

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



November 19, 2023



**Join us for Thanksgiving
Worship Service on Tuesday
November 21st at 7:00pm**

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



We Remember in our Prayers

- 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
- Bonnie Dawson—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Michael Donavon—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Friend of Brett Stone)—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
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Janet Guthrie—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Leslie (Friend of Sue Stenehjem and Melissa Freesh)—Life Concerns
- Marty Lindert—Health Concerns
- Merle Malmquist (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- Joan Martin (Friend of Karen & Ron Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Pete McLeod (Friend of Karen and Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Freesh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Linda Reese (Daughter of Diane Sundquist)—Surgery
- Trisha Rios (Jennie Stemm Son-in-law's cousin)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—(Life 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
- Lee Stenehjem—Health Concerns
- Michael Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Brain Tumor
- Sara Stevens (Friend of Michelle Brown)—Breast Cancer
- Tom Stevens (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns

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



HOW TO BE AN ANGEL

As we have for several years, we who wish to be angels, will be gifting children who are receiving services from the inner-city service charity, Nourish Phoenix. On Sunday November 19th and the following three Sundays, the Angel Tree will be in our church Narthex. The tree will be decorated with wooden angels lovingly crafted by our committee. Each angel will have a label attached to it with the child's name, gender, age, gift ideas, and sizes for shoes and clothing (Child identifier label). Choose your child (or children) and **take the angel off the tree.**

The **angel is for you** to hang on your own Christmas tree, because **you are an angel!**

Next, take one of the blue LWLC **blue canvas bags** (near the Angel tree).

Then purchase the gifts for your child. Do not exceed **\$50/child.**

Put your gifts in the LWLC blue bag and **tie the child identifier label, (NOT the wooden angel)** to the **handle** of the bag. Do **not wrap** the gifts.

Bring your filled bag back and put it under the Angel Tree **by December 10th.**

The Angel Team will put your gift bags into large family bags on December 10th, after the church service. Then we will attach a **new Angel (not yours)** so that each recipient family will get an Angel along with your gifts.

Prayer of the Week

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

This Sunday's altar bouquet was donated by Frances DeBruyn in an expression of her thankfulness for her family



Advent Fair for kids and families



Sunday, December 3 at 9:00am
in the Education Building

Tuesday Women's Bible Study in November

Join us in November for a 3-session study on "Holy Places," written by ELCA pastor, the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Aelabouni writes that holy places or faith doesn't just live in our thoughts and emotions. Faith resides in our whole bodies, and our bodies "live and move and have our being" in sacred places where God encounters us: places like *home*, *sanctuary*, and *pilgrimage*. The material comes from *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA.

10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom. Coffee and hot water available. Bring your Bible. Study material will be provided. If you're not on the email list for our Tuesday Women communications, please contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com



November is Women of the ELCA's "Thankoffering"

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA and at Living Water Lutheran Church, we have an active WELCA unit. We call ourselves Living Water Lutheran Church Women (LWLCW). If you're a woman from Living Water and involved in any aspect of ministry, you are a participant in WELCA .

Why an annual Thankoffering? For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through "thankofferings." The Thankoffering is a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support local and international missions. When Women of the ELCA formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of churches where women are involved in unique aspects of ministry, Thankofferings are collected to support the life-changing ministries of the churchwide Women of the ELCA.

A special Thankoffering envelope will be available at the Tuesday Women's Bible study and in the gathering space (narthex) of the church, through November 19. If you're writing a check, make it payable to either Living Water Lutheran Church or Women of the ELCA and note "Thankoffering" in the memo. Thankofferings of any amount are encouraged. Together, we can do more than we could ever do apart.



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



**If interested in carpooling, please contact
Wayne Burrus**

\$7 for breakfast



JOIN US TO MAKE LEFSE IN DECEMBER

Joan Sprinkle has again graciously offered her home in NE Scottsdale, and Myrna and Bob Ulland will lead two sessions to try your hand at making Lefse (lef'-suh), a

Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, butter & cream, traditionally made during the holidays. We can accommodate 10 persons per session so everyone can have a "hands-on" experience. **Thursday, December 7 at 2 pm or Friday, December 8 at 2 pm.** Reserve your spot by contacting the Ullands (myrna.ulland@gmail.com) or Joan Sprinkle (joansprinkle@cox.net) today!

SHOP ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The ELCA is called to do Gods work in the world. Together as the ELCA we can do more than we could ever do alone; grow our congregations, inspire more leaders, and care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Good Gifts change at least three lives: the life of the person helped by your gift, the life of a friend or loved one, and your own.

Information will be available on Sunday mornings after worship during Advent.



Piecemakers Quilters in December

Want to help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries? Join us on December 6th at 9 am in the Education Building. We will only meet once during December, on the first Wednesday.

If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie! If you're a winter visitor and interested in quilting, please join us. If you like to sew, we can provide pre-cut material to sew quilt tops.

We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Cindy Ophaug, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

Confirmation Classes

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 thirteen 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@lwlcas.org know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.



**Join us for Adult Forum
at 9:00 am with select speakers
on the following date
in the Education Building/Choir Room:**

Nov 26 - Dr. Deb Bash - Foothills Food Bank

Annual Tamale Sale

Our amigas at La Sagrada Familia are offering their fabulous homemade tamales for sale again this year, to be delivered in December (date tbd).

This year the choices will include red chili with meat, green chili with chicken, and tamales with cheese. They will be priced at \$25/dozen or \$13/half dozen.

A sign up sheet will be available at church on Sundays beginning today through the end of November, or you may email your order with the quantity of each variety that you want to Kristin Smith at kaos_52@me.com.

notes:

Great Gatherings Annual Advent Party

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Please join us for an evening of fun and food. We celebrate the beginning of Advent this year with our friends and Church family at

Spirit in the Desert.

(The number of attendees is not restricted)

\$26 per person due no later than
November 19, 2023

Make checks payable to:

Living Water Lutheran Church and put "Advent Dinner" in Memo line.

Date: **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Place: 7415 E Elbow Bend Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377

Time: 5:00 – 8 PM

Cost: \$26 per person *(includes appetizer, entrée, vegetables, salads and dessert. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be provided .*

BYOB if you wish.

*Please make a note on the sign-up sheet if you have **food allergies**.

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on

our website: **lwlc.org**

Upcoming Evening Holiday Services:

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday November 21st

7:00pm



Christmas Eve Service

Sunday December 24th



4:00pm

children & family-friendly

6:00pm:

traditional

Gathering Hymn... "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"



1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?



to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Text: Samuel Siennett, 1727-1795

Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

Psalm Verse.....Psalm 90



So teach us to num-ber our days that we _ may ap-ply the good-ness of the Lord.

Sermon Hymn... "Lord of Light"



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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Communion Song.... "Blessed Be Your Name"

Words and Music by
Matt Redman and Beth Redman



1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
 2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
 3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
 4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -



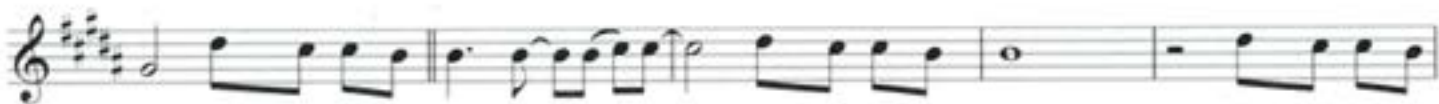
ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed
 ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed
 on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed
 fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed



be Your name. Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll
 be Your name. _____
 be Your name. _____
 be Your name. _____



turn back to praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will



say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the



name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."



You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My



heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

Sending Hymn.... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."



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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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