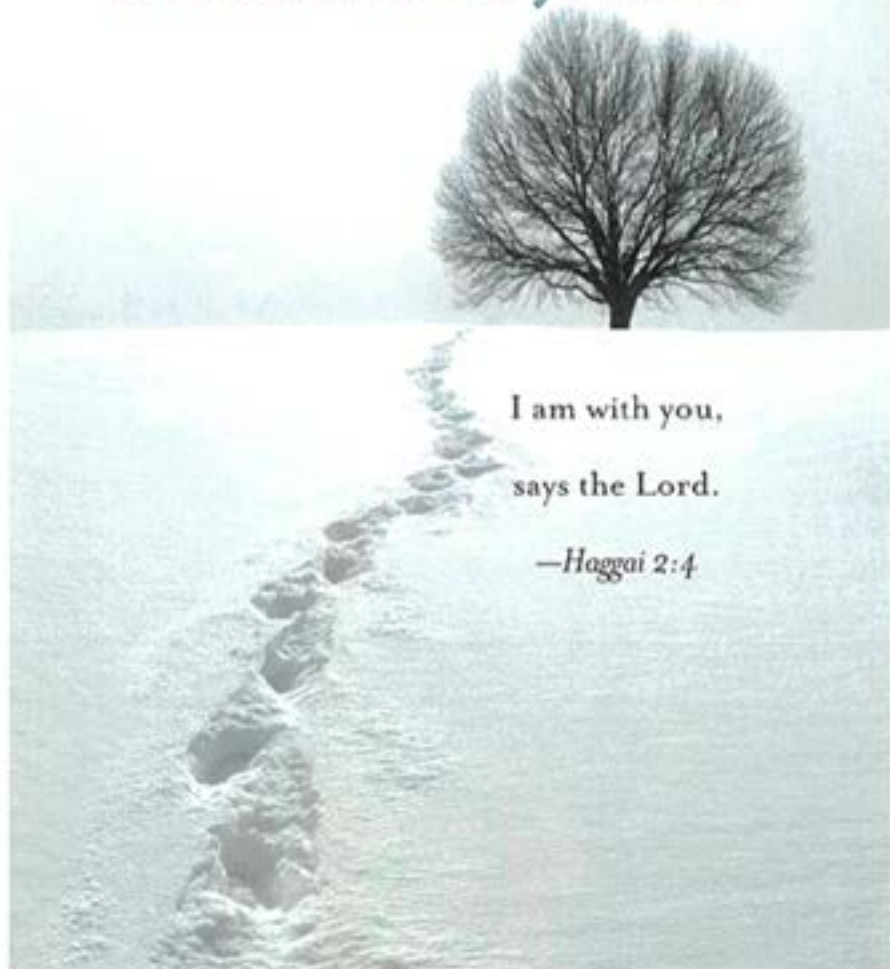


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



JANUARY 28, 2024



I am with you,
says the Lord.

—Haggai 2:4

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 Cadow (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
- 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
- Friends & Family of Susan Szucs (Friend of Joan Sprinkle)

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

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

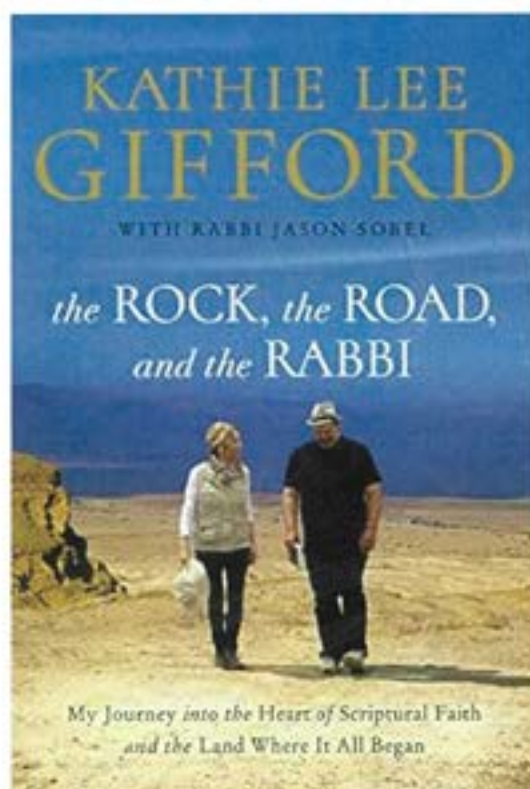
Joseph – Others Need What You Have to Give

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.

