

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



May 5, 2024



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

Welcome to Worship!

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- 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
- Stephanie Frost (Daughter-in-law of Bob Frost)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Doris Groh (Mother of Kris Crow)—Health Concerns
- 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 David Landswerk (Husband of Carol Jacobson's Sister Jeannie)
- 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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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



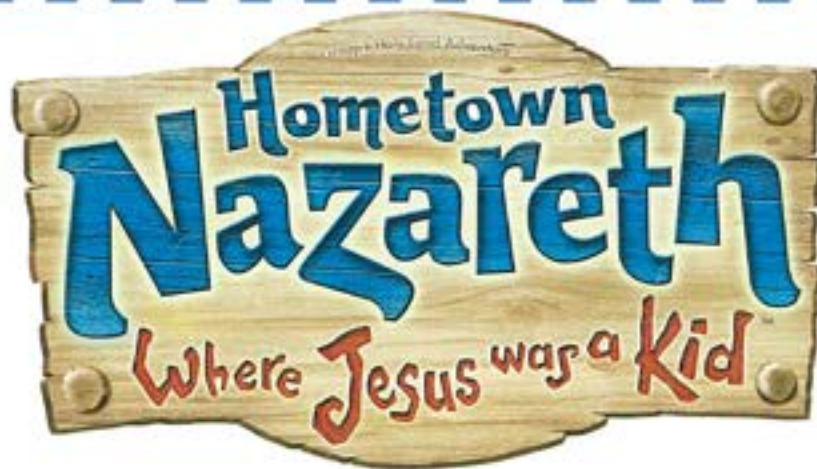
\$7 for breakfast

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: lwlcaz.org



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to lwlcaz.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@lwlcaz.org or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

Tuesday Women's Summer Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible study on the book of James will conclude on May 14. We will then be on a short sabbatical until mid July, when we'll convene for a one time session using the summer Bible study from the Gather magazine. This study was written by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, newly elected as the Bishop-Elect of the Rocky Mountain Synod. Meghan has written several women's Bible studies for Gather. This summer study is titled "After Certainty: a Biblical guide." You can find the study in the May/June and July/August issues of Gather. Study material will be provided for those who don't have the magazine.

We'll convene in-person and offer a Zoom connection as well. Watch for an announcement of the date/time in July!

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



**Piecemakers Quilting
Wednesday, May 15th
9:00am to around noon
first floor of the Education Building**

Come tie quilts with us! Wednesday May 15th

Our quilting is primarily to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We will meet on Wednesday May 15th, before taking a break for summer.

Bring your own water or coffee if you like. All are welcome.

If you have questions, speak with Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland.

Visit www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits for more information about the ministry.

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.

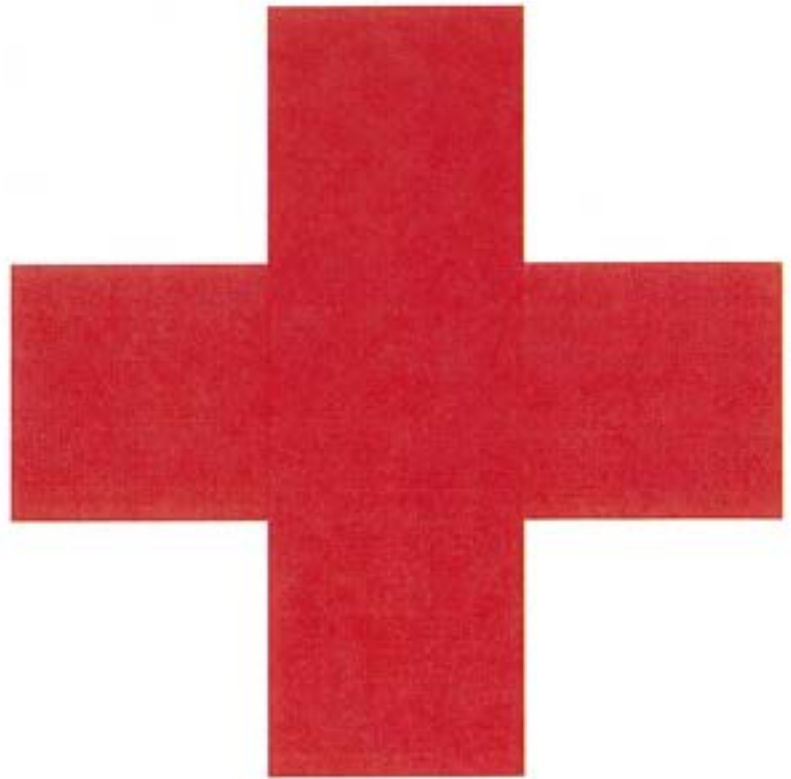
Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and giving congregation. Living Water's Service Ministry Team is kicking off a ***Dollars and Diapers Drive*** to support the Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. By Mother's Day, May 12th, our goal is to collect enough dollars and diapers (and wipes, unscented 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!

