

APRIL 2023

# Splash!

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."*  
John 4:14

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



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## Easter Services

**Sunday April 9, 2023:**

**6:30-7:30AM Sunrise Outdoor**

**8:00-9:00AM Easter Service**

**9:00-10:00AM Easter BRUNCH**

**10:00-11:00AM Easter Service +**

**+ Online Broadcast**



# He is Risen



9201 E Happy Valley Road / Scottsdale, AZ 85255



## *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
- 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
- Bill & Lori Graham (friends of Tod & Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Steve Hamburg (friend of Tod & Bonnie Dawson)—Battling 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
- 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](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill one out at [lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)*

## *A Message from Pastor Mark*

Growing up, Easter was the time for new clothes. It was the time to get something new to wear to church on Sunday, all in those days where we all dressed up to go to church. We wore the best of our Sunday best. An Easter Day picture of me at the age of 7 reveals that very thing – it is a picture that, unless my mother betrays me, you will never see. Me, in a new suit, complete with new shoes, a clip-on tie and a stylish hat. I am quite sure at that particular time of my life, if it was left up to me, a new suit would not have happened. Never liked the dress up thing, and I absolutely loathed the process that took place to get the new clothes. The choosing of clothes that I didn't care for, the trying on of those same clothes in an overly warm dressing room, and then the humiliation of standing in front of a triple mirror – in the public forum of a department store - while my mother pulled, tugged and adjusted the clothing I didn't want in the first place. For a seven-year-old, it was not the way I thought life needed to be nor should be.

There are many times that life does not go the way we want it to go. When we are a child obediently following the directives of an adult. When we are on a well-earned and highly anticipated vacation that gets rained upon. Picnics produce ants, tires go flat, a pink slip shows up, the back yard floods, the stove dies, the promotion falls through, the company closes its' doors, our investments plummet, the dog gets sick, a root canal is needed, the medical tests come back with negative results, that special someone passes away. We try, we plan, we anticipate, and yet life seldom takes the paths we plan for – for things change and life is altered beyond our scope of control. And quite often we find it is a change for which we do not approve.

It is the aspect of change that scares us the most. We fear the unknown because we simply do not know what there is to expect. And yet we have no choice but to deal with that which is placed before us. And while that which is before us may scare us, it can also anger us a tad, for there is that part of us that expects a certain amount of shelter from the hard, cold realities of life. We would like to think that God protects his faithful from such things. We would like to think that God surrounds us with some style of protective shield so we might not have to deal with these ongoing – and sometimes daily – traumas. But it does not always work that way. We may not get something to shield us from these traumas of life, but we get what we need to get through such events. We get what we need.

The one thing humanity needed, is the singular thing God has given to us all. We are reminded of that one with the celebration of the Easter Resurrection. That is the one BIG thing we need that God has given us. It is the world changing event that has made us Christians, well, Christian. It is the Christ event. It is the day that changed the world forever.

The one thing that is almost of equal value to the resurrection is what we do with it. In the resurrection we have been given the single greatest gift that God could have given us. Our lives are ones in which we are called and challenged to live out in a way that exhibits the love that God has shared with us no matter what challenges and traumas may beset us.

For us, Easter really is a whole lot of nothing unless we make it something. That does not mean that we have any power over the gift God gave the world in the life, death, and resurrection of his Son. What it does mean is that if we do not live our lives in a manner that is befitting of this gift, if we do not seek out ways to share our lives in the name of Christ and through the love of Christ, then the gift Easter is useless because we have chosen not to use it. It is not that Easter is useless, but we are useless to the Easter event.

You see we are people of the resurrection. We are called to live our lives in light of that gift of God and the forgiveness found therein. We are to live our lives in the name of God, seeking out ways to serve him in gratitude for the gift we have been given in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. What we do will never be good enough to reflect the magnitude of what God has done for us, but what really matters is what we do is good enough to allow the world to understand the faith that has been placed in our hearts. Because when we live our lives in gratitude for what God has done for us, we allow the world to see what we are all about.

