

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—"Tuesdays at NOON"

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am
on-site and online



We Remember in our Prayers

- Bill Anderson—Health Concerns
- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Bob Bliefertnich (Barbara Brooks's brother)—Healing from Surgery
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Briden and Owen (Great Grandchildren of Maria Tillotson)—Premature Birth
- 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
- Frank Gasparino—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
- Ken MacKay—Hip Replacement
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—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
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Michael Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Brain Tumor
- Sara Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Breast Cancer
- Sumi (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Celine (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- People of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine
- Friends & Family of Carl Smedberg (Brother of Karen Roessler)

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

Men's Bible Breakfast

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

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlc az.org**

Annual Medical Equipment Donation

Once again you came through! Over two weekends we collected unused medical equipment for La Sagrada Famailila Church. This included rollators, walkers, crutches, commodes, canes, and sealed supplements. Pastor Miguel is very grateful for our support and assures us that all is put to good use. One of our congregants became aware of a friend who had equipment to donate. He contacted us and we facilitated a donation of a handicapped accessible van, hospital bed with special mattress, 3 hooyer lifts, an electric scooter and other smaller items. The church is thrilled to be able to provide accessible transportation to its members. If you know of someone who has unused equipment, please direct them to us or have them contact La Sagrada.

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 – through May 21

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

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.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN APRIL-MAY

Join us at 10 am on Tuesday mornings as we delve into *The Ten Commandments: Reviving the soul*, a study from the Gather magazine of Women of the ELCA written by Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin, a pastor at St. Luke Lutheran in Albuquerque, NM. We began this study on April 18 and will conclude on May 9. This material promises lively discussion.

We meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually by Zoom. Study material is from the Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr issues of Gather magazine. Myrna will provide copies of the study if you don't have access to the magazine.

No prior Bible study experience is needed. Bring your favorite Bible translation, paper or electronic. Coffee and hot water for

tea/hot chocolate provided. All women are invited. If you aren't on our email contact list, please notify Myrna at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added.



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!

Prayer of the Week

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Rice, Beans, Flour, Diapers and Dollars: Support for La Casa de la Misericordia in Nogales, Mexico.

On Sunday, April 23, retired pastor Rev. Dr. Adele Resmer addressed the LWLC congregation, extending an invitation to join with the churches in the Northeast Valley Consortium (NEVC) in support for a Shelter (La Casa) in Nogales, Sonora, MX, serving migrants seeking legal asylum in the U.S.

Immediate and ongoing needs for the Shelter include rice, beans, and flour. You can add diaper for infants through toddlers to that list. **We will collect donations of rice, beans, flour or diaper through Sunday, May 21. Dollars can also be contributed, allowing the Shelter to purchase these needed items in the local community. Dollars also help offset costs for electricity, fuel and rent. Select an envelope from the narthex display for your dollar donation. Make your check payable to Living Water and note "migrant shelter" in the memo line. You can also donate on-line through LWLC. Bring your donated items to the church entryway. If you need help bringing your gifts in from your car, Steve McCarthy is available to assist you.**

The Shelter, established in partnership with Cruzando Fronteras and Borderlinks, AC, is under the direction of Sister Lika. At any given time, more than 200 people of different nationalities are supported in their Journey north in search of a better life. La Casa is a special place where legal asylum seekers find rest, respite for their weary bodies and souls, and a recognition of their dignity and stories. Many of the residents are children with their parents. Your support, through May 21, helps La Casa staff to see Jesus in the faces of those seeking legal asylum.



Sr. Lika at La Casa

Cruzando Fronteras is an ecumenical partnership of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA, the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona. The shared mission of Cruzando Fronteras and La Casa is to support, help, and protect migrants as they seek a safe and better life in the United States. In broad terms, the role of Cruzando Fronteras is one of financial and material support for La Casa, while the role of La Casa, through its parent organization Borderlinks, AC, includes all things pertaining to operation of the s

Today!

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



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.

