

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**September 1, 2024**

Fall for Jesus   
He never leaves you.



"And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—"Tuesdays at NOON"



## We Remember in Our Prayers

- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Eric Brash—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Cadow (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
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Merle (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- Nancy Ohlund (Janet Guthrie's Sister)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Friends and Family of Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)

*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

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

We are starting-up again this autumn, with the first study available on YouTube for

**Wednesday, September 4th**

*Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel*

*Wednesdays at NOON*

*Bible Study Outlines available on*

*our website: [lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)*

## Piecemakers Quilting

September 4 and 18, 2024



Come and tie quilts with us! Our quilting primarily supports Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and we also make quilts for refugee families and our high school graduates. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 9 am to about noon, in the Education Building on the first floor. Bring your own water or coffee for a mid-morning

break. If you're a winter visitor who likes to quilt, come and tie with us. If you like to sew, we can provide pre-cut squares to make quilt tops. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

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*



Please wear your  
"Live Generously"  
shirts



## 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:debbiea@elitemail.org)) or Sue Umland ([sueumland@gmail.com](mailto:sueumland@gmail.com))

We will join after the worship service on September 8<sup>th</sup> 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**



## 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!





IN MEMORY & HONOR  
OF  
DAVID GARRETT BECK  
WE ARE HOSTING OUR  
5TH ANNUAL

Thank you for your  
Support!  
IT MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE!



## CLOTHING & DONATION DRIVE



**AUGUST 2ND - SEPTEMBER 7TH**

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO  
~ GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH ~  
WHO THEN SHARE THE ITEMS  
WITH THE LESS FORTUNATE.

CALL OR TEXT ME @ 408-314-6671 & WE CAN A  
ARRANGE TO PICK ITEMS UP, OR GET INFORMATION  
ON WHERE THEY CAN BE DROPPED OFF  
OR SHIPPED

**WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**  
GENTLY USED MEN & WOMEN'S CLOTHING,  
SOCKS, UNDERWEAR,  
TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES,  
BLANKETS, COATS, HOODIES, FOOTWEAR  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

For questions contact, Diane at 408-314-6671 or email [dvan922@icloud.com](mailto:dvan922@icloud.com)





Today's Altar Flowers were donated by  
Sue Boyd in honor of Charlie's birthday.



## Heat Respite Update

We completed our last heat respite lunch delivery on Monday, August 26th. We had 12 people helping, and packed 243 ham and cheese sandwiches, 34 peanut butter sandwiches, and made 250 lunch bags that had an orange, bag of nuts, cookies, granola bar, bag of chips, a napkin, mustard/mayo/relish package and a loving note from Living Water. We had left-over chips, oranges and cookies which were also delivered. We filled 3 cars to make the delivery!

This month we took the lunches to Wesley United Methodist Church, just 4 miles south of Grace Lutheran. This was coordinated with Grace, since their Montessori school started two weeks ago and they were not allowed to host the lunches near the school.

The donation to fund this project for the NEVC was made by Ascension Lutheran Church. The funds were divided between the 5 churches to provide food and water each Monday throughout the summer and into September. Although Grace Lutheran is out of the service area for Foothills Food Bank, they have helped with many of the items (chips, cookies, granola bars) for the lunches. The food bank also delivered a palate of water we purchased (using their discount at Walmart) at no charge. Not only did the food bank do this for Living Water, but also delivered a palate for 3 of the other churches! Spirit in the Desert was also involved, slicing the many hams we purchased using their wonderful chef Carl, and their deli slicer. Again, Carl did this not only for Living Water, but for the other churches as well.

Our community has pulled together, helping those who need an extra hand. Our five loaves and two fish have now fed over 2,500 people--and still more to go!!