*Pastor Mark*

# Ask Zeke



*Living Water's office fish identifies some well-established ministries that make a difference in people's lives through our generosity*

**Q.** The Message from Pastor Mark in the February issue of SPLASH! included a great suggestion. I like his idea, but what are my giving options?

**A.** If you missed Pastor Mark's message about honoring and remembering the enormous sacrifice Jesus made for us, he proposed showing our appreciation of this incredible gift in a way that doesn't involve giving up something during the 40 days of Lent, such as chocolate, apple fritters, or TikTok. Instead, he suggested, collect a designated amount of money—a dollar or more for each of the 40 days—and donate it to one of the ministries Living Water supports. As Pastor Mark pointed out, "That is a much more appropriate way to sacrifice of ourselves. Give a little extra...that sacrifice will offer a tangible benefit for another individual, a person in need. In doing so then we may understand a little more clearly what God has done for us."

As Living Water's office fish, it didn't take me long to compile a list of some ministries that will make excellent use of our "40 Days of Lent \$." You can direct your Lenten sacrifice funds to one of the following ministries by writing a check to Living Water and entering the ministry's name on the memo line:

ELCA Good Gifts (contact [goodgifts.elca.org](http://goodgifts.elca.org) for this program)  
ELCA World Hunger  
Habitat for Humanity  
Hunger Jar  
Lunches for Learning  
Lutheran Disaster Response  
Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Ministry  
Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian School

In addition to your individual Lenten gifts, a portion of Soup Supper offerings will go to Vista del Camino (Scottsdale Community Partners). Offerings from Ash Wednesday, Lenten midweek services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will be split between St. Mary's Food Bank and Lunches for Learning.

*Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at [AskZeke@cox.net](mailto:AskZeke@cox.net) or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-710-4506.*

## Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement Projects - Update

For a description of the improvements, current construction info, project pics and schedule information, please visit [www.PimaHappyValley.com](http://www.PimaHappyValley.com)

### 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. This work is currently scheduled to cross 101st Place the week of March 27, with potholing activity prior to waterline installation. This work will be conducted one-half at a time to maintain access with a flagger in place, as needed, to assist in managing traffic while work takes place. This work will tentatively cross Golf Club Drive sometime around the end of April.

Scheduled for April 6-7, crews will mill (remove) asphalt on the south side of Happy Valley Road, from 89th St to Golf Club Dr. As this work moves across the front of driveways, access may be restricted for a short period as crews place back millings or aggregate to provide access to Happy Valley Rd. Thank you for your patience during this work.

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 APS contractor crews continue work relocating APS facilities on the north side of Happy Valley, from 96th St to Alma School; and Southwest Gas (SWG) contractor crews will return to the Happy Valley Road area the week of April 3 to relocate SWG 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.

Plant salvage is scheduled to resume along Happy Valley Road within the next couple of weeks, with initial work taking place in front of Eagles Glen and Desert Skyline Estates, followed by Desert Highlands. This activity will be limited to tree and cactus salvaging at this time, and coordination will take place with community representatives.

\*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.

**Thank you for your patience during construction.**

**Project Info: 480.898.4110 | [www.PimaHappyValley.com](http://www.PimaHappyValley.com) | [www.ScottsdaleAz.gov](http://www.ScottsdaleAz.gov)**

## **Adult Forum is Back!**

### **HE REVEALED HIS GLORY**

**Six-week Bible study on the Miracles of Jesus**

**Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 AM in the Psalms (Choir) Room – April 16-May 21**

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

**April 16** – Jesus changed water into wine – John 2

**April 23** – Jesus revealed His power over the forces of nature and evil – Mark 4, 5, 6

**April 30** – Jesus revealed His power through compassion – Mark 5 and 7

**May 7** – Jesus opened the eyes of the blind – Mark 10, John 9

**May 14** – Jesus revealed His power over death – John 11

**May 21** – Jesus revealed His power through a miraculous catch of fish– Luke 5, John 21

The title of the series comes from John 2: 11 - at the end of the story of Jesus' turning water into wine.

"Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

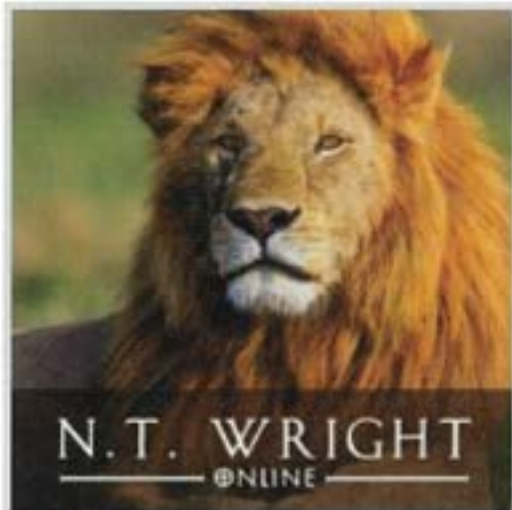
We will review the accounts of the miracles, thank Jesus for His power in our lives, and talk about how these stories speak to our lives.

# 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. The 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](mailto:ellen.schoenbeck@gmail.com))  
if you're interested in playing on **April 17.**



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study in April

We continue our 10-week study of the book of Daniel from the Old Testament, through April 11, 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.

Beginning with April 19, we'll move to a 4-week study from the Gather magazine on the Ten Commandments, written by ELCA pastor, the Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin. This study appears in the Jan/Feb and March/April issues of the Gather magazine. Myrna will provide study material if you don't subscribe to Gather.

Not on our email notification list? Email [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added. We look forward to your presence!



# Eastern Europe Crisis Response

## The Situation:

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Russia has launched air strikes across the country, including on the capital of Kyiv and other major cities. Millions of people fleeing the violence of Russia's war against Ukraine and are moving toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

## Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as this Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis created by Russia's war against Ukraine. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an [interfaith call for peace](#) in the region.

## What you can do:

### Pray:

Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the war in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

### Give:

Your gifts designated for "[Eastern Europe Crisis Response](#)" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. To donate online, go to <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-response>



## 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 provides 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. All kids ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome.

Please pass the word to your friends, family and neighbors. To register, simply go to our church website at [www.lwlcwz.org](http://www.lwlcwz.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](mailto:kcrow737@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible School - "Jerusalem Marketplace"

June 19-23, 2023

9:00-11:30am daily





## Piecemakers Quilters in April

Join us on the designated first and third 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.

We gather next on April 5 and April 19 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](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



## La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Shelf Needs Our Help!

Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagrada Familia in northern Phoenix is appreciated, and there is a continuing need. Items needed most frequently are noted on the "shopping list" in the grocery cart that is set out each Sunday morning. For the safety of our

friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or "close-to" date items. Please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need.

# *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](http://lwlcaz.org).

## *Men's Bible Breakfast*

**Note: We will not meet April 6th.  
Next breakfast is Thursday, April 13th**

**We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am**

**Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center**

**7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.**

**Carefree, AZ 85377**

**\$7 for breakfast**

**Carpool leaves LW at 7:30am**



## Lutheran Disaster Response: Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are prepared to accompany our neighbors impacted by these earthquakes. One hundred percent of your gifts to "Middle East Crisis" go to supporting earthquake survivors and other people affected by disasters in the region.

Lutheran Disaster Response has been active in this region for several years, partnering with ACT Alliance, the Lutheran World Federation and the Middle East Council of Churches to accompany Syrian refugees and internally displaced people with food, water, shelter, health services and sanitation support. By standing with earthquake survivors in Turkey and Syria, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

Your gifts designated for "Middle East Crisis" will be used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by disasters in the region. GIVE THROUGH LIVING WATER (by check or online) AND INDICATE "MIDDLE EAST CRISIS" IN THE MEMO.

# HEALTH CARE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS? I CAN HELP!

## WHO IS SUSAN?

- Registered Nurse, and Realtor®
- Recovering previous healthcare leader (UnitedHealth Group) for over a decade
- Mom, wife, daughter; part of today's new "sandwich generation" helping both parents and kids
- Perplexed by the broken healthcare system as I come alongside my parents' care and passionate about helping others with my knowledge and skillset

## I CAN HELP WITH...

- Navigating the complexities of the healthcare system
- Helping with annual enrollment and understanding what is covered
- Helping understanding claims you've received and how to lower your costs
- Price transparency within your health plan for needed procedures or surgeries (you should know upfront what to expect and how much it will cost)
- General information about your care, medications, diagnosis, etc.

## OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE

- FREE! No charges, no claims, just personal help with no strings attached
- Confidential
- Can be done in-person or over the phone
- Can be scheduled at your convenience

**I've seen my aging parents struggle with the broken healthcare systems and have been lucky enough to be able to help them. Realizing not everyone has a nurse in the family, I wanted to help others who may be in need too. Please let me know if I can help you.**

**I'll be available after church services on April 30. If you'd like to join me for a cup of coffee or say hello, please do!**

*Susan Regge-Adyniec*



## **AZ TAX CREDITS**

Arizona permits taxpayers to claim multiple credits for contributions to charitable organizations and schools. This means that you can claim credits for donations to Habitat for Humanity (a charitable organization), and to a public school and to ACSTO (a private school tuition organization). For more information, visit <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits>.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Preparations are now underway to build or remodel another Habitat home with Lutheran churches starting in 2023 in the Greater Phoenix area.

AZ law provides a tax credit for contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations. Habitat is one of the qualifying organizations. So, if you are going to be paying income taxes to the State of Arizona, you can claim a credit on your income tax return. Taxpayers filing as "single" and "head of household" and "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400. Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800. You may do this even if you don't itemize deductions.

You can either send your check directly to Habitat for Humanity of Central AZ or hand your check to Stephanie Mclean, Financial Manager or to Marilyn or John Goesling. If you send your check directly, please note on your check that it applies to the **Northeast Lutheran Coalition-Living Water Church**. If you need additional information, contact Marilyn or John Goesling. And, if you are interested in working on the build next spring, a signup sheet will be available in the narthex once details are confirmed.



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## **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian School**

Here is another AZ Tax credit opportunity. This is through the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO). One of the schools helped by this tax credit is the **Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian** school in Rock Point. This school needs financial help. You donate right to ACSTO and specifically designate the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Christian school. Donors can give up to \$1245/\$623 (married/single) towards the original tax credit. Any donation above this amount will then go towards the Overflow Tax Credit, up to a maximum of an additional \$1238/\$620. It is clearly explained at the ACSTO website which is <http://acsto.org>. They walk you through the donation process right there on the website. The website also provides the tax reporting instructions and documents needed if you participate in this unique tax credit opportunity.



**THANK YOU FOR ALL  
THE DONATIONS TO  
HELP US OUTFIT A  
KITCHEN FOR AN  
AFGHAN REFUGEE  
FAMILY!**

We set up the kitchen along with members from Ascension Lutheran in Paradise Valley, to welcome the Sindano family of 13 Afghan refugees through Lutheran Social Services-SW (LSS-SW). Thank you to everyone who generously donated new or gently used items to create a working kitchen for this family, ranging in age from twin boys aged 2, to teenagers, to age 24, plus their parents. Donations we couldn't use are being routed to Dave and Liz Gilkey/LSS-SW for use in establishing future homes for refugees being resettled in our community. Your generosity was overwhelming and evidence of how you care for all of God's people. Thank you again!

# April Birthdays

Phil	Pounds	4/1
Everett	Klarkowski	4/2
Claudia	Ingwersen	4/3
Ed	Kilburn	4/5
Del	Rogge	4/6
Linda	Hoening	4/8
AJ	Bernau	4/9
Leslie	Mouer	4/11
Barbara	Hannan	4/12
Dave	Schoenbeck	4/15

Sally	Harris	4/16
Iris	Van	4/20
Janis	Fjeld	4/21
Joan	Tryhus	4/21
Diane	Klumpp	4/23
Kim	Leinweber	4/23
Doug	Yock	4/24
Roz	Anderson	4/25
Dick	Blazer	4/25
Jennifer	Weisman	4/30



# Happy Birthday

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

### Publication DEADLINES:

**Connections** Newsletter - Every Tuesday by noon

**SPLASH!** Newsletter - The 20th of each month by noon



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