

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



July 21, 2024

Good
Morning!

All are welcome!

Shorts and sandals
are perfectly fine
attire for
worship service.

Keep cool and
hydrated.



Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am
on-site and online

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- Eric Brash—Health Concerns
- 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
- 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
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Nancy Malitz (Frances DeBruyn'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
- Friends and Family of Stephanie Frost

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlc.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

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, 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

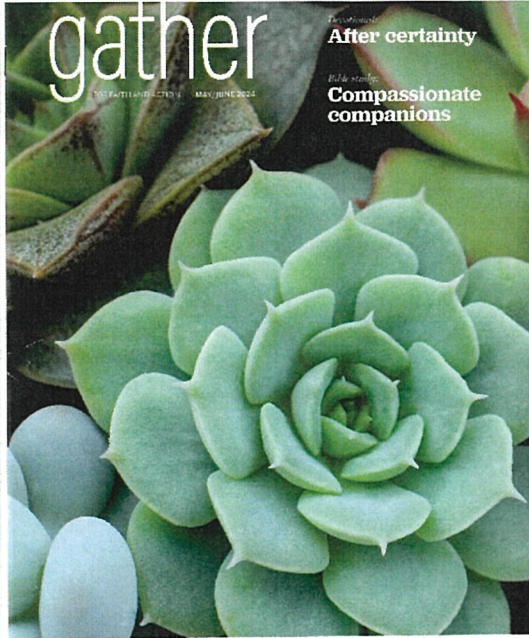
If interested in carpooling, please contact
Wayne Burrus



\$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.

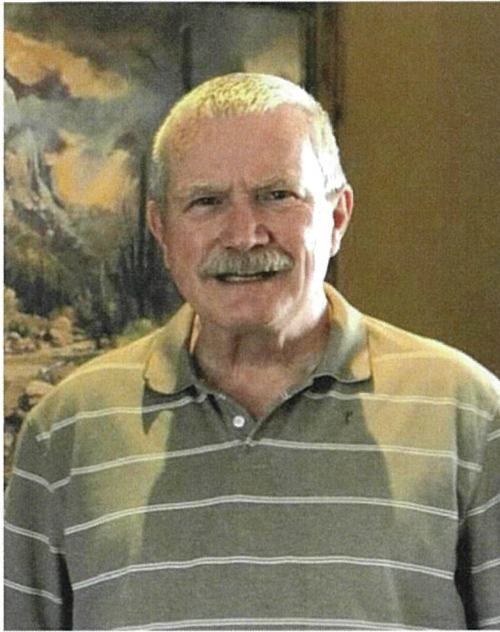
We'll meet in the Estrem building meeting room (behind the registration desk). Coffee (and hot water for tea) and muffins

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

Dennis D. Nelson is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois (B. A. in 1969) and Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California (M. Div. in 1972 and D. Min. in 2003). His doctoral dissertation at Fuller was on the dynamics that make for a healthy ministry team. He served for forty years in the same congregation – Christ Lutheran Church in West Covina, California. During the time he was there he led the congregation in a \$2 million development program, building a new sanctuary and fellowship hall, which the congregation later named Nelson Hall. For many years his wife Terry was eighth grade home room teacher at the school. Among the ministry roles he most enjoyed were creative worship planning with Terry and teaching adult Bible studies. He retired in 2014, at which time he and Terry moved from southern California to Scottsdale, which for the previous fifteen years had been their favorite place to go on vacation. He is very grateful for the opportunities he continues to have in retirement to teach Bible studies.



Dennis goes to the gym four days a week, rides a stationary bicycle three days a week, and walks their dog Sophie two times a day. He thinks dogs are wonderful. He has traveled to Israel five times – in 1980, 1982, 1990, 1993, and 1995. The 1990 and 1993 trips were to study at Jerusalem University College (JJC). Dennis is a life-long learner. This summer he audited an online course at JJC on the Israelite United Monarchy, and he will be auditing an online course on Biblical Jerusalem this fall. He is looking forward to including what he is learning in future Bible studies.

Dennis and Terry are both very grateful for the warm welcome we received from the congregation of Living Water when we moved here. Being welcomed by and becoming involved in Living Water was a major part of Arizona's becoming home. He is also very grateful to Pastor Mark for the opportunities he has provided to teach.

As a congregation, today we warmly celebrate Pastor Dennis Nelson's 50 years of ministry, spiritual leadership and shepherding.

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.

Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA 2024 Retreat



“Holy Spirit Set My Heart on Fire”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

October 4-5, 2024

(Friday noon to Saturday 4:00pm)

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
1200 N. Campbell, Tucson, AZ



Registration:

\$100/person by August 15, 2024

\$120/person after August 15, 2024

Deadline is September 21, 2024

(Registration includes Saturday lunch, however, does not include lodging)

Register online: www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events



Lodging recommended at **Best Western Royal Sun**

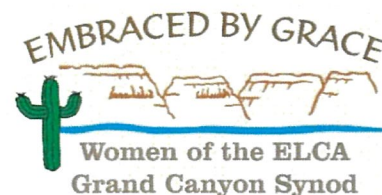
1015 N. Stone, Tucson AZ (Stone & Speedway)

Complimentary Breakfast included at Bumsteads (menu at Bumsteads.com)

Call Direct for the best rates: **520-622-8871**

(Don’t delay, rooms are filling fast. Share room with a friend for a better rate!)

