

CONNECTIONS

May 14, 2023

Living Water
Lutheran Church



Sixth 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 Bliefernich (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
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- 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, Sudan, Turkey and Ukraine
- Friends & Family of Gloria Harper
- 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.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**



Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see the **QR code** below to access **Living Water's online giving platform**.

(To scan the code: use the camera app on your smartphone, point it at the QR code, line the selection box up with the code, a link should appear which you can then tap with your fingertip to take you to the information for giving.)



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.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



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.



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!

Rice, Beans, Flour, Diapers and Dollars: Support for La Casa de la Misericordia in Nogales, Mexico, ends Wednesday, May 17

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.

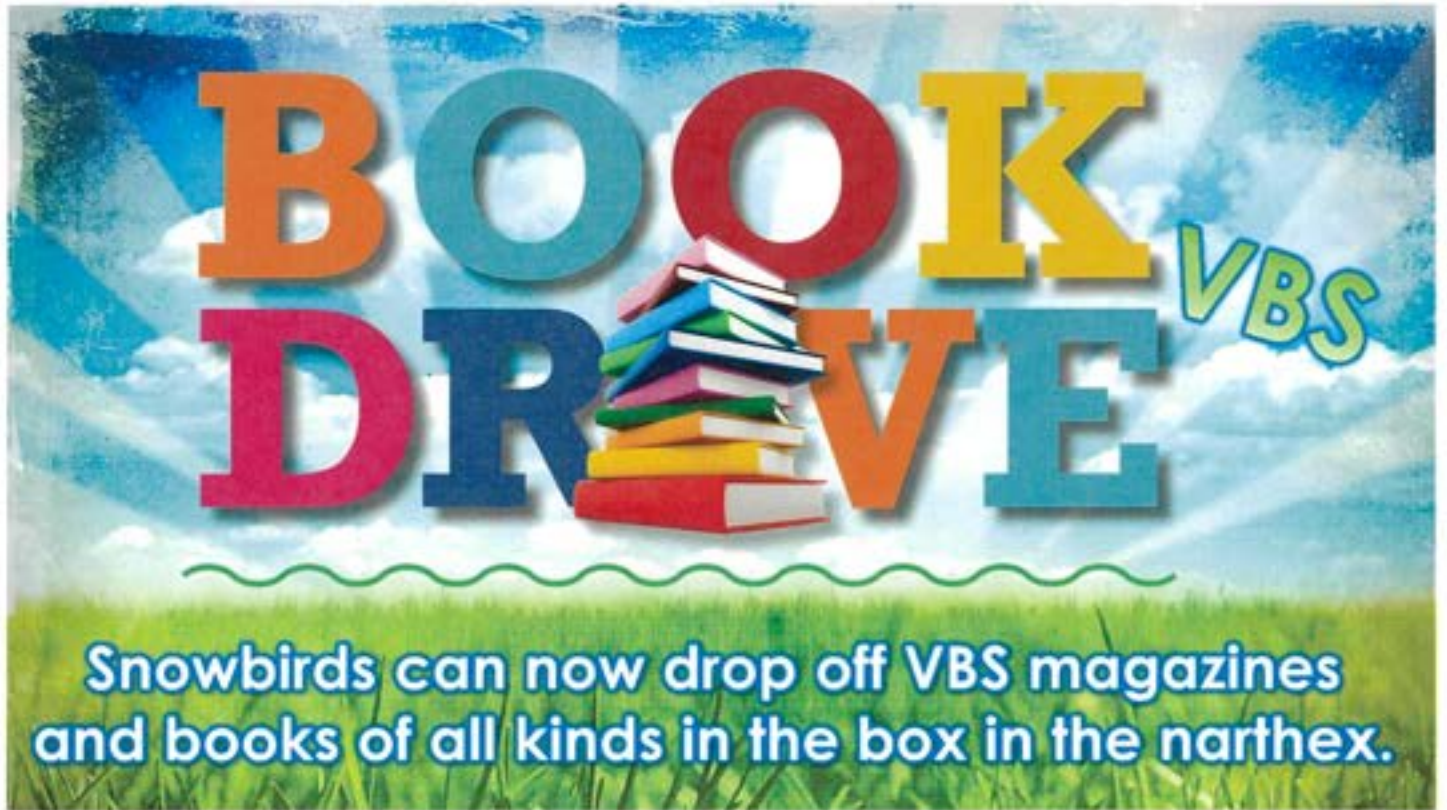
Immediate and ongoing needs for the Shelter include rice, beans, and flour. You can add diapers for infants through toddlers to that list. **We will collect donations of rice, beans, flour or diapers through WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. Pr. Adele will be traveling to Nogales on Friday, May 19, and will pick up our items on May 18. Bring your donated items to the church entryway. 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. Place your envelope in the offering plate or bring to the church office. You can also donate on-line through LWLC.**

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 17, 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 (a 501c3) 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 shelter.



