

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



June 2, 2024



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
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Joyce Chatry (Friend of Tracy Rossman)—Health Concerns
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Virginia Conrad—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Sarah Faulk (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Donna Harder (Mother of Bonnie Roberts)—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 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

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Note: The Dennis Nelson Bible Study will be on a three month break for summer starting in June and will resume again in September.

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



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!

Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see QR code below to access Living Water's online giving platform.



*Thank
You*

JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR
SING WITH US MORNING OF

9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



June 23
July 21
August 18

QR Code and Link for practice:
tinyurl.com/summerchoir2024



Tuesday Women's Summer Bible Study

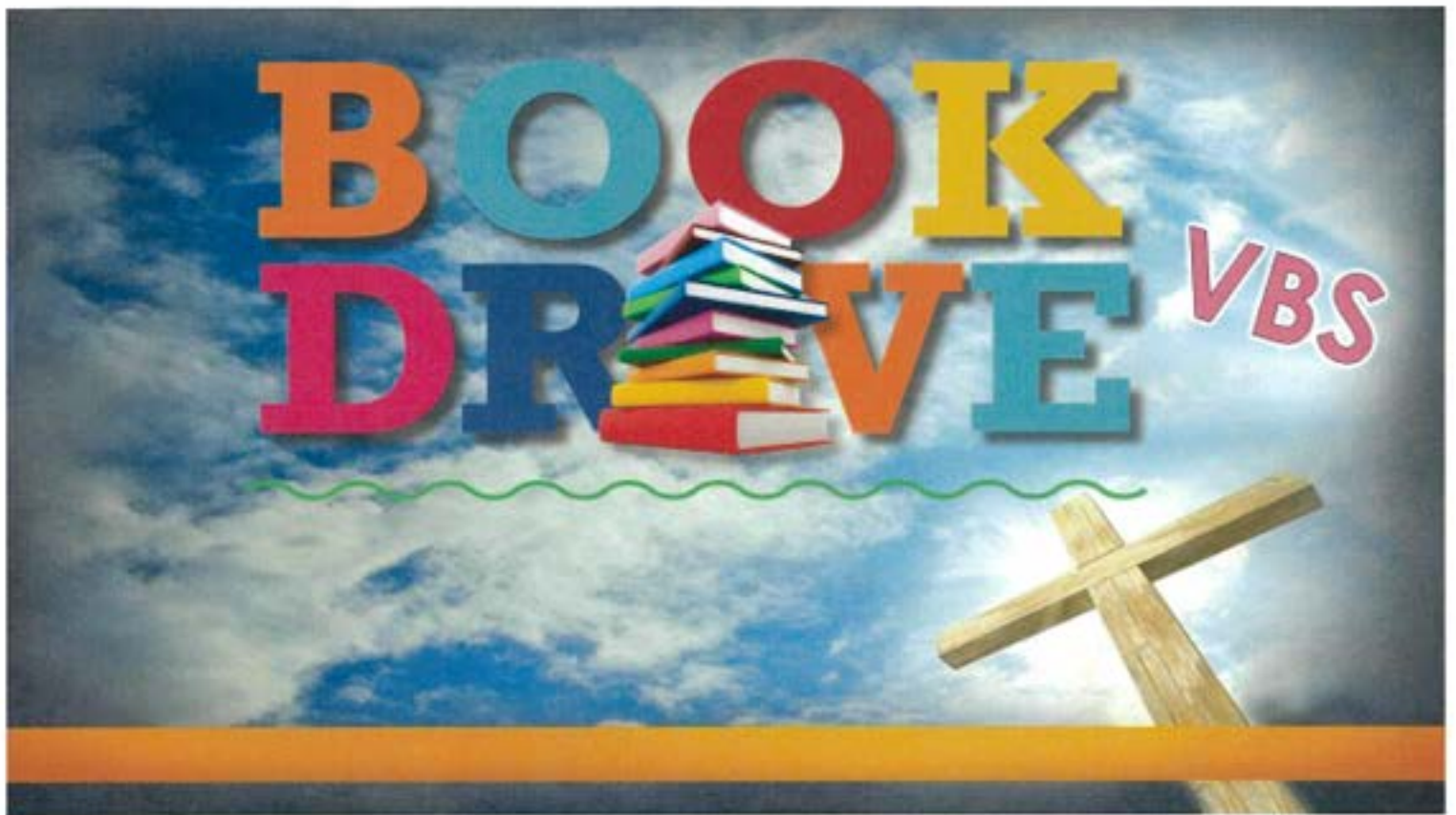
The Tuesday Women's Bible study on the book of James concluded on May 14.

