

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday



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
- 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
- Pete McLeod (Friend of Karen and Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Larry Nelson (Brother-in-law of Janet Guthrie)—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 or fill out a card in the Narthex.

Prayer of the Week

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

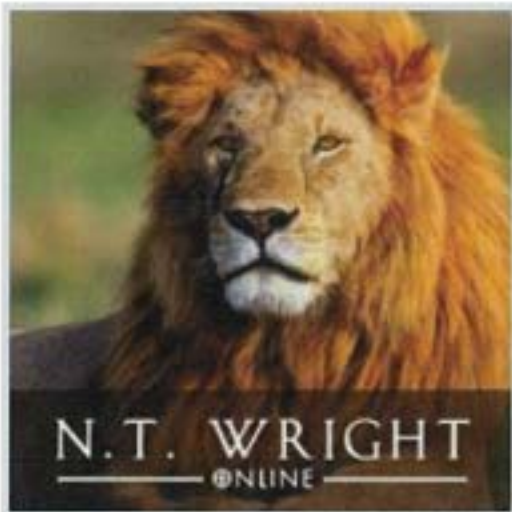
Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlcaz.org**

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 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 to be added. We look forward to your presence!

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.



Church Council Highlights

Church Council met on Monday, March 20, with a full agenda of ideas and opportunities for Living Water. Council members are working on reinvigorating teams including audit, finance, and mutual ministry, as well as looking for ways to ease our way through the Happy Valley Road construction maze.

In order to make it easier to see where to enter Living Water's parking lot, Pastor Mark will produce clear signage indicating access. To make it faster and safer to exit the parking lot, we would like to consider hiring off-duty police officers to direct traffic; the challenge is the cost. Two officers at \$60.00/hour, for a required two-hour minimum, result in a weekly charge of \$240.00. This cost may be beyond our ability to absorb. We will, however, ensure that Easter Sunday services are covered with off-duty officers directing traffic from 8:30am to 11:30am.

The Council Treasurer, Steve Umland, has proposed a way to help Living Water generate income by better managing our funds by purchasing short-term US Treasuries. Steve will update the congregation quarterly on our financial position and how the Church Council is working to ensure Living Water's financial health. Look for Steve's first presentation at the church service on Sunday, May 7.

Living Water's Fellowship Hall is now a "Zoom Room," offering a quality experience for hybrid events using Zoom. This new capability will make it easier to set up and conduct meetings in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions or comments for Council members, please feel free to weigh in. Council members wear red name badges.



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



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

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 | www.ScottsdaleAz.gov

To the members of the Men's Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study, Women's Tuesday's At 10 Bible Study, Church Choir, Youth, and Spirit In The Desert Retreat Center:

Thank you to each of Living Water Ministry Teams for the wonderful soups provided for each of the Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers. These simple meals have always been opportunities for Fellowship, preparation for Lenten worship, nourishment and acknowledgement of service of our Ministry teams.

A special thanks to each of you in the LW Community who participated in the suppers and gave a free will offering to Vista del Camino community services and to Living Water Fellowship supplies.

Carol Jacobson, Coordinator

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!



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.

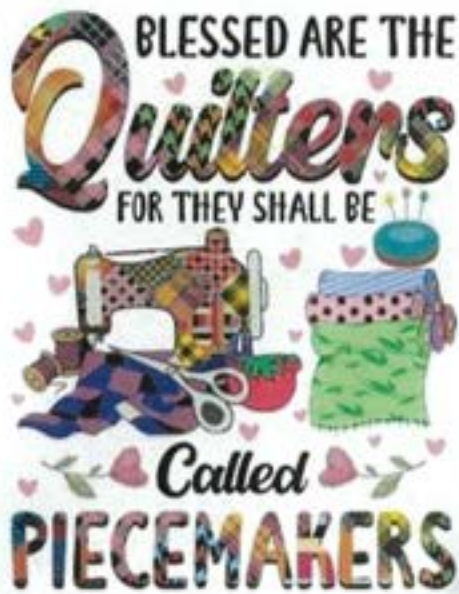
Small group breakout discussions

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.





