

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 11, 2024



(A), Trace, Ryan, Allison, Heath)
ELCA Youth Gathering 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 16-20

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
- Charlie Boyd—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
- Kathie Roegnik—Hip Surgery Recovery
- 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 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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, 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



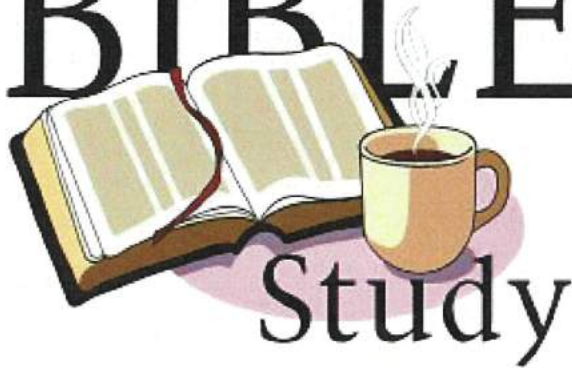
\$7 for breakfast

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.

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Study

TUESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

We're continuing on our summer vacation from our regular Tuesday women's Bible study time until September.

Watch for updated information here in September.

If you aren't on our email distribution list for Tuesday Women, please send a request to be added to 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*

JOIN US ONCE A MONTH!

Summer Church Choir

PRACTICE MUSIC AHEAD OF TIME OR
SING WITH US MORNING OF

9am Rehearsal in Sanctuary



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

August 18



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@elitemail.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 pends (no gel ink) Secure with rubber band.
- One**- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One** – 2 ½ inch eraser



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**

Living Water's "Hunger Jar"



The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 between local and international/global organizations or initiatives.

The Service and Caring Team Ministry at LWLC periodically determines how to distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 06/30/24 balance of \$2,611.50 between St. Mary's Food Bank of Arizona and ELCA World Hunger. Each received \$1,305.75.

You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says, "Change for Change", your offering can be coins, bills, and even checks. And, if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar".

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

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.



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)

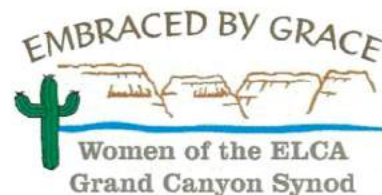
Complimentary Breakfast included at Bumsteads (menu at Bumsteads.com)

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/karoke/fun/fellowship. Advance reservations are required. Payment will be extra and everyone pays their own way. Indicate participation when registering for the retreat online.



restore

soul care for moms

Friday, September 13th: Living Water Lutheran Church

5:30-8:00pm

You're invited to Restore: Soul Care for Moms!
The heart behind Restore is to encourage you: to give you an enjoyable night off and remind you that you're not alone in motherhood.

We're going to have food, encouraging teaching, comedy, and a lot of fun!

Invite your mom friends to join us!

To register: <https://abf.ticketspice.com/restore2024> (\$29.00)

This Year's Speakers



Alison Wallwork

Alison is a wife, mother, author, speaker, and encourager. She has been in ministry for over fifteen years, and is passionate about seeing people truly connecting to the heart of God and His plan for their lives. She has walked through painful times and had her faith shaken to the core, but she has learned to lean into the promises of God to find strength and hope.

Alison has written two books, *Living Freedom: Losing a Spiritual 10 lbs.* and *#MOMLIFE Devotional Study*. She and her husband are the lead pastors of HIS Church in Phoenix, Arizona. They have 4 energetic, fun-loving boys between the ages of 5 and 11 years old.



Andrea Fortenberry

Andrea Fortenberry is a writer, speaker and Bible teacher. She is also the host of *The Perfectionist's Guide to Mothering Podcast*. She equips women to find freedom from perfectionism and show up for the life God has for them.

Andrea founded Restore in 2017 out of her own need for a night of refreshment and encouragement in her role as a mom.



Noelle Rhodes

Noelle is a writer, podcaster and comedian who will win you with her bold, Jersey style and irresistible humor, all the while pointing you to Jesus. She enjoys creating sketches for the internet and using humor to talk about the Bible. When she isn't podcasting and writing scripts, Noelle is living life in New Jersey, eating bagels with her two awesome children and husband.



Thank you

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unselfish contributions to Grace Lutheran Church. Your donation is very important to us. It helps the continuity of our commitment to the community in which we serve. We are consistently serving 250+ experiencing homelessness each week through our heat respite, pancake breakfast and I-HELP program along with our Grace Room. We would not have that success without your act of generosity in support of Grace Lutheran Church. We always believe that through a movement of the Gospel, it brings the formation of a peaceful and healthy community that expounds the love and peace of God. Jesus said we will always have the poor among us and so we thank you again for your continued support.



With Love,

Grace Lutheran Church,

Rev David M. Lewis

Sophia A. Smith

Katelyn Ehlen

Martin J. J. J.

Andrea Sigales &

Matthew 25-35:40

- 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous* will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
38 When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
39 When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
40i And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Thank You
Patricia
Rice

Gathering Hymn... "As We Gather at Your Table"



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: IN BABILONE. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*. 1710
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Psalm 34:1-8



Taste _____ and see _____ the good-ness of _____ the Lord.



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Sermon Hymn... "O Living Bread From Heaven"



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Sending Song... "Halleluia! We Sing Your Praises"

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African
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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:



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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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