

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



March 19, 2023

FOURTH
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
- 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
- Pete McLeod (Friend of Karen and Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Maryann O'Shea (Barbara Brooks's sister)—Health Concerns
- Shirley Perry—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**



*All scripture is
inspired by God
and is useful for
teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training.*

II Timothy 3:16

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

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

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:

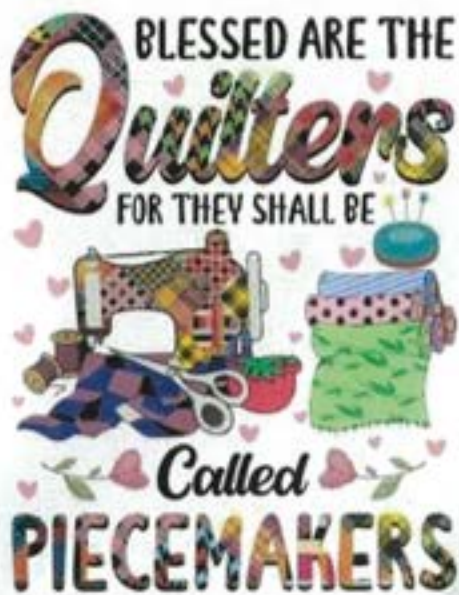
- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred.** Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. It should NOT 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

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

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!

For a description of 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:

A detour of Happy Valley Road (east of Pima Road) is currently 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. Happy Valley Road is currently closed on the west side of Pima Road. This traffic configuration will remain in effect until late 2023.

Access remains open to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church at Pima Road and at Happy Valley Road arriving from and departing to the west only (to/from Scottsdale Road). Travelers should not try to use the church parking lot to cut through and avoid the closure as the parking lot is divided so there is no direct access between Pima Road and Happy Valley Road.

Crews continue work on the east side Pima Road at the closed Happy Valley intersection to construct several box culverts as part of the drainage improvements.

Scheduled to begin the week of March 13, concrete crews will work on curb and catch basins on the east side of the intersection and the future Happy Valley median island on the east side of the intersection.

Scheduled to begin the week of March 20, electric crews will install new traffic signal pole foundations.

Pima Road:

Pima Road traffic is shifted to the west side of Pima Road, striped for two lanes in each direction, as crews work to construct the east side of the new Pima Road. In addition, Chama and DeLaO are closed to traffic on the west side of Pima Road.

Crews are working on the east side of Pima Road to install the first half of box culverts crossing under Pima Road, and also storm drain pipe, and catch basins as part of the drainage improvements.

Scheduled to begin the week of March 27, concrete crews will begin work forming and pouring curb and sidewalk along the east side of Pima Road.

Contractor crews for Southwest Gas are currently relocating their facilities on the west side of Pima Road during daytime hours with a southbound lane restricted for this work, which is expected to be complete for this segment by the end of next week.

Crews are nearing completion working on concrete curb, ADA ramps, sidewalk, and landscaping at La Mirada Shopping Center. The south driveway remains closed and should be reopened by end of March.

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.

Scheduled for Monday, March 13, paving crews will remove a layer of asphalt and repave the area from 101st Place to 102nd Street for a smoother driving surface.

Pipeline crews continue installation of water pipeline in the north side of Happy Valley Road moving west from Alma School Road. This work is currently scheduled to cross 101st Place the week of March 27. This work will be conducted one-half at a time to maintain access with a flagger in place, if needed, to assist in managing traffic while work takes place. This work will tentatively cross Golf Club Drive sometime around the end of April.

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.

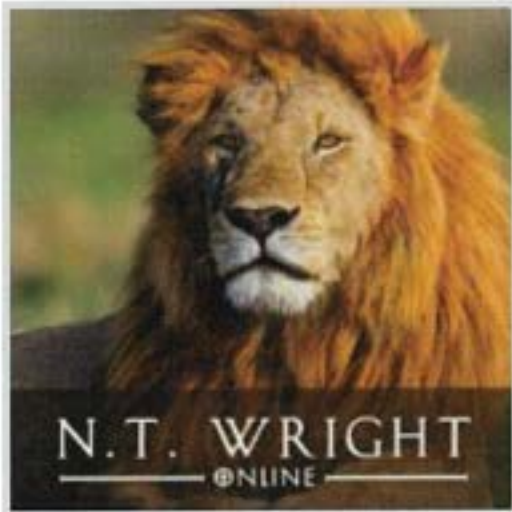
APS contractor crews are working on the north side of Happy Valley, east of 101st Pl, and Southwest Gas contractor crews are currently working on the south side of Happy Valley, west of 92nd St, to relocate their respective facilities, behind existing traffic control.

Crews continue work installing conduit across Happy Valley Road at several crossings. To better accommodate traffic during daytime hours, this work is taking place during night hours when needed, from 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 should be complete by the end of March.

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.

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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!

Don't Worry
Just Pray
Philippians 4:6

The 2023 Season of Lent is upon us.

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

Prayer of the Week

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Saturday, April 29, 2023

Scottsdale, Arizona

LEADING FAITHFUL INNOVATION

Following God into a Hopeful Future

What might God be up to amid the seismic changes the church and our culture are undergoing? What opportunities will congregations encounter if they rediscover and follow God's leading?

Join us at **Living Water Lutheran Church** for an afternoon of learning, led by Luther Seminary Vice President of Innovation and Professor Dwight Zscheile, to explore how each of us can take a hands-on approach to addressing this challenge, a process that culminates in the hope that comes from following the Spirit.

Living Water Lutheran Church

9201 E. Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255



To register for free, please visit www.bit.ly/3Z8ErQh or follow the QR code by April 18, 2023. A virtual option will also be available. Please call 651-641-3431 with questions.

This event is brought to you in partnership with the Northeast Valley Consortium of Churches and the Grand Canyon Synod.

Schedule of events

1:00–2:15 p.m.

Presentation by Dwight Zscheile

2:15–3:00 p.m.

Small group breakout discussions

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Q&A and panel discussion with Dwight Zscheile, Luther Seminary President Robin Steinke, and Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer

Reception to follow.



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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.

Today's floral bouquet
was donated by
Ron and Cindy Ophaug
in loving memory of
their son
Aaron.



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



Kyrie

Leader In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.


Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Assembly



A - men.

Glory to God

Refrain (may be sung continuously)

Congregation:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

to Verses

Sermon Hymn..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

As the Grains of Wheat



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Sending Song....."Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.
Music: SLANE, Irish tune



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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