

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



December 8, 2024



We're so glad you joined us for worship.

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

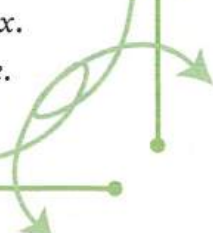


We Remember in Our Prayers

- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Eric Brash—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Friend 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
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Merle (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Fresh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—Life Concerns
- Kathie Roegnik—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
- Suzanne Wagner—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Jeff & Eric Bemby (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsy (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcwz.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

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

Join us on December 18

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

*Living Water Lutheran Church
Choir and Guest Orchestra
Present*

A New and Glorious Morn!

Sunday, December 22 at 10:00am



Great Gatherings

Annual Advent Party



Saturday, December 14
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Spirit of the Desert
\$30 per person*

* payable by check
(includes appetizer, entrée, sides, dessert & gratuity)

Coffee, tea & soft drinks provided; bring your own wine or beer if you wish.

Even though the deadline to sign-up for the Advent Party has already passed, if you would like to attend, please contact Marty Lindert directly:
Marty Lindert phone: 602-284-5704



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**

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, 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.





Celebrate 50 years
of ELCA World Hunger with

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JOIN US TO MAKE LEFSE IN DECEMBER

Joan Sprinkle has again graciously offered her home in NE Scottsdale, and we'll provide hands-on instructions for rolling and frying Lefse (lef'-suh), a Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, butter & cream, and flour, traditionally made during the

holidays. We can accommodate 10 persons per session so everyone can have a "hands-on" experience. **Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm and Monday, December 9, at 2 pm.** Reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway or by contacting the Ullands (myrna.ulland@gmail.com) or Joan Sprinkle (joansprinkle@cox.net) today!

Annual Tamale Sale

Our amigas at La Sagrada Familia are offering their fabulous homemade tamales for sale again this year, to be delivered December 22nd.

This year the choices will include red chili with meat, green chili with chicken, and tamales with cheese. They will be priced at \$30/dozen or \$15/half dozen. A sign up sheet will be available at church on the first two Sundays in December, or you may email your order with the quantity of each variety that you want to Kristin Smith at kaos_52@me.com.

Tamales will be available to pick up on Sunday, December 22.

Plan ahead to join us for a

Candlelight Christmas Eve

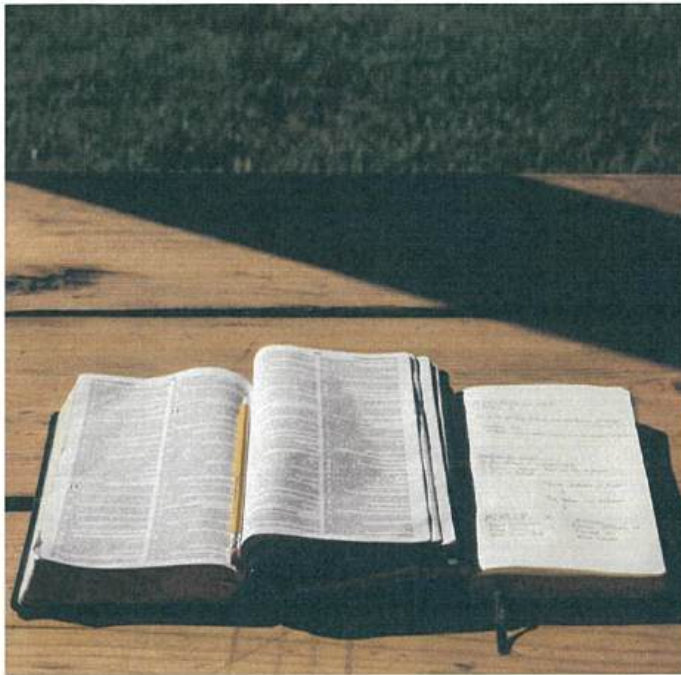
worship service on

Tuesday, December 24th:

4:00pm (*family service*)

6:00pm (*traditional service*)





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.com to be added. Our December schedule will be December 3rd through the 17th. We'll take a holiday break on December 24 and December 31.

