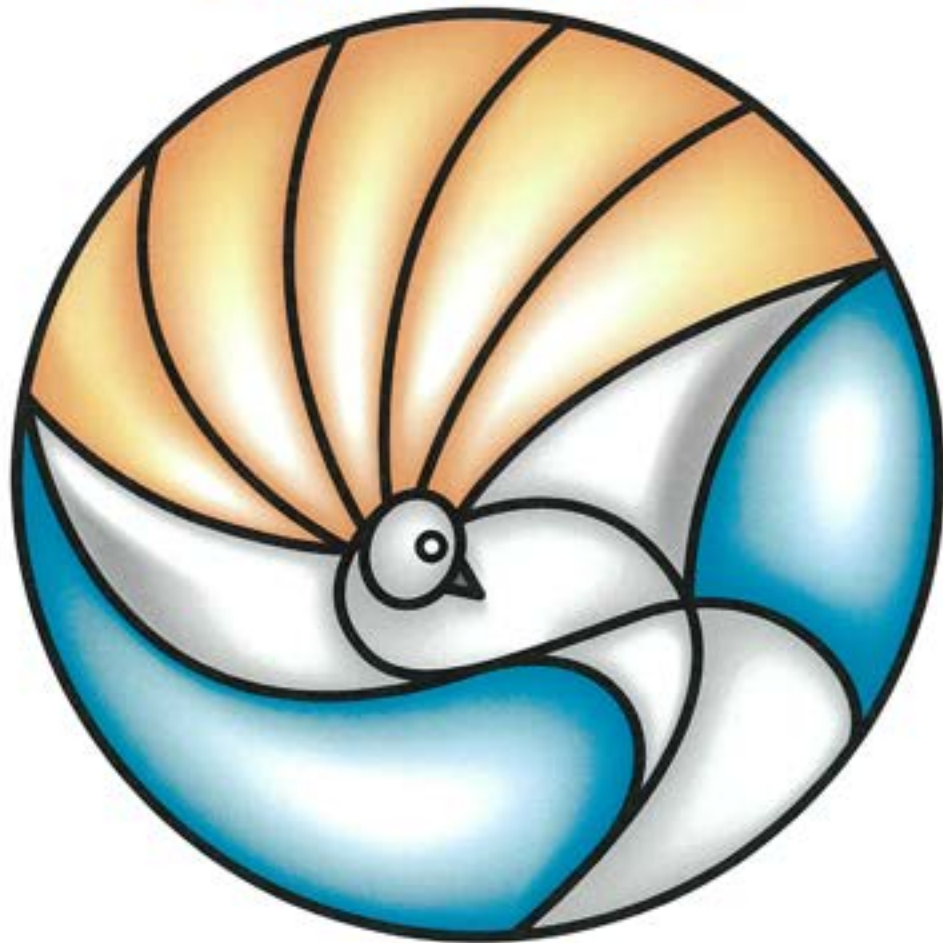


# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**May 21, 2023**



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
- 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
- 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

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex*



## Prayer of the Week

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: **[lwlc.org](http://lwlc.org)**

## Be a part of something GREAT!



On Friday, June 2 from 4:30-6:15pm, we have an opportunity to serve at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa: 1345 S. Alma School Road, Mesa, 85210. This event is for adults, and families with kids ages 5 years old and up. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please email Pastor Shari: [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@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.lwlcaz.org](http://www.lwlcaz.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

## 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](mailto:suebrash7@gmail.com)  
with any questions

## Annual Medical Equipment Donation

Once again you came through! Over two weekends we collected unused medical equipment for La Sagrada Familia 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 hoist 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.

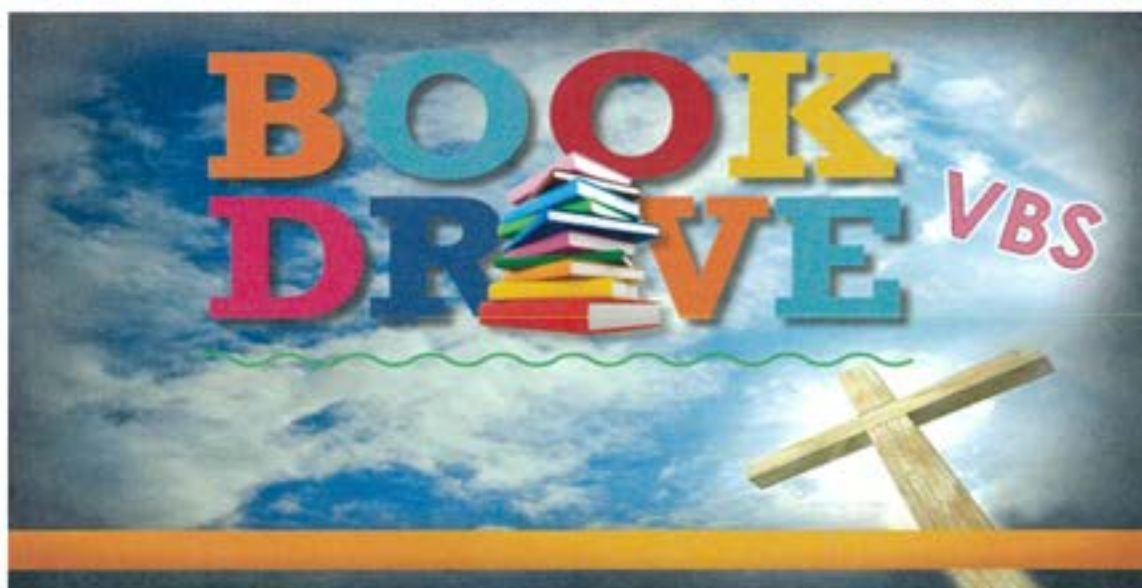
You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "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!

