





July 23, 2023



BUT I AM LIKE A GREEN OLIVE TREE
IN THE HOUSE OF GOD
I TRUST IN THE STEADFAST LOVE OF GOD
FOREVER AND EVER.
I WILL THANK YOU FOREVER
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU HAVE DONE.

PSALM 52: 8-9

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline-*Tuesdays at NOON*

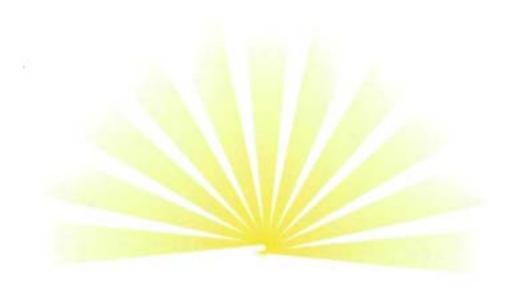
Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am on-site and online



Prayer of the Week

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Bob Bliefernich (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
- · Kathy Duncan (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)-Cancer
- 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 Freesh'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
- 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



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: **Iwlcaz.org** For any questions about the ongoing Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement Projects, please feel free to contact:

480.898.4110 | www.PimaHappyValley.com | www.ScottsdaleAz.gov

The main driveway was paved on Wednesday!





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 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 iniatives.

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!

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Sponsored by

Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith:Diakonia Program Saturdays, August 5th, 12th, and 19th 2023 9am-12noon MST via Zoom

Have you ever asked yourself:

What does God want of me?
What kind of ministry is God calling me to?
How am I to serve God?
Do I have a spiritual gift?
What is it?
How am I to use it?



To help answer these questions, consider attending "Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts", brought to you by the Growing In Faith: Diakonia Program in Arizona.

Through a sequence of exercises and conversations you will be guided in a process of discernment about your unique gifts. By the end of the series, you will know the gifts God has given you and begin to understand how God wants you to use them.

Our retreat leader is Rev. Stewart McDonald. A long-time Diakonia instructor, he has led this Spiritual Gifts retreat several times. Participants have found this series to be very enlightening and practical as part of their faith development journey.

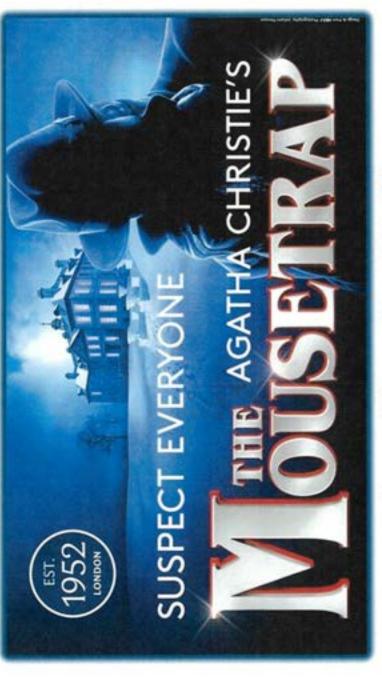
So come join us on this adventure of discernment! If you're 15 or 95, this series will inspire answers to your questions! All are welcome!

Register at https://www.diakonia.education >Home Page >Menu>Events/Retreats
Zoom Link will be provided
\$30 Registration Fee

Questions - Contact: Kim@diakonia.education

uly 21 - Aug. 13, 2023

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



See Our Scott Sims

at the Desert Stages Theatre at Fashion Square



July 7, 2023



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

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$387.50 to ELCA World Hunger.

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 generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

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

In Christ,

Amanda White

Director, Congregational Generosity

Amanda White

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

July 30th - Celebrate Marcie's Ministry to LWLC

Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 30th as we celebrate the ministry of Marcie Donavon. After 20 years of faithful service, Marcie will be retiring as the Director of Music Ministry here at Living Water. To show our appreciation, following worship please plan to stick around for a celebration brunch honoring Marcie.

Also, we are asking your help in further showing our love by sending in a check so we may present her with a monetary gift of appreciation from Living Water. Please note "Marcie" on the check. For all Marcie has given us, please help us make this a very special day for her.

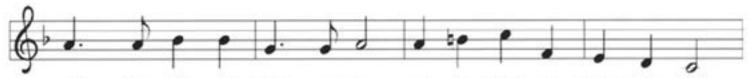
---Pastor Mark



Gathering Hymn...... "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi nal har vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, from his field shall in that day Gath - er then thy peo - ple in.

ere the win-ter storms be - gin.
un - to joy or sor - row grown.
all of - fens - es purge a - way;
free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide our wants to be sup - plied. for First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear. give his an - gels the fire the charge at last in tares to cast, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied. in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.

Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.

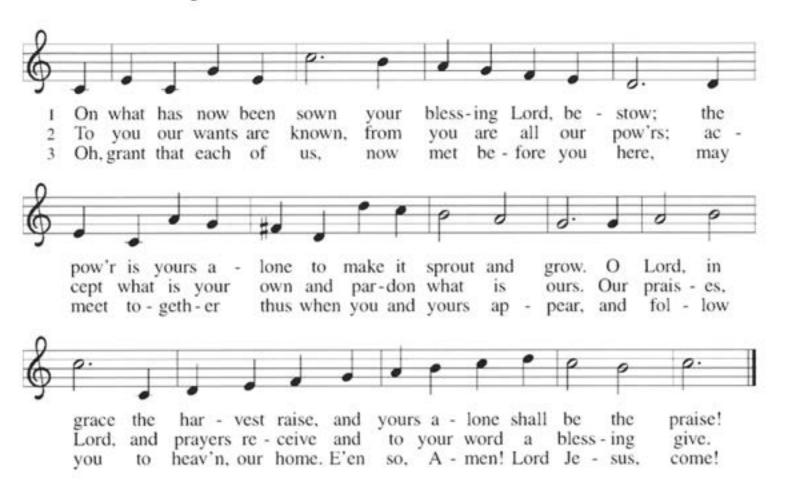
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.

Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

Sermon Hymn..... "On What Has Now Been Sown"



fext: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789

Offering Song...... "Your Name is Holy"

You are the sovereign I Am
Your name is holy
You are the pure spotless Lamb
Your name is holy

You are the Almighty One Your name is holy You are the Christ God's own Son Your name is holy

In Your name
There is mercy for sin
There is safety within
In Your holy name

In Your name
There is strength to remain
To stand in spite of pain
In Your holy name

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

Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.



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