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Living Water Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Monday, June 24, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please contact 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or log on to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater



Scan to be directed to
RedCross.org

**Do Good Things! Come to give blood June 10 through 30
for a \$15 e-gift card! See rcblood.org/DoGood**



Scan to schedule
an appointment



We celebrate the academic achievements of our seven high school graduates and wish them only the best with their next steps and bright futures.

I Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Phillipians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Psalms 119:10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

Congratulations!



Dylan Johnson-Bayer

Dylan will graduate from Chaparral High School this month.

After graduation, she is off to study business at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

Dylan is the granddaughter of Steve and Susan Johnson.



AJ Bernau

AJ will graduate from Sandra Day O'Connor High School this month.

After graduation, AJ will study Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. AJ is looking forward to experiencing four seasons and living near extended family.

AJ has attended Sunday School, Confirmation, VBS, Service Projects, Youth Quakes, and four mission trips to Portland, Benton Harbor, Alamosa, and Niagara Falls. AJ also serves as the Craft Leader for VBS.

Congratulations!



Claire Bixby

Claire Bixby is graduating from Sandra Day O'Connor High School.

She will attend ASU Barrett Honors College in the Fall studying English Literature. Claire is looking forward to studying abroad and exploring new passions.

Claire has volunteered at VBS, youth fundraisers, and often volunteered with our group at Feed My Starving Children and the Foster Alliance.



Hunter Brown

Hunter is graduating from Sandra Day O'Connor High School.

He will attend community college in the fall while researching pilot programs with major airlines.

Hunter attended Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Quakes at Living Water. He also volunteered in the kitchen and at many events throughout the years.

Congratulations!

Jessica Cole

Jessie is graduating from Sandra Day O'Connor High School.

She plans to attend Arizona State University this fall to study Materials Science and Engineering.

Jessie attended two mission trips with Living Water to Portland, Oregon and Alamosa, Colorado. She also often volunteered with our group at Feed My Starving Children, VBS, youth fundraisers and she served as Pastor Shari's "Junior Pastor" in Confirmation class for two years.



Mia Mikulak

Mia Mikulak is graduating from Sandra Day O'Connor High School.

She will attend Arizona State University in the Fall studying Marketing.

Mia attended two mission trips with Living Water to Portland, Oregon and Benton Harbor, Michigan. Mia also often volunteered with our group at Feed My Starving Children and the Foster Alliance, and helped with youth fundraisers.





Congratulations!

Bryn Caulfield

Bryn is graduating from High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

She will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and is planning to study Art.

Bryn is the granddaughter of Lance and Carol Jacobson.

