

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 3, 2023



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am
on-site and online



- 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
- 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
- Katie Irwin Ruff (Daughter of Barbara Brooks)—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
- 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 Dennis McCarthy (Stephen McCarthy's brother)
- Family and Friends of Pastor Larry Stiles
- Family and Friends of Peggy Torda (Sister of Susie Purewall)



We Remember in our Prayers

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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!



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.

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

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**





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

Get to Know Our Letter Writing Ministry

The Letter Writing Ministry has been around Living Water Lutheran Church for many years. There are seven of us on this ministry team.

Any one of our church members who would like us to send a card to someone who is experiencing health issues, has recently lost a loved one or to another member who could use a kind word, we encourage you to contact us directly.

Please use the following list if you would like to request a letter be sent to someone. Team members are designated alphabetically based on the last name of the letter recipient:

A, B, C: Sally Harris, 316-655-8410, sah.harris@gmail.com

D, E, F: Bonnie Moore, 480-320-9261, bvmor6@gmail.com

G, H, I, J, K: Patti Pick, 480-363-6148, pjpick@cox.net

L, M, N, O: Pam Landon, 480-239-5955, phlandon@gmail.com

P, Q, R: Donna Pettengill, 847-951-5775, drpettengill@cox.net

S, T, U: Mary Nyberg, 928-821-0479, cdmjnyberg@mac.com

V, W, X, Y, Z: Marge Miller, 937-206-4254, margemiller31@gmail.com



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT,
TOP ROW:

**DONNA, SALLY, PAM,
BONNIE, & MARY.**

FRONT:
PATTI

**MARGE
(NOT PICTURED)**



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**

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you won't want to miss!

The ELCA Youth Gathering is happening next summer... July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans! All youth who are in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend. \$400/person covers registration, airfare, hotel, food, etc. Please see Pastor Shari for any questions: pastorshari@lwlcas.org



Due date for registration and \$150 deposit is October 10.

Kyrie

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

Continued.....

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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Gathering Hymn....."Now The Feast"

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



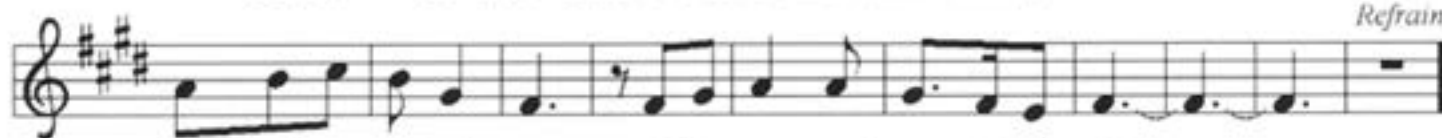
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Sermon Hymn....."Will You Come And Follow Me"



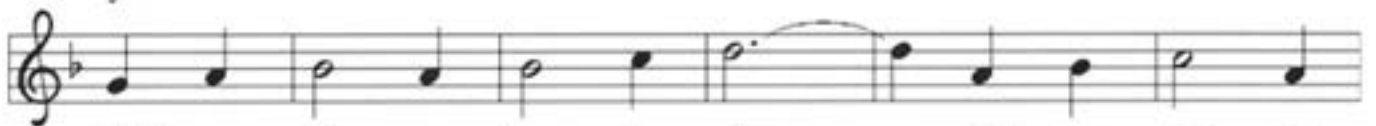
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



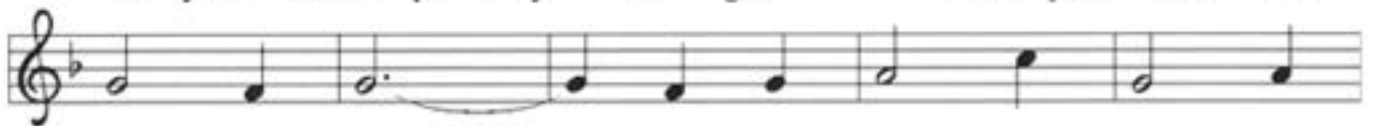
your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



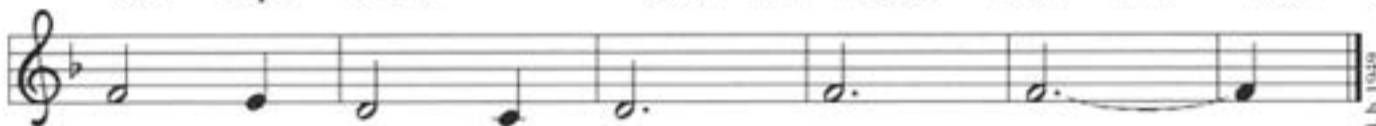
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Offering Song..... "As The Grains Of Wheat"



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Communion Song..... "Lamb of God"

VERSE



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have
 (2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have



sent — Him from Your — side, — to walk up - on — this guilt - y
 scorned — Him as He — died. — The hum - ble King — they named a
 brought — me to Your — side — to be led by — Your staff and



sod, — and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, — and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 rod, — and to be called a lamb of

2, 3.

CHORUS



2. Your gift of God. Oh — Lamb — of — God, — sweet — Lamb of



God. — I love the ho - ly Lamb of — God. — Oh, wash me in — His pre-cious



blood, — my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Continued.....

3. I was so Christ, the Lamb of God.

D.S. | 2.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has a treble clef and contains the melody for the lyrics '3. I was so Christ, the Lamb of'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'God.'. Above the first staff, there is a 'D.S.' (Da Capo) instruction followed by a repeat sign and the number '2.', indicating a second ending. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.

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Sending Song..... "We Will Glorify"



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -



glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.
wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.
lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

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Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make
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