

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



March 12, 2023



THIRD SUNDAY
In Lent

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 Bliefernich (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
- Ron Koch—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Jay Lucas—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Maryann O'Shea (Barbara Brooks's sister)—Health Concerns
- Trisha Rios (Jennie Stemm Son-in-law's cousin)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—Recent Surgery
- 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
- Lisa Squires (Bob Ulland's Daughter)—Health Concerns
- Sumi (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Celine (Friend 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
- People of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine



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

Men's Bible Breakfast

This Thursday at **8:00am**

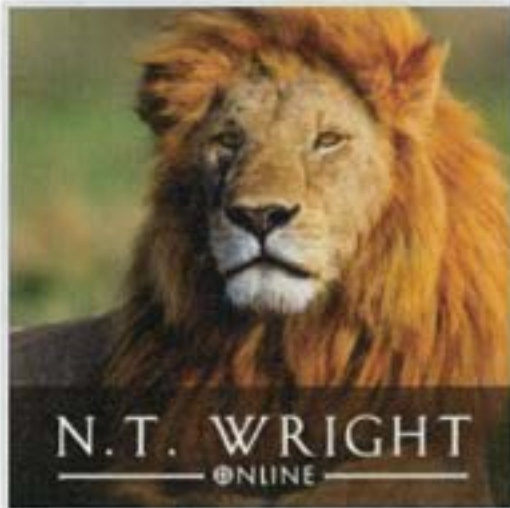
Spirit in the Desert

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

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**
Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlcas.org**



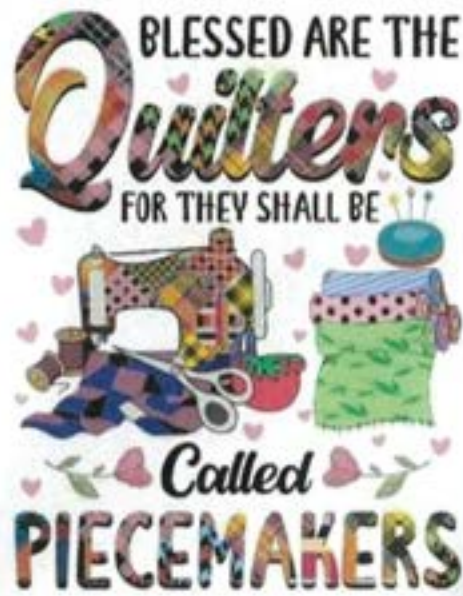
Tuesday Women's Bible Study in March

NO TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY FOR 3 WEEKS IN MARCH (March 8 to March 22). (Myrna is on vacation!)

We will pick up on our 10-week study of the book of Daniel from the Old Testament on March 29, 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!



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

Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's "A Season of Hope"

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, March 5 and ends on April 2.**



Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

We can give hope through these 5 items:

- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred.** Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. It should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR. Lightweight bath towels are easier for recipients to handwash and air dry, take less storage space, and are less expensive than the fluffy towels we might enjoy.
- **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping****
- **1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- **1 metal nail clipper, with or without a nail file attached**

**we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can. There is a collection bin in the church entryway.

Once again we've requested financial support from a Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 125 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support!

Questions: please contact Ron Ophaug at ronophaug@yahoo.com or Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

The 2023 Season of Lent is upon us.

Wednesday in Lent
The Wednesday in Lent will be held on:
March 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!

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.