For any questions about the ongoing Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement Projects, please feel free to contact:

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





## **VBS BOOK DRIVE THROUGH JUNE 23**

The VBS mission project for 2023 is again collecting new and “gently-used” books, especially books for children from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All books (and magazines) collected are distributed through Sue Brash’s connections with Phoenix Assistance League and other organizations here in the Valley. A “gently-used” book is defined by Ima Bookworm as one with 1) no rips or tears, 2) no writing, and 3) no worm holes. Please place your books in or near the bookcase in the church entryway. Your donation may be the first book owned by a fortunate student! Thank you, Living Water.

## Church Council Highlights May 2023

The Church Council met Monday afternoon, May 15, with a full agenda of discussion issues including insurance, the Mutual Ministry team, the search for a new Music Director, Safety and Security, stewardship, and property management. We are making fast progress in reestablishing the Mutual Ministry team with Denny Dumler assuming the team leader position, and Safety and Security with Phil Pounds heading up the team to assess the best ways to ensure that Living Water's buildings – and congregation - are secure.

Ron Ophaug has generously agreed to serve as Living Water's Property Manager. He will be evaluating the church buildings' condition and grounds and making suggestions on how we can keep all in good order.

Darnell Pettengill and Steve Umland are working on evaluating our current Workmen's Compensation Insurance and property insurance to ensure we have the best coverage at a competitive cost.

The Safety and Security team has purchased a pulse oximeter to aid in assessing a patient in case of a medical emergency.

In the search for effective, on-going stewardship at Living Water, Pastor Mark has signed up Living Water to take part in "Stewardship for All Seasons," a program designed "to guide pastors and congregation leaders to learn tried and true basic principles and effective methodologies to carry out productive stewardship programs." Living Water has received a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., to cover the majority of the cost of participation. The program's meetings will take place over the next year.

Many thanks to Lisa Moehn and Jill Wehr for their time and effort spent on clearing and organizing Living Water's record storage facility to make it easier to store and locate important financial and congregational information.

As always, Church Council members welcome your questions and comments.



# Gathering Song..... "He Is Exalted"

Words and Music by  
Twila Paris

## VERSE



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on - high, — I will praise — Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! —

## CHORUS



— He is the Lord, — for - ev - er His truth shall reign.



Heav - en and earth — re - joice in His ho - ly name. —



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! —

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# Sermon Song..... "Lord, Be Glorified"



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;  
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

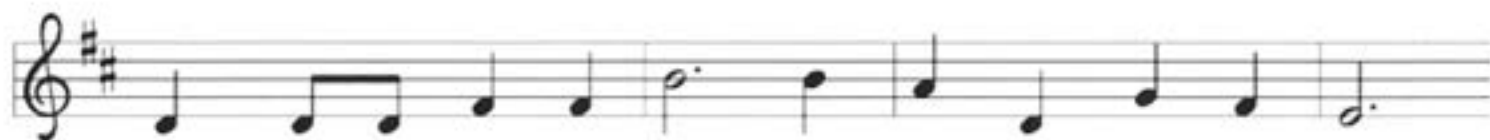
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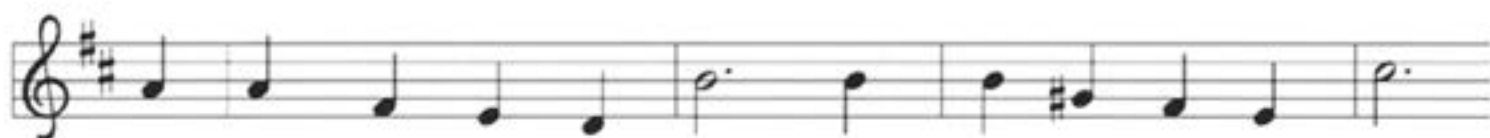
## Sending Hymn..... "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save,  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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**Publication Deadlines:**  
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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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