

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 27, 2023



Welcome!
We're Glad You Are Here

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
- Lourdes 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 Stenehjerm 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 Penny Kilburn
- Family and Friends of Pastor Stiles

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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!

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

“Come Help Our Garden Grow” Concert

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

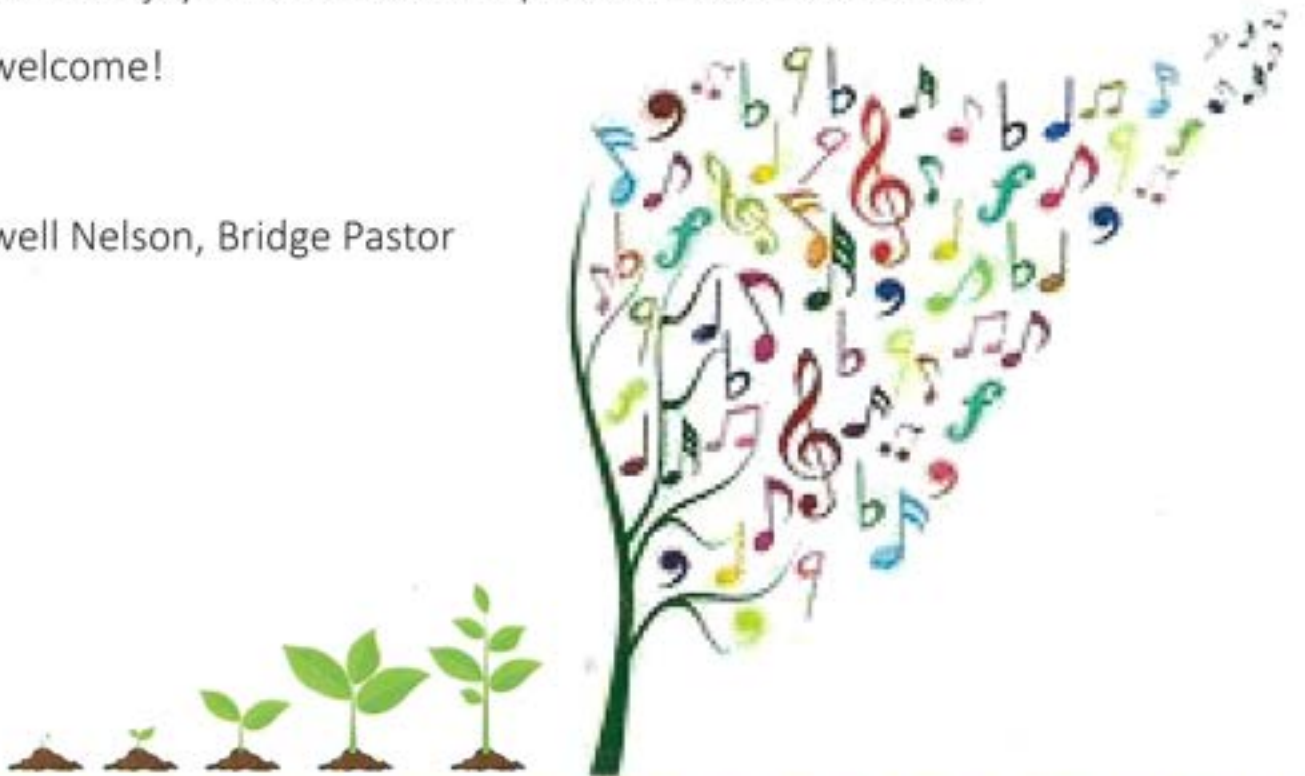
WHERE: Christ the Lord
9205 E. Cave Creek Road
Carefree, AZ 85377

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: **lwlcaz.org**

When my heart
is overwhelmed
lead me to the
Rock
that is higher than I.
Psalm 62:1



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

The image features a dark blue horizontal bar at the top with the word "Café" written in a white, stylized, 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

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!

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

AND

Advent Dinner



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

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



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt and Kit Blessing Sunday

Today we are blessing 90 quilts made by our Piecemakers Quilting Ministry during the past year. We're also blessing 108 Personal Care Kits that were contributed through generous donations from the congregation during this year's Lenten season. A Thrivent Action Team grant helped us purchase additional Kit items, and the Living Water Confirmation students assembled the kits.

The quilts and kits will be delivered to a LWR Phoenix area "in-gathering" in Glendale later this week. From there, they'll be on their way to one of the two LWR warehouses in the U.S. (St. Paul, MN or Baltimore, MD) to be repackaged for shipment through LWR's global connections. There, they will become tangible ways to express love to our neighbors in need.

Helping with shipping costs:

We are inviting contributions of any amount from the congregation to support the associated shipping costs to distribute these quilts and kits. LWR estimates the shipping cost for a quilt is \$2.25; for a Personal Care Kit it's \$2.65. If you're writing a check, please note in the memo line "LWR Shipping." You can also give directly through <https://lwr.org/donate/shippingfund>

Thank you to everyone for supporting these global ministries at Living Water.

Gathering Hymn..“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)”



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found.



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

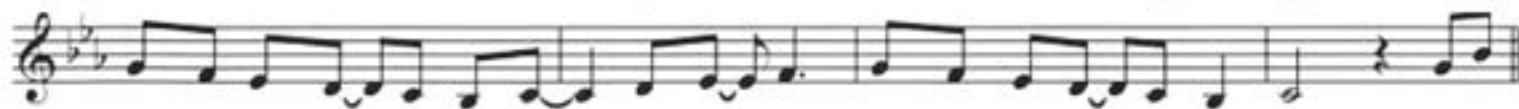
Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Song of Praise....."Rock Of My Salvation"



You are the Rock of my sal - va - tion, You are the strength of my life.



You are my hope and my in - spi - ra - tion, Lord, un - to You will I cry. I be -



lieve in You, be - lieve in You, for Your faith - ful love to me. You have



been my help in time of need; Lord, un - to You will I cleave.



You are the Rock of my sal - va - tion, You are the strength of my life.

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Sermon Hymn....."The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her . life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Offering Song..... "Sanctuary"



Lord, pre - pare me — to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, Pure and ho - ly, tried and



true. — With thanks - giv - ing — I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for — You.

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Communion Song..... "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

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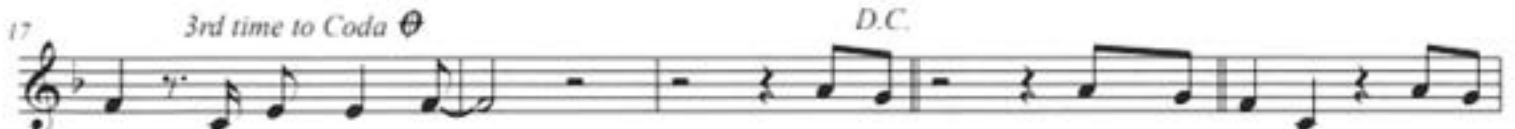


(2. In these) 2. In these Pre - cious Je - sus, I am read - y to sur -



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

1 | 2



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

continued.....

22
riv - er; Come find life be - yond com - pare; He is call - ing, He is

26
wait - ing; Je - sus longs to meet you there; He is call - ing, He is

30
wait - ing. Je - sus longs to meet you there. Pre - cious

D.S. al Coda

33 *Coda*
Take my
hand now, lead me clos - er; Lord, I need to meet You there. —

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Sending Hymn..... "We All Are In One Mission"



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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