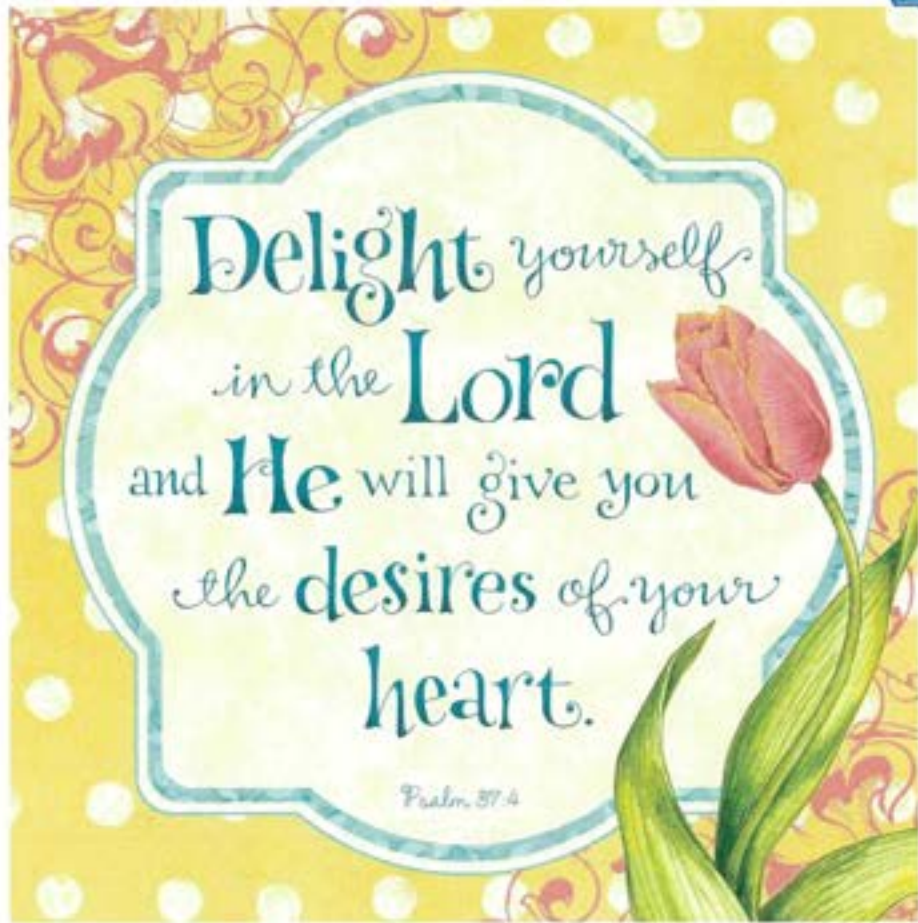


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



JANUARY 21, 2024

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am
on-site and online



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Ken Bash—Health Concerns
- Melissa Bloom (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Virginia Conrad—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 Gasparino—Health Concerns
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Paul Haakenson—(Kristin Klarkowski's dad)—Health Concerns
- Todd Klarkowski—(Troy Klarkowski's brother)—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Merle Malmquist (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Freesh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—(Life Concerns)
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire (Daughter of Pam Landon)—Health Concerns
- Lee Stenehjem—Health Concerns
- Tom Stevens (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Susan Szucs (Friend of Joan Sprinkle)—Battling Cancer
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns



Send your prayer requests to prayer@folcaz.org or fill out a card in the Nartfiex.

Prayer of the Week

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Saints and Sinners 2024

Sign-up for the 2024 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program is now open.

You can sign -up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) or email Wayne Burrus at

wlburrus@earthlink.net. We will need your name(s), best contact phone number and email address.

Saints and Sinners is a popular "Small Groups" fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both single and couples.

The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other a little better.

The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We will be forming the small groups in early January, so please sign up as soon as possible.