EXTRA! EXTRA! An evening together at Bumsteads is planned on Friday evening including dinner/bar/karaoke/fun/fellowship. Advance reservations are required. Payment will be extra and everyone pays their own way. Indicate participation when registering for the retreat online.





La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Shelf Needs Our Help!!

Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagra Familia in northern Phoenix is appreciated and there is a continuing need. Items needed most frequently are noted on the

“shopping list in the grocery cart that is set out each Sunday morning. They are also listed below. For the safety of our friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or “close-to” date items. When dropping off our donated food recently, it was noted the shelves were very bare, so please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need.

Emergency Food Bank List

Rice, Dried Beans, Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Cooking Oil, Pasta Shells, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Maseca Flour (for tortillas), Canned Corn, Instant Coffee, Powdered Creamer, Diapers and Baby Wipes, Knorr Powdered Chicken Broth

***NO SOUPS, PLEASE**



ARIZONA DBACKS

Faith & Family Night

FREE Post-Game Concert featuring



CASTING CROWNS



D-BACKS VS PHILLIES

Friday, August 9 6:40pm

Sign up to sing the National Anthem with Christina Hall.
Brief practice right after worship on July 21.

Singers AND Congregation Members:

Purchase discounted tickets via this event-specific link:

FEVO-ENTERPRISE.COM/EVENT/LIVINGWATER24



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*



Gods work. Our Hands September 8, 2024

This year Living Water will be one of 8,700 ELCA congregations participating in “**God’s work. Our Hands**” on September 8th. This year for our service project we will provide school backpacks to children around the world through the Lutheran World Relief “School Kit” program.

Across the country, thousands of ELCA members will engage in service work to make positive changes in the community and in the world, build and deepen relationships and share God’s Love. Please join us as we do God’s work with our hands!

The backpacks will be donated by one of our members. We have applied for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase additional items needed to fill each backpack. A collection bin is in the church entryway. You may bring your items (**listed below**) on or before Sunday, September 8th. If you would prefer us to shop for you, please make a donation to Living Water Lutheran Church and note GWOH on the memo line.

Questions? contact Debbie Anderson (debbiea@elite.org) or Sue Umland (sueumland@gmail.com)

We will join after the worship service on September 8th to fill the bags.

Here is what is needed to fill each backpack. Feel free to donate any quantity of any of these items. Please do not donate anything other than what is on the list below:

Four - 70 sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled paper) No loose-leaf paper.

One - 30-centimeter ruler (or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other)

One – Pencil sharpener

One – Pair blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five – Unsharpened number 2 pencils with erasers. Secure with rubber band

Five - Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) Secure with rubber band.

One- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

One – 2 ½ inch eraser

JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR
SING WITH US MORNING OF

9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



August 18

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



St. Mary's
Food Bank®

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary's Food Bank offers fun, meaningful teambuilding experiences for large & small groups.

DEL WEBB

2831 N. 31st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

PRODUCTION

Pack emergency food boxes. We can accommodate groups of 5-90 people.

*Tuesday-Friday • 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
Saturday • 8-10 a.m. or 12-2 p.m.*

KNIGHT DISTRIBUTION CENTER

3131 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85017

CLIENT DISTRIBUTION

Check in clients, load carts with emergency food boxes and donated food, and assist with overall program flow.

Monday-Friday • 7:15 a.m. - 10 a.m. / 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. / 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SURPRISE

13050 W. Elm Street
Surprise, AZ 85378

KIDS CAFÉ MEAL PREPARATION

Help package meals and snacks for our kids programs.
Monday-Friday, Shifts Vary

WAREHOUSE

Food distribution, sort and pack Kids Cafe meals.
Monday-Friday • 7:15 a.m. - 10 a.m. / 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. / 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Did you know...

In just one volunteer shift, a group of 30 can sort & pack enough food to provide more than 17,000 meals.
With the help of volunteers we serve nearly 1,000 families each day at our client distributions.

Contact our Volunteer Engagement Team at (602) 343-3134 or volunteer.services@firstfoodbank.org to sign up.

Groups must call to make a reservation. Individuals can register online at StMarysFoodBank.Volunteerhub.com

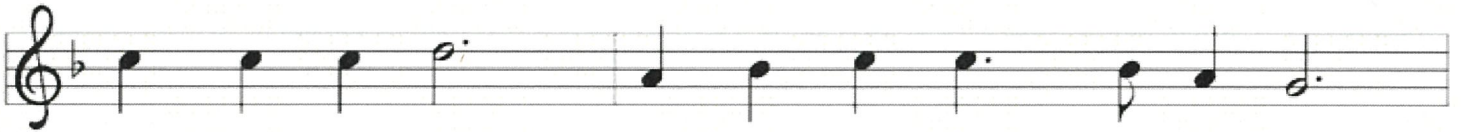
Gathering Hymn... "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



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, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Psalm 23



The Lord is my shep-herd; _ there is no - thing I shall want.

Sermon Hymn... "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Sending Song... "This is My Father's World"



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.



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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