

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



February 26, 2023

Let us WORSHIP Together

Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord
Palm 98:4

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
- Carol Bliefertich (Sister-In-Law of Barbara Brooks)—Surgery on February 27th
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- 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
- 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
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Jay Lucas—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Trisha Rios (Jennie Stemm Son-in-law's cousin)—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Carl Smedberg (Brother of Karen Roessler)—Hospice Care
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Jonathan Ukeiley (Friend of Barbara Brooks)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Leon Wiebers (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- People of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine

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

Fountain Hills Community Food Pack

JOIN IN!

Food for Kidz

An event for all ages – it's fun – it's
heartwarming – it's exhilarating!

Thursday, March 2, 2023

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Fountain Hills Community Center

13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills

Volunteers are needed to assemble food packages

Volunteer by message to FHfoodpack@njlc-fh.org

Donations are needed to purchase ingredients

Donations can be made to:

New Journey Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 19652
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 (notation *Food for Kidz*)

OR

Use credit/debit card at www.njlc-fh.org (GIVE)

Hosts: The Church of the Ascension

New Journey Lutheran Church, ELCA

An Interfaith Event

For more information, call (480) 383-9193

Prayer of the Week

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published via our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

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

Medical Lending Library Ministry

What: It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

Who: Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

How: Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

When: We will collect them on **March 19 and 26** at Living Water.

Questions: Please contact Steve McCarthy at 928-848-2458,



Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement Projects - Update

For a description of the improvements, current construction info, and project pics, please visit www.PimaHappyValley.com Provided below is current construction 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.

Pima / Happy Valley Intersection (see graphic below):

Scheduled to begin Saturday, Feb. 18, a detour of Happy Valley Road (east of Pima Road) will be in place shifting the Pima Road/Happy Valley Road intersection slightly to the south, with a temporary traffic signal in place to manage traffic at the intersection. As this is a significant traffic control shift, set-up will begin at 9 p.m., Friday night, Feb. 17, for the detour to be operational by early Saturday morning.

Left turns will be permitted for westbound Happy Valley onto southbound Pima Road, and for southbound Pima Road onto eastbound Happy Valley Road. The shift of this intersection will accommodate the construction of several box culverts on the east side of the existing Pima/Happy Valley intersection.

Happy Valley Road:

Happy Valley Road traffic is being maintained with one lane in each direction, currently shifted to the north from Pima Road to Golf Club Drive, and shifted to the south from Golf Club Drive to Alma School Road. Pipeline crews continue installation of water pipeline in the north side of Happy Valley Road moving west from Alma School Road. As this work crosses side streets, access will be maintained and, if needed, a flagger may be in place to assist in managing traffic while work takes place.

APS contractor crews continue work to relocate electric facilities currently working at 92nd Street on the north side of Happy Valley Road with this work taking approximately two more weeks to complete.

Electric crews are currently working to 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. Crews began work this week to install conduit across Happy Valley Road at several crossings. To better accommodate traffic during daytime hours, this work is taking place during night hours, 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, with a flagger in place to assist in managing traffic near the work zone. This work will likely take about six weeks to complete.

Work is currently taking place to install storm drain pipe on the south side of Happy Valley Road moving east from Living Waters Church.

Crews are currently working to relocate segments of wall, as needed, primarily in locations where drainage improvements will be constructed. This work will begin on the north side of Happy Valley Road, working from Pima Road to the east.

*Utilities such as Cox, CenturyLink, and Southwest Gas are working or scheduled to work to relocate their facilities along Pima Road and Happy Valley Road, which may require additional traffic control. 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.

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.

Thank you for your patience during construction.

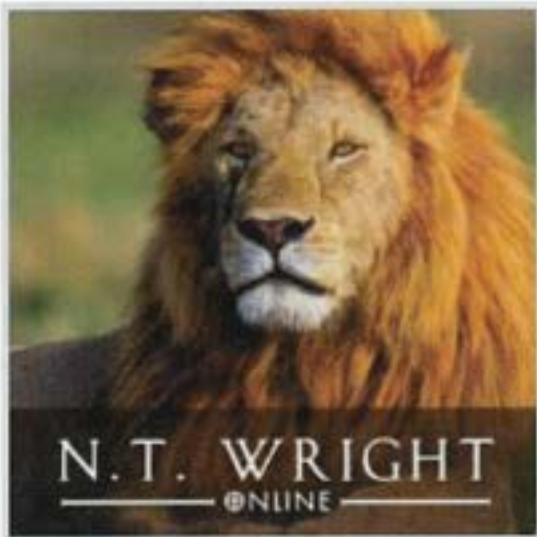
Project Info: 480.898.4110 | www.PimaHappyValley.com | www.ScottsdaleAz.gov

notes:

Men's Bible Breakfast
This Thursday at 8:00am
Spirit in the Desert

\$7 Breakfast
Carpool leaves the church at 7:30am

Happy Valley Rd Detour Begins Feb. 18



Tuesday Women's Bible Study in March

NO TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY FOR 3 WEEKS IN MARCH (March 7 to March 21). (Myrna is on vacation!)

We meet on Feb. 28th and then will pick up on our 10-week study of the book of Daniel from the Old Testament on March 28, at 10 am. All women are welcome to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall or virtually from a Zoom connection. Video lectures from Biblical scholar, N.T. Wright,

continue to give us insight into the exiled people of God as revealed in this Prophets section of the Bible.

