

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



June 23, 2024



Welcome to Service!

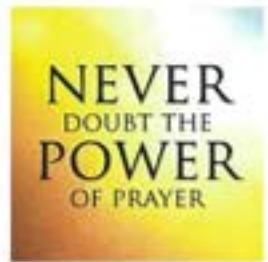
We are so glad that  
you joined us today  
at Living Water.

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
- 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
- Terri Powell (Friends of Bonnie and Tod Dawson)—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
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns

*If it is time to remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the front office.*

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*



## Prayer of the Week

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, 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

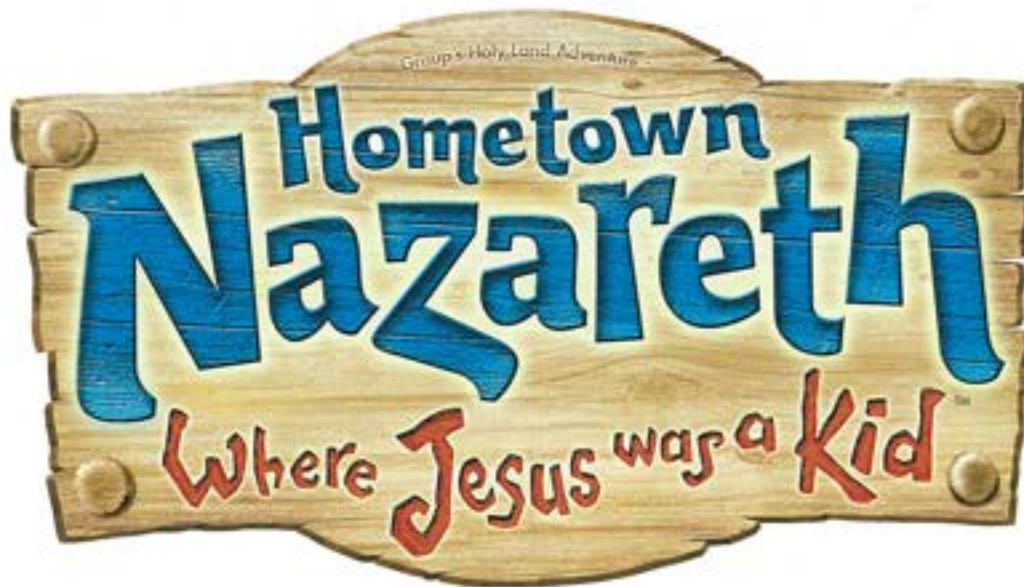
**If interested in carpooling, please contact  
Wayne Burrus**



\$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.



Our 2024 VBS program was a ton of fun! With over 45 youth and adult volunteers and 29 children, we spent a week in Nazareth and explored the early life of Jesus. Our daily Bible Points illustrated just how much the life of Jesus is similar to ours and helped us to relate to him as a person.

Monday - **Jesus had a family...we do too!**

Tuesday - **Jesus had a name...we do too!**

Wednesday - **Jesus had a home...we do too!**

Thursday - **Jesus went to church...we do too!**

Friday - **Jesus served others... we do too!**

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that made our VBS program a success. In addition, the generosity of our congregation is amazing. Your contributions virtually funded the entire week!

We look forward to another great program in 2025!

### 2024 VBS Volunteers:

#### Set Design, Construction and Installation

Wayne Burrus (Leader)

Leila Burrus

Barry Burrus

Heidi and Kevin Ruff

William, Henry and Caroline Ruff

#### Celebration Leaders

Pastor Shari

Kris Crow

#### Bible Storyteller

Heidi Ruff

#### Snack Shack

Julie Ann Walker (Leader),

Marilyn Nartker

Sue Umland

Lynda & Henri Breault

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Bible Storyteller

Heidi Ruff

Snack Shack

Julie Ann Walker (Leader)

Marilyn Nartker

Sue Umland

Lynda & Henri Breault

Crafts

AJ Bernau (Leader)

Zoey Crow

Karen Roessler

Stella Robinson

Village Playground

Ryan Handley (Leader)

Heath Handley

Jackson Robinson

Mary's House

Jenny Dorsch

Scott Sims

Frances DeBruyn

Object Lesson

Pam Landon

Book Drive Mission Project

Myrna Ulland (Leader)

Sue Brash

Daily Drama

Allison Handley

Stella Robinson

Ryan Handley

Registration

Jill Wehr (Leader)

Suzanne Wagner

Tribe Leaders

Lisa Moehn

Debra Anderson

Myrna Ulland

Joan Sprinkle

Jeri Pounds

Denny Dumler

Assistant Tribe Leaders

Lily Shelmire

Summer Weisman

Shana Weisman

Allison Handley

Caroline Ruff,

Kaden Roos

VBS Festival

Kristi Winter

Security Team

Phil Pounds

Jay Hoenig

Jim King

Gordon Lindert

Sound Technician

William Ruff

AV Slides for Opening/Closing

Heidi Ruff

VBS Leadership Team

Pastor Shari

Heidi Ruff

Myrna Ulland

Julie Ann Walker

Kris Crow (Leader)



## 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](mailto: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.*

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Today is the last day to bring in your books.** Please 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.



