

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**August 20, 2023**

T R U S T  
in the L O R D  
with all your H E A R T  
and lean **not** on your  
<sup>OWN</sup> U N D E R S T A N D I N G.

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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
- Maria Tillotson—Health Concerns
- Peggy Torda (sister of Susie Purewall)—Hospice Care
- 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](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*

## Prayer of the Week

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through 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!



# “Come Help Our Garden Grow” Concert

**WHEN:** Sunday Afternoon  
August 27, 2023  
at 3:00pm

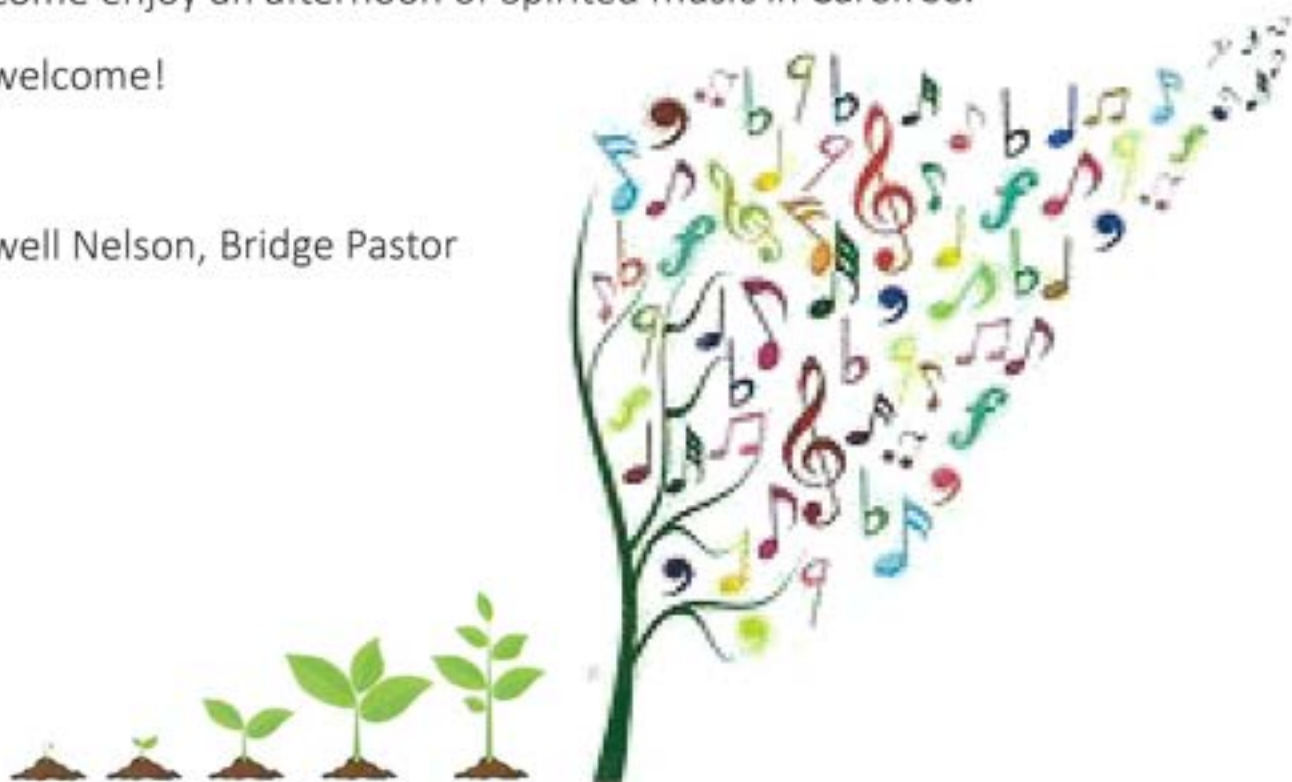
**WHERE:** Christ the Lord  
9205 E. Cave Creek Road  
Carefree, AZ 85377

Our **Ministry of Music** continues to enhance our worship services by offering music of the finest quality—preserving and expanding our Lutheran heritage and providing a variety of rich and diverse offerings. We will be presenting a *Free-will offering concert* to support modest scholarships for young singers for our Chorale and to provide funds for guest musicians who will serve to enhance our worship services. This concert will feature wonderful musical selections presented by some of CtL’s exceptional musicians and several guest artists.

Please come enjoy an afternoon of Spirited music in Carefree.

All are welcome!