Food for Kidz

Join the Fountain Hills community in packaging nutritious meals of cinnamon oatmeal, fortified with 21 essential vitamins and minerals to be distributed to hungry neighbors in Arizona and around the world.

Volunteers are needed to assemble the food packages & Financial Contributions are needed to purchase ingredients.

Financial Contributions are 100% tax deductible and can be made payable to: New Journey Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 19652, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 with notation "Food for Kidz" or by card on our website.



JOIN OUR
COMMUNITY

FOOD PACK

February 29, 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm


Spread The Love!

Thank you for being part of the solution to curb food insecurity in our communities and around the world.

**COME
TO**

AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

"I bring my two sons to this food packing event every year because I want them to know the meaning and value of serving other." - Volunteer

 Service certificates available for students in need of service hours

Volunteer Location:

Fountain Hills Community Center
13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills



For More Info & Volunteer Registration:

Visit Our Website

www.njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz.com



Note regarding giving checks:

Unfortunately our bank, Wells Fargo Bank, is no longer accepting your giving checks written out to "LWLC" or "LW".

They now require our deposit checks with the church's name in the *PAY TO* line be fully written out as follows:

"Living Water Lutheran Church". And, please initial any changes made in ink.

Thank you for your continued generosity!





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



is now



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>

Save the Date

**Musical Instrument Museum
"VIP Behind the Scenes Tour"**

10 AM Saturday

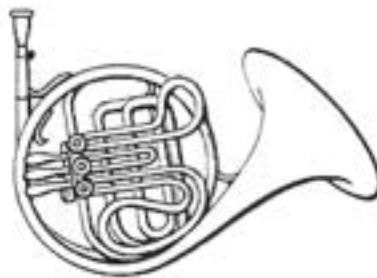
April 13, 2024

Join us for lunch following the tour!



Please join us for this informative tour, organized by Great Gatherings, and discover how exhibits are created and instruments are repaired. Visit the theatre backstage and more at the world's only global musical instrument museum.

More details to follow!



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 !

TIME CHANGE

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 | 6:00PM

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

[LEARN MORE](#)

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TAKE OUR CHILDREN BACK OVER
STOP ORGANIZED SLAVERY



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters - help us build the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Living Water currently presents prayer blankets at baptisms; we would like to expand the reach of such gifts – shawls, especially - to offer comfort to those who are experiencing illness, grief, or any of life's trials

There is an easy-to-follow pattern available as well as a sample prayer shawl for inspiration. Please contact Kathie Schroedel at dakschroedel@yahoo.com or 608-695-5120 for more details. We are excited to get more talent involved with this ministry! Join us!

*The fear of the Lord
is the beginning of wisdom.
- Psalm 111:10*

Gathering Hymn... "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

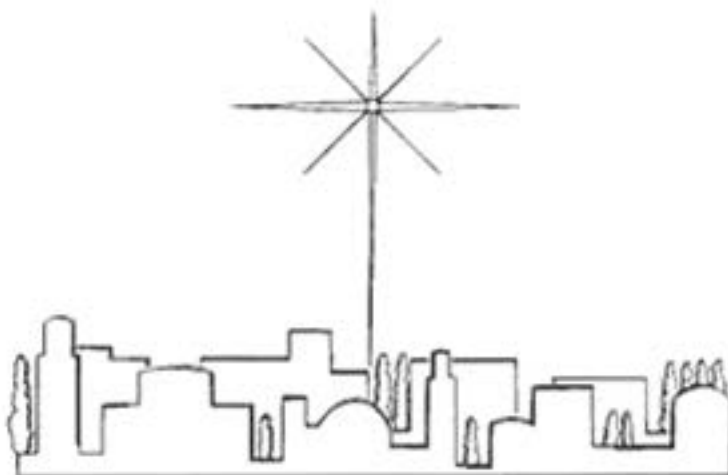


branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee. ev - er blest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702



Sermon Song... "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



Sending Song.. "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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



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