Vista del Camino Thanksgiving Food Drive 2024

This year the congregation filled 44 grocery bags with food for Thanksgiving dinners. Added to the bags of food were \$1,100 worth of grocery gift cards and \$575 cash to provide turkeys or hams. Many families rely on Vista del Camino food bank, and they in turn, rely on the generosity of the community. Thank you for your support!

Join us each Sunday in December to

REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS

GOOD NEWS IN TROUBLING TIMES



DECEMBER 15 @ 10AM
FINDING **JOY** IN OUR
DISCOURAGEMENTS

DECEMBER 8 @ 10AM
FINDING **PEACE**
IN OUR STRUGGLES

DECEMBER 22 @ 10AM
FINDING **LOVE**
IN OUR
DIFFERENCES

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services

DECEMBER 24 @ 4:00PM AND 6:00PM

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25th Anniversary

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Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 27

10:00am Worship at Living Water

5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club

Stay tuned for more details.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

DAVID – A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

DECEMBER 15 at 9:00 AM

in the Music/Choir Room

I believe that the greatest moments of David's life were (1) the day that he was chosen by God and anointed to be the next king and (2) the day that God told him that through his descendant his throne would be established forever. What have been the greatest moments of your life?

What does it mean to you to know that (1) you are chosen by God and (2) what you do for God will last into eternity?

Gathering Hymn... "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Second Sunday of Advent

(please join in singing when directed)

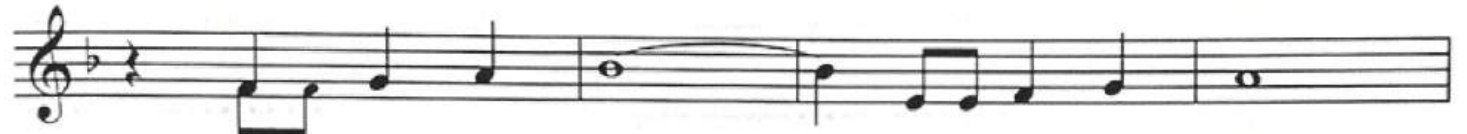


(1st Sunday) We wait in
(2nd Sunday) We watch in
(3rd Sunday) We pre - pare in
(4th Sunday) We praise with
(Christmas Eve) We pro - claim with

} hope _____ for the morn - ing Light,



for the love of Christ to il - lu - mi - nate _____ the night. _____



We wait with
We watch with
We pre - pare with
We praise with
We pro - claim with

} joy _____ for the Sav - ior's birth;



we wait in
we watch in
we pre - pare in
we praise with
we pro - claim with

} hope for peace on earth.

Luke 1:68-74



Bles - sed are you Lord _ God, _ You have come to set them free.

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹ You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save
us from our enemies,

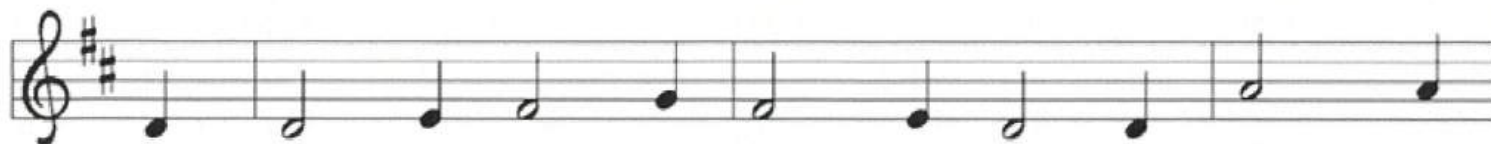
⁷¹ from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷² to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.

⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our enemies

Sermon Hymn... "On Jordan's Banks the Baptists Cry"



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounce - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Sending Song... "Hark the Glad Sound!"



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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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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