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

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

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

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



Piecemakers Quilting in the New Year

February 7 and 21, 2024

Come and tie quilts with us! Our quilting is primarily to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 9 am to about noon, in the Education Building on the first floor. Bring your own water or coffee for a mid-morning break. If you're a winter visitor who likes to quilt, come and tie

with us. If you like to sew, we can provide pre-cut squares to make quilt tops. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

January 28, February 11 and 25

9 AM in the Psalms Room (second floor of Education Building)

VOICES FROM THE CROWD

After telling us about some of the heroes of the faith, the author of the letter to the Hebrews says, "Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." What if some of these great Old Testament characters were to step out of the crowd and run one lap with us? What would they say to us? We will be hearing from such people as –

Noah – One Person Can Make a Difference

Abraham – God Always Does the Right Thing

Rebekah – Give Generously

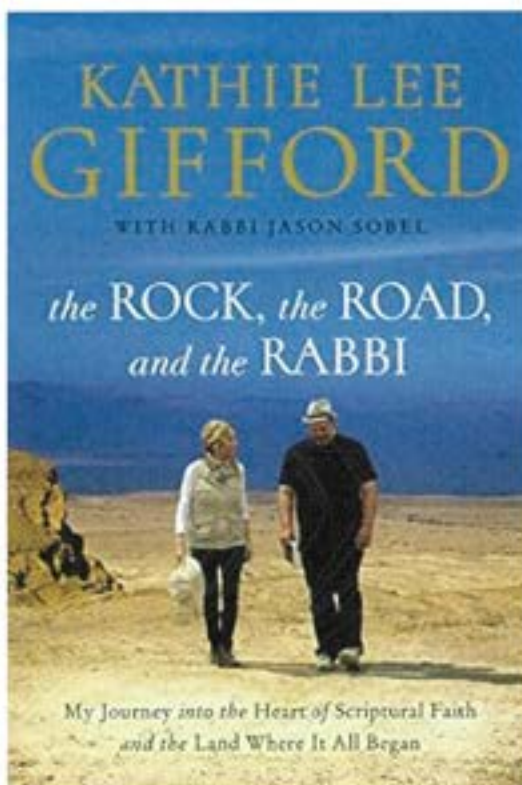
Joseph – Others Need What You Have to Give

Moses – Live in the Faith Zone, Not in the Safe Zone

David – Overcome the Limitations Others Place upon You

The Servant Girl – One Small Act Can Make a Big Difference

Nehemiah – Big Problems Can Be Solved



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join our Tuesday Women's Bible study, resuming at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall (and via Zoom). We'll dive into new material, "the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi" with Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. Journey into Israel and the roots of our Christian faith. Rabbi Sobel will take us into a deeper understanding of Hebrew culture and language to deepen our faith.

The accompanying book is recommended but not required. There is also a Kindle version.

10 am – in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be provided, along with hot water for hot chocolate or tea. Bring your favorite Bible translation. If you aren't on our email list, please notify myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added.

Ladies Tea

Saturday, January 27 at 1:00pm
Living Water Lutheran Church



Join us for the return of our beloved "Ladies' Tea" event. This is a fundraising event to support the youth who will be attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. Enjoy a delightful afternoon tea with friends.

Indulge in a selection of mini sandwiches, scones, and delicious treats while helping to raise money for a good cause. \$30/person. Make reservations starting December 31.

If you would like to host a table or donate a gift card for a raffle prize, please see Pastor Shari

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH :

DID YOU KNOW THE AVERAGE AGE IN AZ IS 13!
DID YOU KNOW IT IS SECOND TO ARMS TRADING!

JOIN US!

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AND LEARN MORE

HOW YOU CAN HELP with a special guest speaker from
Homeland Security

31 JAN 24 | 05:00PM

CHRIST THE LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
9205 E. Cave Creek Rd. Carefree, AZ 85377

LEARN MORE

REDROVERSOS.ORG



TAKE OUR CHILDREN BACK OVER
STOP ORGANIZED SLAVERY



A Evening Service of Prayer and Healing

*"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we
might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds
you have been healed."*

**We will join in prayer for others and for
ourselves for physical, emotional, spiritual,
and relational healing. Through prayer and
anointing, we seek God's strength, comfort
and peace.**

**Wednesday, January 24 at
6pm**



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ELCA Good Gifts

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Good Gifts program!
It helps so many people who are in need

Thank you!! Ron and Cindy Ophaug



Café is an online magazine and podcast for and with young adult women who identify as Lutheran or not, brought to you by Women of the ELCA.

