

# CONNECTIONS



*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**December 29, 2024**

*Happy New Year*  
*its almost*  
**2025**



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

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

# We Remember in Our Prayers

- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Eric Brash—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Daughter of Maria Tillotson)—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Carol Gasser—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- David Henderson (Brother-in-law of Judy Tornowke)—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- Dick Johnston—Health Concerns
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Connor Kokott (Grandson of Erika Diaz)—Back Surgery
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Merle (Karen Roessler'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
- Pastor Mark Rossman—Health Concerns
- 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
- Don Martin (Friend of Ron and Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Jeff & Eric Bemby (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsky (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns

*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.*



# Men's Bible Breakfast

Note: We will NOT be meeting this week  
on January 2nd.

We meet on Thursdays at **8:00am**  
Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center  
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.  
Carefree, AZ 85377  
\$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: **lwlcaz.org***



## Piecemakers Quilting

Join us on January 8 and 22

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. We also accept donations of 100% cotton appropriate for quilting work, as well as donations to purchase batting. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug, Lois Lucas or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

## **Sunday Morning Adult Forum: January 5, 19 and February 2, 16**

On these **four Sundays**, at **9am**, in the **Psalms room** on the second story of the **education building**, the Rev. Robert Hutson will lead conversations about Luther's Small Catechism, particularly the sections on the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. These sessions are intended to be a continuation of Pastor Rossman's *Catechism For Adults*. Luther never intended Confirmation as a one-and-done but as a lifelong process. Let's have some fun together as we take a look at these two important parts of Luther's Small Catechism.





## **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**



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Join us on any Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall, or at 10 am via Zoom, to continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. We're using material from New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright.

No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed, and you don't have to be Lutheran either. Come as you can, bring a friend and your favorite Bible

translation. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will always be on. Occasionally we also have a little treat. We meet for approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday mornings. If you're not receiving our Tuesday Women email communications, please notify [myrna.ulland@gmail](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added.

We'll take a holiday break on December 24 and December 31.

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## 25th Anniversary

*Living Water*  
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**Sunday, April 27**

10:00am Worship at Living Water

5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club

Stay tuned for more details.

Happy New Year!



# "Love Has Come"



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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## "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876  
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

## "O Come, All Ye Faithful"



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

### Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade



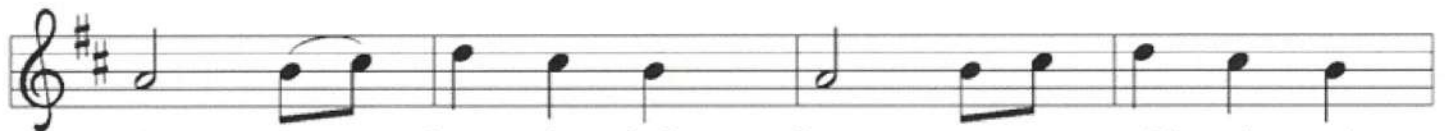
# "The First Noel"



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .

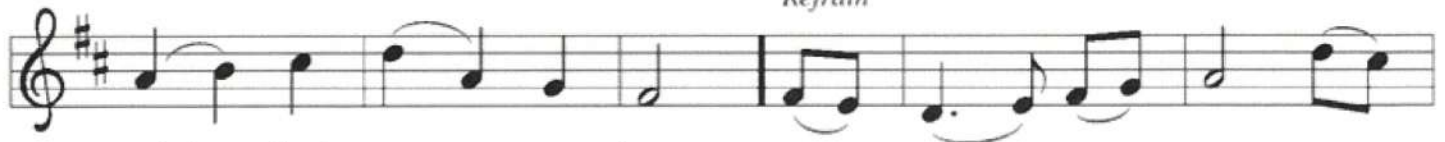


cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

## *Refrain*



night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

# "On Christmas Night"



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er  
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since  
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then  
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and  
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?  
sing, all for to see the new-born king.  
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.  
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

# "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866  
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.



# "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain: John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

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

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