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 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

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Easter Sunday

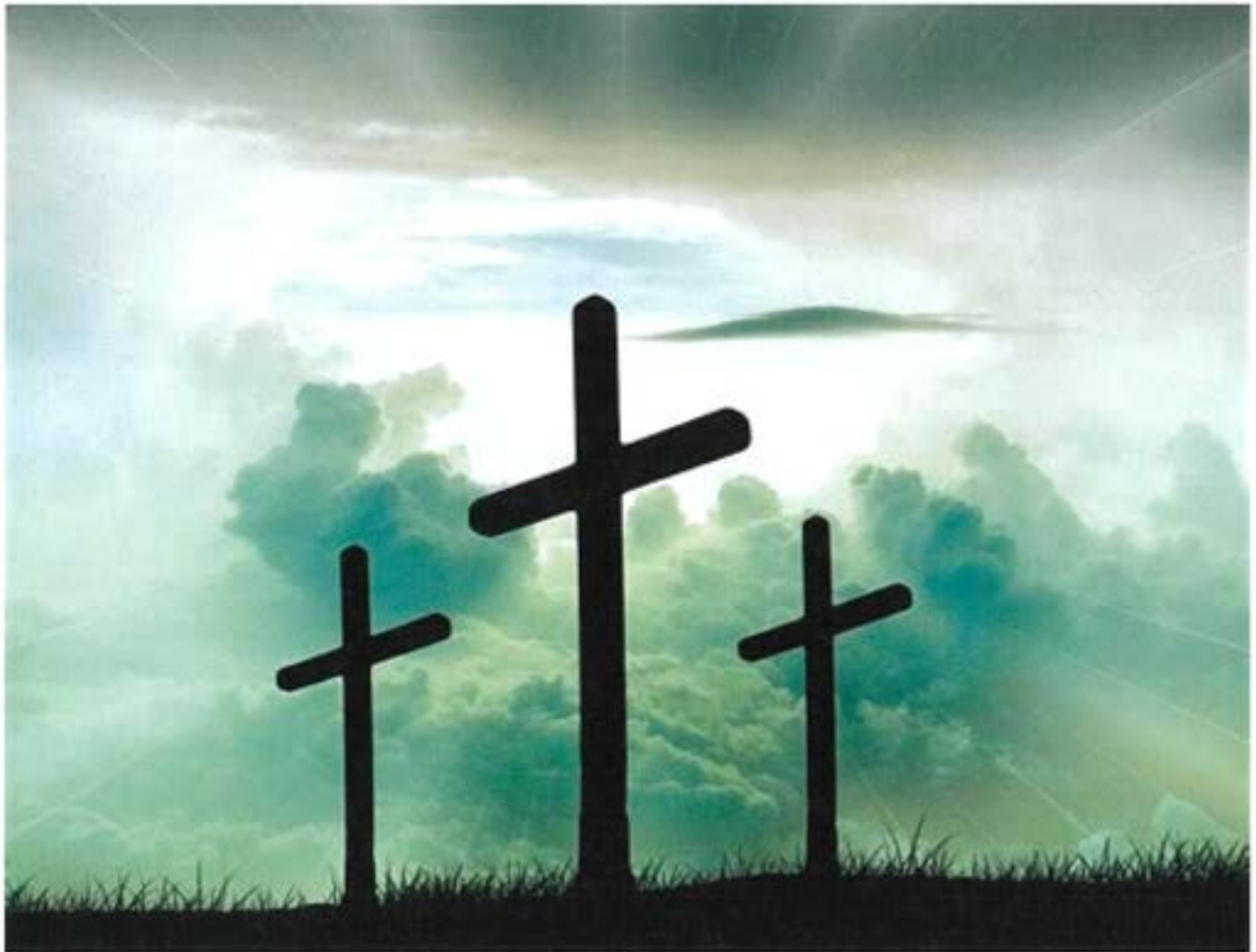
He is risen!

6:30am Sunrise Outdoor Worship Service

8:00am Easter Worship Service

9:00am Easter Brunch

10:00am Easter Worship Service



Opening Hymn..... "The Day of Resurrection!"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833



Sermon Song..... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708



Sending Hymn..... "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife, "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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