

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 13, 2023



*i run
in the path of
your commands,
for you have set
my heart free.*

PSALM 119:32

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 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
- Linda Hoenig—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- 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
- Leslie (friend of Sue Stenehjem and Melissa Freesh)—Life Concerns
- Joan Martin (friend of Karen & Ron Roessler) - Health Concerns
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Cheryl Herman—(Friend of Scott Sims)

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

Prayer of the Week

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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!

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



Anniversary
Blessings

Mike and Lou

Today's altar flowers
were donated in honor of
Mike and Lou Handley's
wedding anniversary.



Now these
THREE REMAIN:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
BUT THE
greatest
OF THESE IS
love
1 Corinthians 13:13

Café



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 to sign up. Share this resource with your women friends, including daughters, granddaughters, nieces, college students!



“God’s work. Our hands.”



Sunday, September 10, 2023

Living Water is joining with congregations from the NE Valley Consortium to create “celebration bags” for clients of Lutheran Social Services-SW. Our contribution: items to support Refugee & Immigration or Aging & Disability. Our goal: filling 50 celebration bags. A collection bin is in the church entryway. Bring your items through Sunday, September 10. If you want us to shop, make a donation to Living Water and note “GWOH” on your donation. We have also applied for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to support this project. Questions? Contact Lisa Moehn (fly13rufa@earthlink.net) or Myrna Ulland (myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

We’ll join together after the worship service on September 10 to fill the bags! Here is what’s needed:

REFUGEE & IMMIGRATION

- Prayer mats for their Muslim clients
- American candy, especially chocolate
- Any small household item for their new home, such as a picture frame or kitchen towels
- \$10 Amazon or Walmart gift cards
- BPA-free water bottles
- Chapstick

AGING & DISABILITY

- Non-slip socks
- Nonperishable treat, such as cookies
- \$10 Amazon or Walmart gift cards
- Body spray
- A card or encouraging note to the client

In Honor of David Garrett Beck

3rd Annual WINTER
CLOTHING DRIVE



Donations will go to:
Grace Lutheran Ministries
&
The Phoenix Rescue Mission

August 2nd ~ September 5th

Drop Off or Have Sent To:

Diane vanMaanen
4610 E. Red Range Way
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Or I can pick up

WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING GENTLY USED ITEMS:

Blankets, Coats, Hats, Sweats, Sweaters,
Thermals, Gloves, Hoodies, Socks
Toiletries
(men's, women's & children's)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For questions contact - Diane @ 408-314-6671 or email dvan922@icloud.com



SAVE THE DATES:

Annual Picnic



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023
"MCCORMICK STILLMAN RR PARK"

-AND-

Advent Dinner



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 2023
"SPIRIT IN THE DESERT"



The diakonia Program

Register Now For 2023 – 2024 Courses!

Re-imagined

Growing in Faith: The Diakonia Program is a 40+ year old ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. In the fall of 2022, the program was reimagined, taking the best of the existing program, adding new elements and more flexibility with a Foundation Year and optional subsequent Practical Year tracks.



Community of Disciples

There are currently three Growing in Faith communities in the Grand Canyon Synod with cohorts in Metro Phoenix, Tucson, and Online offering classes, retreats, and mutual care to equip followers of Jesus to live out their faith.



Faith Development

A two-year curriculum allows folks to progress through foundational and practical learning. The program accepts people where they are in their faith understanding and challenges them to grow to a deeper level.



Practical Ministry

Growing in Faith has touched the lives of hundreds of participants in the Grand Canyon Synod since classes were first offered in 2017 helping people to discern their callings in the world and to support them in following those callings.

Fall Courses

Six Foundation Year Courses

First Class 9/11/2023 - Mondays 6-9pm via WebEx online and in person Phoenix & Tucson locations
Recommended for first year students

Six Practical Year "Road to Service" Track Courses

First Class 9/5/2023 - Tuesdays 6-9pm via WebEx and in person Metro Phoenix

First Class 9/9/2023 - Saturdays 9am-Noon via WebEx and in person Tucson

Recommended for second year students

Register at GCS Growing in Faith Diakonia Program Website: <https://www.diakonia.education>

Admission/Registration Fee \$25

Tuition \$70 Per Class

Tucson Information Session Monday August 28th 6pm Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Activity Bldg

For more information contact: admin@diakonia.education

Kimberle Kennedy, Chair

Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith Diakonia Steering Committee

Longing to **GROW?**

Plant yourself in good soil

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;



