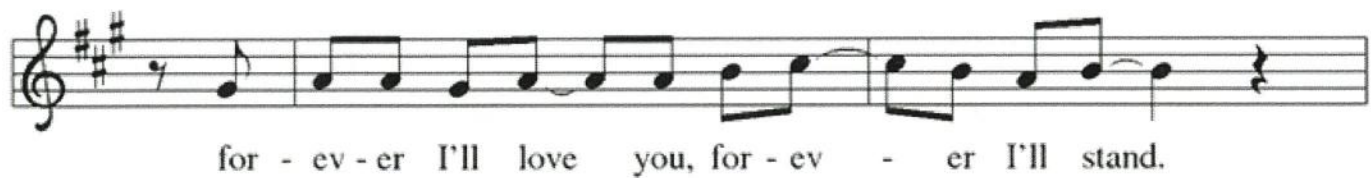
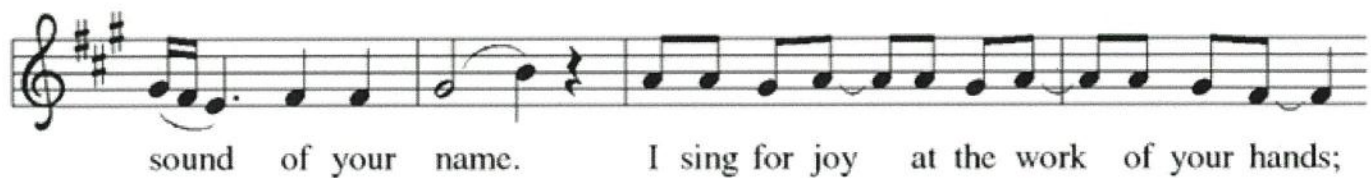
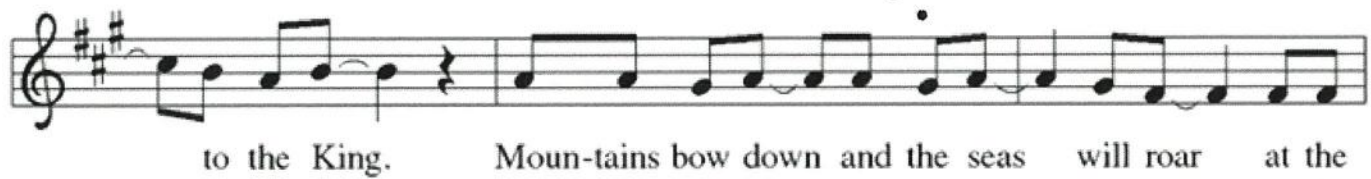
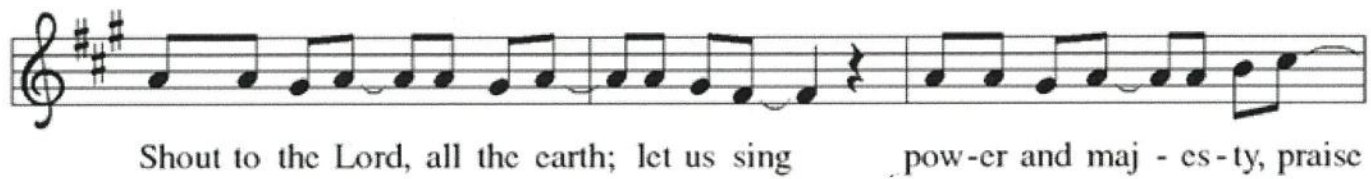
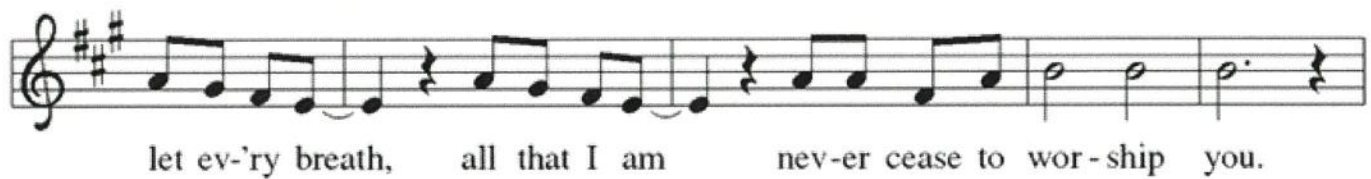
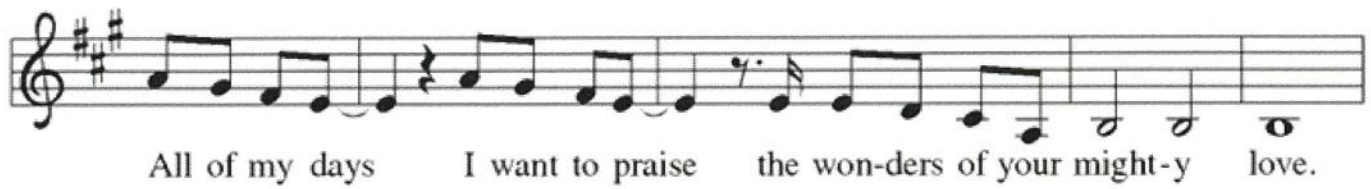
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Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## Sending Hymn..... "Shout to the Lord"



# 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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