

# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



MARCH 3, 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*

- 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
- Steven Hill (cousin of Tracy Rossman)—Recovering From Stroke
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- Tom Stevens (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Lee Stenehjem



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

## **Prayer of the Week**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 az.org**

## Wednesdays in Lent

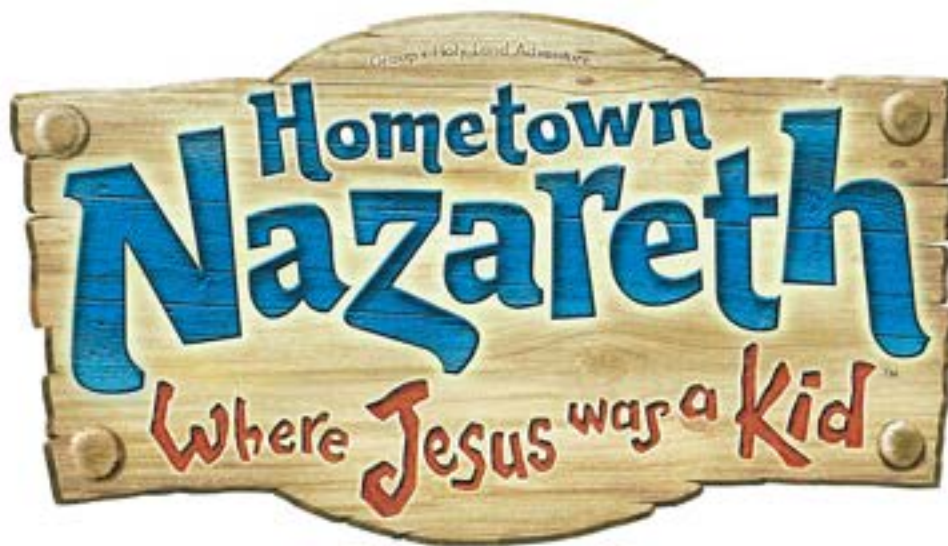
*March 6, 13 and 20*

**5:30pm Soup Supper**

**6:00pm Lenten Bible Study**

**7:00pm Lenten Worship Service**





**Registration is now open** for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to [lwlcas.org/vbs2024](http://lwlcas.org/vbs2024) to register your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends.

**Date/Time:** June 17-21, 9-11:30am

**Theme:** "Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a Kid"

Join us as we explore the culture of ancient Nazareth - the hometown of Jesus - and get the inside scoop on what it was like when Jesus was a kid. Each day of the week is filled with great music, meaningful Bible stories, fun and games, awesome crafts and a delicious take-home snack.

**Registration is free** and each child will receive a one-of-a kind t-shirt. We welcome kids age 4 through 6th grade.

We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help us before and during VBS. If you are interested, please contact Kris Crow at [vbs@lwlcas.org](mailto:vbs@lwlcas.org) or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!



# New Member Orientation/Dinner

Are you curious about **membership** at  
Living Water Lutheran Church?

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If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative  
Orientation/Dinner to tell you more about Living Water  
on **Saturday March 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

If you would like to attend, please **rsvp** via the  
front office:

phone: **480-473-8400**

or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

*(subject: New Member Orientation)*



*New Member*

*Orientation*

*3/23*



## An invitation from Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer:

In honor of [ELCA World Hunger](#)'s 50th year in mission and ministry, the 5 synods in ELCA Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The challenge: Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, 2024. The synod with the most participants wins!

**How does the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge work?** There are 4 Lenten practices to consider, and you commit to 3 of the 4. The Synod with the most individuals participating wins the challenge!

1. **Daily Devotion** ~ Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent or use ELCA World Hunger pre-made devotions. [Learn more.](#)
2. **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. [Read more.](#)
3. **Daily Declutter** ~ Once a day find a way to daily de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune. It could be cleaning out the garage, cleaning your calendar, or finding some time to de-clutter a desk or drawer and donating gently used items. [Get ideas.](#)
4. **Daily Donation** ~ Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent. [Ways to give.](#) Watch for the special World Hunger offering envelope in the Connections on Palm Sunday!

In honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in 2024, our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate. Join others already signed up from Living Water! *The more individual sign-ups, the better.*

Ready to sign up? Go to [www.lentenchallenge.org](http://www.lentenchallenge.org)



Easter Sunday  
March 31st  
worship times:



Sunrise Service 6:30am  
Easter Sunday Worship 8:00am  
Easter Brunch 9:00am  
Easter Worship 10:00am

## 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.





# Café

[boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)



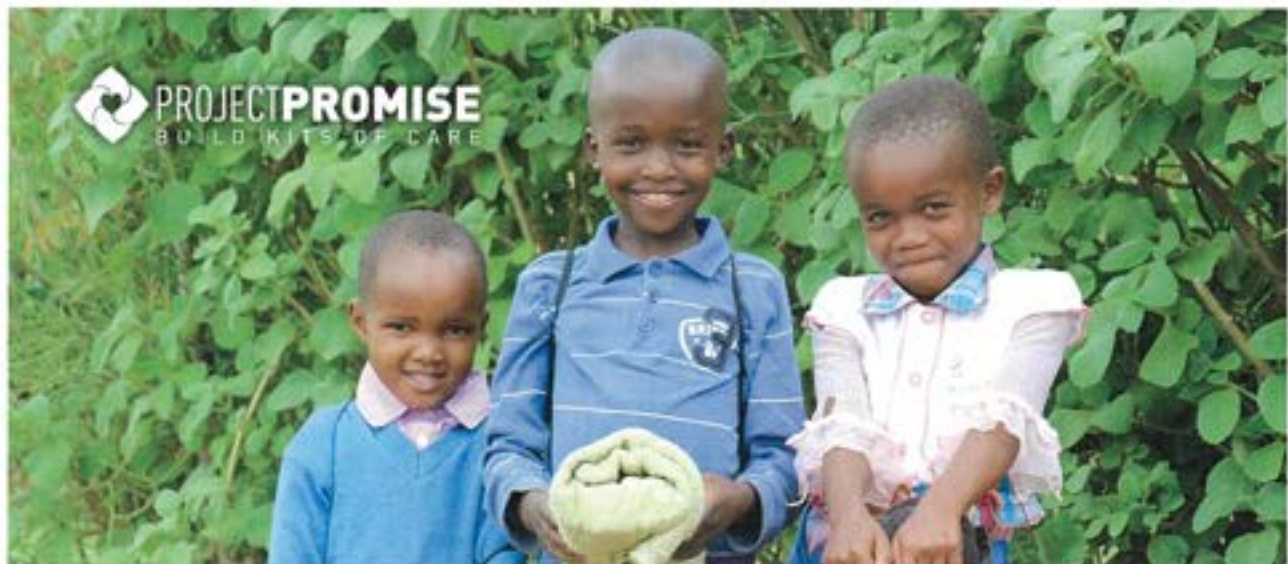
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**Personal Care Kits for LWR**  
**Feb 18 – March 24, 2024**



## **Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, February 18 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24.**



Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

We can give hope through these 5 items:

- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred.** Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the preferred size is 52" x 27". It should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR. Lightweight bath towels are easier for recipients to handwash and air dry, take less storage space, and are less expensive than the fluffy towels we might enjoy.
- **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping\*\***
- **1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- **1 metal nail clipper (for fingernails OR toenails), with or without a nail file attached.**  
**We CANNOT use emery boards.**

\*\*we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

**We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can.** However, we'll make up kits if you want to focus on only a certain item or items. There is a collection bin in the church entryway. We will also accept cash/check gifts with PCK in the memo line. Make the check out to Living Water Lutheran Church.

