

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



JUNE 30, 2024

WORSHIP  
THE LORD  
YOUR GOD  
AND SERVE  
ONLY HIM

LUKE 4:8

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
- Nancy Malitz (Pam Landon's Nephew's Mother-in-law)—Health Concerns
- Merle (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- 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

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

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



## Prayer of the Week

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, 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

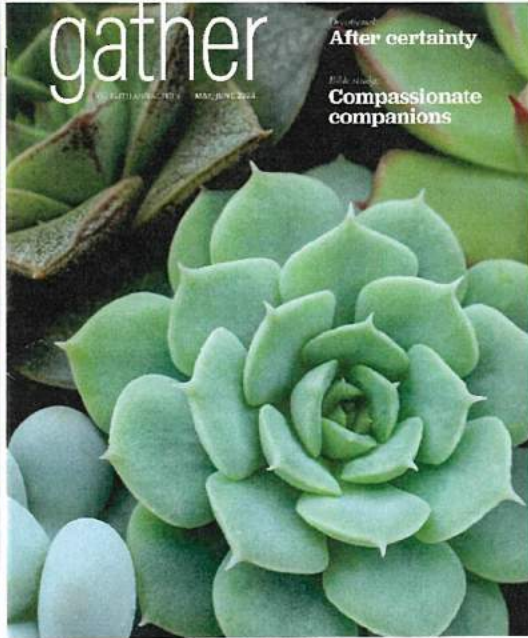
If interested in carpooling, please contact  
Wayne Burrus



\$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.



## 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)



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.

# ***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.*



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)

This week's altar bouquet was  
donated by Frances DeBruyn--

Happy Birthday!  
to my sister Georgia  
and my nephew Bob





June 25, 2024

Subject: **Red Cross Blood Drive**...So Grateful!!

Dear Living Water,

Wowza! I am sending along HUGE thanks to you and your church community for hosting such a fabulous Blood Drive yesterday! You really knocked it out of the park surpassing your goal of 22 units to reach 24 units! When we look at the impact, we know that those units of blood will be shared with over 24 hospital patients! That's really amazing, especially for a first-time Blood Drive!

Yesterday, we were able to see the love of your church community in action at the Blood Drive. We also discovered that there were a lot of neighbors who were seeking a place to donate, and your church opened its doors and provided that for them. A true gift!

With gratitude,

Cathy Carlson A+

Donor Recruitment Account Manager

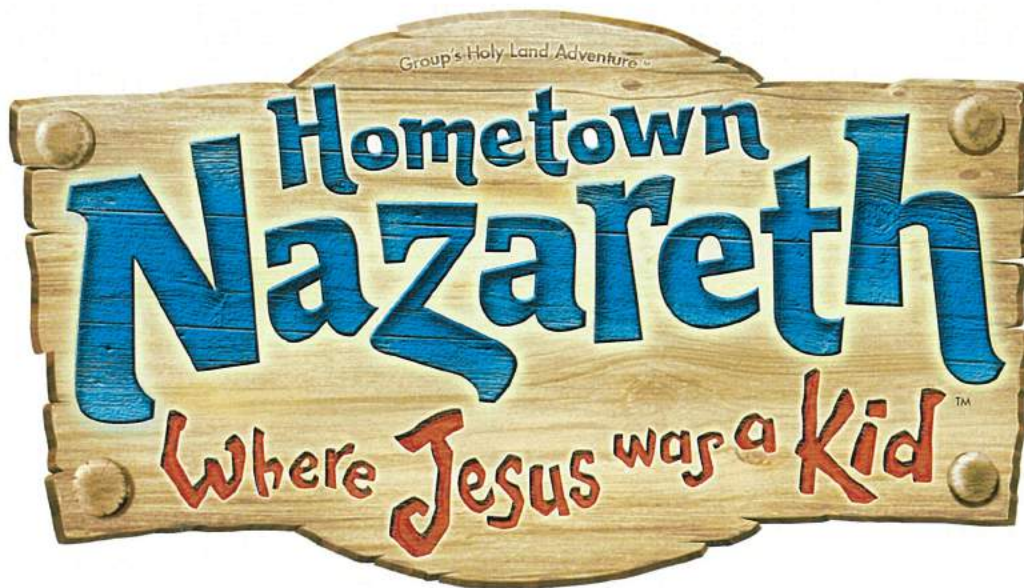
4747 North 22nd Street

Phoenix, AZ 85016

American Red Cross Blood Services

(480) 487-9512





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

**continued....**



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

Jacksen 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)





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# Gathering Hymn..... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

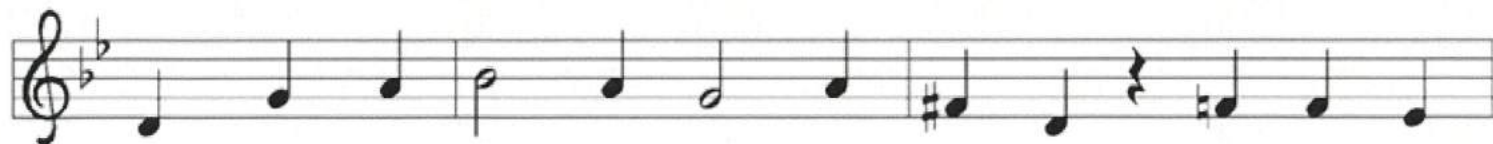
Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878. alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## Psalm 30



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res - cued me. \_

## Sermon Hymn... "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621-1681; tr. composite

Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark

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# Sending Song... "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Behold  
the  
Lamb of  
God, which  
taketh away  
the sin of the  
world.

John 1: 29



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

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