

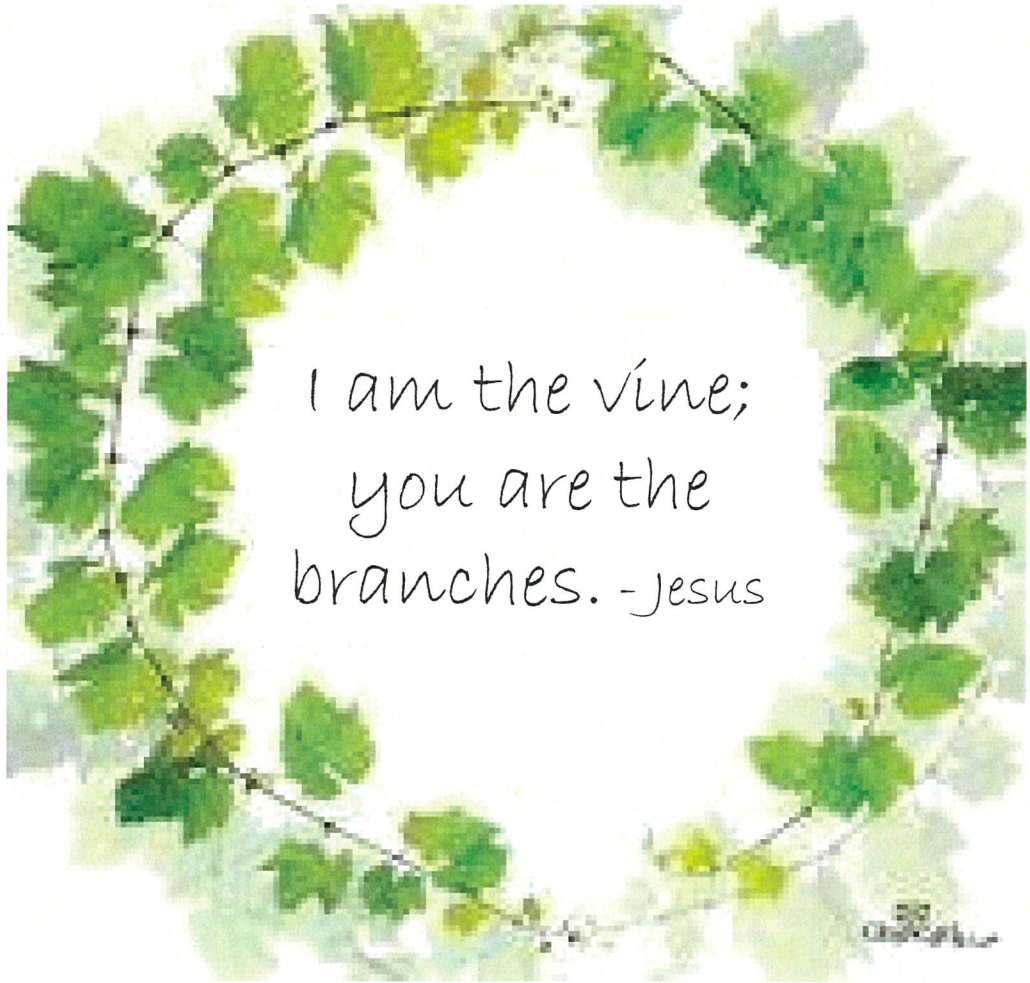
CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



April 28, 2024



*I am the vine;
you are the
branches. -Jesus*

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Audrey Byrd (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—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
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Pr. Robert Klein (Friend of Darnell and Donna Pettengill)—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron & Shirley Koch)—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
- Sarah Salk (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Stanford Sheyer (Father of Sue Umland)

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

Prayer of the Week

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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**

