


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



July 9, 2023



*Come to me,
all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give
you rest.*

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 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
- 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 or fill out a card in the Narthex.

Prayer of the Week

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through 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**



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Dear Friend,

Greetings from the Quilt & Kit Ministry at Lutheran World Relief. I'm writing to update you about the Quilt & Kit Tracker.

The Quilt & Kit Tracker was launched in 2013 so that faithful people like you, who devote your time and talent so generously, could follow the journey of your quilts and kits to neighbors in need.

Now, more than a decade later, the technology behind the Tracker is obsolete, making the system unreliable and difficult to use. If you have used the Tracker in the last year or more, you have likely experienced lags in reporting or have been unable to retrieve updates. The Tracker is no longer serving its important purpose, and we are sorry for the frustration you experienced.

Therefore, as of May 15, the Quilt & Kit Tracker is officially out of service. This means that, moving forward, barcodes should no longer be used and that no reports or updates will be generated by the Tracker for previous donations with Tracker-generated barcodes.

Please rest assured that the quilts and kits you so lovingly assemble and ship to us are reaching neighbors around the world — as they always have. I've enclosed a list of all the countries quilts and kits reached in 2022.

Your hard work and generosity are as needed and appreciated as ever! In fact, one of the biggest shipments in Lutheran World Relief history will arrive this summer in Mali, where food prices have risen exorbitantly because of global supply chain bottlenecks and the war in Ukraine. Quilts and kits will reach communities where families are struggling to afford to eat, embracing them in God's love and helping them care for themselves and their families.

At the same time, **plans are in motion for a completely new, state-of-the-art system** that will allow you to follow quilts and kits from the time they leave your hands to the time they reach their destination. While we do not yet have a target completion date for this system, progress is underway and we will keep you updated as it takes shape. **During this period of transition, we are committed to sharing more photos, videos and stories of your quilts and kits reaching your neighbors around the world.**

Please share this update with your congregation, quilting group and others who have used the Tracker. And please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Thank you for your unwavering generosity and for being such a caring person. We are deeply grateful to God for your faithful partnership in this ministry.

P.S. If you haven't already, please sign up for email updates at lwr.org/qkinfo and join the **LWR Quilters & Kit Makers group on Facebook**, so in the coming months you can see even more photos, videos and stories from distributions around the world!

Joy and Blessings,

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WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2022?



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	18,480			9,890	4,950	1,230	
ARMENIA	Maryland	12,375					1,230	
BURKINA FASO	Minnesota	14,760		4,480	9,100	4,480	4,100	4,400
DIJIBOUTI	Minnesota	10,080		15,360				
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	Minnesota			15,360				
GEORGIA	Maryland	36,960						
GUATEMALA	Minnesota	7,200			21,700	7,200		
HAITI	Minnesota	8,640			2,800			
JORDAN	Maryland	7,260		5,500				
LEBANON	Maryland	15,180		8,000	6,900	4,200	1,230	
MALI	Maryland	22,440		5,000	4,830	3,150	205	6,250
NIGER	Minnesota	11,160		5,760		3,840		4,400
PERU	Minnesota	15,840			7,000			
POLAND	Maryland	11,520		2,500	7,360	3,480		
SIERRA LEONE	Minnesota	10,800			7,000	3,840		4,400
SOUTH SUDAN	Maryland	3,630	1,650	13,000	3,220	2,100	820	6,250
SYRIA	Maryland			6,500	5,908			
TANZANIA	Minnesota	7,920		6,400		6,080		
UKRAINE	Maryland	6,072		3,000	8,280	3,240		6,250
TOTAL		220,317	1,650	90,860	94,060	46,560	8,815	31,950

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



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



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!



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LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH,

Thank you for the blessing of your donation of \$100.00 on 6/16/2023 to the Navajo Lutheran Mission. I promise it will be put to very good work.

Your gift allows life-giving services to be possible for thousands of deserving Navajo families.

As we begin our 70th year of service, your donations, love and prayers for this community are more important than ever. The people of Rock Point and large surrounding area count on our Mission for support with the basic necessities of life - faith, food, water, and education.

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in the entire community here, please accept our heartfelt gratitude. With you, we go forward.

Blessings to you with love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patterson Yazzie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patterson Yazzie, Executive Director

PS: Please keep this letter with the receipt attached below for your tax records. Thank you again for your gift. It is treasured!

BE STRONG *and*
COURAGEOUS!

DO NOT *be* AFRAID
OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

 *Joshua 1:9*

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!

Gathering Song..... "Come, Just As You Are"

Words and Music by
Joseph Sabolick



1. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call.
2. Come just as you are, hear the Spir - it call.

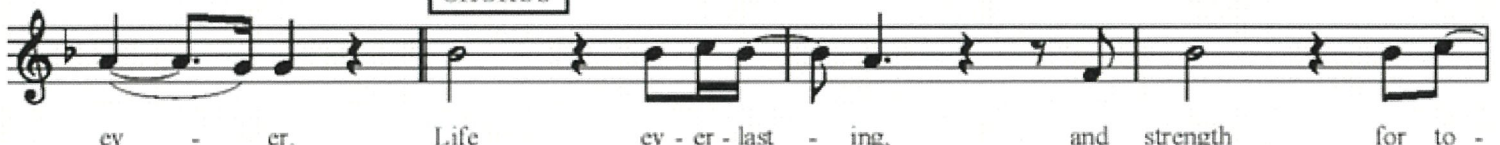


Come just as you are. Come and see, (Come and see.)
Come just as you are. Come re - ceive, (Come re - ceive,)



come re - ceive, (come re - ceive,) come and live (come and live) for -
Christ the King; (Christ the King;) Come and live (Come and live) for -

2nd time to Coda



CHORUS

ev - er. Life ev - er - last - ing, and strength for to -



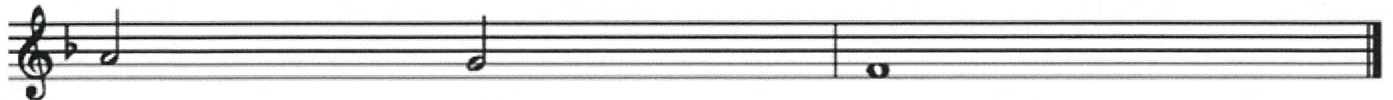
- day; Taste the Liv - ing



Wa - ter, and nev - er thirst a - gain.

D.C. al Coda

⊠ Coda



ev - er - more.

Sermon Hymn..... "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Offertory..... "Thank You Lord"

I come before You today
And there's just one thing that I want to say
Thank You Lord thank You Lord
For all You've given to me
For all the blessings that I cannot see
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

With a grateful heart with a song of praise
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name

Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord
I just want to thank You Lord
Thank You Lord

For all You've done in my life
You took my darkness and gave me Your light
Thank You Lord thank You Lord
You took my sin and my shame
You took my sickness and healed all my pain
Thank You Lord thank You Lord

Thank You Lord
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Sending Hymn..... "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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