



April 14, 2024



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

CONNECTIONS



We Remember in Our Prayers

- 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
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- 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 Fresh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—Life Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns



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

Prayer of the Week

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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: **lwlc.org**

This week's floral bouquet was donated
in honor of
Frances and Mike DeBruyn's
41st Wedding Anniversary.



Dear Church Members,
Wishing you
all the blessings
of God's love
at Easter time.

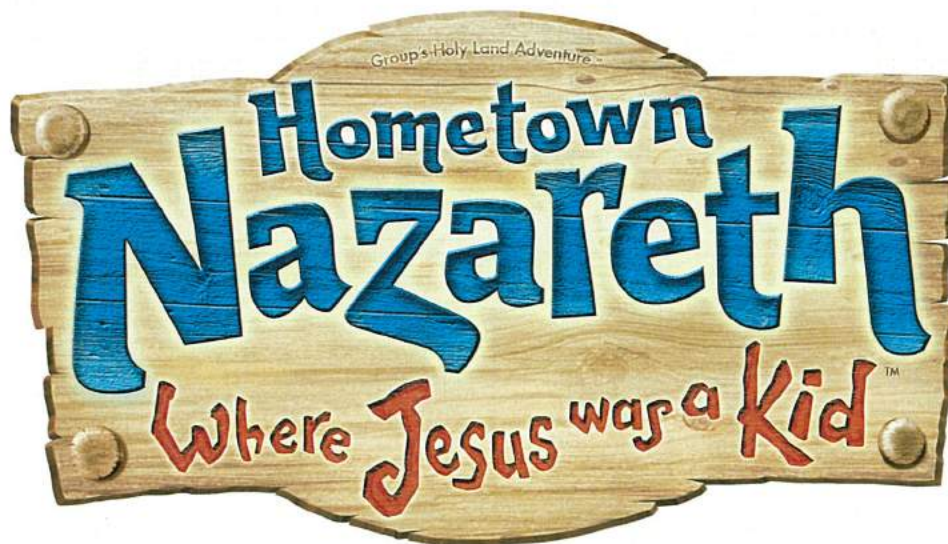


Words can't express how
grateful I am for your
prayers during my illness.
I am so blessed to have
your support.

Sincerely,
Ruth Schlesinger

BLESS YOU AT EASTER





Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to lwcaz.org/vbs2024 to register your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends.

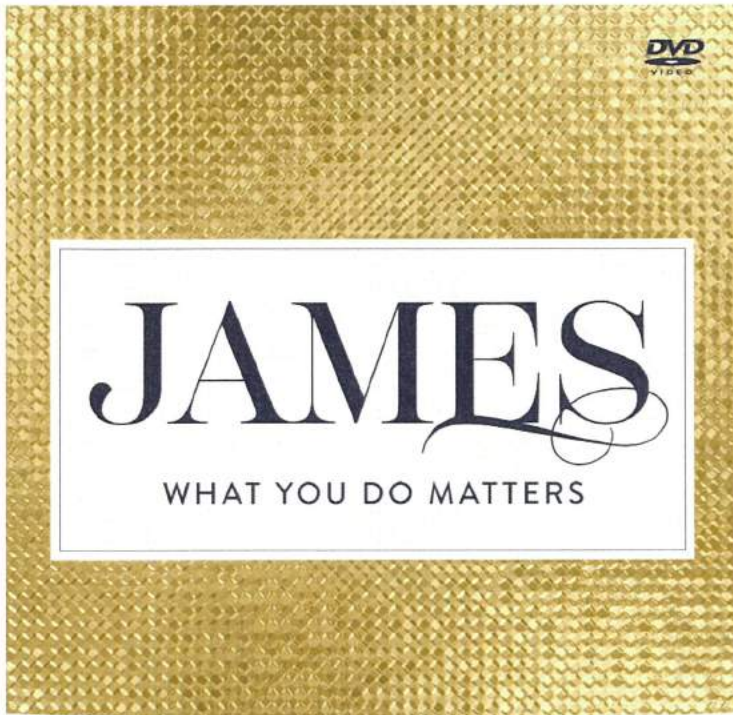
Date/Time: June 17-21, 9-11:30am

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@lwcaz.org or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!



FIVE SESSIONS

MARGARET FEINBERG

TUESDAY WOMEN

SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Inviting all women to join us for a 5-week video series study on the book of James from the New Testament. This study comes from newly-released material from Margaret Feinberg, an author we've used before. Our study of this book should surely generate discussion among us as we examine how this book presents Christianity as a way of life.

We begin this study on April 16.

Tuesdays at 10 am, in-person in the Fellowship Hall or on-line through Zoom. No purchase of material is required. Just bring your favorite Bible translation for our time together, about 90 minutes.

Coffee is provided, as well as hot water for tea/hot chocolate.

If you aren't on our Tuesday Women

email group list, please contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added to the list for group communications. We'd love for you to join us!

Adult Forum

What I Didn't Remember from Confirmation Class

A Look at Luther's Legacy

9:00am

April 21, May 5 and May 19

Eucharistic Ministry

What: Eucharistic Ministers are members of our congregation who share God's gift of communion and visitation with those who are unable to attend our worship service.

Who: Anyone who feels a calling to this ministry and completes the training is welcome to join.

How: Contact Diane Sellers or Pastor Shari if you are interested in participating, or if you know someone who cannot attend worship and would like a visit.



And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16



VIP Behind the Scenes Tour

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MIM

Saturday, April 27

10:00 am

\$27.00 pp

Join us for this look behind the scenes at the world's only global musical instruments museum.

