

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 8, 2024



We're glad you joined us today!

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
- 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
- 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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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 az.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*

Please wear your
"Live Generously"
shirts



TODAY!

Gods work. Our Hands TODAY - 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

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.

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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.

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YOU ARE INVITED

Volunteer Appreciation lunch

Please join us for lunch, a special gift, and
meaningful conversation.

*gluten free options available.

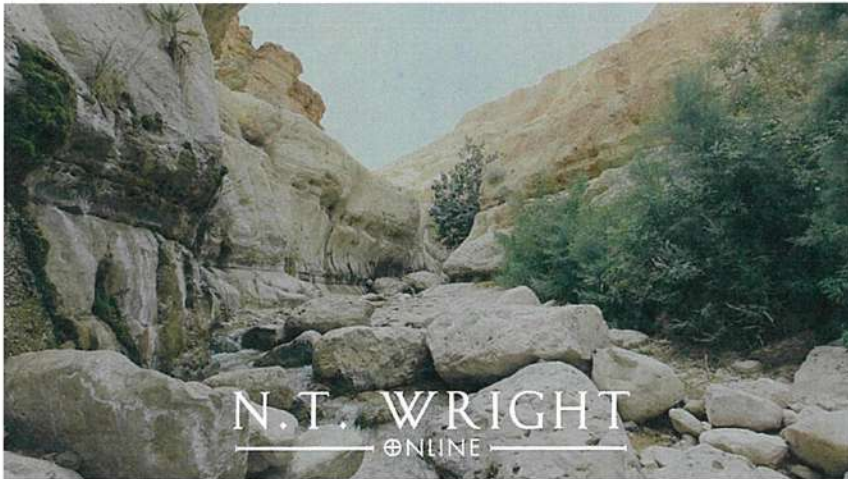
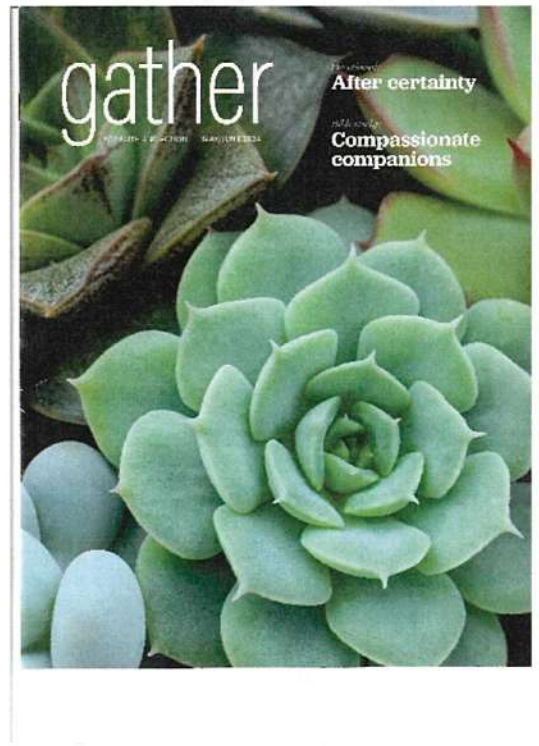
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 - 11:15AM

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



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 to get our Tuesday Women messages. The Zoom link is always provided in advance.

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.

TONIGHT!



Starting September 8 (tonight)...

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@lwlc.org know if you (or someone you know) are interested in joining the class.

LIFE IS HARD BUT GOD IS GOOD

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM – OCTOBER 6 and 20 at 9 AM
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.



La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Shelf Needs Our Help!!

Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagrada 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!

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!**

Gathering Hymn... "Earth And All Stars"



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Refrain
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Psalm 146:1-10



1 Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

2 I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

9 The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Sermon Hymn... "Healer Of Our Every Ill"

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Sending Song... "God Whose Almighty Word"



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796



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
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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