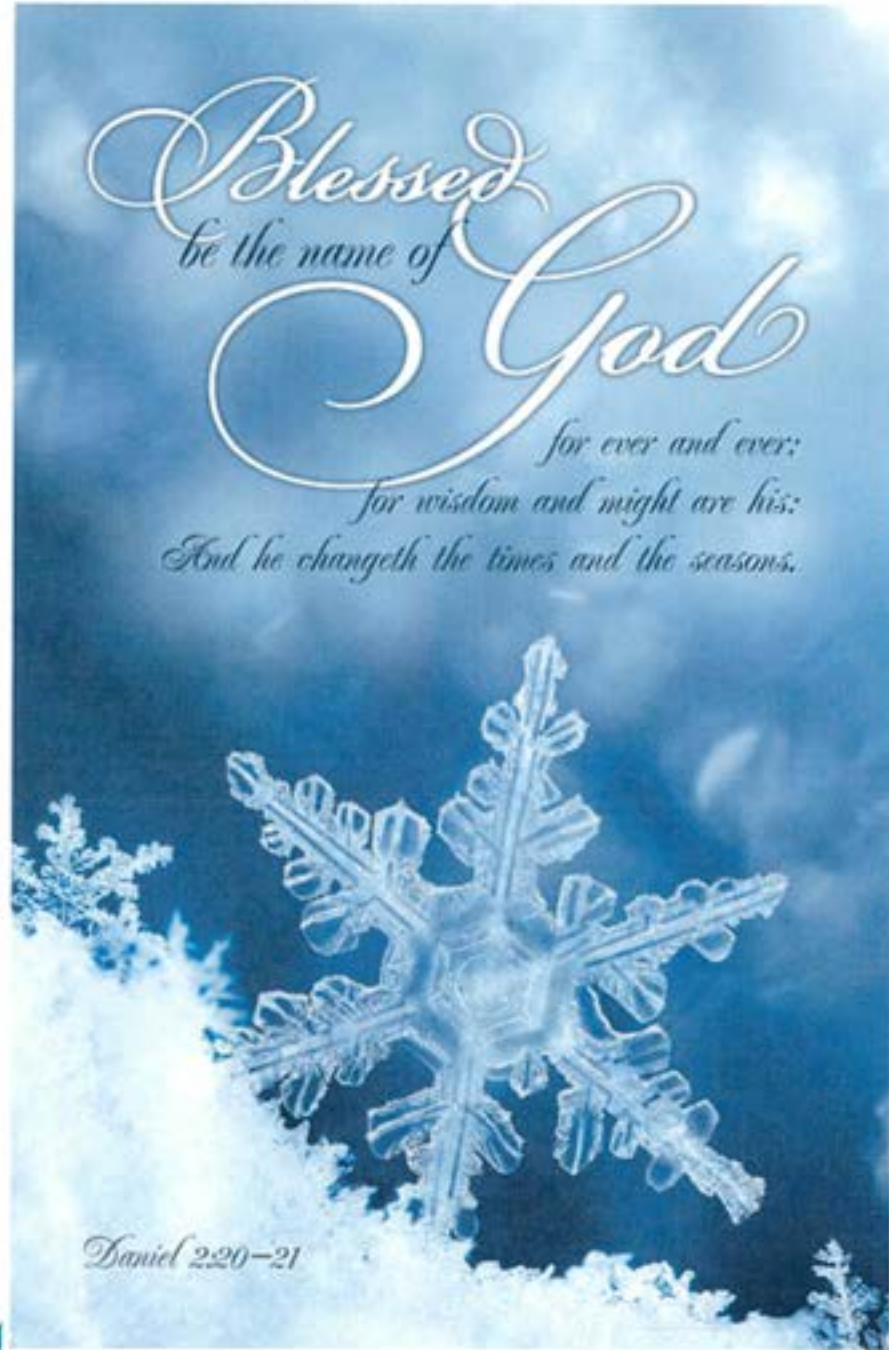


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



January 8, 2023



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
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- 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—Hospice Care
- 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
- 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
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- Family & Friends of Dale Bedenkop
- Family & Friends of Lee Landon

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcwz.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

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

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.





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 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



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.

Scheduled to begin the week of Dec. 27, Happy Valley Road traffic will be shifted to the south side of the road, still one lane in each direction, for crews to pothole to identify locations of underground utilities to minimize conflicts during 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

*This week's Altar Flowers
were donated by Frances and Mike DeBruyn*

*and with wishes to all their family and friends
for a Happy New Year!*



Gathering Hymn..... "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Sermon Hymn..... "Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Communion Song..... "Spirit Song"



O let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
O come and sing the song of glad - ness as your hearts are filled with



love, Let Him fill your life and sat - is - fy your soul. O let Him
joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name. O give Him



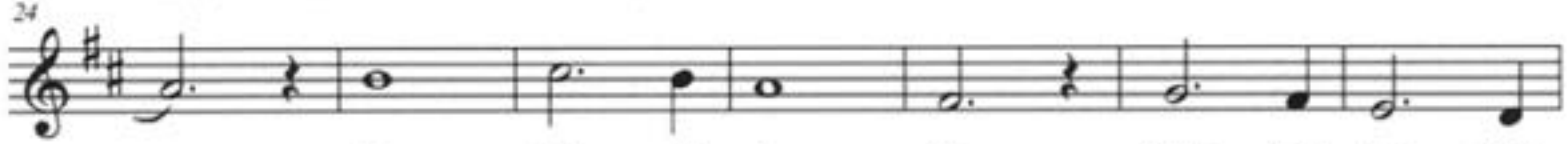
have the things that hold you and His Spir - it, like a dove, Will de -
all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, And you'll



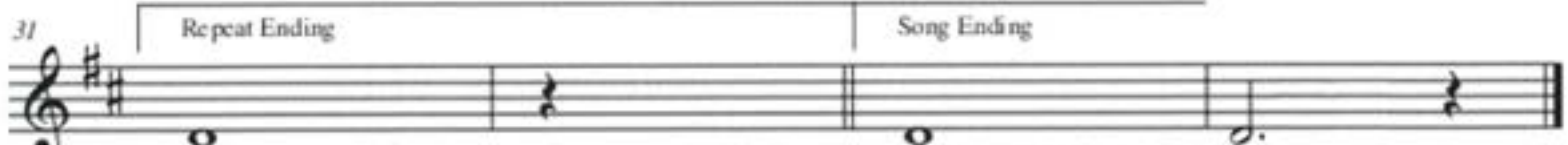
scend up - on your life and make you whole. Je -
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



sus, O Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill Your



lambs. lambs.

Sending Hymn..... "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go.
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.
To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and spark - ling; com - pass them with love and light.
God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares.
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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