Adult Forum

What I Didn't Remember from Confirmation Class

A Look at Luther's Legacy
May 5 and 19

Gathering Hymn... "I Come With Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

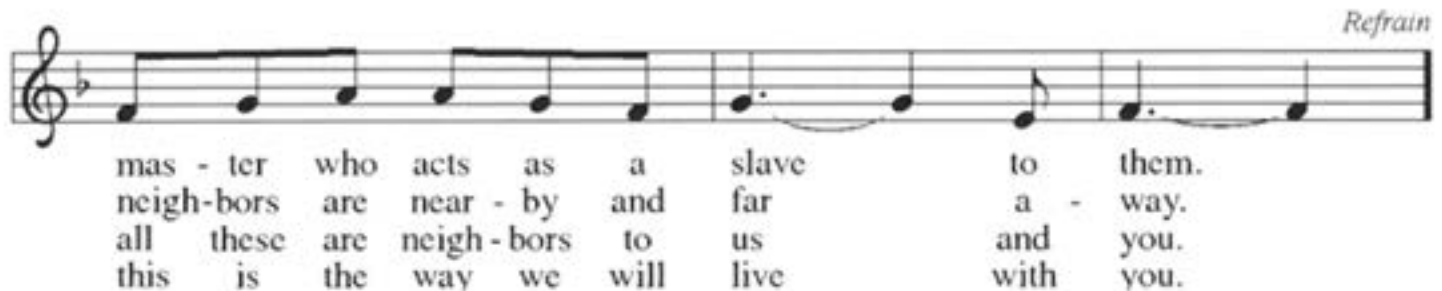
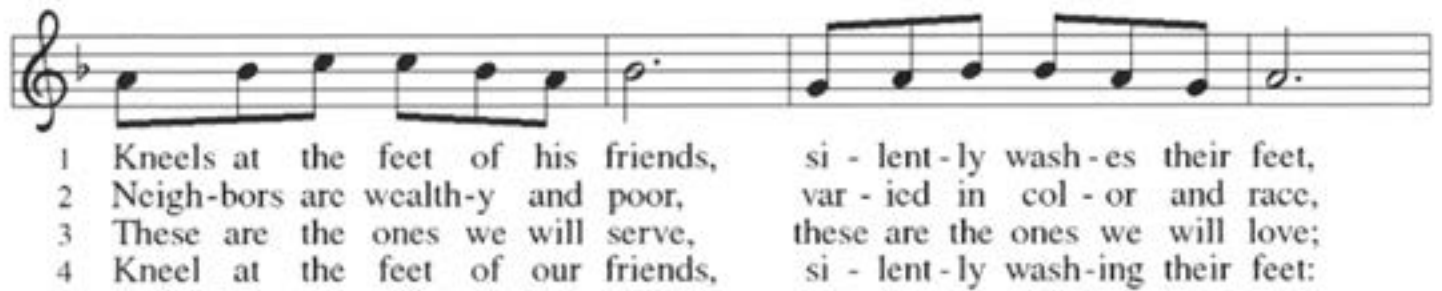
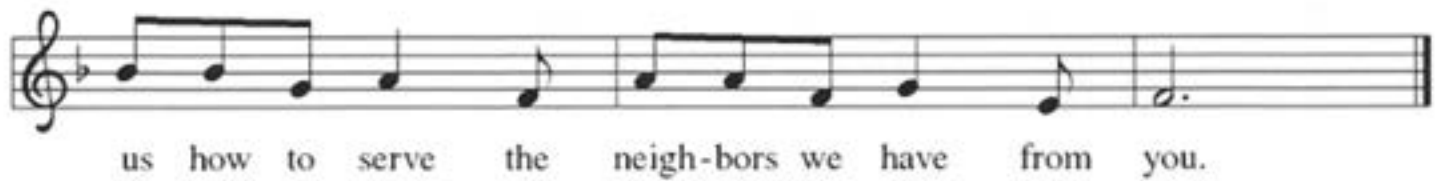
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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Sermon Hymn... "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Sending Song... "O God Beyond All Praising"



1 O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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



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