**God's work. Our hands.**





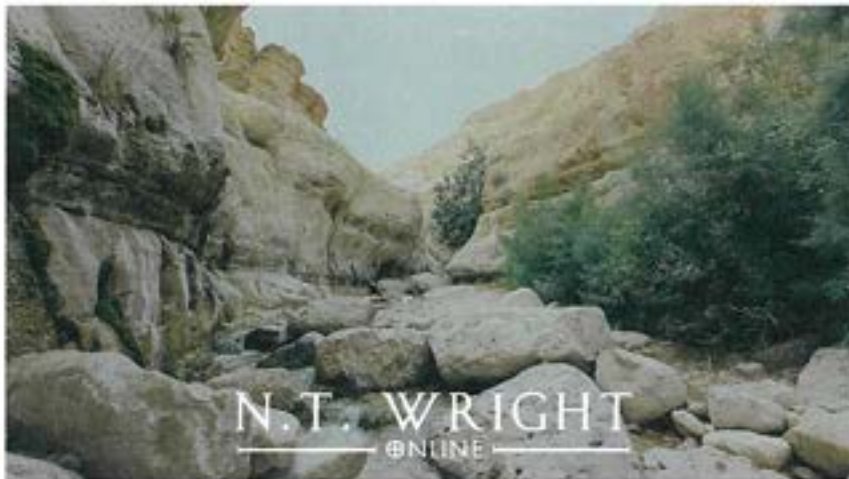
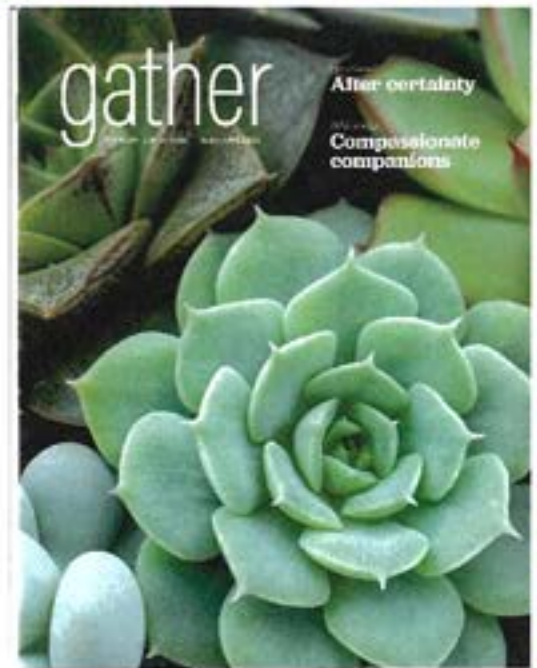
## Tuesday Women's Bible Study Returns

Join us beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10, when we resume our regular Tuesday morning in-person and virtual Zoom connection Bible study at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will begin with the 3-session study on *After Certainty* from the Gather magazine summer issues, May/June and July/August. This study was written by ELCA pastor and now Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, Rev. Dr.

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Drawing from Biblical texts and Lutheran tradition, we'll ponder what it means to live faithfully in times of uncertainty. And we'll see how God leads us beyond certainty to curiosity, community and compassion. Study material will be provided if you don't have your copies of the Gather magazine. (This is the

study we attempted to do at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center on July 23 before Myrna got delayed trying to get out of New Orleans after the Youth Gathering!)



Then, beginning on October 1, we are going to return to a favorite New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright, to take a deep dive into the Gospel of Matthew. This material will nearly fill up our schedule until Spring of 2025. We'll look at the structure and artistry of Matthew, how Matthew presents Jesus as God with us, authoritative over heaven and earth.

We'll trace themes of Jesus' authority throughout the Gospel, consider how to apply the new way of life as Jesus describes it, and discover faith as the appropriate human response to Jesus' message.

Both studies include some video, and we always include some meditative music and prayer. You don't need to purchase any material. Just bring your favorite Bible translation and connect with us for about 90 minutes each Tuesday morning. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are provided. Occasionally we also have a treat! If you aren't on our email distribution list, please contact [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to get our Tuesday Women messages. The Zoom link is always provided in advance.

## Confirmation



Starting September 8...

Confirmation classes for students in grades 6-8 and above 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@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org) know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.



## Gathering Hymn... "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure,  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed,  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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## Psalm 15: 1-5



The one who does jus - tice will live in the pres - ence of the Lord.

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;

3 who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

5 who do not lend money at interest,

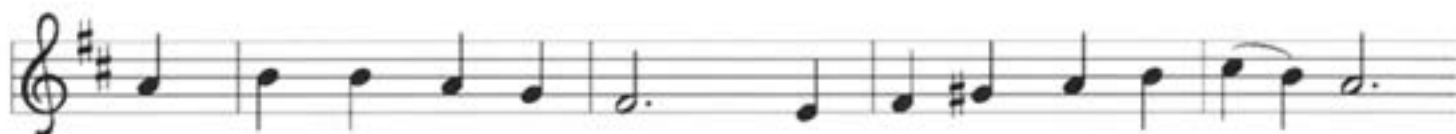
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

## Sermon Hymn... "O God, My Faithful God"



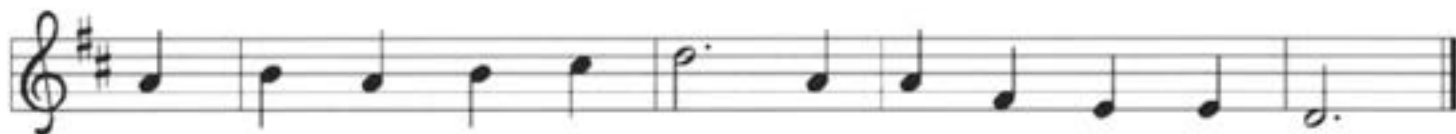
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess,  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701



# Sending Song... "Take My Life, That I May Be"

*Refrain/Estribillo*

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord

to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas | Last time

let them flow in cease - less praise, less praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estribillo*

beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adapt.: Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875-1955  
 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
 Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

# LIVING WATER

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**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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