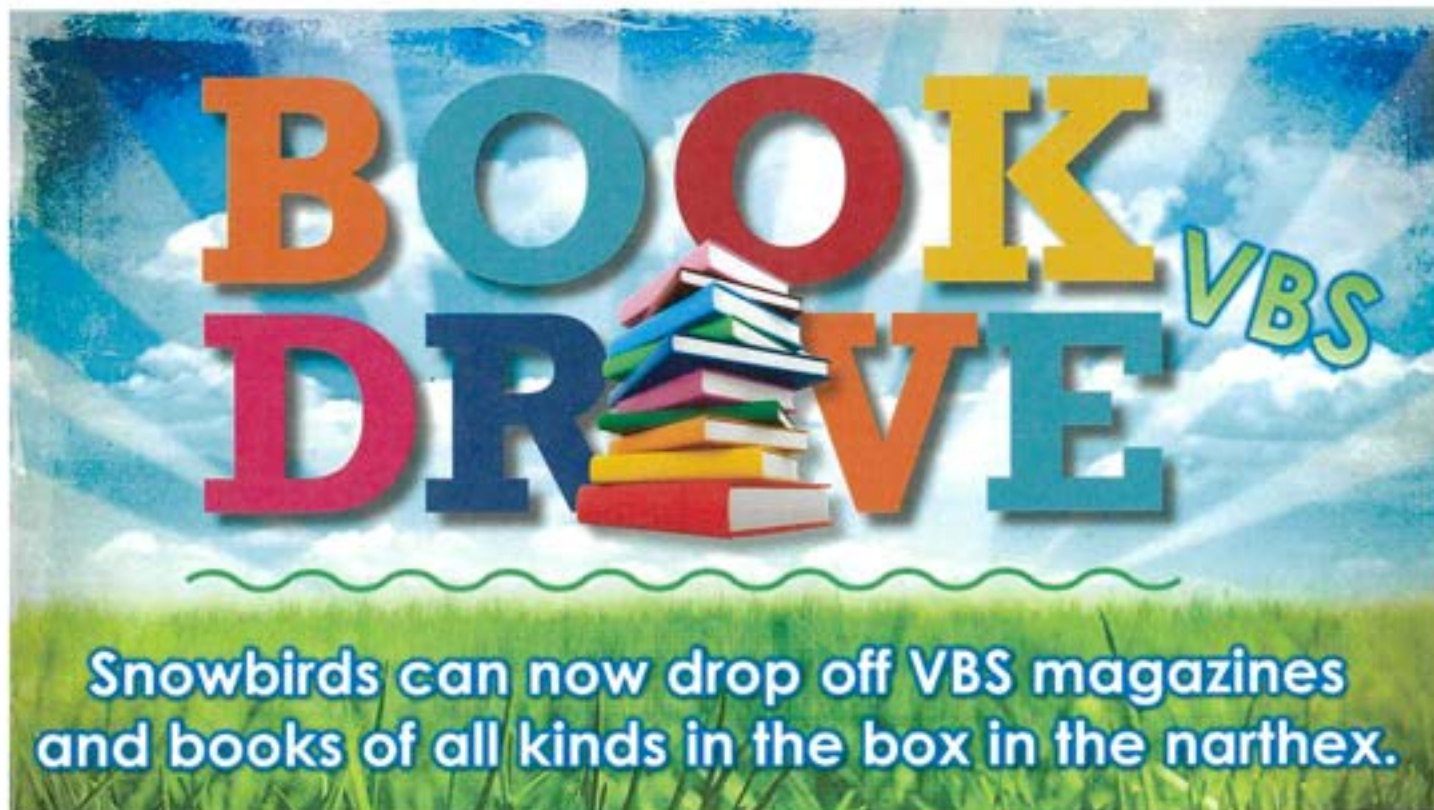
Please pass the word to your friends, family and neighbors. To register, simply go to our church website at www.lwlcwz.org, click on the Education tab at the top and select VBS Week - June 2023. If you are interested in volunteering for the week of VBS, please contact Kris Crow at kcrow737@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School - "Jerusalem Marketplace"

June 19-23, 2023

9:00-11:30am daily





Snowbirds can now drop off VBS magazines and books of all kinds in the box in the narthex.

