

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**JUNE 18, 2023**



*Happy 35th Ordination Anniversary!  
Pastor Mark*

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
- 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
- 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
- Rebecca (Melissa Fresh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Joan Reisler—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
- Family and Friends of Don Benson

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



## Prayer of the Week

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, JESUS Christ, our Savior and Lord.

## 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)**

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.)*



This week's floral bouquet was  
donated by Diane Sundquist  
**In loving memory of Eric**





## 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.

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 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 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.

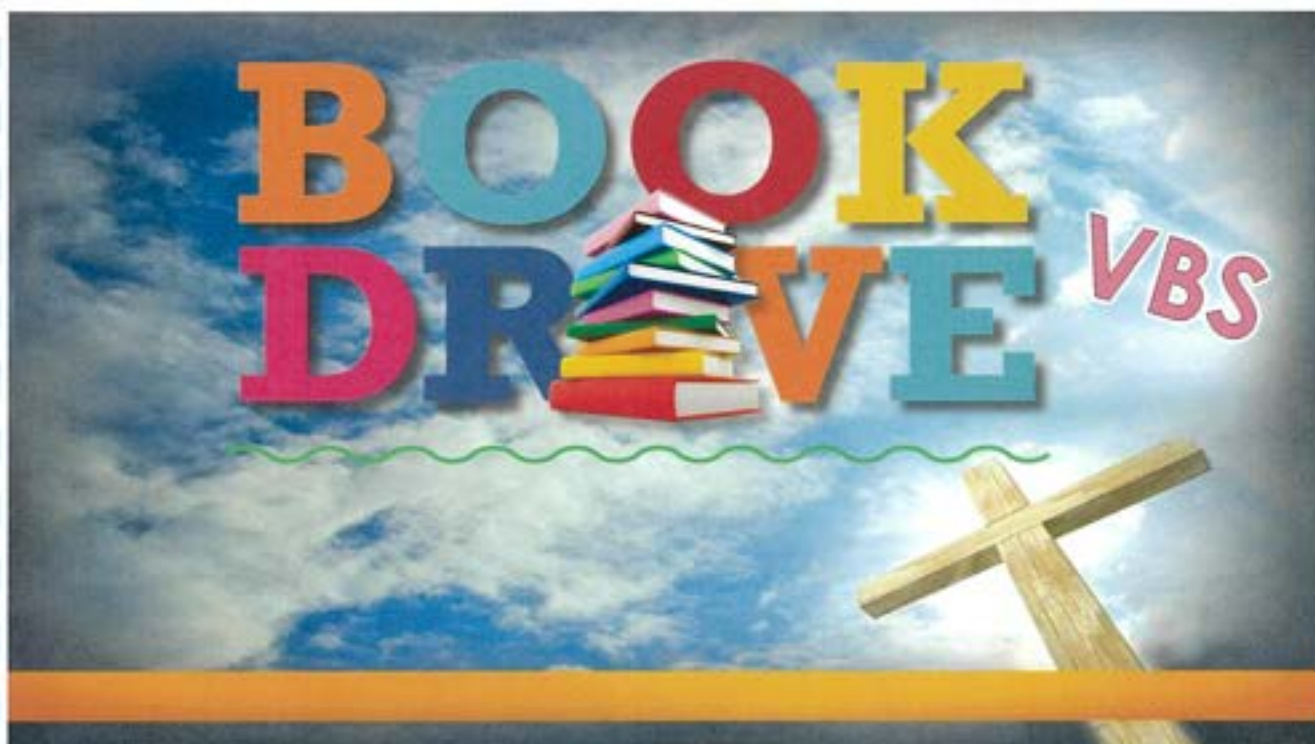
The Service and Caring Ministry Team at LWLC periodically determines how we distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/22 balance of \$884 to Vista del Camino food shelf in Scottsdale and to the Food for Kidz event in Fountain Hills (see related Connections article). In 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!

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

### 1100 and counting.....

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. Your donation may be the first book owned by a fortunate student!

Please place your books in or near the bookcase in the church entryway. In addition to what is accumulating in the bookcase, Sue Brash has purchased more than 1100 new and gently used books for our VBS Book Drive, thanks to a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 and additional money gifts to VBS Book Drive. If you’d like to help us buy more new or gently used books, please note “VBS Book Drive” on your donation. Thank you!



The image features a logo for 'Café' in a white, stylized font on a blue horizontal band. Below the band is a photograph of a white coffee cup filled with coffee. An orange rectangular box with the text 'boldcafe.org' is overlaid on the coffee cup.

# Café

[boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)

**Café** is an online magazine and podcast for and with **young adult women** who identify as Lutheran or not.

Café shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of Café include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use Café as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, Café can be used and shared by women of all ages.

It's free from Women of the ELCA, and available monthly to your email. You can access it anytime. Just go to [boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org) to sign up. Share this resource with your women friends, including daughters, granddaughters, nieces, college students!



## Gathering Hymn..... "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: AZMON. Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



# Sermon Song..... "In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)"



In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, — my song. This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less Babe. This gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ — in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - est drought — and storm. What heights of  
ness scorned by the ones He came — to save. Til on that  
day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Comfort -  
cross as Je - sus died the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - 'ry  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am  
hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His hand. Til He re -



er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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# Sending Hymn..... "In Christ Called to Baptize"



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways,  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional  
Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press



# 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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