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

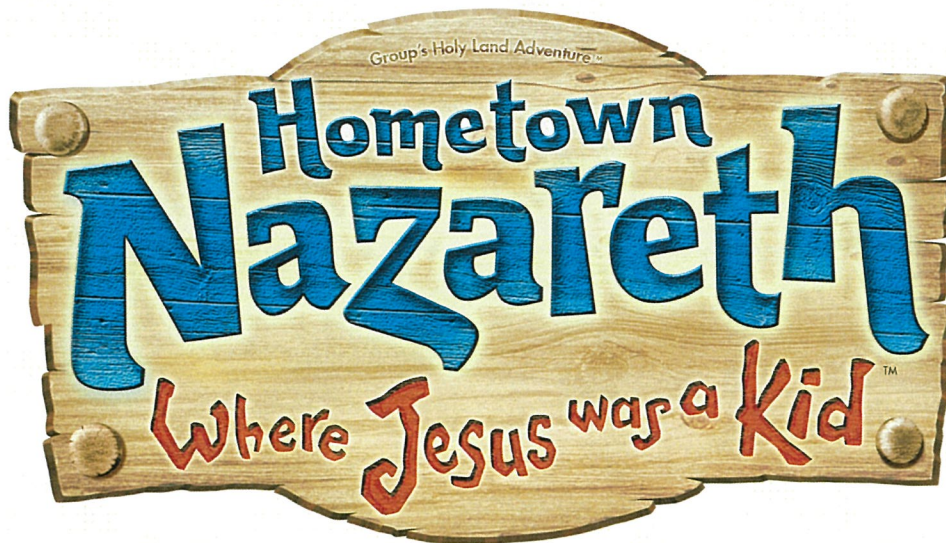


Piecemakers Quilting

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



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

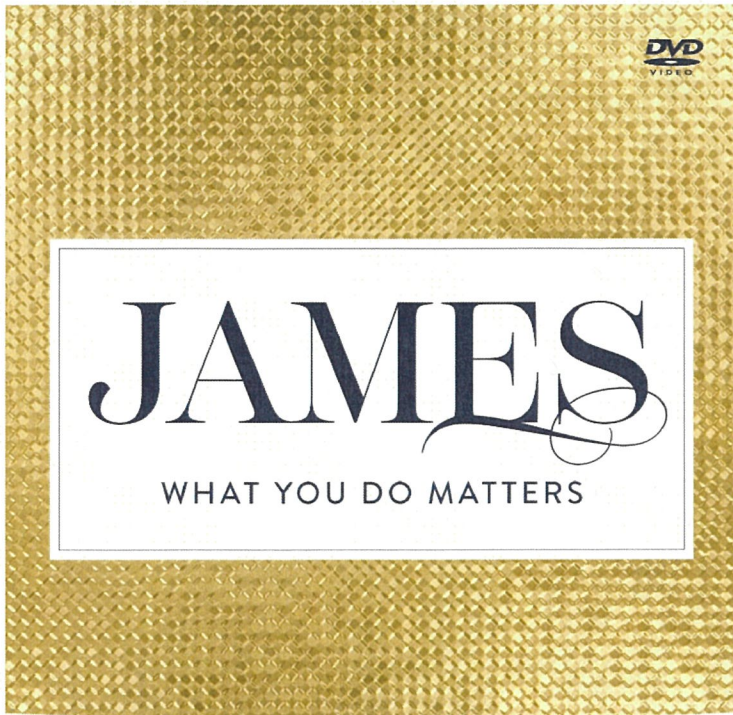
Date/Time: June 17-21, 9-11:30am

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 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 began 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
May 5 and May 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!

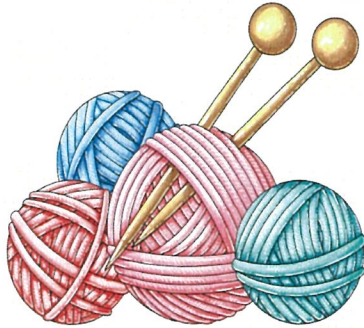
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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... "We Know That Christ Is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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Psalm 22



I will praise you, Lord, in the as - sem - bly of your peo - ple.

Sermon Hymn... "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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Sending Song... "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



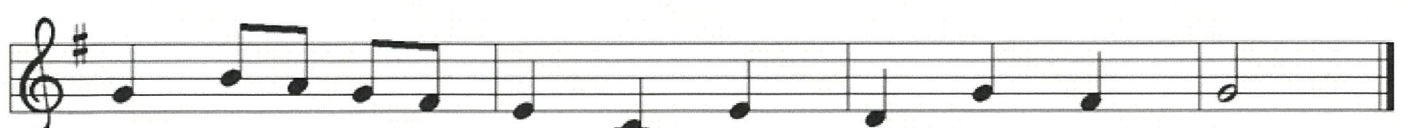
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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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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