Once again we've requested financial support from a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 125 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Ron Ophaug at [ronophaug@yahoo.com](mailto:ronophaug@yahoo.com) or Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)





# *Moonlight and Music*

*Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm*

- Live Music by our own LWLC Band*
- Appetizers and desserts*



*We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening on the Living Water Lutheran Church patio. Reservations are \$25/person and can be made up until Sunday, March 17. All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip.*

*Thank you for your support of our young people who are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.*



## "FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS" FILM

Palm Sunday evening, March 24 at 6: 00 PM  
New Covenant Lutheran Church  
15152 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

Bob Rognlien is a Lutheran pastor who has been leading historically informed, spiritually focused pilgrimages based on the life of Jesus for over thirty years. He has now produced a non-profit, feature-length documentary that captures the unique experience of visiting the historical sites that illuminate the life of Jesus. Premiere showings will be on Palm Sunday weekend, including on Palm Sunday evening at New Covenant Lutheran Church in Scottsdale. Come on a journey that will change the way you see Jesus and how you can let Him shape and change your life. Pastor Rognlien writes, "This film is designed to give viewers a taste of the 'real Jesus' and stir up in them a hunger to know Him more fully and follow Him more closely." Here is a link to the trailer - [FOLLOWING the FOOTSTEPS](#)

## 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!



# Palm Sunday is March 24th

## Worship Service at 10:00am



**Today is Bold Women's Sunday!**

Once a year, on the first Sunday in March, we celebrate all Lutheran women who are **boldly living out our baptismal call**. Some are bold in unceasing prayers, others are bold in serving those in need. Still others offer bold hospitality or advocacy. Wherever we live out our bold story of faith – in the workplace, the family, the home, the church, the community – our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. Today, celebrate the bold women in your life!

**FOLLOWING THE WAY  
OF JESUS**  
A LENTEN HOLY LAND JOURNEY



**TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us on Tuesday mornings for a 6-week study on SUMUD: Following the Way of Jesus: A Lenten Holy Land Journey. We'll use material provided by the ELCA, including videos, scripture readings and discussion questions. We begin this study on March 5 at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Zoom connection as well. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are provided. Bring your favorite Bible translation and join us every Tuesday morning.

**Adult Forum**

March 10 and 24 at 9:00 AM

**A Look at Luther**

Join Pastor Mark and Rick Steves  
as we take a look at the life, legacy  
and theology of Martin Luther



**Save the Date!**

**It will soon be Pastor Mark's  
10th Anniversary with Living Water!**

**We will celebrate this momentous  
occasion with  
a presentation and breakfast  
following service  
on  
Sunday, March 17th.**



**We appreciate your dedication  
to Living Water  
Pastor Mark!**

# Save the Date

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



**10 AM Saturday  
April 27, 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 and sign up to follow!**



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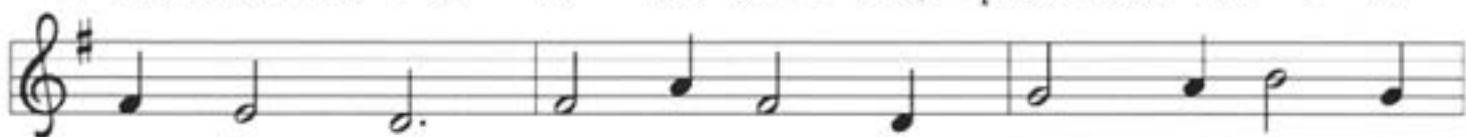
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# Gathering Hymn... "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868

## Sermon Song... "Canticle of the Turning"



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



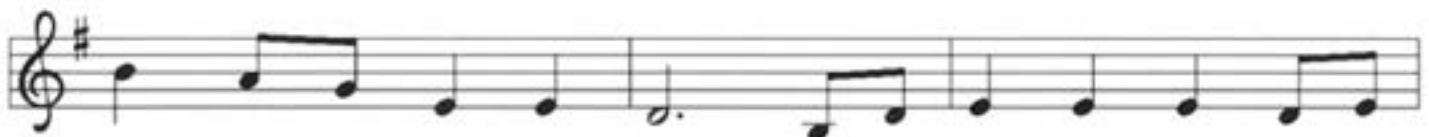
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

continued.....





My heart shall sing of the day you bring, Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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## Sending Song.. "O God, My Faithful God"



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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



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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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