

CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**July 16, 2023**

*sow a  
good seed*



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am  
on-site and online



# We Remember in our Prayers



- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Bob Bliefertnich (Barbara Brooks's brother)—Healing from Surgery
- Melissa Bloom (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- 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
- Cheryl Herman(Friend of Scott Sims)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—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
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Vince Spavale (friend of the Dawson's and Ulland's)—Health Concerns
- 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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through 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

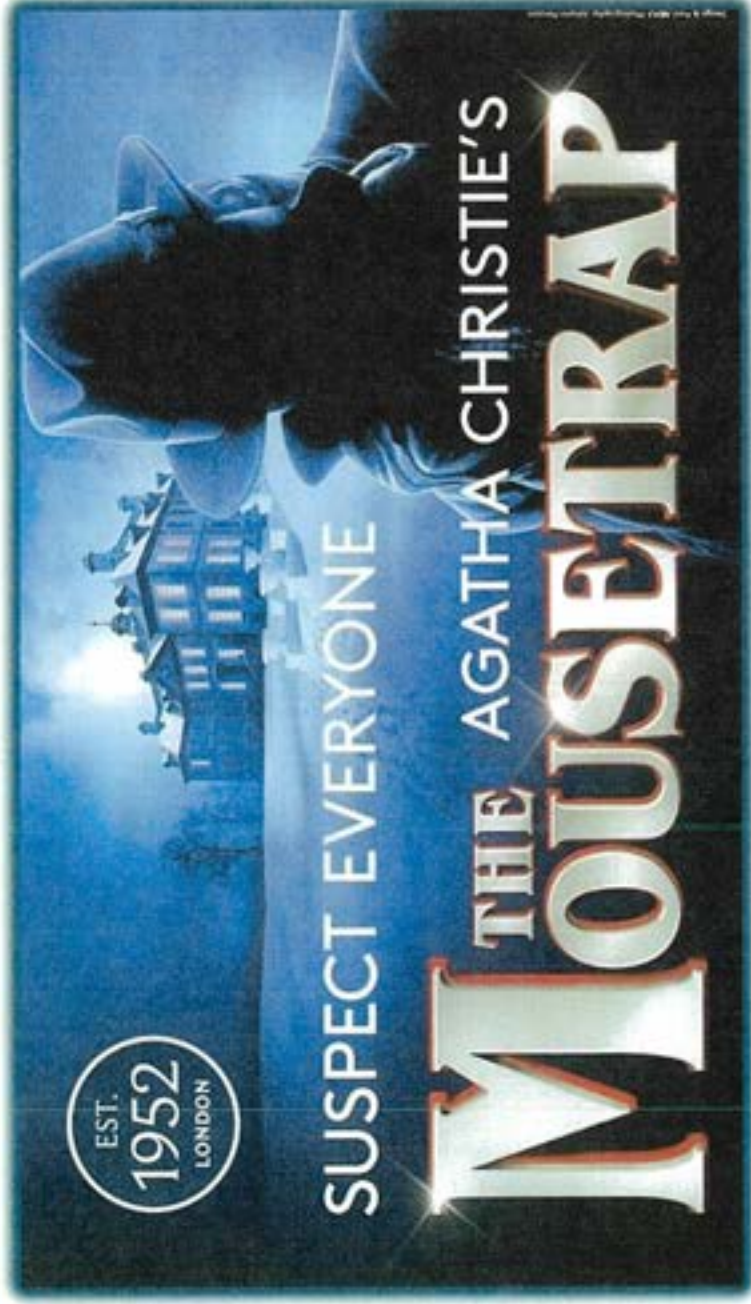
Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on  
our website: **lwlc.org**

**July 21 – Aug. 13, 2023**

**Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 pm    Sat. & Sun. at 3 pm**



**See Our Scott Sims**  
**at the Desert Stages Theatre at Fashion Square**



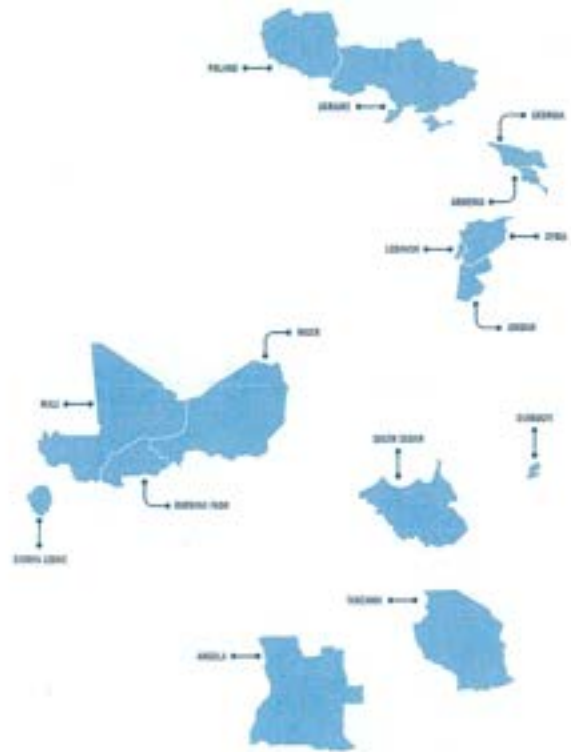


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# WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?

