

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



MAY 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Let not your
heart
be troubled
ye believe in God,
believe also in me.

JOHN 14:1

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
- 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, Turkey and Ukraine
- Friends & Family of Carl Smedberg (Brother of Karen Roessler)

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.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.org**

Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give you. I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your hearts
be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

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

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 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.

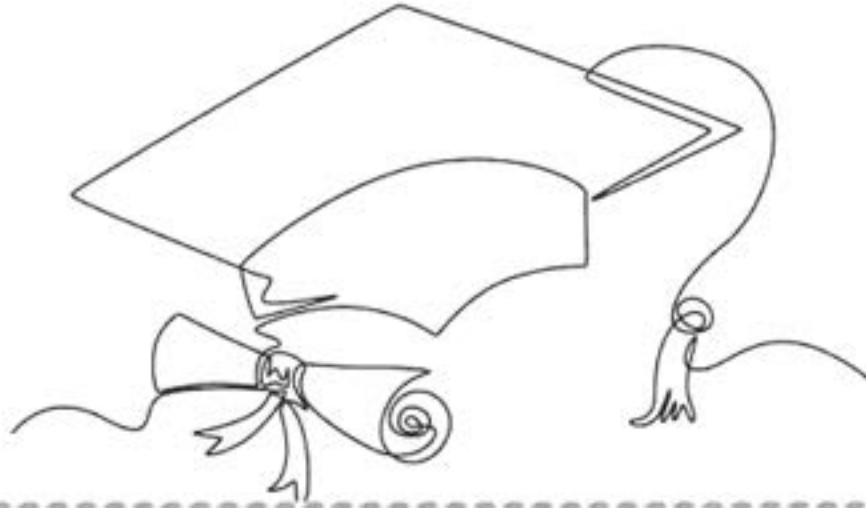
Living Water's New Women's Bridge Group!

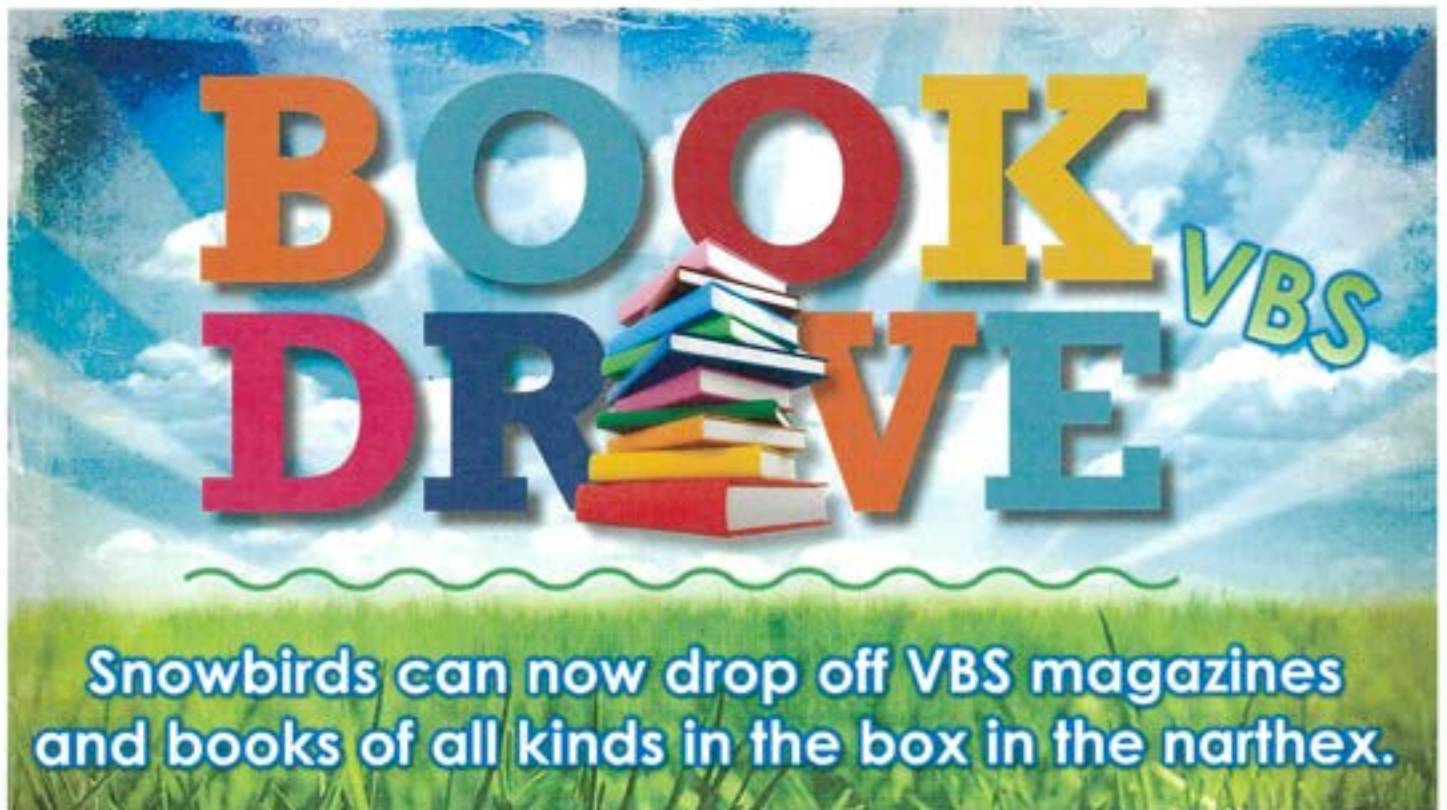
Women who like to play bridge are invited to check out this new opportunity for fun and fellowship. The group meets at **1:00 pm at Living Water on the third Monday after-noon of each month.**