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!

This Sunday's altar bouquet was donated by Dick Blazer in loving memory of Nancy Blazer.





VBS BOOK DRIVE THROUGH JUNE 23

The Living Water Lutheran VBS mission project for 2024 is again collecting new and “gently-used” books, **especially books for children from kindergarten through 8th grade**. All books (and magazines) collected are distributed through Sue Brash’s connections with Phoenix Assistance League and other organizations here in the Valley. A “gently-used” book is defined by Ima Bookworm as one with 1) no rips or tears, 2) no writing, and 3) no worm holes. Your donation may be the first book owned by a fortunate student!

Please bring in your books from now until June 23 and place them in or near the bookcase in the church entryway. We’ve also received a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase additional books! No books to donate? You can help us buy more new or gently used books with your donation of cash or check. Please note “VBS Book Drive” on your donation. Thank you on behalf of the kids, and organizations, who will be blessed by your support.

Personal Care Kits for LWR Thank you!



Once again, Living Water's generosity came through and helped us create 129 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) during Lent. We estimate you donated items for 90 kits, and another \$140 in cash/checks to help us buy needed items. With the additional help of a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to also purchase kit items, the grand total reached 129! Ten confirmation students helped us assemble the kits in April on the last evening of their confirmation class for this spring. THANK YOU to everyone who made this annual project another success. LWR calls this "love in action." You can learn more about their ministries at lwr.org.

Personal Care Kits provide dignity and hope in the most dire situations. You may be interested in hearing of LWR in action in the port of Baltimore, when the recent bridge collapse left seven international ships and their crews stranded aboard ship for many days, unable to disembark. <https://lwr.org/blog/2024/video-your-quilts-kits-offer-warm-hospitality-ships-stuck-baltimore-after-key-bridge>

Lenten and Soup Supper Offerings

Thanks to all who made donations to the Lenten Offerings and Lenten Soup Suppers.

Through your generosity, we collected \$2,460 from Lenten Offerings and \$575 from Lenten Soup Suppers. The Lenten Offerings allowed us to provide \$1,230 each to St. Mary's Food Bank and Lunches for Learning. The money collected from Lenten Soup Suppers was split between the Fellowship Kitchen Team and Nourish Phoenix with each receiving \$287.50.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Gathering Hymn..... "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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Psalm 116




I will take the cup of sal - va - tion, and call on the name of the Lord.

Sermon Hymn... "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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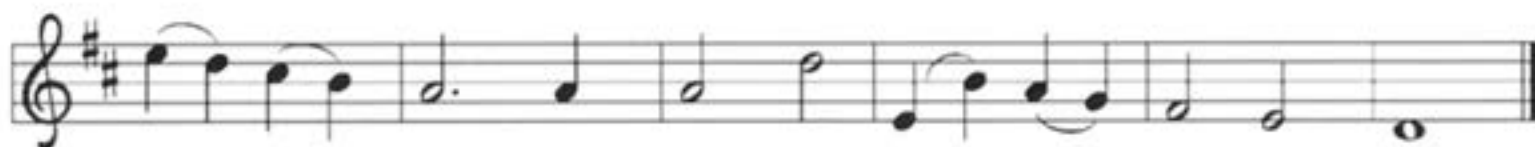
Sending Song... "Christ Is Alive Let Christians Sing"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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

The Living Water
QR code for giving:



Living Water is a congregation of the
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Grand Canyon Synod and
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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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