

# CONNECTIONS



Living Water  
Lutheran Church



## February 11, 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

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# *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
- 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 Tom Dean (Uncle of James Bernau)
- Friends & Family of Barbara Pick (Mother of Don Pick)

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*



## Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through 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](mailto: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 singles 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](http://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](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

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

**Annual  
Congregational Meeting**

**TODAY**

**Sunday, February 11th**

**Immediately following service**



# 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](http://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.



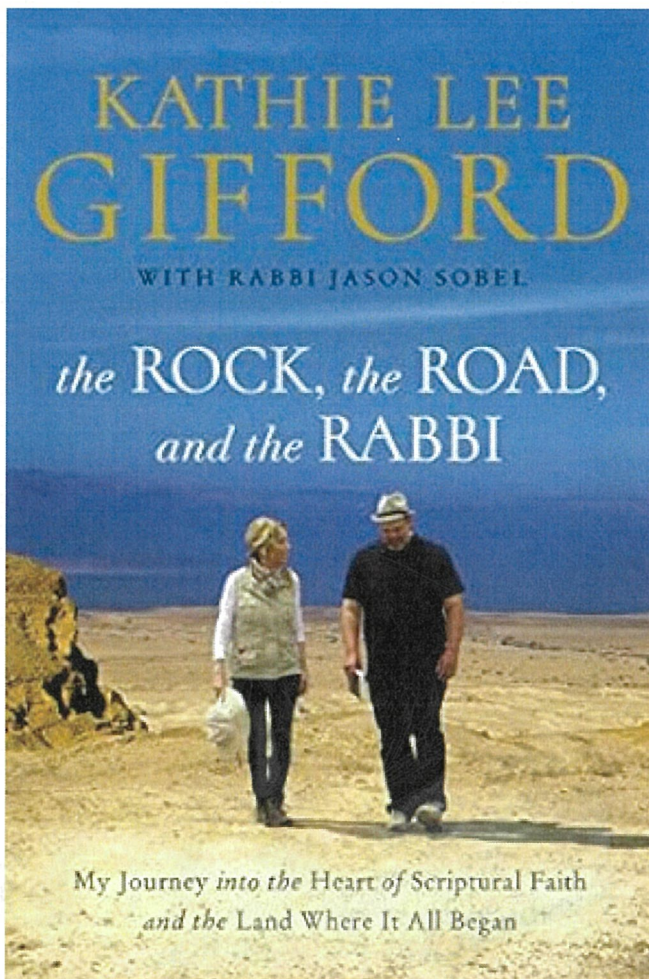
*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## 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), beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. Myrna is ordering the books which should be available on January 9. 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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added.



**NOTE: We are taking two weeks off (Feb 6 and Feb 13).**

**We will resume on February 20<sup>th</sup>.**



Please sign-up in the Narthex.  
Contact Pastor Shari if you have any questions.

# 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](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)





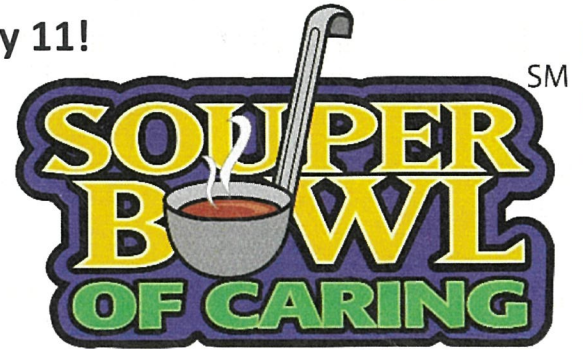
## ELCA Good Gifts

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

## Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY, Sunday February 11!

It's Super Bowl Sunday, but it's also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. Super Bowl Sunday is traditionally set aside by the organization, Souper Bowl of Caring, to lift up hunger initiatives, and we can help! This campaign began in 1990 with the vision to transform the "big game" into a nationwide movement inspiring people to donate funds for hunger relief organizations.



Watch for the three boxes labeled with the names of the two Super Bowl football teams (the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49'ers) and the Souper Bowl of Caring. Make a donation in the box for the team of your preference, or if you really don't care who wins, then donate into the Souper Bowl of Caring box!

Vote with your checks or cash for your preferred team and let's see how many dollars we can raise to support hunger initiatives in the process! You can write a check to Living Water Lutheran Church and note "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo line.

The containers will be near the Hunger Jar at the front of the sanctuary. The youth of Living Water will determine the hunger related agency to receive our donations. Go team!

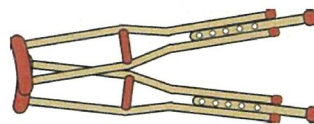
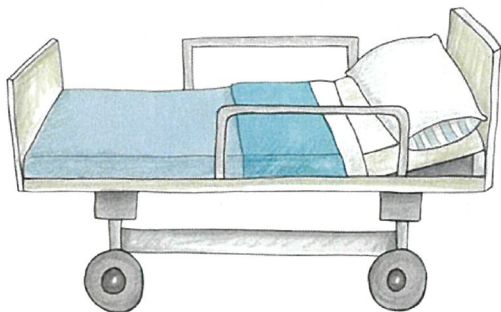
# Medical Lending Library Ministry

*What:* It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

*Who:* Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

*How:* Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

*When:* We will collect them on Sundays,  
**March 10 and 17** at Living Water.



