

# CONNECTIONS



*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



September 17, 2023



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 Blifernich (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
- 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 and 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
- Leslie (friend of Sue Stenehjerm and Melissa Freesh)—Life Concerns
- Marty Lindert—Health Concerns
- Joan Martin (friend of Karen & Ron Roessler) - Health Concerns
- Pam McCarthy (Sister of Stephen McCarthy)—Battling Covid
- 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
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Maria Tillotson—Health Concerns
- Steven Tillotson—Recovery From Surgery
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dick Wells (extended family of Myrna Ulland)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Dennis McCarthy (Stephen McCarthy's brother)
- Family and Friends of Peggy Torda (Sister of Susie Purewall)

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*



## Prayer of the Week

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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!

*Great Gatherings invites you to our  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
Annual Picnic 2023*

Please come join us!



Date: Sunday, **October 8, 2023**  
Time: 4:00- 7:00pm  
Place: McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Rotary Pavilion (Far Westside of the Park)  
Address: 7301 E. Indian Bend, Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
Cost: Donations to help offset the costs are Welcome!

LWLC will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings. Donations are Welcome to cover the cost of the Ramada rental and the supplies (meat, cheese, fixings, buns, and paper products).

Please bring your own water, sodas and ice. This year we are also asking attendees to bring a potluck dish. Bring your favorite Vegetable, Salad or Dessert to share.

There will be fun games to play, you can even try your hand at our rendition of Frisbee or Corn Hole! The picnic will also provide a perfect opportunity for fellowship outside in the fresh air.

If you arrive early (before 4:00pm), there is a museum that features the Campaign Train of FDR. (\$2 each, children 12 and under are free) Check it out:  
<https://www.therailroadpark.com/rides-and-attractions/trains-cars/>

Please sign up early at our kiosk in the Narthex! We look forward to seeing you and enjoying the fellowship!

**\*Please Mark your Calendars for December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Great Gatherings has reserved this date for our Annual Advent Dinner to be held at Spirit in the Desert. Watch your Bulletin for more information! Sign up as soon as possible as seating will be limited to 60 persons.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Advent Dinner**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**

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



# 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

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**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)**

# Family Sunday School

returns this fall with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:



\*Bible Point - "Jesus loves everyone."

\*Bible Verse - "So now I am giving you a new commandment: love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13: 34)



- **Sunday, September 24, 9:00am** – Shepherds Hear about Jesus's Birth
- **Sunday, October 8, 9:00am** – Jesus Befriends Zacchaeus
- **Sunday, October 22, 9:00am** – Jesus Welcomes Children
- **Sunday, November 5, 9:00am** – Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman

We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.



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)



# 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](http://lwlcaz.org)**

**Confirmation classes** for students in grades 6-8 will be held two Sundays each month from 6:30-8:00pm.

This is a two-year program, and we will be learning about the Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran History and Catechism and Lutheran Living. So far, we have seven students who are registered to attend the class, and we look forward to a fun and relationship-building learning environment!


Please let Pastor Shari [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org) know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.



# Gathering Hymns


## 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.

Continued.....

# 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*



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

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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# Sermon Hymn... "Lord Speak To Me That I May Speak"



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet,  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856



# 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.

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

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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# Sending Song.. "Grace Alone"



Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,  
Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,



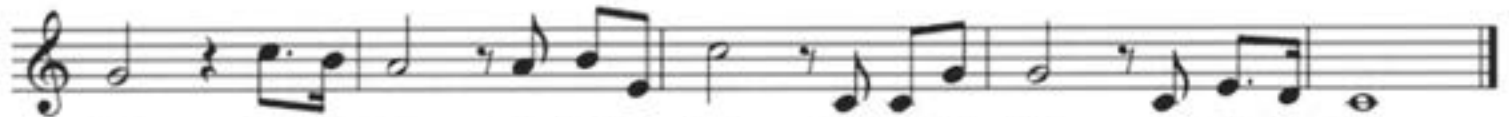
Ev - 'ry dif - frence we will make is on - ly by His grace, Ev - 'ry moun - tain  
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace, Ev - 'ry lov - ing



we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine, Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind  
word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way, Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise



is on - ly by His grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro -  
is on - ly by His grace.



vide. Christ in us, our Corn - er - stone, we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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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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