During this 1-hour tour, we'll discover how exhibits are created, how this diverse collection is stored, and go backstage at the MIM museum theatre. We'll meet in the Museum lobby & separate into smaller groups, each with a dedicated museum guide. Payment is by cash or check (payable to MIM). Lunch follows at MIM's Café Allegro. Please note that the \$27 price includes the tour and general admission to the Museum; lunch is not included. Sign-up in the Narthex.

NOTE: If you are current MIM members, please text Linda Hoenig @ 480-766-0816.

RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 19!

Join us for the Dollars and Diapers Drive for Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides diapers for 120-150 infants and toddlers impacting 90 to 110 families. This ministry was part of Alleluia Lutheran Church that closed in 2022. It is now a stand alone not-for profit organization that



has a distribution center at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Phoenix. This location has opened awareness of their valuable ministry to additional neighborhoods in need of the services they provide. This additional exposure has meant an increase in the clients that they serve.

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides a two-week supply of Diapers and wipes on the third Saturday of each month to approximately 150 infants and toddlers. This organization relies on donations and currently cannot provide enough diapers for their monthly distribution to meet the needs of the children in their service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 112 diapers per child for two weeks (on average). With 120 to 150 infants and toddlers that is a lot of diapers!

Did you know that diapers cannot be bought with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? 30% of low-income moms report they cannot change their children's diapers as often as they would like. 32% of low-income families report re-using diapers to pay critical household expenses. Many families who need diapers are working parents, but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in four of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and giving congregation. Living Water's Service Ministry Team is kicking off a **Dollars and Diapers Drive** to support the Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. By Mother's Day, May 12th, our goal is to collect enough dollars and diapers (and wipes, unscented preferred) to supply the needs for this ministry for one month. With our gifts of dollars, diapers, and wipes, we can help provide diapers to babies and toddlers in need.

Make your checks payable to Living Water and note "Alleluia Diaper Closet" on the memo line. We also welcome your donations of diapers of all sizes but would especially appreciate diapers sizes 5, 6 and toddler pull-ups as well as diaper wipes (unscented preferred). Between the Sundays after Easter and until Mother's Day, there will be a playpen in the church entryway to drop off your diaper and diaper wipe donations. The children served by Alleluia's Better Chance Diaper Closet thank you!

Donations needed for **Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement Program**

Please contact Dave to donate:

David Gilkey

2gilks@gmail.com

phone: 480-772-6624

Furniture	Quantity	Kitchen Items	Quantity
Mattress and box spring (only married couples or small children of same gender may be expected to share beds)	2 Twin sets 1 Full set	One place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon) per person	1 set of 4
Bed frame	3	One place setting of dishes (plate, bowl and cup) per person	1 set of 4
One set of drawers, shelves or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing per family	2	Pots and pans: at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish	1 set
One couch or equivalent seating per family (in addition to kitchen chairs)	1	Mixing/serving bowls	1
One lamp per room, unless installed lighting is present and adequate, and light bulbs as needed	3	One set of kitchen utensils (Such as a spatula, wooden spoon, knife, serving utensils, etc.)	1 set
Kitchen table (per case) and chair (per person)	1 table with 4 chairs	Can opener	1
Linens and Other Household Supplies		Toiletries (new)	
One bath towel per person	4	Toilet paper (list number of rolls)	4 sets
One set of sheets for each bed	3	Shampoo	4
Blanket(s) for each bed as seasonally appropriate	3	Soap	4 sets
One pillow and pillowcase for each person	4	One toothbrush per person	4
Alarm clock	1	Toothpaste	4
Paper, pens and/or pencils (one set per case recommended)	4 pens w/ 2 note books	Personal hygiene items as appropriate (such as deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and razors)	1 set for each
Cleaning Supplies			
Dish soap	1 large	Two waste baskets	3
Bathroom/kitchen cleanser	1	Trash bags (list number of boxes)	3
Laundry detergent	1 large	Mop or broom	1
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels	1 set		1 set

Piecemakers Quilting

April 17 and May 1 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

Graduations

Will you or someone in your family be celebrating a Graduation this spring? If so, please let Pastor Shari know, as your church family would like to celebrate with you. pastorshari@lwlcaz.org



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!

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a Prayer Shawl, please let one of the pastors know or contact the Living Water front office



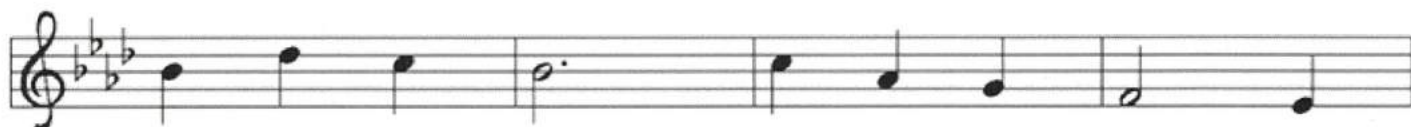
Gathering Hymn... "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon Song... "Around You, O Lord Jesus"



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

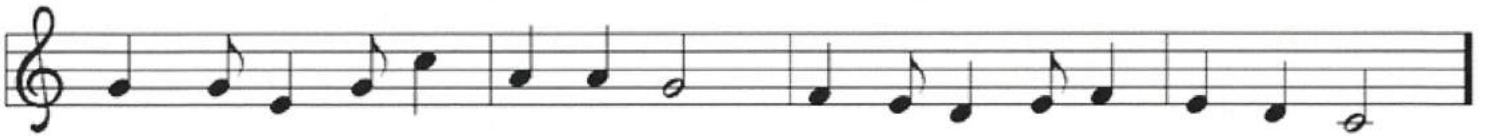
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Sending Song..“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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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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