

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 22, 2024



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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants 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

Studies available on YouTube each **Wednesday**

Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on

our website: lwlc.org

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thanks to the amazing response from Living Water members, the 5th Annual Clothing & Donation Drive, in honor of David Garrett Beck, was able to generously donate much needed clothing and supplies to Grace Lutheran Church. Your support made such a difference!

Diane and Darryl vanMaanen



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.

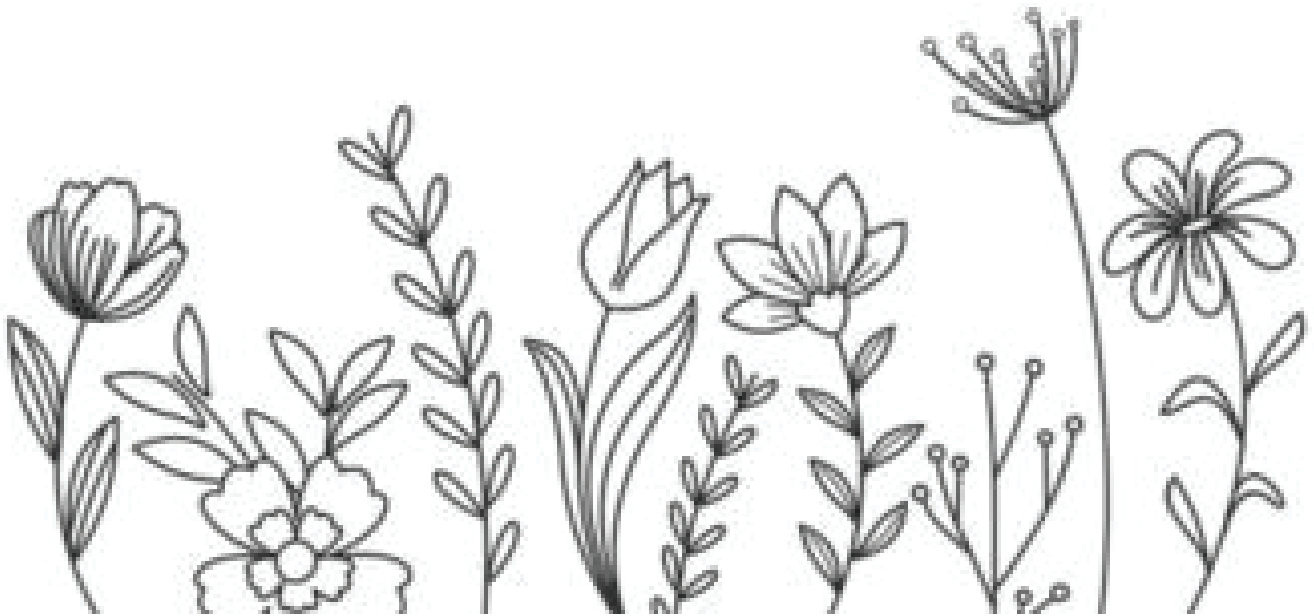
If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see QR code below to access Living Water's online giving platform.



Thank You

This week's altar bouquet was donated by
Darryl vanMaanen:.

In honor of Ada Bembry and Garrett Beck



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**

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.



Piecemakers Quilting

NEXT MEETING October 2, 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 usually meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 9 am to about noon, in the Education Building on the first floor. **The next meeting will be October 2nd.**

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

The flowers in the entrance are donated by
Frances and Mike DeBruyn
this week in celebration of

Frances' sister Irma's birthday
-and-
their brother-in-law Andy's birthday.



Reformation Potluck Luncheon

Sunday
October 27
Following Service

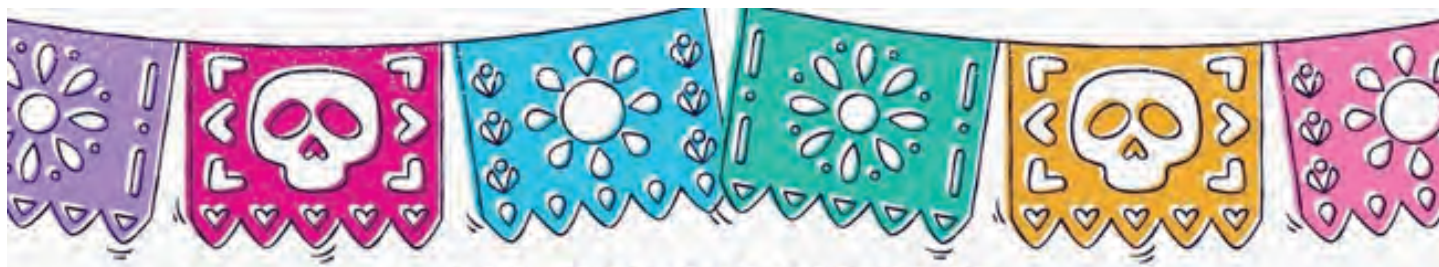


*If you enjoy good food, laughter and
the convivial company of friends...*

Please bring your favorite dish – a main, side or dessert – to share at a good old-fashioned Lutheran Potluck in celebration of Reformation Day. Coffee & tea will be served, and you may bring a beverage of your choice – soft drink, beer or wine. Activities will be available for children.

Sign-up will be in the Narthex, beginning Sunday, September 29. For questions, please call Marty Lindert at 602-284-5704 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3



Everyone is invited to participate by setting up a 2x2 ft display in honor of your loved ones. Set up will take place at 9:00am on Sunday, November 3. Feel free to contact Pastor Shari if you have any questions: pastorshari@lwlcaz.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.

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!!!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study Returns

Join us beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1, 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.

Gathering Hymn... "God is Here"



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Psalm 54:1-7



The Lord up - holds my life. The Lord up -
holds my life. The Lord up - holds my life.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'The Lord up - holds my life. The Lord up -' with a fermata over the final note. The second staff contains the lyrics 'holds my life. The Lord up - holds my life.' with a fermata over the final note. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

3 O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause

4 O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

5 For the haughty men have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life;

6 they set not God before their eyes.

8 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.

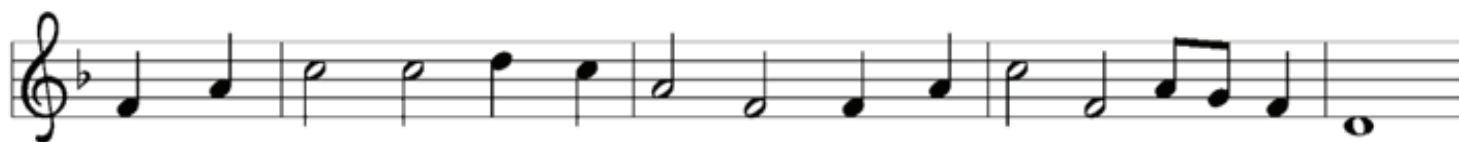
Sermon Hymn... "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Sending Song... "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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
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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New Member Orientation/Dinner

Are you curious about **membership** at
Living Water Lutheran Church?

Living Water
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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