

# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



**JUNE 25, 2023**



JEREMIAH 29:11

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 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
- Linda Hoenig—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Pam Landon—Health Concerns
- 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 Freesh'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

*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.

**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**

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 altar bouquet  
was donated by  
Frances DeBruyn in  
honor of her mother's  
birthday and that of her  
nephew Bob.





Another VBS program is in the history books! A huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. Despite the sore feet and tired backs, they worked tirelessly throughout the week. Thank you to the many members of Living Water that provided financial support for the week. You made all of our jobs easier. Thank you to the VBS Leadership Team for months of preparation, great ideas and ongoing enthusiasm!

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# 2023 VBS

## Thank you! VBS Volunteers

### **Set Design and Construction:**

Wayne and Leila Burrus (Leaders)  
Summer Weisman  
Shaina Weisman  
Caroline Ruff  
Heidi Ruff  
Ron Ophaug  
Dave Gilkey  
Alyssa Stephenson  
Vivian de Montmollin  
John de Montmollin  
Julie Ann Walker  
William Ruff

### **Celebration Leader:**

Pastor Shari

### **Tribe Time Activity Leader:**

Heidi Ruff

### **Snack Shack:**

Julie Ann Walker (Leader)  
Marilyn Nartker  
Sue Umland  
Lynda Breault  
Miriam Bernau

### **Crafts:**

AJ Bernau (Leader)  
Claire Bixby  
Karen Roessler  
Marianne Schmitt  
Cherrie Heidemann-Oglesby

### **Registration:**

Jill Wehr (Leader)  
Frances DeBruyn

### **Village Playground:**

Michael Winter  
Matthew Umland  
Ryan Handley  
Heath Handley

### **Synagogue School:**

Scott Sims, known as "Rabbi Scott"  
Frances DeBruyn

### **Sound and Visual Technicians:**

Heidi Ruff (Leader)  
William Ruff  
Christian Pilzner  
Henry Ruff

### **VBS Leadership Team:**

Kris Crow (Leader)  
Pastor Shari  
Heidi Ruff  
Myrna Ulland  
Julie Ann Walker

### **Bible Drama:**

Wayne Burrus  
Frances DeBruyn  
Heath Handley  
Ryan Handley  
Matthew Umland  
Heidi Ruff  
Lily Shelmire

### **Book Drive Mission Project:**

Myrna Ulland (Leader)  
Sue Brash  
Gerry & Lynda Cales

### **Tribe Leaders:**

Lisa Moehn  
Debra Anderson  
Myrna Ulland  
Jeri Pounds  
Joan Sprinkle  
Denny Dumler  
Heidi Ruff

### **Assistant Tribe Leaders:**

Henry Ruff  
Caroline Ruff  
Summer Weisman  
Shaina Weisman  
Carly Jones  
Heath Handley  
Allison Handley  
Lily Shelmire  
Vivian de Montmollin  
John de Montmollin

### **VBS Festival:**

Kristi Winter (Leader)  
John de Montmollin

### **Security Team:**

Phil Pounds (Leader)  
Jay Hoenig  
Jeff Munck



## 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)**



**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..... "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Music: FOUNDATION, Early American



# Sermon Song..... "All That I Am"

## CHORUS

Let all that I am praise the Lord.  
With my whole heart I will praise His  
ho - ly name. Let all that I am  
praise the Lord. With my whole heart I will  
praise His ho - ly name. Yeah.

## VERSE

( ) With my hands (With my hands)  
I will serve You. (I will serve You.) With my feet  
(With my feet) I will go. (I will go.)  
With my voice (With my voice) I will sing

(I will sing) — of Your love — (of Your love)

1. that res-cued me. — Let me. — 2.

CHORUS

Yeah. — Let all that I am — praise the Lord.

With my whole — heart I will praise His

ho - ly name. — Let  
(praise His ho - ly name.) —

all that I am — praise the Lord. — With my whole

— heart I will praise His ho - ly name. —

ENDING

Yeah. — will praise His ho - ly name. —

Oh, I — will — praise —

His ho - ly name. —



# Sending Hymn..... "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,



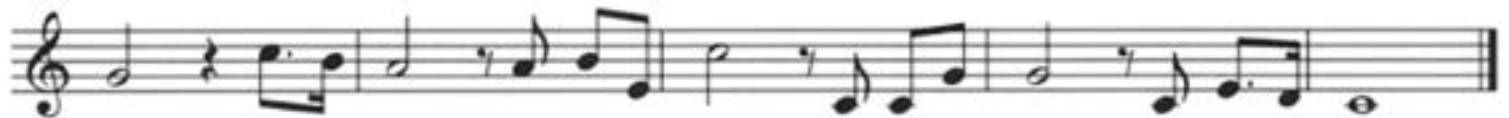
Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace. Ev - 'ry moun - tain  
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace. Ev - 'ry lov - ing



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.

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# 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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