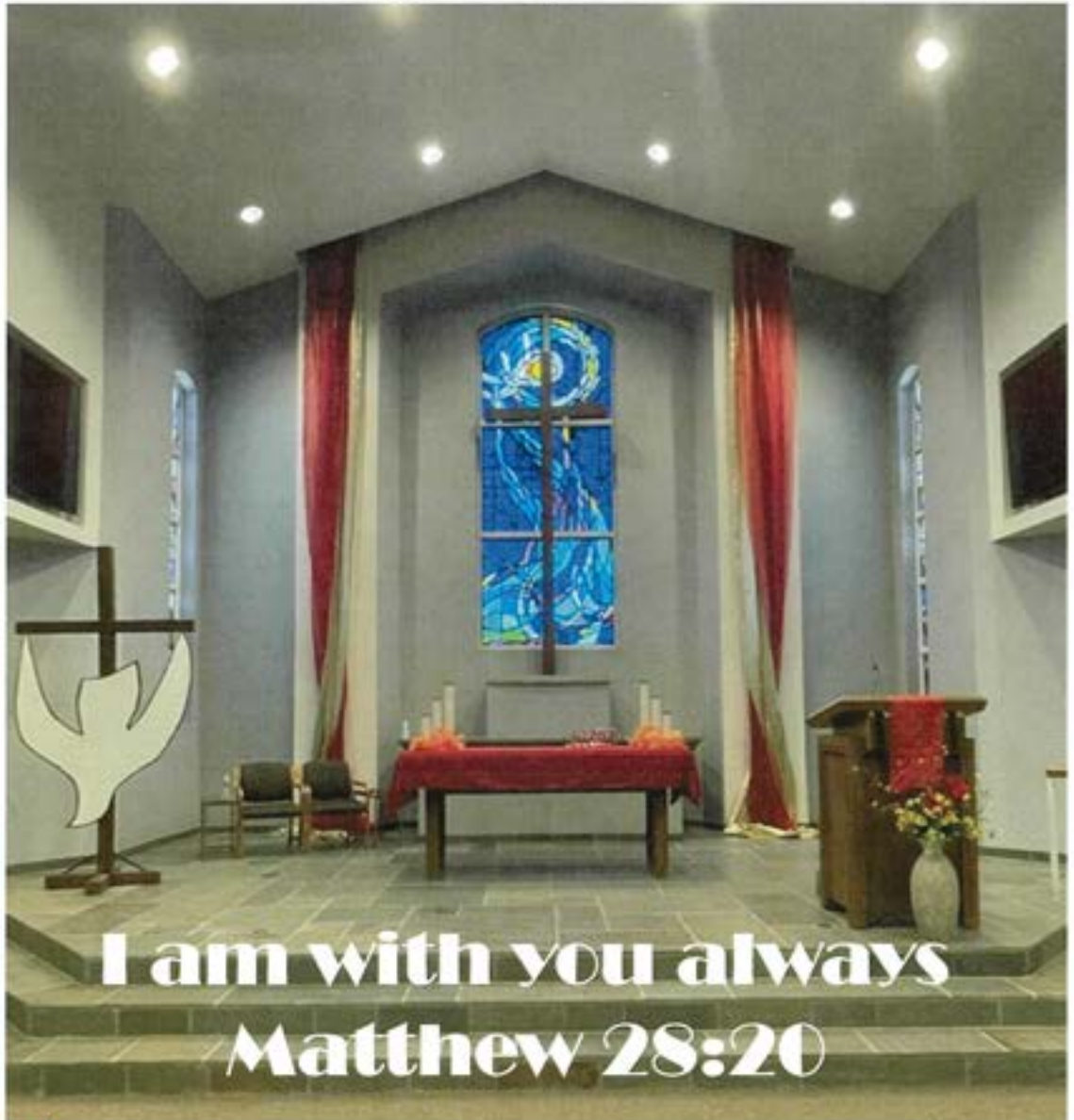


# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**May 28, 2023**



**I am with you always**  
**Matthew 28:20**

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
- 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

*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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and 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](http://lwlcaz.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.

