

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 18, 2024

MAKE A
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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
- 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
- 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
- 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

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, 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



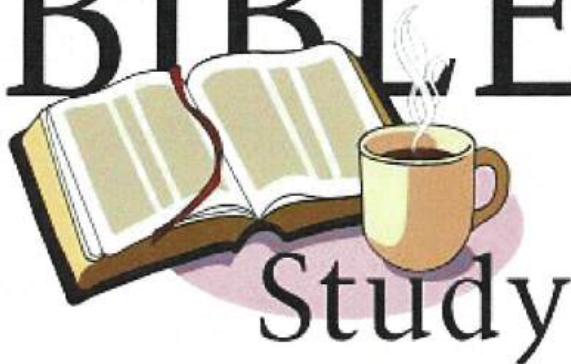
\$7 for breakfast

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*



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 pens (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**

September Boldcafe Monthly Dinner: Starting over

Join us for our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner (B. Y. O. D.) via Zoom,
Thursday, September 5, at 7:00pm CDT.

The Rev. Meredith Harber will lead our conversation on the topic of starting over.
Participants are encouraged to bring their friends!

Please use the link below to register and be sure to pass this invitation along!
<https://boldcafe.org/dinner>

Do you know about WELCA events?
Check out our calendar and see how you can **get involved!**

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!

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.



Heat Respite—Lunch Pack Program

The summer heat is unbearable and the homeless on our streets 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.

Confirmation



Starting September 8...

Confirmation classes for students in grades 6-8 will be held two Sundays each month from 6:30-8:00pm.

This is a two and a half-year program, and we will be learning about the Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran History and Catechism and Lutheran Living. So far, we have five students who are registered to attend the class, and we look forward to a fun and relationship-building learning environment!

Please let Pastor Shari pastorshari@lwcaz.org know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.

Today's Altar Flowers
were donated in celebration
of
Lou and Mike Handley's
Wedding Anniversary
(August 16th)





I CAN
DO *all things*
through Christ
who STRENGTHENS ME

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

(NKJV)

Gathering Hymns

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

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

continued...

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.

continued....



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



God; to make all things new.

Psalm 34:9-14



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



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

Sermon Hymn... "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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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



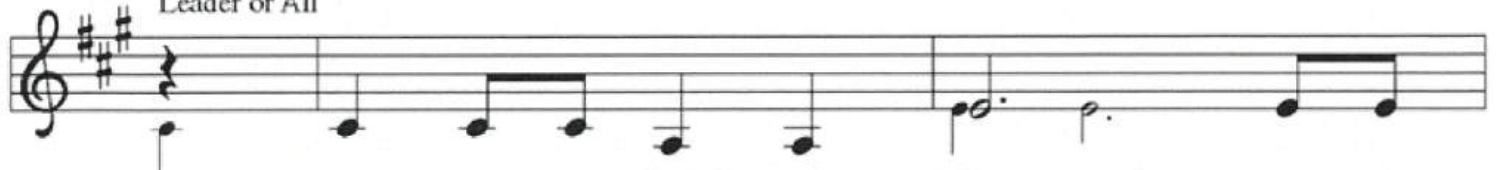
Refrain

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

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Sending Song... "I Am The Bread Of Life"

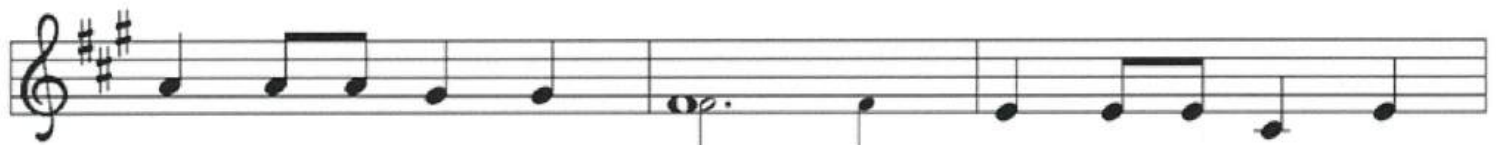
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

continued.....

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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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
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Grand Canyon Synod and
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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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