

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church

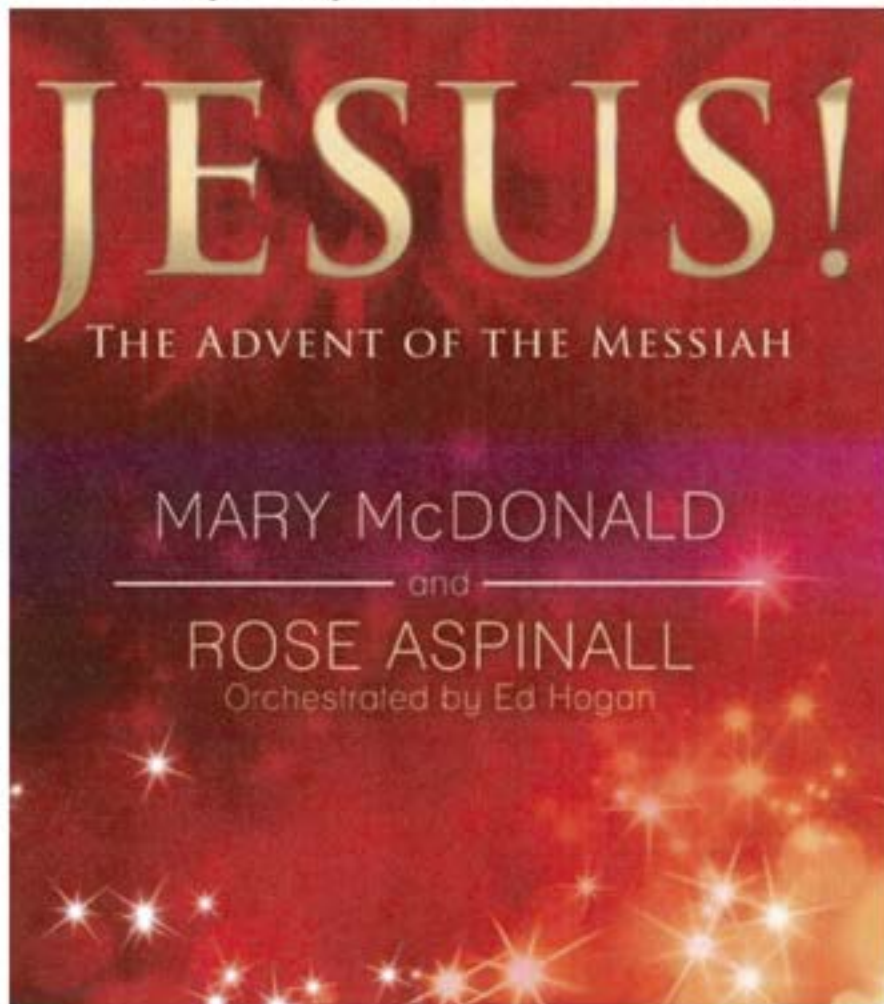


December 3, 2023

Join us for worship next week

Sunday December 10th

for the Christmas Cantata:



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 (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Kathy Duncan (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—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
- 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
- Susan Szucs (Friend of Joan Halverson)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- Family & Friends of Joe Franch (Brother of Kathie Roenigk)



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

Prayer of the Week

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



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. **We still have**

room on Friday, December 8 at 2 pm. Reserve your spot by contacting the Ullands: (myrna.ulland@gmail.com) or

Joan Sprinkle: (joansprinkle@cox.net) today!





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.



ONE STOP SHOPPING

Good Gifts! Gifts that make a difference.

Through the ELCA Good Gifts program you have an opportunity to purchase gifts that make a difference. Gifts for your children, grandchildren, friends or even yourself!

Stop by the display on the patio every Sunday during Advent. There are catalogs and gift cards available.

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**





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



Sunday December 24th

Christmas Eve

SERVICE TIMES:

4:00pm

children & family-friendly

6:00pm

traditional

LWLC Weekly Bulletin Announcement

Safety and Security and Medical Response Teams

Over the last year, we have had several potential security and medical incidents during our weekly services. As a result your Church Council has reinforced the Safety and Security Team (SST) and it's general procedures as well as forming a new Medical Response Team (MRT) to deal with medical incidence or emergencies during services.

We believe it's important for all church members to be aware of who are the SST and MRT teams members should there be a security or medical event where instructions need to be given.

Safety and Security Team Members – Phil Pounds (leader), Jim King, Jeff Munck, Dave Shoenbeck, and Jay Hoenig

I'm sure you have noticed that we have locked all doors during the services and have made security sweeps prior to services. We ask all members to be alert and make sure you know where the nearest exits are.

Medical Response Team Members – Dr. Jim King (Leader), Dr. Doug Yock, Sharon Westergreen (RN), Steve Johnson, Bob Frost, Don Pick, and Jay Hoenig.

The Team has purchased additional medical equipment to include slider board, Ambu bag with masks for adult and children, complete first aid kit, disposable O2 masks as well as the exiting CPR and oxygen tank.

We are also scheduling CPR training for all members of LWLC scheduled for December.

Security and medical incidences are rare and we gather in a generally safe community but it's always important to be vigilant.

Annual Tamale Sale

***Today! This Sunday, December 3rd, is the last day to order your tamales.**

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.

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!!

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... "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!"



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
one and all, to be for - giv'n;
and with words of love draw near.
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

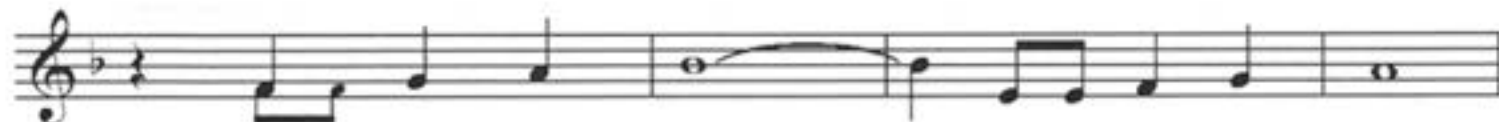
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Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889



First Sunday of Advent—Hope for God's Peace

(please join in singing when directed)



(1st Sunday) We wait in

hope _____ for the morn - ing Light.



for the love of Christ to il - lu - mi - nate _____ the night. _____



We wait with

joy _____ for the Sav - ior's birth;



we wait in

hope for peace on earth.

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Responsive Litany—WAIT

P: Advent is a time to wait.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

P: During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

P: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

P: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

P: During Advent we wait for power in weakness.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Candle Lighting

Congregational Refrain repeated

(please join in singing when directed)

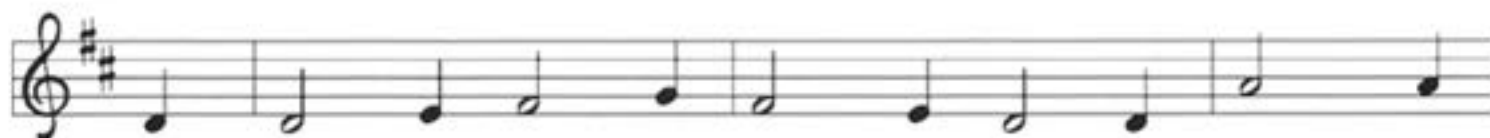
Closing Prayer

God in heaven, as we begin this season of Advent, we pray that you will teach us to wait with patience, endurance and trust. Holding to the eternal promises revealed to us through the power of your Word, we ask that you remind us of your everlasting presence.

Amen.



Sermon Hymn.. "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621



Sending Hymn.... "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.



LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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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