## 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](mailto:dakschroedel@yahoo.com) or 608-695-5120 for more details. We are excited to get more talent involved with this ministry! Join us!



## Region 2

# Synod 2024

## Lenten Challenge

### THE CAUSE

To honor ELCA World Hunger's 50th year, the 5 synods in Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. **The challenge:** Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during Lent. *The synod with the most participants wins!*

### WHAT TO DO?

- ✓ **The goal:** 50 congregations per synod in which at least 1 person participates.
- ✓ Each participant commits to doing 3 of the 4 practices for the 40 days in Lent.
- ✓ Visit the website, sign up, tell your friends, & cheer our synod to victory!



LEARN MORE &  
SIGN UP

### THE PRACTICES



#### DAILY DEVOTION

Subscribe to receive a devotion by Pastor Steve Holm by email each of the 47 days of Lent courtesy of Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center.



#### DAILY DISCIPLINE

Commit to doing one wellness activity every day, be it a workout, a walk, an extra flight of stairs or an extra glass of water.



#### DAILY DECLUTTER

Find a way to de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune by clearing the garage, the calendar, or the closet and donating gently used items.



#### DAILY DONATION

Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent or pledge \$50 for ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary.

For details:  
[www.LentenChallenge.org](http://www.LentenChallenge.org)



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### Welcome to the 2024 Cross-Synod Challenge for ELCA World Hunger and Health!

This year for Lent, the five synods in Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger.

The challenge is to pledge to participate in some spiritual and physical practices during Lent and raise some money for ELCA World Hunger. Bragging rights goes to the synod with the most individual participants.

**Why Lent?** Lent is 40 days to reflect, remember our dependence on God and one another, and look forward to the ways God calls us to be. Adding one or more of these small practices to your observation of Lent might help you feel more connected. A light-hearted challenge like this might help our synods be the Church together, and to see God's vision and invitation for us to be a church for the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

### What are the 40-40-40 Lenten practices?

To participate you'll pledge to do 3 of the 4 (or all 4) practices for Lent.

- ✔ **Daily Devotion.** Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent. These short reflections will be delivered right to your inbox every morning for Lent.
- ✔ **Daily Discipline.** Do one wellness activity every day. Maybe it's your daily workout, maybe is a 1-mile walk a day. Maybe it's taking an extra flight of stairs or an extra glass of water.
- ✔ **Daily Donation.** Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent.
- ✔ **Daily Declutter.** Once a day find, a way to daily declutter, de-stress, and re-tune. It could be clearing out the garage, your calendar, or a desk or drawer and donating gently used items.

**How is this a challenge?** This a friendly competition for a good cause. In honor of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger, our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate.

**What does our synod win?** The 'winning' bishop will play a short video with congratulatory clips recorded by the other participating bishops. This acknowledgement of the 'superiority' by the other synods for this one challenge is all in fun.



LEARN MORE &  
SIGN UP

pledge to give \$1  
for World Hunger  
\$50 for ELCA World Hunger

**Participating Synods:** Sierra Pacific (2A), Southwest California (2B), Pacifica (2C), Grand Canyon (2D) and Rocky Mountain (2E)

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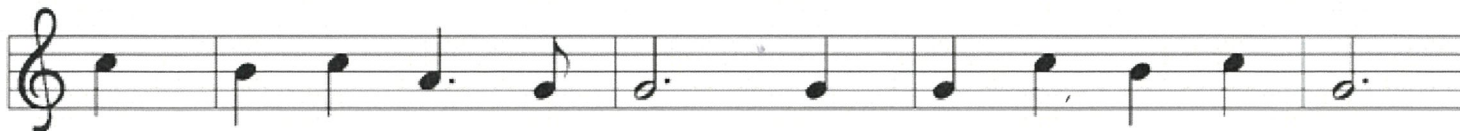
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# Gathering Hymn... "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



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 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
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Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

# Sermon Song... "How Good Lord, To Be Here"



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## WHO IS JESUS AND WHAT CAN HE MEAN FOR MY LIFE?

Wednesday Evening Bible Study on the Gospel of John during Lent

Pastor Dennis D. Nelson will be leading a five-week study on the Gospel of John after the Soup Suppers and before the Lenten Services – from 6: 00 to 6: 45 PM – on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 21, the week after Ash Wednesday. This Gospel shows that Jesus is –

The Bread of Life, who can give you strength to face the challenges of life

The Living Water, who can quench your thirst to know God and to find meaning and fulfillment in life

The Light of the World, who can help you get through the darkest times of your life

And the Resurrection and the Life, who can show you how you can face death with hope, strength, and confidence.

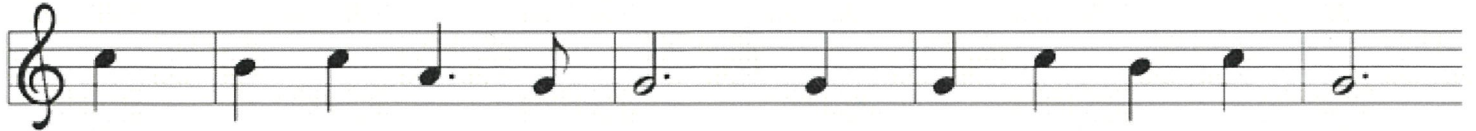
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**This week's altar flowers were donated by  
Don and Patti Pick *in dedication of the  
memory of Barbara Pick.***



# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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



*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.

**Publication Deadlines:**  
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon  
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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