

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 15, 2024



Welcome to Sunday service!

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 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
- Janet Guthrie—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
- 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—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Pat Stump—Back Surgery 9/13
- 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

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow 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

Studies available on YouTube each **Wednesday**

Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

*Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: lwlc.org*

Piecemakers Quilting

September 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

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*

*Today's altar flowers were donated
by Sue Stenehjem:*

Happy Heavenly Birthday
My Dear Leland

Loving You Always,
Forgetting You Never



Family Sunday School



returns this fall with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "Jesus helps people in need."

*Bible Verse - "Give all your worries and cares to God for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)



☒ **Sunday, September 22, 9:00am** – Jesus Helps a Roman Officer

☒ **Sunday, October 13, 9:00am** – Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

☒ **Sunday, November 3, 9:00am** – Jesus Heals 10 Men with Leprosy

☒ **Sunday, November 24** – ADVENT FAIR!

☒ **Sunday, December 8, 9:00am** – Jesus Feeds People

We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.





YOU ARE INVITED

Volunteer Appreciation lunch

Please join us for lunch, a special gift, and
meaningful conversation.
*gluten free options available.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 - 11:15AM

Please rsvp to the church office by October
13: 480-473-8400 or office@lwlc az.org



LIFE IS HARD BUT GOD IS GOOD

Sunday Morning Adult forum

October 6th and 20th at 9:00am
in the Music Choir Room

Pastor Dennis D. Nelson will teach a **two-week series** on Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus, two young pastors who were facing difficult, challenging situations. Paul's words to them of encouragement, support, and specific instructions will also help and speak to us as we face the never-ending challenges of life.

ROAD WORK update:

Miller Road Improvements: Happy Valley Road will be CLOSED to travel between Hayden Road and Miller Road from September 9 thru 27. Detour signage will be in place to direct travelers around the closure. This is between Scottsdale Road and Pima Road.



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**



Gods work. Our Hands
September 8, 2024
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thanks so much to all who donated supplies and money! On our Day of Service Project on September 8th, we were able to fill 100 complete backpacks to include:

- 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

We have an additional 26 backpacks left and with the remaining money donated, we can fill those as well.

Thanks to all those that helped with setting up and filling the backpacks. With all your help, we accomplished a lot in a short amount of time.

These backpacks are sent to Lutheran World Relief to meet urgent needs in many countries around the world. These kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

Thank you again for your generosity!

New Member Orientation/Dinner

Are you curious about membership at
Living Water Lutheran Church?

Living Water
Lutheran Church



If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative
Orientation/Dinner to tell you more about Living Water

on

Saturday October 12th from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

If you would like to attend, please rsvp via the
front office:

phone: 480-473-8400

or

email: office@lwlcaz.org

(subject: New Member Orientation)



New Member

Orientation

October 12th, 4-6PM

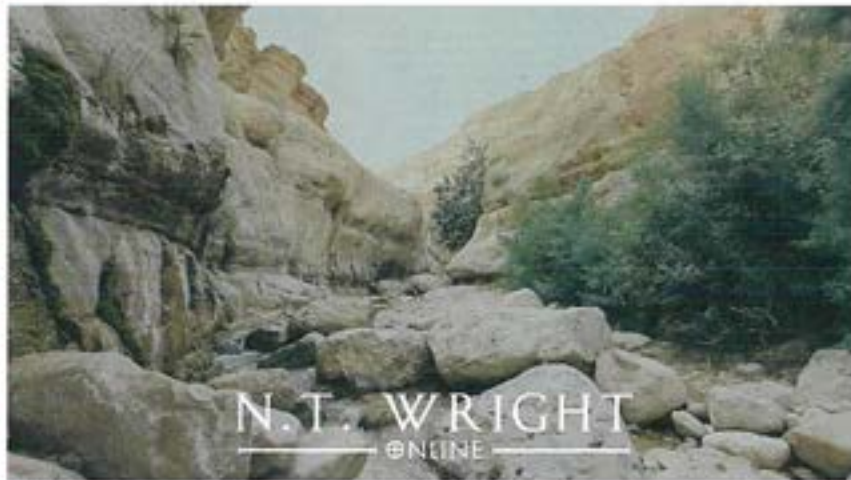
Tuesday Women's Bible Study Returns

Join us beginning Tuesday, Sept. 17, 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!)



