

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



June 16, 2024
Happy Father's Day



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 Freesh'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

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, 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



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.



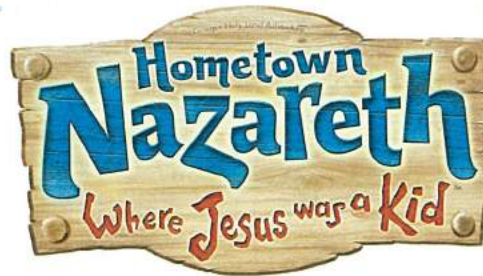
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 lwlc.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.

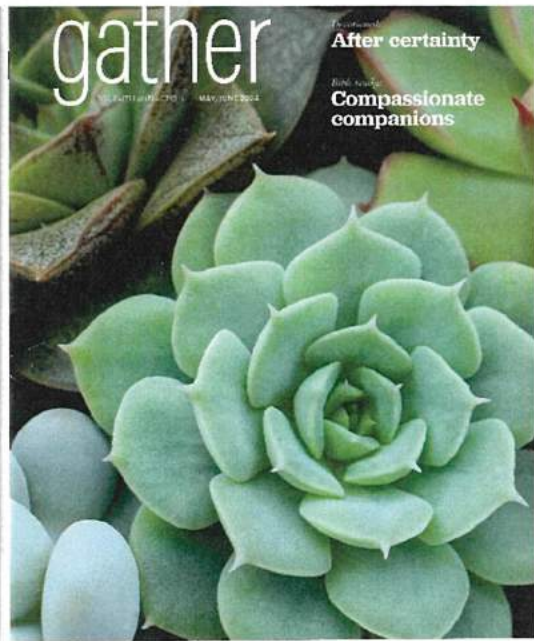
We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help us before and during VBS. If you are interested, please contact Kris Crow at vbs@lwlc.org or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

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



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

July 23, 2024

9:00 am to 1 pm

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Join us for a summer Bible study using the Gather magazine study written by ELCA pastor, Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. The title is "After certainty" designed to ponder what it means to live faithfully in times of uncertainty. We'll consider how God leads us beyond certainty to curiosity, community and compassion, practices that help us navigate uncertainty as people rooted in the certain love of God in Jesus Christ for us and for the world.

We'll meet in the Estrem building meeting room (behind the registration desk). Coffee (and hot water for tea) and muffins

will be provided on arrival. We'll conclude with lunch at noon in the Richard Andersen Dining Center. Cost for lunch is \$20, payable to Spirit in the Desert if writing a check. We'll collect a separate tip for the dining center staff.

Bring your favorite Bible translation and your copies of the May/June and July/August issues of the Gather magazine. If you don't subscribe, I'll have study materials for you.

We will need to reserve for lunch, so I'll be in touch with you on or before July to confirm. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com



JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR
SING WITH US MORNING OF

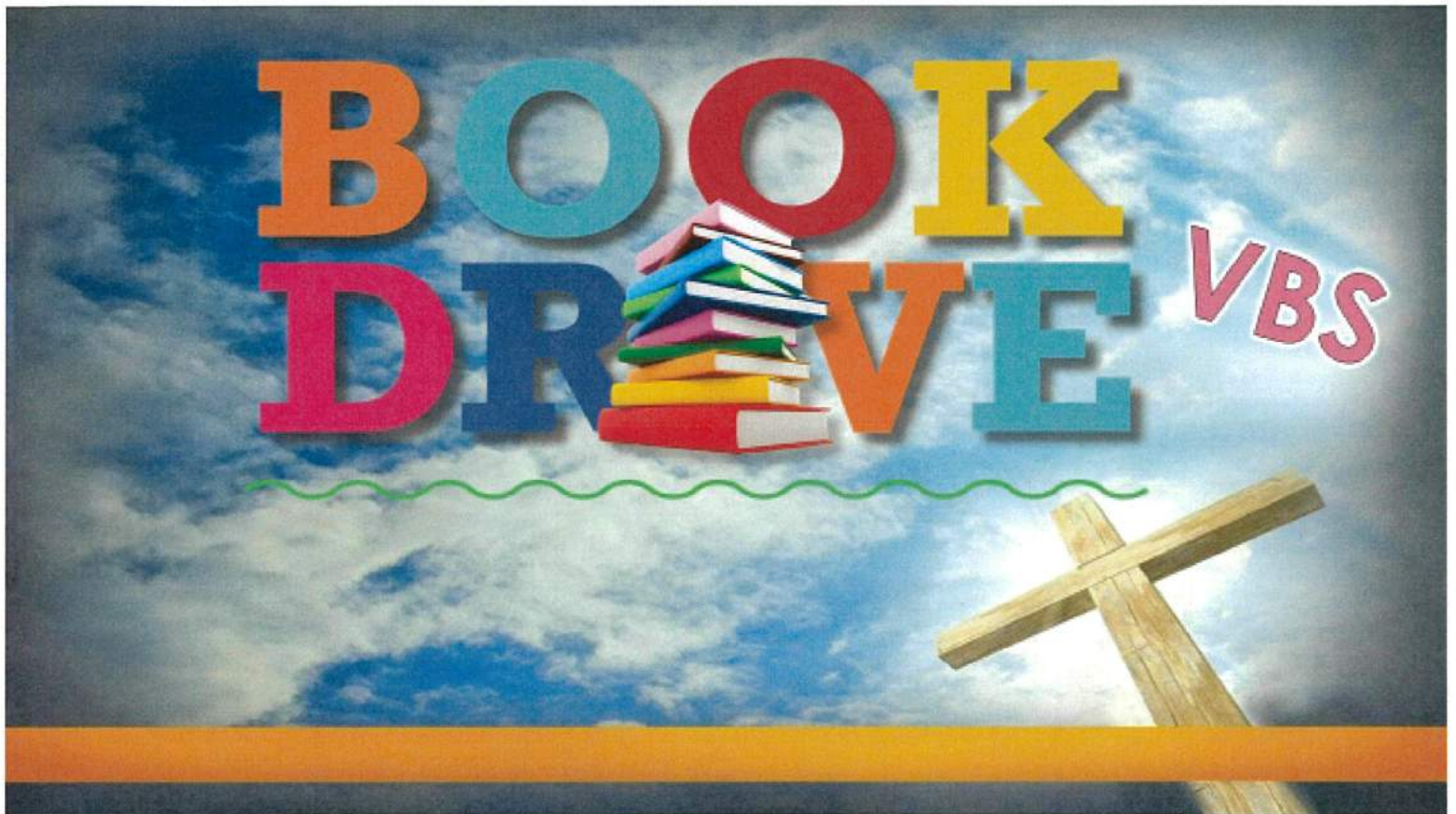
9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



June 23
July 21
August 18

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





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.



Heat Respite—Lunch Pack Program

The temps are rising and the homeless on our streets will face heightened health risks due to the extreme heat. You can help, and our impact is stronger when we collaborate together! Thanks to all five of our Northeast Valley Consortium Churches, we are able to provide 10 lunches throughout this summer to be delivered to the Heat Respite Program for homeless at Grace Lutheran in downtown Phoenix. Our congregation, Living Water, has signed up for two of those lunches, and we just need some hands to help put things together. Please talk to Pastor Shari or Deb Bash if you would like to help. More details to come.



Lunches include a ham and cheese sandwich, mustard packet, granola bar, fresh veggies , chips, napkin, and a pre-printed note card for the recipient. Thanks to the generosity of the people of Ascension Lutheran, all of these supplies will be provided. We just need some hands to help put things together.

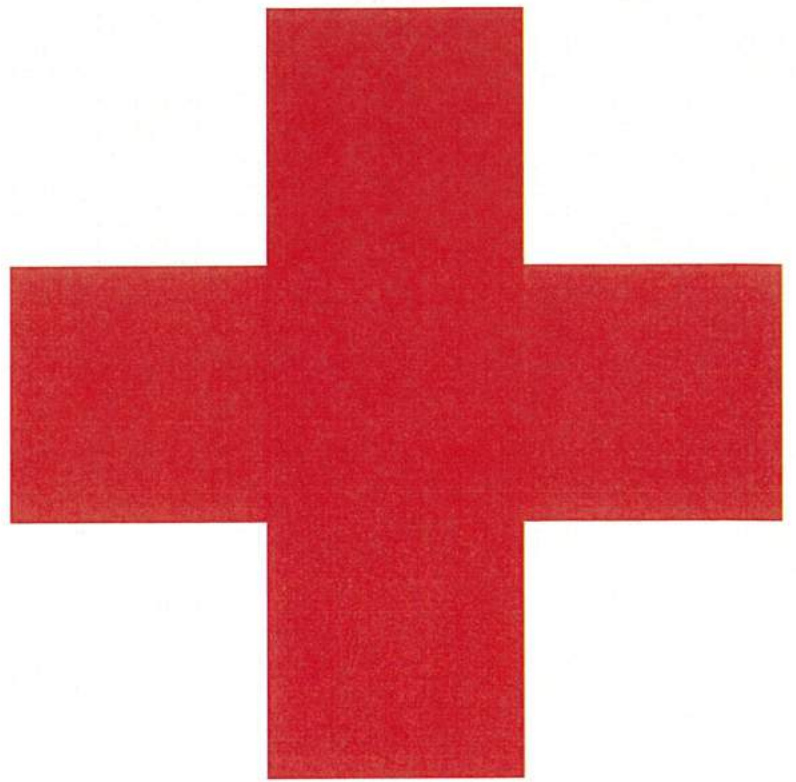


The mission of the Grace Lutheran Heat Respite program is to provide a space for heat relief during the summer months while building community through the sharing of community resources, meals, water, and ourselves in a place of being, belonging, and becoming.