Rev. Lowell Nelson, Bridge Pastor



# 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 az.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](http://www.PimaHappyValley.com) | [www.ScottsdaleAz.gov](http://www.ScottsdaleAz.gov)





**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](mailto:fly13rufa@earthlink.net)) or Myrna Ulland ([myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto: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

The image features a dark blue horizontal bar at the top with the word "Café" written in a white, serif font. Below this bar is a photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a frothy beverage, set against a light-colored, textured background. A red rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the coffee cup, containing the text "boldcafe.org" in white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

# 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!



In Honor of David Garrett Beck

3rd Annual WINTER  
CLOTHING DRIVE



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

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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](mailto:dvan922@icloud.com)







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 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Activity Bldg

For more information contact: [admin@diakonia.education](mailto:admin@diakonia.education)

Kimberle Kennedy, Chair

Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith Diakonia Steering Committee

# Longing to **GROW?**

Plant yourself in good soil



# **SAVE THE DATES**

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## **Annual Picnic**



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

**McCormick Stillman Railroad Park  
7301 E. Indian Bend Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250-4513**

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**AND**

## **Advent Dinner**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

**SPIRIT IN THE DESERT  
7415 E Elbow Bend Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85377**

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# Gathering Hymn..“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872





# Song of Praise..... "The River"



1. To the riv - er I am go - ing, bring - ing sins I can - not bear;  
 (2. In these) wa - ters, heal - ing mer - cy flows with free - dom from de - spair;

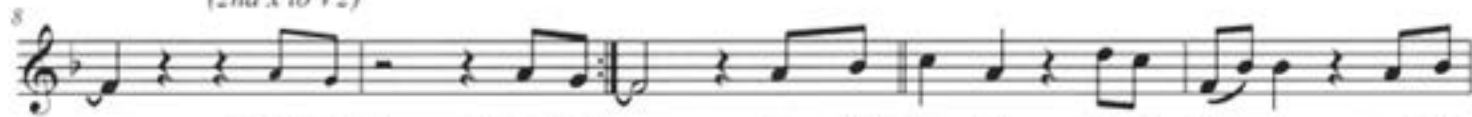


Come and cleanse me, come, for - give me; Lord, I need to meet You there.  
 I am go - ing to that riv - er; Lord, I need to meet You there.

1, 3

2, 4

(2nd x to 1/2)



(2. In these) 2. In these Pre - cious Je - sus, I am read - y to sur -



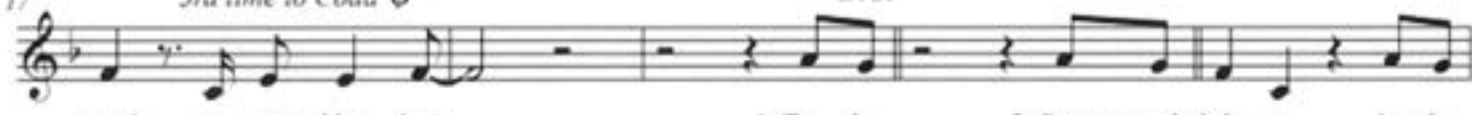
ren - der ev - 'ry care; Take my hand now, lead me clos - er; Lord, I

1

2

3rd time to Coda  $\Theta$

D.C.



need to meet You there. 1. To the 3. Come and join us in the



riv - er; Come find life be - yond com - pare; He is call - ing, He is



wait - ing; Je - sus longs to meet you there; He is call - ing, He is

D.S. al Coda



wait - ing. Je - sus longs to meet you there. Pre - cious

continued.....

33 *Coda*



Take my

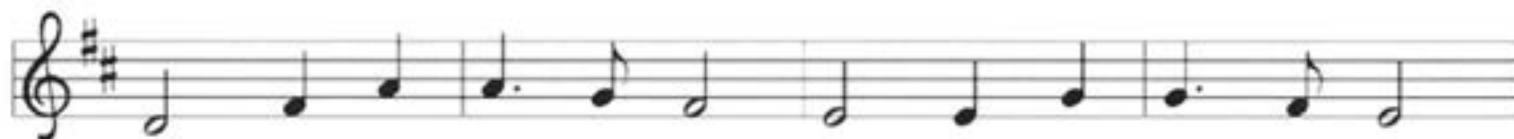


hand now, lead me clos - er; Lord, I need to meet You there. —



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## Sermon Hymn..... "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



# Sending Hymn..... "Make Us One"

Make us one, Lord, make us one, Ho-ly Spir-it, make us  
one. Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.

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# 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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