Café shares stories written by bold young women who write about faith, relationships, advocacy and more. Readers and writers of *Café* include pastors, seminary and college students, and other young adult women who use *Café* as a Bible study resource individually or with a group. Although many women in their 20s and 30s contribute in every issue, *Café* can be used and shared by women of all ages. Every month new topics that are relevant to women and how faith relates to those issues are featured. It's free: just sign up to be part of the Café community: www.boldcafe.org/about/

Join Boldcafe writers + friends for online conversation and dinner on the first Thursday of each month ! 6 pm MST (AZ) time.

Once a month we meet with some of our popular writers to talk about our favorite articles and more! Bring your own dinner (B.Y.O.D) and sign up via Zoom: <http://www.boldcafe.org/dinner>



VOLUNTEER AT THE FOSTER ALLIANCE

Join a group from Living Water to help make a difference for foster kids. Volunteers do a variety of tasks, including sorting and organizing clothing donations, packaging or decorating birthday bags and birthday cards, helping build first aid kits, and working in the warehouse.

Monday,
19 February
2023

3110 E Thunderbird
Road, Suite 100
Phoenix, AZ 85032

10:00AM
-12:00PM

Please contact Pastor Shari if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions:
pastorshari@lwlcaz.org





January 9, 2024

Pastor Mark Rossman
Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Rossman,

Your gift of \$686.00 on January 4, 2024 is greatly appreciated and greatly needed. Thank you for your generosity which is having a such a positive impact on the lives of others. Your gift is helping to provide food for 3,430 meals to our neighbors facing hunger. We thank you for your friendship since 2002.

Every day at St. Mary's, we witness the struggle and witness the relief of families, children, and seniors struggling to feed themselves and their families. We are grateful to you because your compassionate concern plays a large part in that relief. Your kindness is heartwarming and we are very thankful for your support.

You can rely on our promise to keep an eye on the growing need while constantly updating our operational efficiency. These areas of attention ensure that your dollars are stretched to help provide food to all who come to us when they are most vulnerable. Because of you, we can help all those who seek it. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Milt Liu
President and CEO

P.S. Come and see the far-reaching impact of your support. Call 602-242-3663 to schedule a tour of our operation.

Consider a donation from your Donor Advised Fund.

*St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation.*

*St. Mary's Food Bank is a qualifying charity of the
Arizona Charitable Tax Credit - Qualifying Charitable Organization Code 20208.*



January 5, 2024

Living Water Lutheran Church
9301 E. Happy Valley RD
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of hope. Your generosity has made a significant impact on the lives of those in our community who are faced with difficult choices every day.

In our neighborhood, many families find themselves torn between fulfilling basic needs like paying utility bills or feeding their children. It is through your compassion that we can restore hope and bring relief to those who need it most.

Thanks to the kindness and support of individuals like you, we were able to achieve remarkable outcomes last year. Through our collective efforts, we distributed over 739,000 meals through our community pantries and programs to individuals and families facing challenging circumstances. You are making a positive impact in the lives of those who depend on our services!

Your donation of \$1,440.00 received on 12/31/2023 holds immense value to us.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your invaluable contribution.

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leigh Zydonik".

Leigh Zydonik, Executive Director
and the Foothills Food Bank team

PS. Should you wish to learn more about how we support the community, please visit FoothillsFoodBank.com or explore our Facebook page, where you can witness the joy and gratitude that radiates from the smiling faces of those we serve and those who share.

*No goods or services were promised or provided in consideration of this gift. Therefore, all of your contribution is deductible. We are a registered 501 (c) 3 Corporation, our Federal Tax ID number is 86-0619725
We are a Certified Charitable Organization. This donation is eligible for full Arizona Tax Deduction and beginning in 2018, you MUST use QCO Code "20514" to claim the tax credits for contributions to the Foothills Food Bank.
Please retain this receipt for your tax records*

Gathering Hymn... "I Love To Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

Sermon Song... "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851-1922

Sending Song.. "Go Make Disciples"



"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."



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Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
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