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



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HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY!

Whoever fears the
LORD has a secure
fortress, and for
their children it will
be a refuge.

Proverbs 14:26



from Nourish Phoenix:



Thank YOU!

Pastor Mark, thank you for being a philanthropist of NourishPHX with your generous gift of \$287.55 on 6/10/2024! Because of you, we were able to serve over 17,000 individuals this year! It's people like you that low-income families depend on to meet their basic needs and develop a pathway to self-sufficiency.





LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
9301 EAST HAPPY VALLEY ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Dear LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH,

We want to thank you for your love, prayers, and financial commitment to Navajo Lutheran Mission. This is no small word of thanks because everything that happens here is the result of partnerships with the people and organizations that want to help us create lasting solutions to difficult cultural challenges and a healthy, sustainable lifestyle for our Navajo neighbors.

Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission. In fact, your gift has helped the parents of our students keep their children fed throughout the year. Your contributions make it possible to hire and retain qualified teachers, program staff, cooks, and maintenance personnel. Your gifts small and large support safe vehicles for student transportation and dependable refrigeration equipment for food service. Generous donors make possible the upkeep on 11 buildings and 5 acres where cultural exchange and new understanding can grow into justice and peace.

But, more than all of that, the richest blessing is watching happy kids playing on the playground or receiving a prayer and hug from an elderly grandparent. Or walking with a grieving family, knowing we can make a difference with comfort and resources. Nothing is more rewarding than sharing what you have given us. Because of you, we can be generous, too. We can hope, dream, and plan for a better tomorrow for our community.

There are many causes and concerns across the globe that compete for your support. Those of us here at Navajo Lutheran Mission are focused on our commitment to this community made possible by enduring partnerships with loving people like you. We give thanks and pray that your heart and passion for Navajo Lutheran Mission will energize this 'holy ground' for 70 more productive years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tami Lyzbie".

Executive Director

Please make a donation today. Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible.

Gathering Hymn..... "You Are Holy"



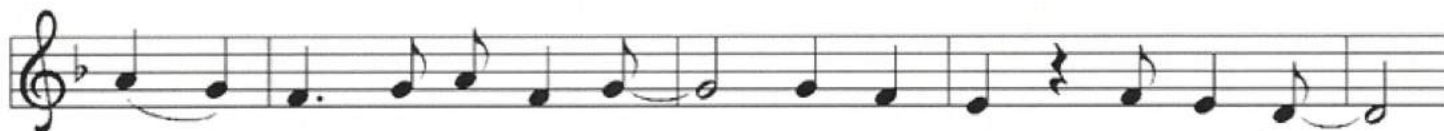
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



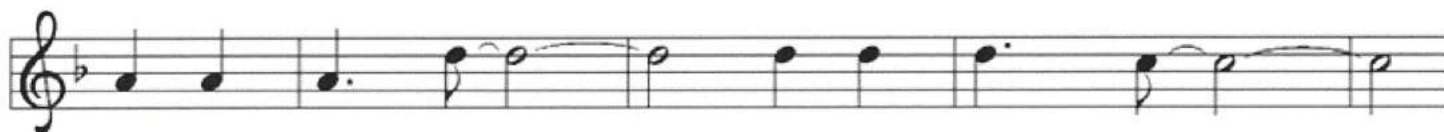
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



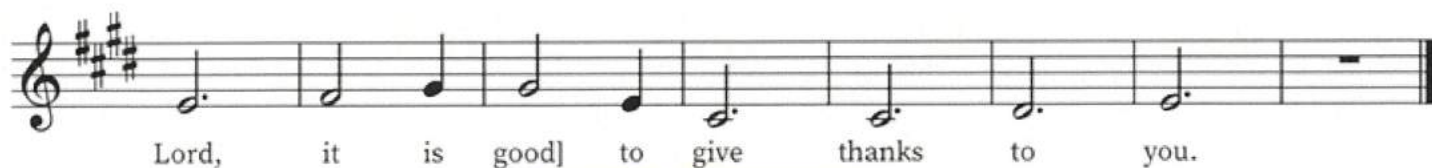
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (12)



Sermon Hymn... "For the Fruit of All Creation"



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Sending Song... "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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LIVING WATER

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Lutheran Church



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

The Living Water
QR code for giving:



Living Water is a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Grand Canyon Synod and
Northeast Valley Conference.

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Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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