

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



November 26, 2023



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

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.

Prayer of the Week

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Food Drive Results

In recent weeks the narthex has filled up with Living Water grocery bags loaded with Thanksgiving dinner supplies for Vista del Camino food bank. In total 55 BAGS OF GROCERIES AND \$1,835 IN CASH/GIFT CARDS were provided to this wonderful community resource. THANK YOU!!

Advent Fair for kids and families



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



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.

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

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTUBE Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlcaz.org**

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

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.

**Orders will be available for pick-up on Sunday
December 17th.**

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.

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



Warmest welcome to our newest
Living Water Lutheran
Members!:

Brett Stone



Diane Salinas



Diane Sellers



Matthew Umland





Sunday December 24th
Christmas Eve
SERVICE TIMES:

4:00pm

children & family-friendly

6:00pm

traditional





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!



ADULT FORUM DURING DECEMBER

Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the Education Building/Choir Room

Pastor Dennis Nelson will lead a three-week study on December 17, 24, and 31

DECEMBER 17 – ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS? – LUKE 1

Zechariah was not ready for Christmas because he believed that he and his wife were too old to have a child. Mary was ready for Christmas because she believed when the angel told her that she, though a virgin, would conceive. If you believe that God can intervene in your life in a mighty and unexpected way, then you are ready for Christmas.

DECEMBER 24 – THE THINGS IN MARY’S HEART – MATTHEW 1 and LUKE 2

The Gospel writer Luke concludes his account of the birth of Jesus by saying, “Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.” What will you treasure and ponder in your heart from this Christmas season?

DECEMBER 31 – NEW BEGINNINGS

A New Year is an opportunity for all of us to experience a new beginning. Where do you need a new beginning? We will be looking at Elijah, who needed a new beginning because of burnout; Peter, who needed a new beginning because of failure; David, who needed a new beginning because of sin; and the Prodigal Son, who needed a new beginning because of bad decisions.



Gathering Hymn... "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Psalm Verse.....Psalm 95



We are the peo ple of God's past ture _ and the sheep of God's hand.

Sermon Hymn...¹⁰ "For the Fruit of All Creation"



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Sending Song.... "Thine the Amen"



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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