

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



December 4, 2022



Second 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 Donavon—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 Kathy Nelson
- People of Ukraine

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



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 27th (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 11th, 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
for a full list of vendors



Living Water Lutheran Church Annual Advent Dinner

TONIGHT!
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.

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.

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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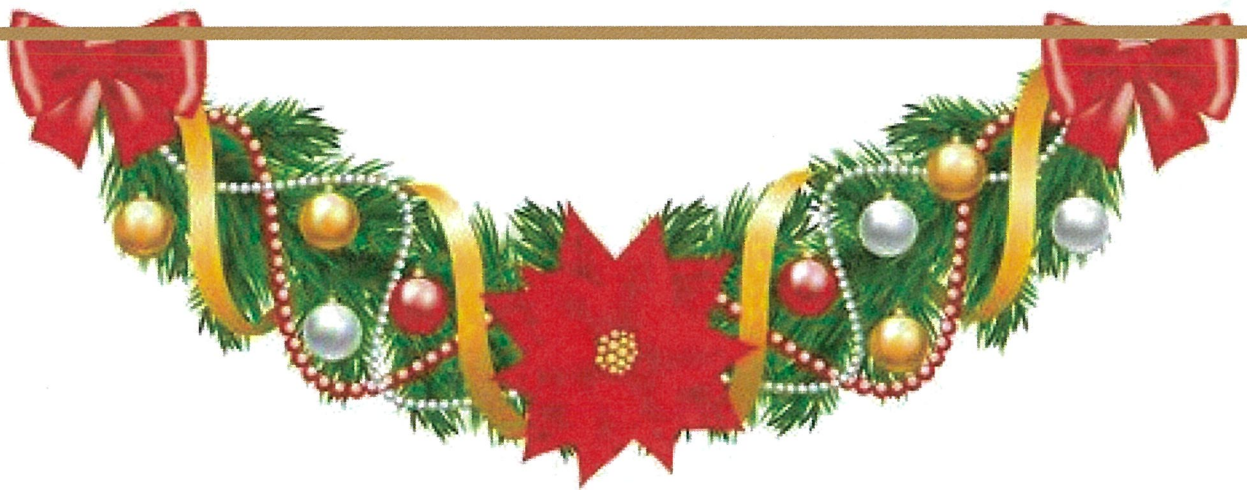
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Auction

Friday, February 17, 2023



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

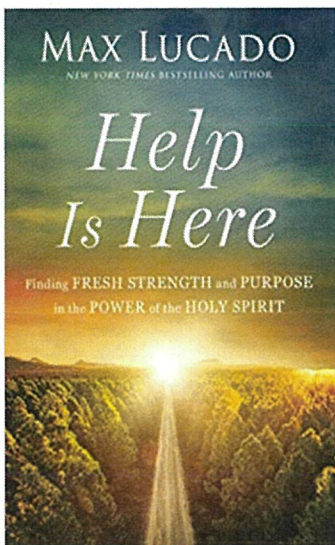




Piecemakers Quilters in December

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



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 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.



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 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.

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



Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Second Sunday of Advent – Hope for God’s Peace

(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 pray for God’s peace.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

P: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

C: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

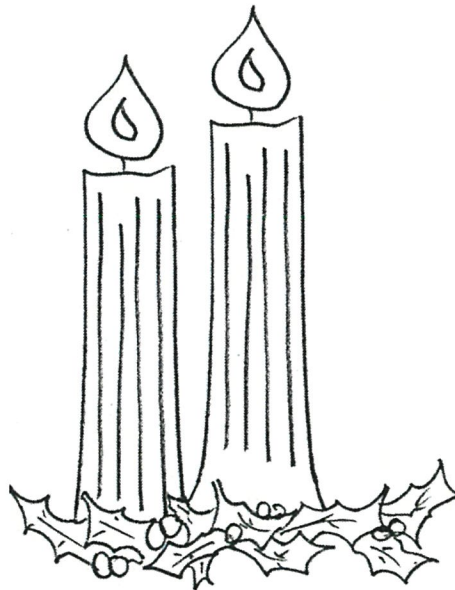
Candle Lighting

Congregational Refrain repeated (please join in singing when directed)

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank you for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that you quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that you are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as you would have us serve, and make us willing instruments of your peace.

Amen.



Gathering Hymn..... "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come thou Day-spring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine Advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Verse 3

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

Verse 4

O come Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Tag

Shall come to Thee O Israel
Shall come to Thee O Israel

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John Mason Neale | Thomas Helmore | Travis Cottrell

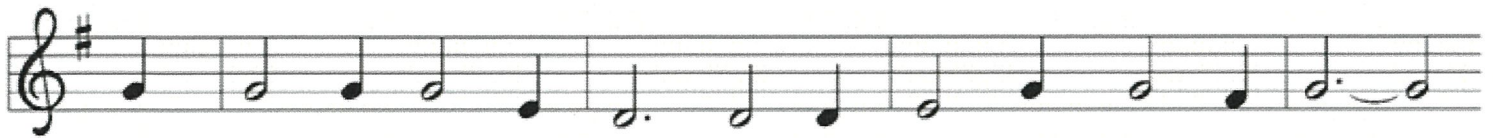
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Sermon Hymn..... "Prepare the Royal Highway"



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

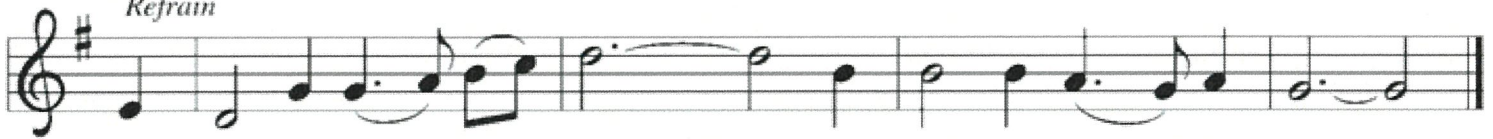


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring,
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

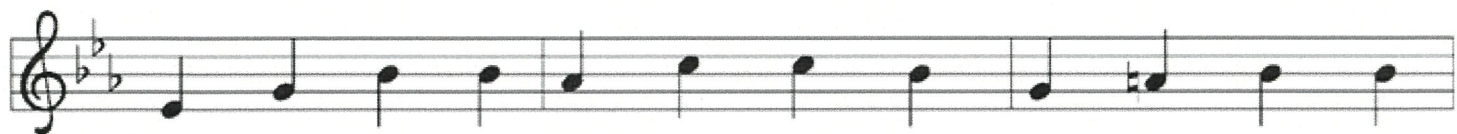
Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Sending Hymn..... "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

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