- TO THE SHIPPERS AND WAREHOUSES
- TO THE FINAL DESTINATIONS AND WAREHOUSES



	462,262 QUILTS & KITS IN 19 COUNTRIES											
	220,317 QUILTS	1,650 BLANKETS										
			94,060 PERSONAL CARE KITS		90,860 SCHOOL KITS		46,560 BABY CARE KITS		8,815 FABRIC KITS		31,950 FACE MASKS	
COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	BABY CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	MASKS				
ANGOLA	Maryland	15,400			9,890	4,950	1,220					
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,220					
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,700		4,480	9,100	4,400	4,100	4,400				
DJIBOUTI	Minnesota	18,000		15,300								
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,300								
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,900										
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200						
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800							
JORDAN	Maryland	7,200		5,500								
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,220					
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,820	3,150	205	6,250				
NIGER	Minnesota	11,100		5,700		3,840		4,400				
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000							
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,300	3,480						
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400				
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,820	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250				
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,900							
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,000						
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,200	3,240		6,250				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>220,317</b>	<b>1,650</b>	<b>90,860</b>	<b>94,060</b>	<b>46,560</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>31,950</b>				

*This shipping information is from LWR's 2022 fiscal year (Oct 2021 - Sept 2022).*





The image features a logo for 'Café' in a white, serif font on a dark blue horizontal band. Below this band is a photograph of a white coffee cup filled with a frothy beverage. An orange rectangular box with the text 'boldcafe.org' in white is overlaid on the bottom right of 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!

## 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)**



June 27, 2023

*Thank You*

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,350.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,



Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity

*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.*



St. Mary's  
Food Bank

[www.StMarysFoodBank.org](http://www.StMarysFoodBank.org)  
602.242.FOOD (3663)

June 29, 2023

Pastor Mark Rossman  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Rossman,

We are so grateful for your donation. Your gift of \$387.50 on 6/26/2023 was put to work immediately to provide food for 1,938 meals to struggling Arizonans. We believe everyone should have access to food and YOU play a vital role in the work we do. Thank you for fighting hunger with us.

Summer is one of the toughest times of year for children who are food insecure. Most kids look forward to this time of year, but not all of them. Many of them who relied on school meals go hungry during this long break. It's distressing to know that parents struggle to provide the meals their children need to grow healthy and strong.

Your gift helps us provide children with after-school meals, summer meals, and backpacks full of food to bring home for the weekends. Last year, we provided **more than one million meals** through our Child Nutrition programs. On behalf of the hungry in our community, we thank you for helping St. Mary's Food Bank continue to provide access to food for our neighbors in need and for your continued support since 2002.

We invite you to come see the impact of your support. Call our office at 602-242-3663 to schedule a tour.

Thank you for caring,

Lisa Notaro, CFRE  
Chief Development and Communications Officer

*Consider a donation from your Donor Advised Fund.*

*St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.  
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation.*

*St. Mary's Food Bank is a qualifying charity of the  
Arizona Charitable Tax Credit - Qualifying Charitable Organization Code 20208.*

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July 1, 2023

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 East Happy Valley Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your generous donation of \$281.00 to Scottsdale Community Partners-SCP, (formerly Concerned Citizens for Community Health-CCCH). Your support and financial gift help provide youth, families and seniors in our Scottsdale community with the assistance they need.

SCP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the work of Vista del Camino Community Services, Via Linda Senior Center and Granite Reef Senior Center. SCP works closely with the City of Scottsdale Human Services Division, to directly support programs and services that help to:

- Assist residents in a crisis situation and help prevent homelessness
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Provide stability in meeting basic needs such as reducing food insecurity (Vista del Camino Food Bank, Brown Bags for seniors, Healthy Packs for students)
- Offer economic assistance through seasonal programs such as Back-to-School (BTS) and Holiday Adopt a Family / Senior (AAF / AAS)

Your trust and kind generosity are invaluable to Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP). Your donation allows us to continue our mission to support our fellow Scottsdale residents and let them know they are not alone. We look forward to your continued support. If you would like to learn more about our organization or become a volunteer visit our website at [SCPAZ.org](http://SCPAZ.org)

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

Jenny Adams  
Executive Director, Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP)  
**Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) #20340**  
Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN) #95-3416943  
Website: [SCPAZ.org](http://SCPAZ.org)  
Facebook: Scottsdale Community Partners

## Gathering Hymn..... "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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# Gospel Acclamation..... "Thy Word"

Words and Music by  
Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

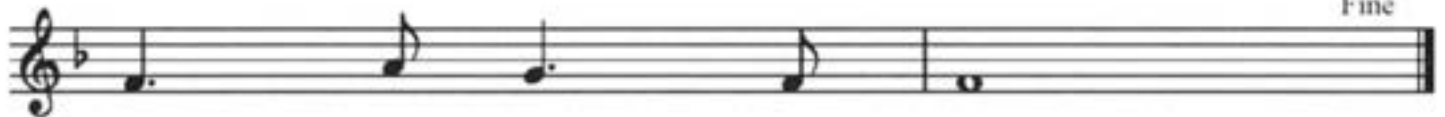
## CHORUS



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my



path. Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a



Fine

light un-to my path.

## VERSE



1. When I feel a - fraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
2. I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet my



still You're there right be - side me. Noth - ing will I fear as  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and



long as You are near. Please be near me  
hold me to Your side; I will love You



D.C. al Fine

to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

# Sermon Song..... "Firm Foundation"

## CHORUS



Je - sus, You're my firm foun - da - tion, —



I know I can stand — se - cure; — Je - sus, You're my



firm foun - da - tion, — I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word, —



I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word. — Fine

## VERSE



1. I have — a liv - ing hope, (I have — a liv - ing hope,)  
2. Your Word — is faith - ful, (Your Word — is faith - ful,)



I have — a fu - ture; (I have — a fu - ture;)  
might - y — in pow - er; (might - y — in pow - er;)



God has — a plan for me, (God has — a plan for me,) of  
God will — de - liv - er me, (God will — de - liv - er me,) of  
D.C. al Fine



this I'm sure, — of this I'm sure. —  
this I'm sure, — of this I'm sure. —



# Sending Song..... "For the Fruit of All Creation"



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



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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Praise Band Director: Scott Sims

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