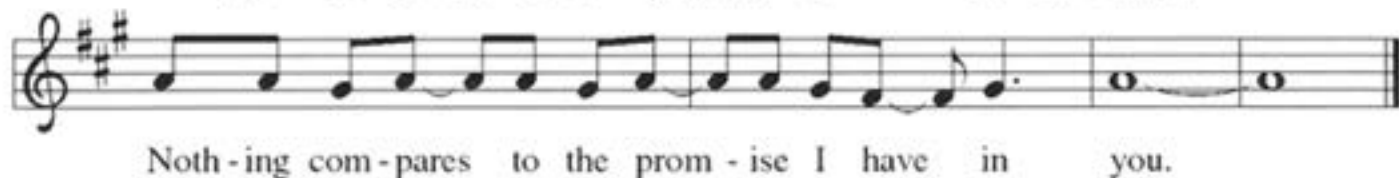
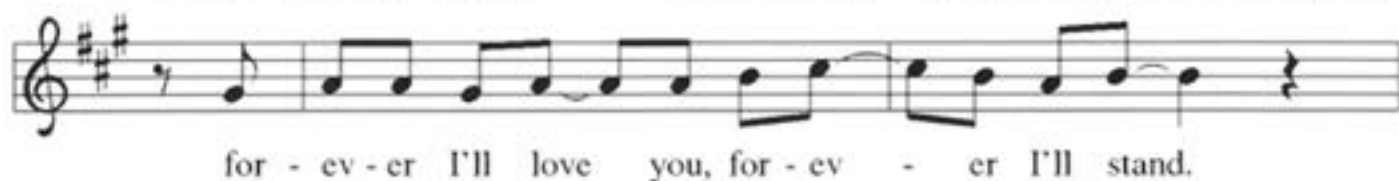
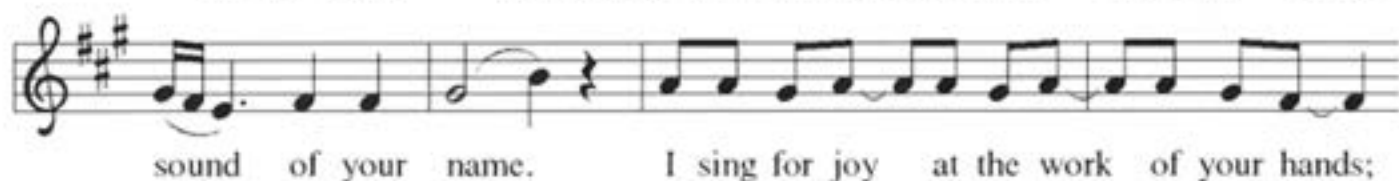
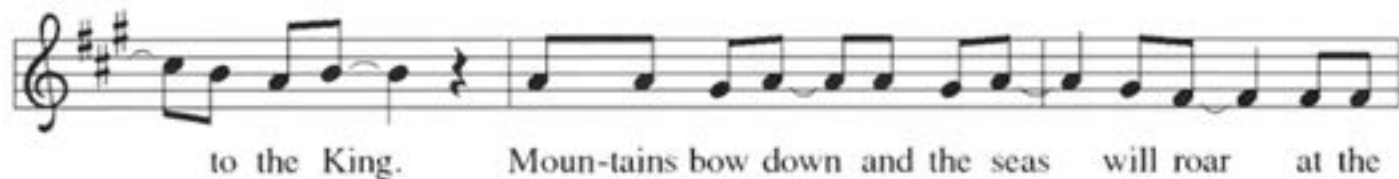
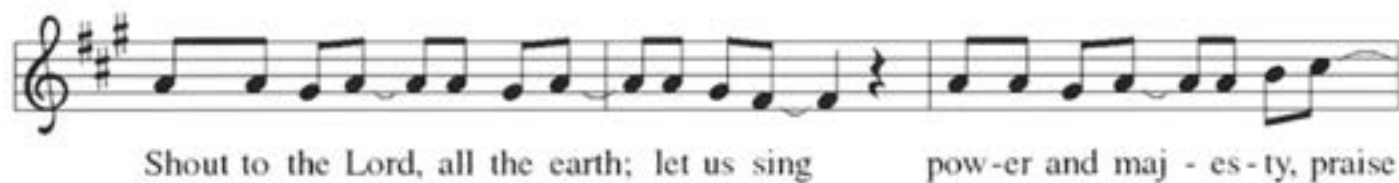
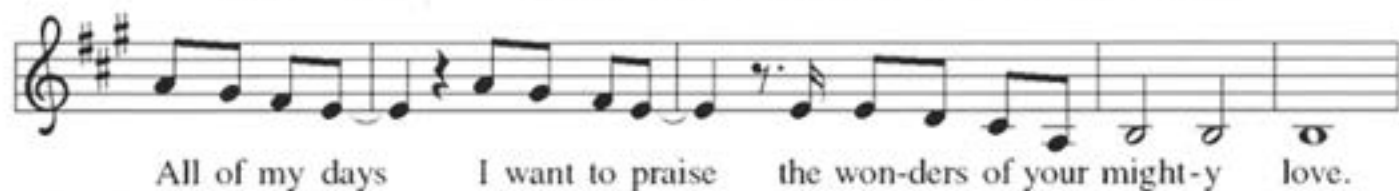
What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



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

Gathering Song..... "Shout To The Lord"



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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Sermon Hymn..... "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"



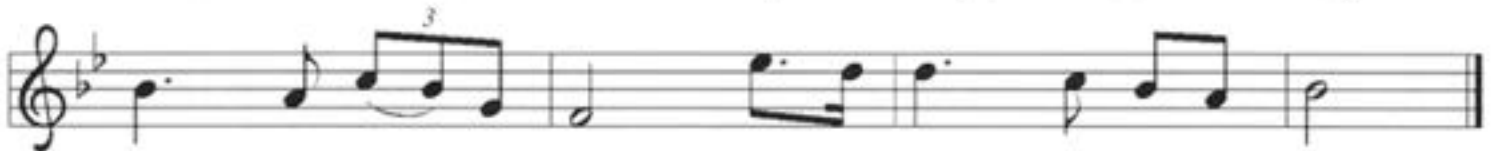
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822-1875

Sending Hymn..... "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, —



Fine

I put my hope in Your ho - ly Word. —

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;)

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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