Contact **Ellen Schoenbeck**
(*cell*: 201-220-7866 or
email: ellen.schoenbeck@gmail.com)
if you're interested in playing

Graduations

Will you or someone in your family be celebrating a Graduation this spring? If so, please let Pastor Shari know, as your church family would like to celebrate with you on May 14.
pastorshari@lwlcaz.org





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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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, 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



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 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 (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.

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!

Gathering Song..... "Here I Am to Worship"

VERSE



1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,



o - pened my eyes, let me see. Beau - ty that made this glo - rious in heav - en a - bove. Hum - bly You came to the



heart a - dore - You, hope of a life spent with You. earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.

CHORUS



So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to



say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er



love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er



won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -

BRIDGE



- er know - how much - it cost - to see - my sin - up - on -



- that cross. And I'll nev - that cross. So, here I am to

Sermon Hymn..... "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Offering Song..... "Jesus, Your Name" (with Praise Band)

Jesus Your name is power
Jesus Your name is might
Jesus Your name will break ev'ry stronghold
Jesus Your name is life

(Repeat)

Jesus Your name is healing
Jesus Your name gives sight
Jesus Your name will free ev'ry captive
Jesus Your name is life

Jesus Your name is holy
Jesus Your name brings light
Jesus Your name above ev'ry other
Jesus Your name is life

Jesus Your name is power
Jesus Your name is might
Jesus Your name will break ev'ry stronghold
Jesus Your name is life

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Sending Song "Grace Alone"



Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,



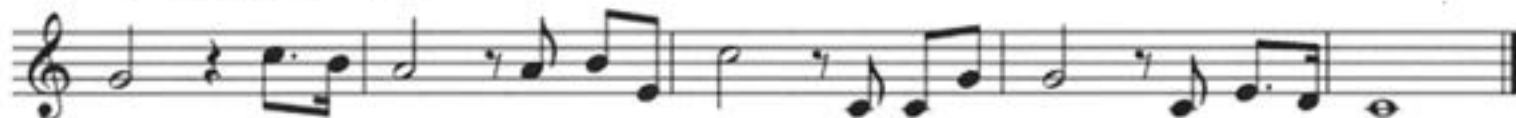
Ev - 'ry dif - frence we will make is on - ly by His grace. Ev - 'ry moun - tain
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace. Ev - 'ry lov - ing



we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine, Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind
word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way, Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise



is on - ly by His grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro -
is on - ly by His grace.



vide, Christ in us, our Corn - er - stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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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