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*

### **Diaper and Dollar Drive Results**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Thanks to all who helped LWLC have a very successful Diaper and Dollar Drive. With your help, we exceeded our expectations.

We collected 23 packages, or 1,604 diapers, many boxes of wipes that yielded 4,328 individual wipes and an amazing \$2,032 collected from your generous donations.

The Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet is so thankful for your generosity. We all made a big difference in the lives of the families who rely on their services.

JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

# Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR  
SING WITH US MORNING OF

9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



July 21  
August 18

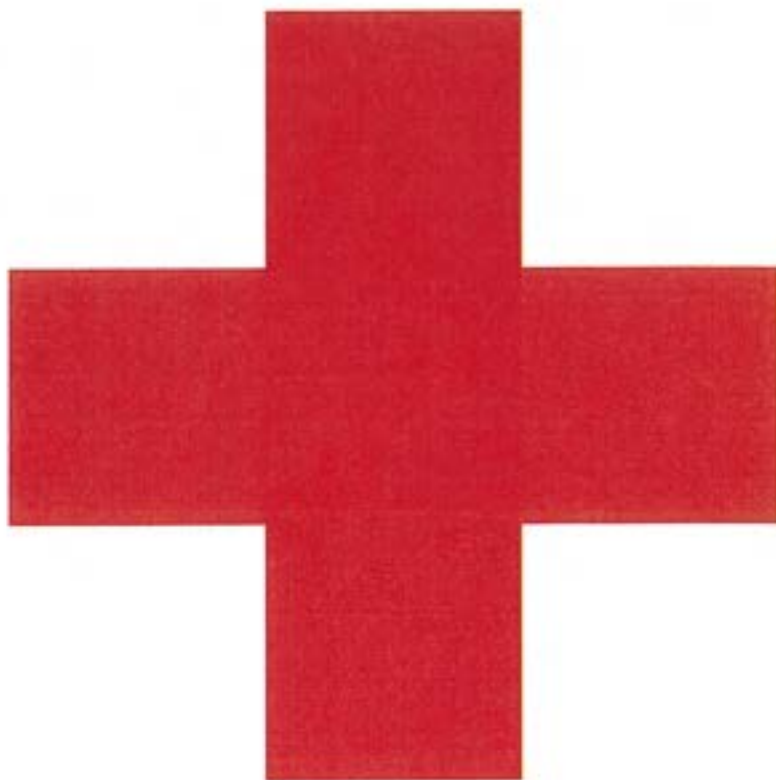
QR Code and Link for practice:  
[tinyurl.com/summerchoir2024](https://tinyurl.com/summerchoir2024)



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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](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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**Do Good Things! Come to give blood June 10 through 30  
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# ***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.*





## 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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

June 10, 2024

Pastor Mark Rossman  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E Happy Valley Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Rossman,

**WHAT YOU DO MATTERS:** Your gift on 6/5/2024 for \$1,750.00 is greatly appreciated and has had a positive impact on our community by helping us provide food for 8,750 meals to our struggling neighbors.

**WHAT YOU DO MATTERS:** The high cost of food, rent, gas, and basic needs is causing enormous stress. Your support of our mission provides relief from hunger and anxiety to thousands of Arizonans each week. You allow us to continue our distribution programs including home delivery to the homebound, special food boxes to seniors, children's after-school meals, and so much more.

**WHAT WE DO TOGETHER MATTERS:** The number of people seeking for help with hunger has increased continuously over the past three years. Our neighbors know who to turn to for food and peace of mind. **TOGETHER, WE** have risen to the occasion making sure no one in our community has to sacrifice food to make ends meet.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

Warmest regards,  
  
Milt Liu  
President and CEO

P.S. Come and see the far-reaching impact of your support. Call 602-242-3663 or email us at [corporategiving@stmarysfoodbank.org](mailto:corporategiving@stmarysfoodbank.org) to schedule a tour of our operation.

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# Gathering Hymns..... "Kyrie/Now The Feast"

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly




Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have




For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

continued.....

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

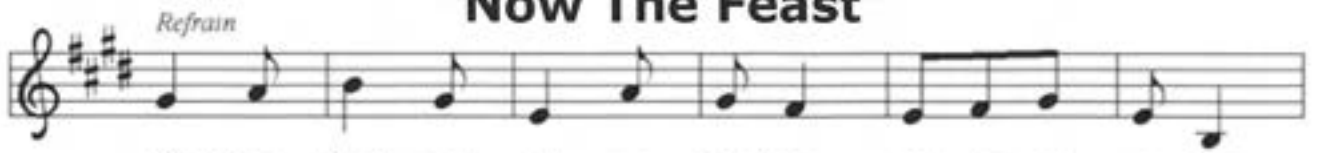
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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# "Now The Feast"



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

# Sermon Hymn... "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.



## Offering Song... "As The Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## Sending Song... "On Our Way Rejoicing"



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.  
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879



# LIVING WATER

*Living Water*  
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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Pastor: Shari Bernau  
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**Publication Deadlines:**  
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon  
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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