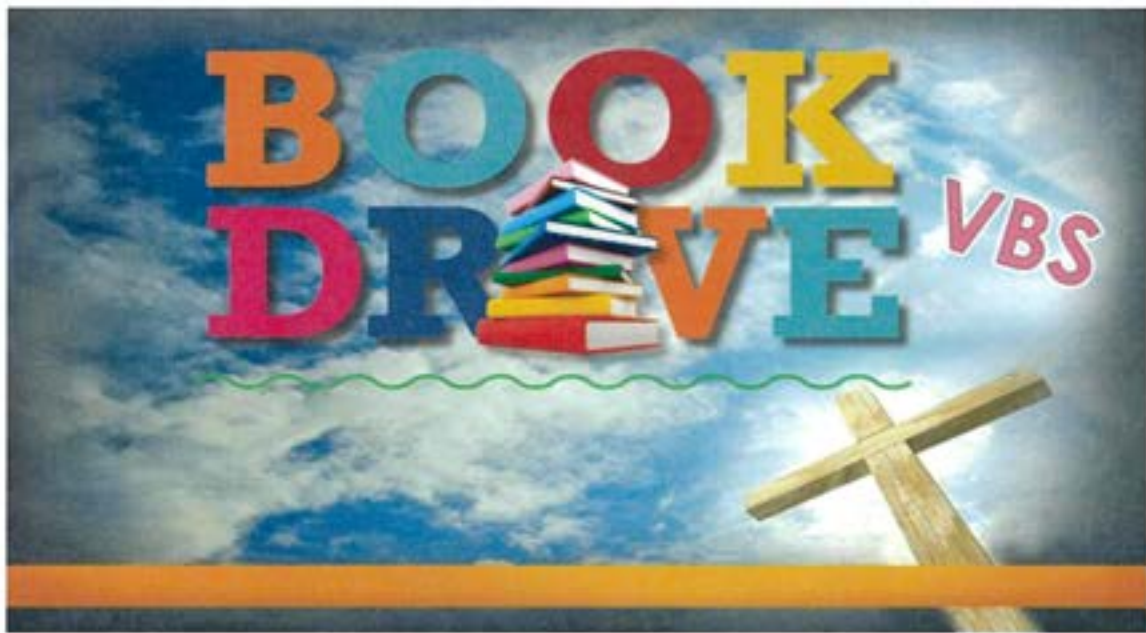
You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate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





Today's altar flowers were donated  
in celebration of  
Pat and Janet Guthrie's anniversary.

*Happy 57th Anniversary Pat and Janet!*



## Gathering Hymn..... "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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# Sermon Hymn..... "Spirit of Gentleness"

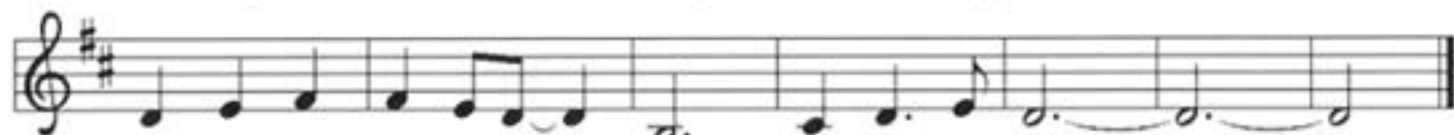
*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



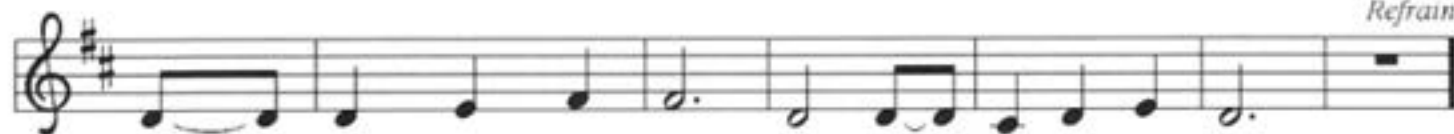
- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

**Offering Song..... "Refresh My Heart"**

Refresh my heart Lord  
Renew my love  
Pour Your Spirit into my soul  
Refresh my heart  
You set me apart Lord  
To make me new  
By Your Spirit lift me up Lord  
Refresh my heart

And I will worship You Lord  
With all of my heart  
And I will follow You Lord  
Refresh my heart

Refresh My Heart  
Geoff Bullock

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## Communion Songs

### **"Draw Me Close"**

Draw me close to You never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend  
You are my desire no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace  
Help me find the way bring me back to You

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

Help me know You are here

Draw Me Close  
Kelly Carpenter

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### **"Jesus Draw Me Close"**

Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
Let the world around me fade away  
Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
For I desire to worship and obey

Jesus Draw Me Close  
Rick Founds

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## Sending Song..... "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

### *Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

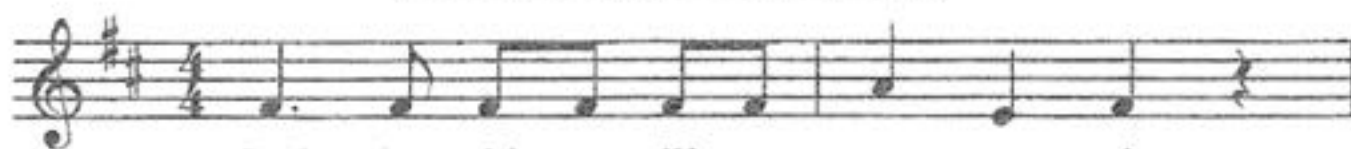
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# Until We Meet Again

Congregation

TUNE: GOD BE WITH YOU  
by William Tomer, 1880*(Please sing when directed)*

God be with you till we meet a - gain,



by His coun - sels guide, up - hold you,



with His sheep se - cure - ly fold you;



God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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