

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



July 30, 2023



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
- 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
- Peggy Torda (sister of Susie Purewall)—Hospice Care
- Sumi (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Leslie (friend of Sue Stenehjem and Melissa Freesh)—Life 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
- Joan Martin (friend of Karen & Ron Roessler) - Health Concerns

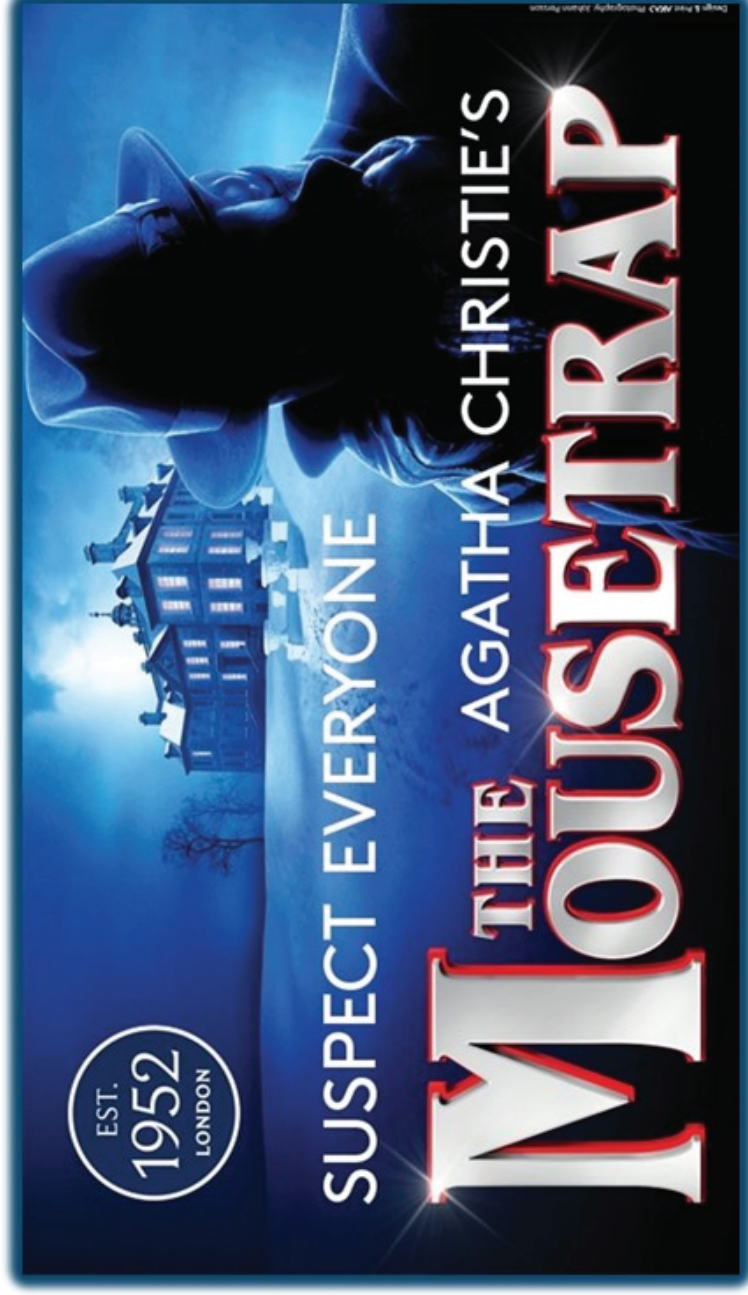
Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill out a card in the Narthex.

Prayer of the Week

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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**

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: **lwlcas.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 ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO
MARCIE DONAVON, BY THE LIVING WATER
CHOIR, IN HONOR OF HER RETIREMENT.

WE HAVE BEEN RICHLY BLESSED THROUGH
YOUR MUSIC MINISTRY.

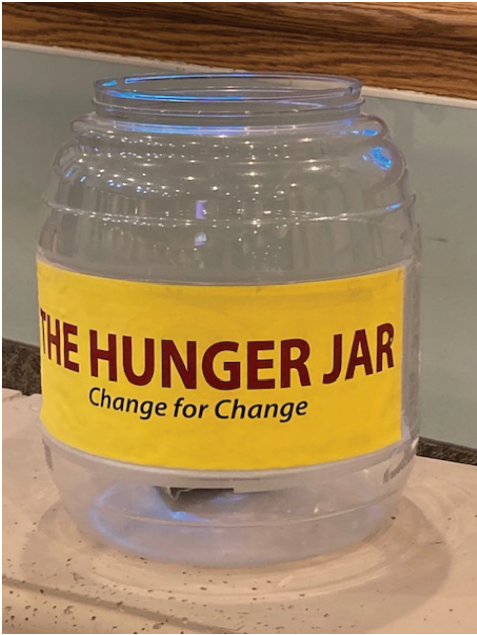


Café is an online magazine and podcast for and with **young adult women** who identify as Lutheran or not.

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 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!

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



July 30th - Celebrate Marcie's Ministry to LWLC

Please plan to join us this 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

Thank you Marcie!



20 years of music ministry!

Gathering Hymn..... "Seek Ye First"

Words and Music by
Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye ___ first the ___ king - dom of God
2. Man shall not live by ___ bread - a - lone
3. Ask and it shall be ___ giv - en un - to you,



and His ___ right - eous - ness, _____
but by ___ ev - 'ry ___ word _____
seek and ___ ye shall ___ find, _____



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you -
that pro - ceeds from the mouth - of ___ God -
knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you -



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
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Sermon Hymn..... "Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
Music: SLANE, Irish tune



Sending Song..... "You Are My All In All"

VERSE



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____
name; You are my all in all. _____



Seek - ing You as a pre - cious jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a
When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my

CHORUS



fool. You are my all in all. Je - sus, Lamb of God,
cup; You are my all in all.



wor - thy is Your name! _____ Je - sus,



Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

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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