

# CONNECTIONS

Living Water  
Lutheran Church



June 9, 2024



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Be Still  
AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

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](mailto:prayer@lwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*



## Prayer of the Week

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same 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.

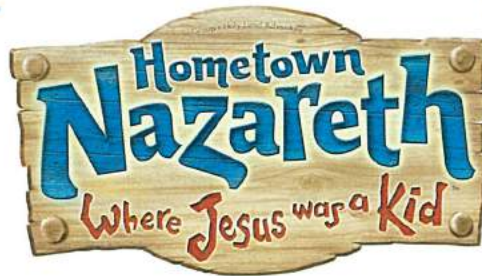
## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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](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*



**Registration is now open** for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to [lwlc.org/vbs2024](http://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](mailto:vbs@lwlc.org) or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

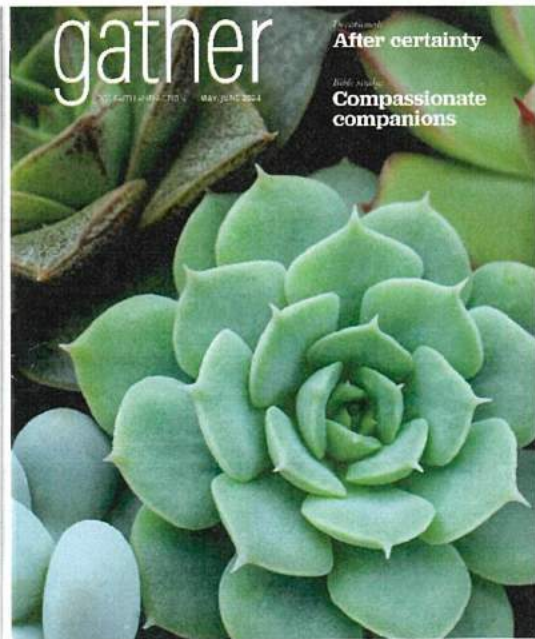


Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

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



JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

# Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR  
SING WITH US MORNING OF

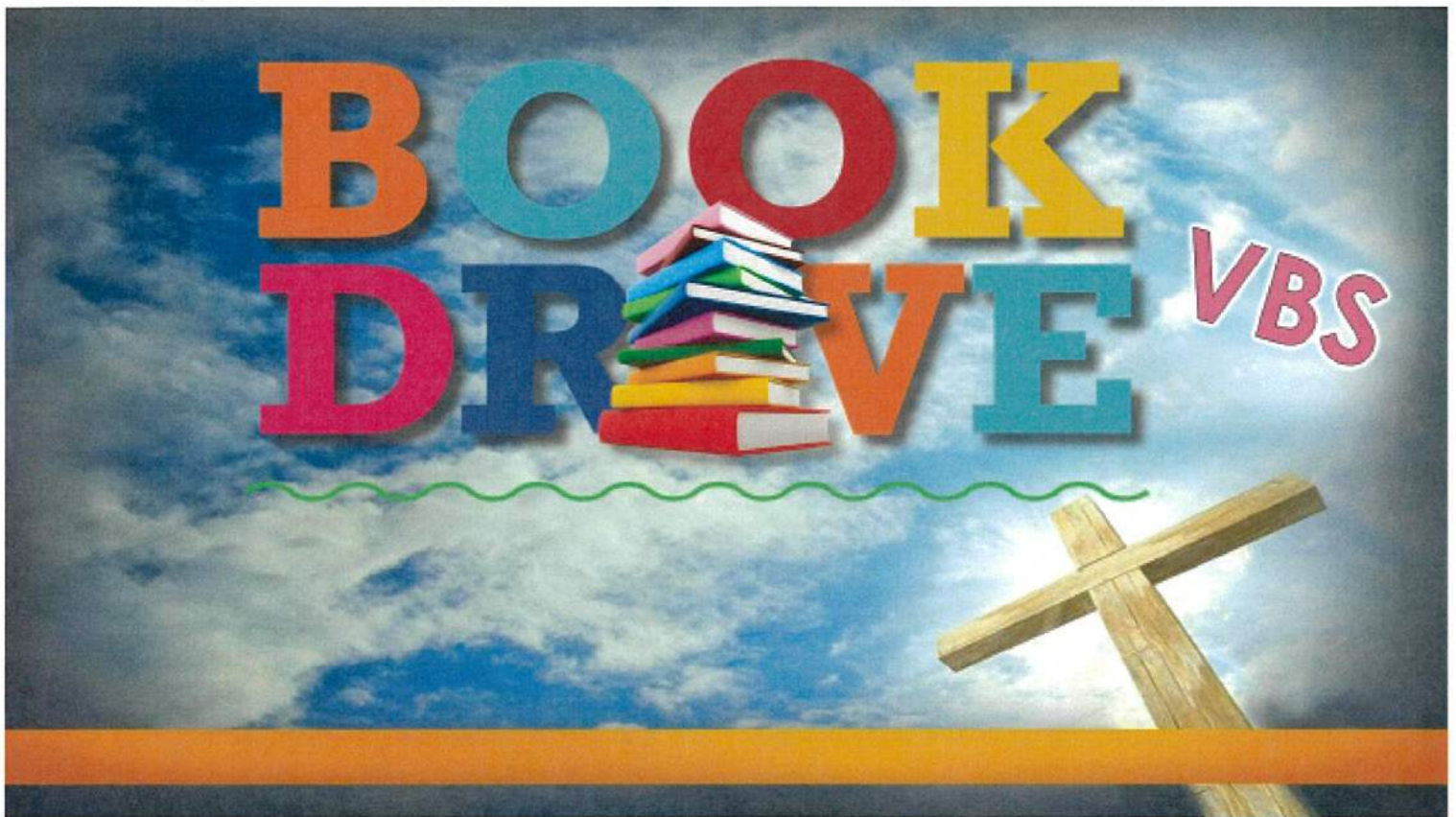
9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



June 23  
July 21  
August 18

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

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.*



## Gathering Hymn..... "God of Grace and God of Glory"



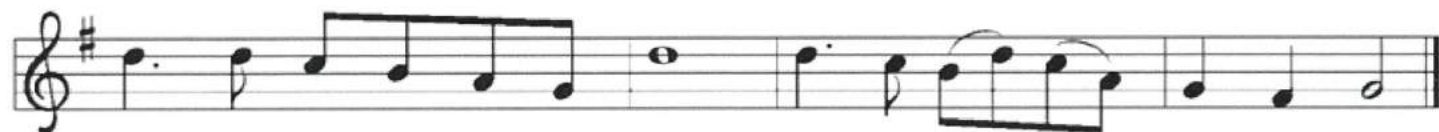
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

## Psalm 130



With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of re - demp - tion.



With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of re - demp - tion.

# Sermon Hymn... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress



## Sending Song... "Go My Children, With My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional  
Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

### 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!

# 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  
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Grand Canyon Synod and  
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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon  
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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