No additional material is needed, other than your favorite Bible translation. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate is provided. Join us, no matter what level of Biblical knowledge you have. We learn, pray, laugh and support one another as we grow in faith together. Not on our email notification list? Email myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added. We look forward to your presence!

The 2023 Season of Lent is upon us.

Wednesday in Lent
The Wednesday in Lent will be held on:
March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

6:00pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Bible Study of Luke
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

A different Ministry Team prepares and serves each Wednesday. A free will offering is requested, going to Vista del Camino Community Action Program and for Fellowship Team Kitchen supplies. These simple suppers are wonderful opportunities for Fellowship, nourishment, preparation for worship, and acknowledgement of our Ministry Teams. This year Spirit In The Desert Retreat Center is providing one of the Suppers as well.



Praise Him!



LIVING WATER'S "HUNGER JAR"

The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 to local and international/global hunger organizations or initiatives.

The Service and Caring Ministry Team at LWLC periodically determines how we distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/22 balance of \$884 to Vista del Camino food shelf in Scottsdale and to the Food for Kidz event in Fountain Hills (see related Connections article). In the past, Hunger Jar offerings have been split and sent to ELCA World Hunger, Vista del Camino, St. Mary's Food Bank and Feed My Starving Children.

You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar."

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!



February 10, 2023

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 East Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your generous donation of \$100.00 to Scottsdale Community Partners-SCP, (formerly Concerned Citizens for Community Health-CCCH). Your support and financial gift help provide youth, families and seniors in our Scottsdale community with the assistance they need.

SCP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the work of Vista del Camino Community Services, Via Linda Senior Center and Granite Reef Senior Center. SCP works closely with the City of Scottsdale Human Services Division, to directly support programs and services that help to:

- Assist residents in a crisis situation and help prevent homelessness
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Provide stability in meeting basic needs such as reducing food insecurity (Vista del Camino Food Bank, Brown Bags for seniors, Healthy Packs for students)
- Offer economic assistance through seasonal programs such as Back-to-School (BTS) and Holiday Adopt a Family / Senior (AAF / AAS)

Your trust and kind generosity are invaluable to Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP). Your donation allows us to continue our mission to support our fellow Scottsdale residents and let them know they are not alone. We look forward to your continued support. If you would like to learn more about our organization or become a volunteer visit our website at SCPAZ.org

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

Jenny Adams
Executive Director, Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP)
Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) #20340
Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN) #95-3416943
Website: SCPAZ.org
Facebook: Scottsdale Community Partners

2023 Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now for the 2023 edition of Living Water Vacation Bible School! During the week of June 19, we will be exploring "Jerusalem Marketplace." This curriculum proves an opportunity for children, youth and adults to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as he walked to the cross and ultimately brought God's greatest gift of love to completion. Children will discover we can walk with Jesus as we live today. We can draw strength, guidance and hope from all Jesus experienced in Jerusalem and know he walks closely with us now through our own experiences.

The program will include Bible stories, fabulous music, creative crafts and fun games. A delicious snack will be provided "to-go" at the end of each morning. Registration is free and each child will receive a colorful VBS t-shirt.

Please pass the word to your friends, family and neighbors. To register, simply go to our church website at www.lwlc.org, click on the Education tab at the top and select VBS Week - June 2023. If you are interested in volunteering for the week of VBS, please contact Kris Crow at kcrow737@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School - "Jerusalem Marketplace"

June 19-23, 2023

9:00-11:30am daily



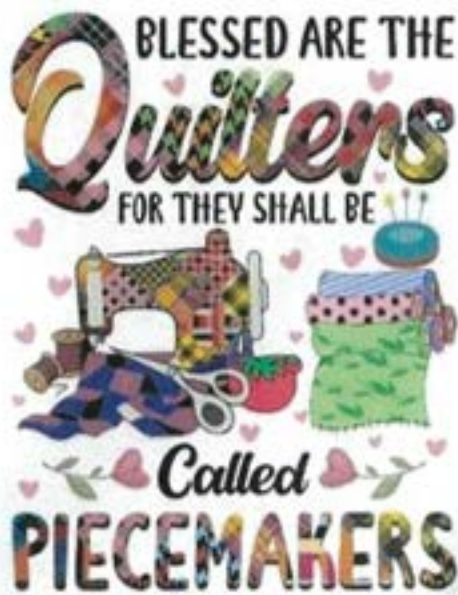
Piecemakers Quilters in March

Join us on the designated Wednesdays 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! If you are a winter visitor, and enjoy being among women who love quilting, you're invited to join us! If you'd like to sew a quilt top at home, let us know and we'll get you the fabric pieces.

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts. We gather next on March 1, March 15 and March 29 from 9 am to about noon. We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark

classrooms. 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



A Memorial

A Memorial Service will be held for

Barbara Gunderson

on

March 2nd at 11am

at

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E. Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Hosted luncheon immediately following at
Troon Country Club

Luncheon guests please RSVP to the Troon Concierge
at 480-585-4310 by Tuesday, February 21st

TROON COUNTRY CLUB

25000 NORTH WINDY WALK DRIVE
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85255

Gathering Song..... "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

VERSE



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high;



Lord, I love to sing _ Your prais - es. _ I'm so glad You're in _ my



life; I'm so glad You came _ to save _ us. _

CHORUS



You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way,



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay;



_ From the cross _ to the grave, _ from the grave _ to the sky;



_ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

Sermon Song..... "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (*Chorus*)
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Sending Hymn..... "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

Living Water
Lutheran Church



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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