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.

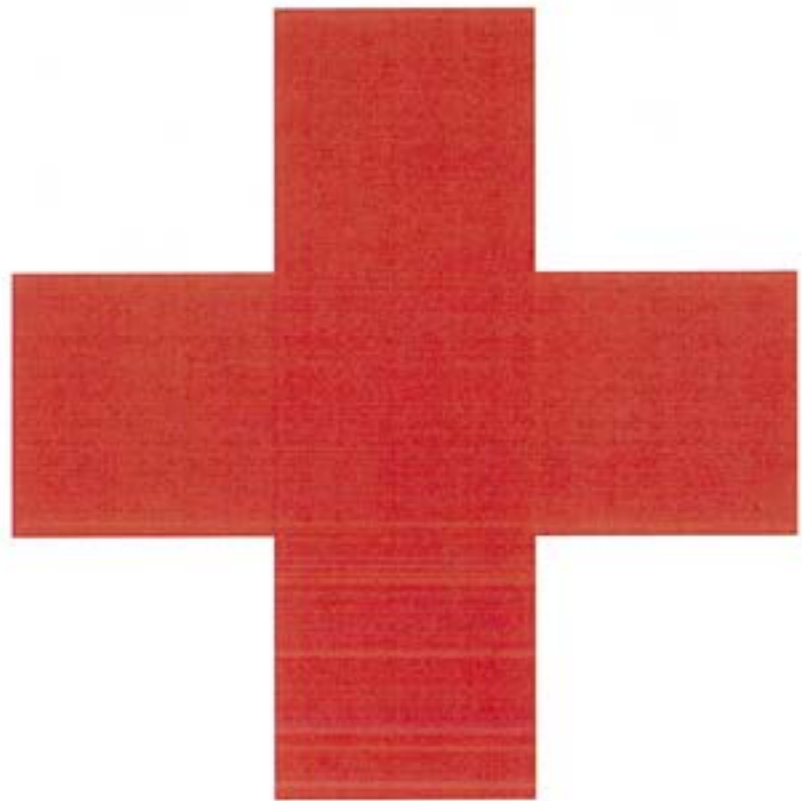
Both studies include some video, and we always include some meditative music and prayer. You don't need to purchase any material. Just bring your favorite Bible translation and connect with us for about 90 minutes each Tuesday morning. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are provided. Occasionally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

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.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive
Living Water Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: LivingWater



Scan to be directed to
RedCross.org

**Treat yourself! Come to give in Oct. for a \$10 Gift Card
by email. See rcblood.org/treat**



Scan to schedule
an appointment

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!

Would you like to serve your
Living Water family
in a way that doesn't take up much time?



Consider joining our *Note Writing Ministry!*

Every month or two our team members write
uplifting notes to those on the
Living Water prayer list.

Sound interesting?

If so, contact **Pam Landon:**

phlandon@gmail.com, 480-239-5955

or chat with her at church for more information.

Thanks!!!

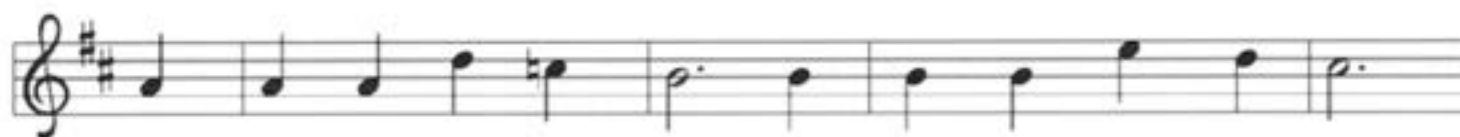
Gathering Hymn... "O God, My Faithful God"



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

Psalm 116:1-9



- 1 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice in supplication.
- 2 Because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me,
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
- 4 And I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, save my life!"
- 5 Gracious is the Lord and just;
yes our God is merciful.
- 6 The Lord keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.
- 8 For He has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
- 9 I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Sermon Hymn... "Take Up Your Cross, The Savior"



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

Sending Song... "Lift High The Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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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
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Grand Canyon Synod and
Northeast Valley Conference.

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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