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 or
email: ellen.schoenbeck@gmail.com)
if you're interested in playing

On April 30th the Living Water Choir had a party and lunch to celebrate **Marcie Donovan** and her upcoming retirement from Choir Director. Here are some pictures from the event:



Thank you Marcie for all your years of stellar service, inspiring musical selections and valuable expertise with the worship music at Living Water!



May 28

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

**Remember to Wear
the Colors of Pentecost**

Today's floral bouquet was provided by Frances DeBruyn:

Happy Birthday, with love, to my husband Mike.



Celebrating our 2023 Graduates!



Vanessa Alberti

Vanessa is graduating from Chaparral High School.

Throughout high school she has danced competitively around the country and also worked as a dance teacher.

She is now excited to attend Chapman University in Orange, California as a Dance and Psychology double major.



Ashley Chmielewski

Ashley is graduating from Pinnacle High School.

She was a member of Varsity Cheer for two years.

In the fall she is going to go to ASU and study Business.

Celebrating our 2023 Graduates!



Jillian Decker

Jillian is graduating from Chaparral High School on May 24th.

At Chaparral, she played lacrosse for 3 years and was captain her junior year. A huge accomplishment for Jillian was being invited and accepted into the National Honor Society.

Jillian will be attending San Diego State University majoring in Computer Science.

Go Aztecs!



Matthew Umland

Matthew graduated from Arizona State University's W. P. Carey School of Business with a Masters Degree in Accountancy and Data Analytics.

One of his biggest accomplishments in graduate school was passing two of the four parts of the CPA exam.

Post graduation Matthew will be working with KPMG in their Phoenix office.

Kyrie



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



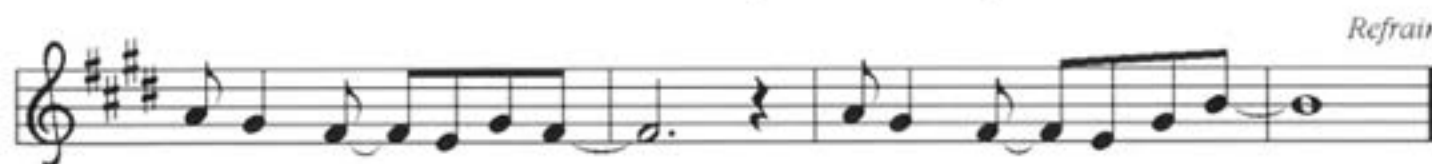
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon Hymn..... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



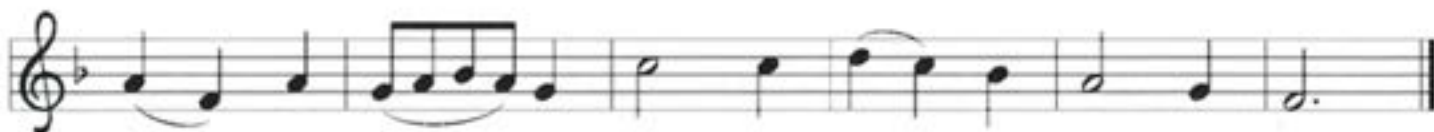
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn..... "Thy Holy Wings"



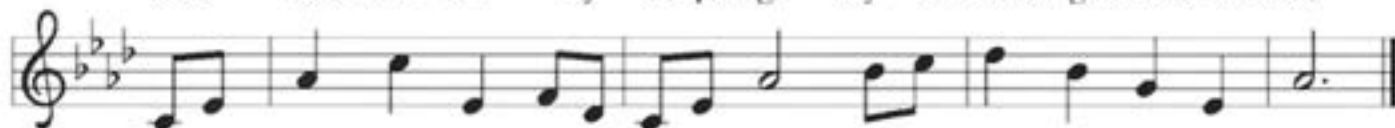
1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace,
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR. Swedish folk tune

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Sending Song "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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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