ATTENTION "SNOWBIRDS"

If you will be leaving the Phoenix area prior to Living Water's Vacation Bible School start date of **June 19**, please consider whether you have **books and magazines** of all kinds you're able to donate at this time. Please place them in the Book Drive collection basket in our narthex. In this way you'll provide a great head start to the children's annual VBS collection of books for less fortunate families.

Contact Sue Brash, 602-317-9444, suebrash7@gmail.com with any questions

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)
if you're interested in playing

Piecemakers Quilters in May

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 May 3 and May

17 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




Gathering

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.

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

Sermon Hymn.... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



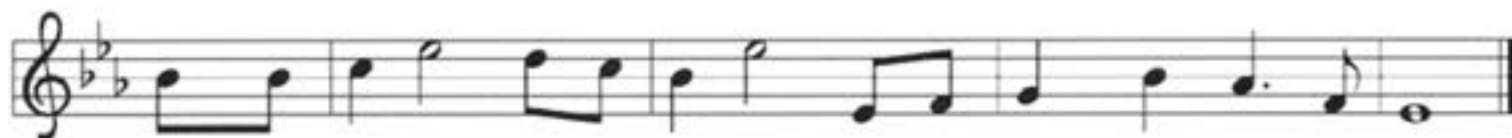
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Offertory..... "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



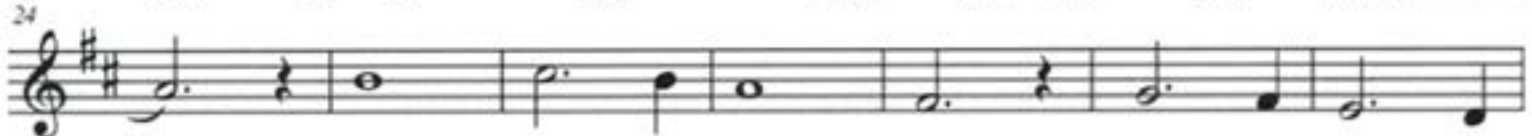
have the things that hold you and His Spir - it, like a dove, Will de -
all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, And you'll



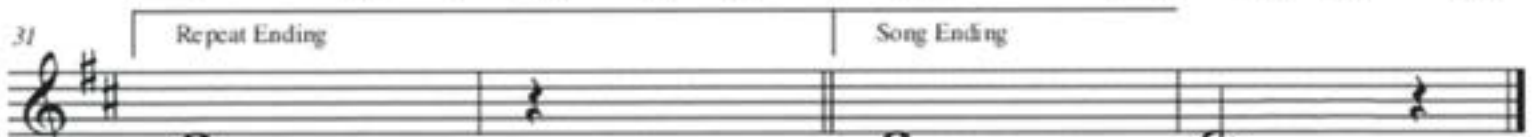
scend up - on your life and make you whole. Je -
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



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



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



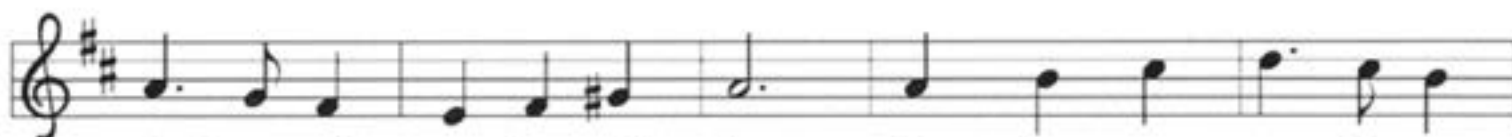
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Sending Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

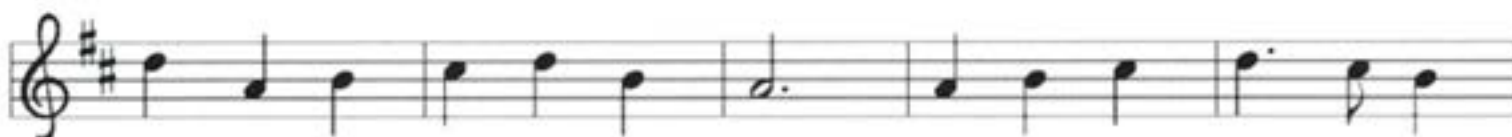


pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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