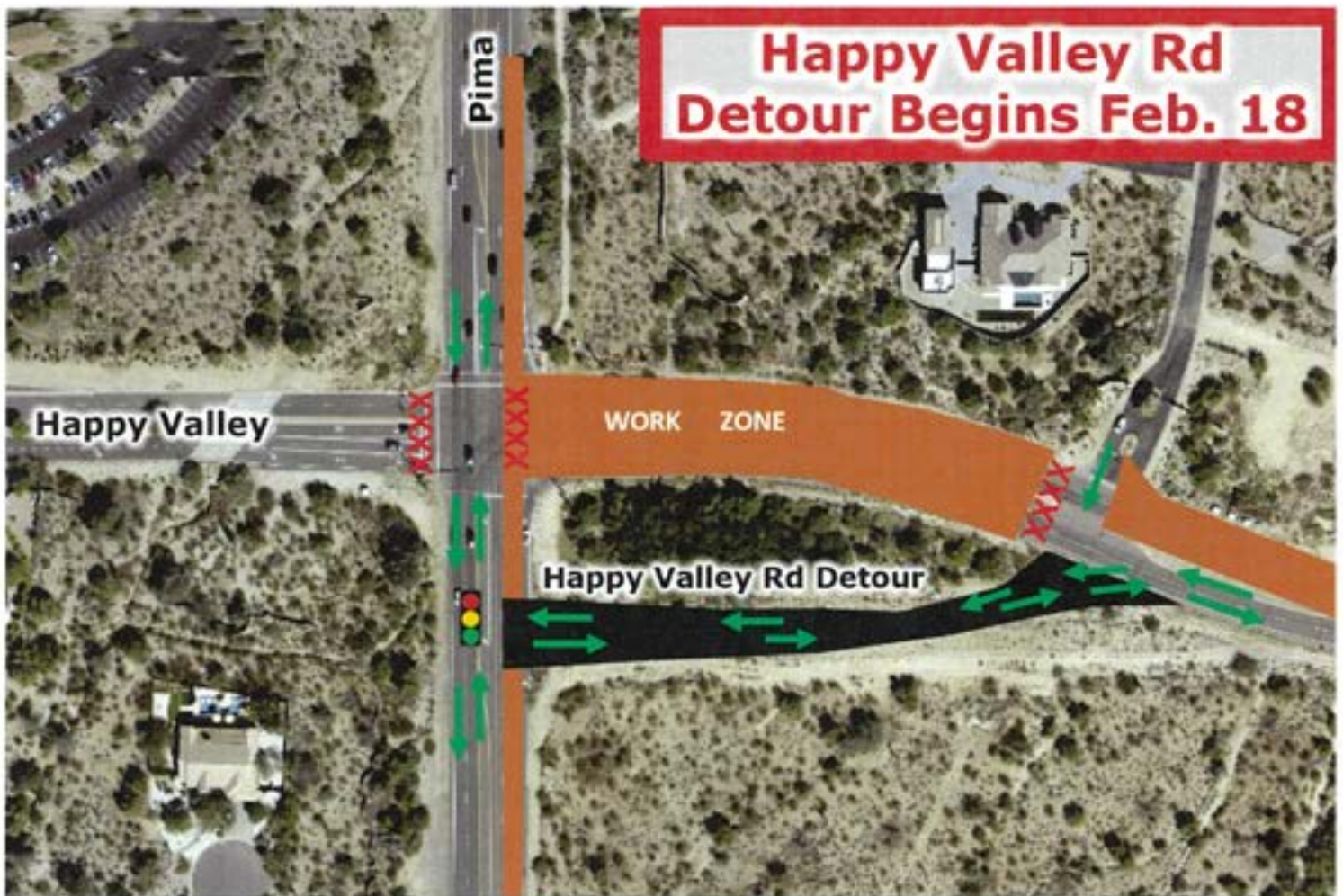
*Utilities such as Cox, CenturyLink, and Southwest Gas are working or scheduled to work to relocate their facilities along Pima Road and Happy Valley Road, which may require additional traffic control. We are working to coordinate these efforts to the extent possible to minimize the impacts, but appreciate 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

Happy Valley Rd Detour Begins Feb. 18



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,





Living Water's New Women's Bridge Group!

Women who like to play bridge are invited to check out this new opportunity for fun and fellowship.

This new group meets at 1:00 pm at Living Water on the third Monday afternoon of each month.

Contact Ellen Schoenbeck (cell: 201-220-7866; email: ellen.schoenbeck@gmail.com) if you're interested in playing on March 20.

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.lwlcw.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



Today's Altar Flowers were donated by
Frances and Mike DeBruyn
in honor of their nephew Bob and his wife Leslie's
11th wedding anniversary.

Happy Anniversary

Bob and Leslie!



Easter Sunday
April 9th

6:30am Sunrise Outdoor Worship Service
8:00am Easter Worship Service
9:00am Easter Brunch
10:00am Easter Worship Service

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



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!



Gathering Song....."Come Just As You Are"

Words and Music by
Joseph Sabolick



1. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call.
2. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call.



Come just as you are. Come and see, (Come and see,)
Come just as you are. Come re - ceive, (Come re - ceive,)



come re - ceive, (come re - ceive,) come and live (come and live) for -
Christ the King; (Christ the King;) Come and live (Come and live) for -

2nd time to Coda



CHORUS

ev - er. Life ev - er - last - ing, and strength for to -



- day; Taste the Liv - ing



Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain.

D.C. al Coda



ev - er - more.

Sermon Hymn.. "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

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

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Sending Song..... "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

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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