

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



January 12, 2025



The
Baptism
of our
Lord

*Thank you for joining us.
Let us worship together.*

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Pastor Shari Bernau—Hand Surgery
- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Daughter of Maria Tillotson)—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Joyce Chatry (Friend of Tracy Rossman —Health Concerns
- 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
- 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 Bembry (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsy (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—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.*

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
\$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 January 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 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

Happy New Year!



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.com to be added.



25th Anniversary

Living Water
Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 27

10:00am Worship at Living Water

5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club

Stay tuned for more details.

Adult Forum
January 19th and
February 2, 16

Join Rev. Robert Hutson for
conversations about
Luther's Small Catechism.

Sunday Mornings
January 19, February 2, 16
9:00-9:45am
in the Psalms room (2nd story
of the Education Building)

Living Water's Endowment Fund is now operational

January 12, 2025

Over the past year your Council has been working with Lisa Higginbotham, from the ELCA Foundation, to create a Gifting Policy and revise the Endowment Fund governing document. While our work continues, Living Water's Endowment Fund is now operational.

Several years ago, Living Water created an Endowment Fund to provide a way for members to give gifts to the church for the long-term funding of Living Water and its ministries. Our Endowment Fund and the Gift Policy do this in a few different ways.

- They provide a structured framework by which Living Water will accept gifts and sets those gifts aside to be used for the long-term support of our church's ministries. These funds are not intended for the day-to-day administrative costs of the congregation.
- Funds will be distributed through a grant application process in a way that protects and grows the balance of the Endowment Fund, while still providing distributions that can be used to support the ministries we value.
- The Endowment Fund will be administered by an Endowment Committee with oversight by the church Council.
- The Endowment Committee will be responsible for accepting applications for funding for the ministries of Living Water, the ELCA or outside organizations with which Living Water partners.
- The Endowment Fund will invest its money in prudent investments as recommended by the Endowment Committee and approved by the church Council.
- The Endowment Fund will be governed by its governing document, which is in the process of being reviewed and revised, and by our new Gift Policy.

Over the next several weeks we will be publishing educational articles on how we might support Living Water Lutheran Church and the Endowment Fund through legacy gifts. In February and March, for those wishing to attend, we will host Lisa Higginbotham, of the ELCA Foundation. She will facilitate events to help us understand how we might individually incorporate Living Water Lutheran Church and/or the Endowment Fund into our planned giving.

The Endowment Committee currently consists of Lance Jacobson (chair), Ken Bash, Fred Bruckner, Lou Handley, Kristin Smith and Steve Umland. If you have questions about the Endowment Fund, please reach out to Darnell Pettengill, Council President or any member of the Endowment Committee.

Dear Friends of Living Water,

We have a unique opportunity to immerse ourselves in a book study facilitated by Lisa Higginbotham of the ELCA Foundation and our Pastor Mark Rossman. Please join us at church on Wednesday February 5 at 2:30 pm for a lively discussion. We are purchasing a limited number of books for this study. Books will be available in the Narthex two weeks before the study with the need to review only 3 short but impactful chapters! If you plan to attend, please e-mail Darnell Pettengill at dwpettengill@cox.net to ensure that we have purchased enough books.

Reflections on Faith and Finances provides our congregation the opportunity to ground stewardship in the biblical message and have a conversation about how the biblical message intersects with our lives and financial goals today. It will also increase our understanding of applying faith to finance in our daily lives. Get ready to be inspired, encouraged, and energized to move forward in this important aspect of Christian stewardship!

Faithfully Yours

The Legacy Gifts Committee: Pastor Mark Rossman, Lance Jacobson, Steve Umland and Darnell Pettengill

Saints and Sinners 2025

Sign-up for the 2025 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program is now open. You can sign -up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) or email Wayne Burrus at wlburrus@earthlink.net. We will need your name(s), best contact phone number and email address.

Saints and Sinners is a popular “Small Groups” fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both single and couples.

The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It’s a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other a little better.

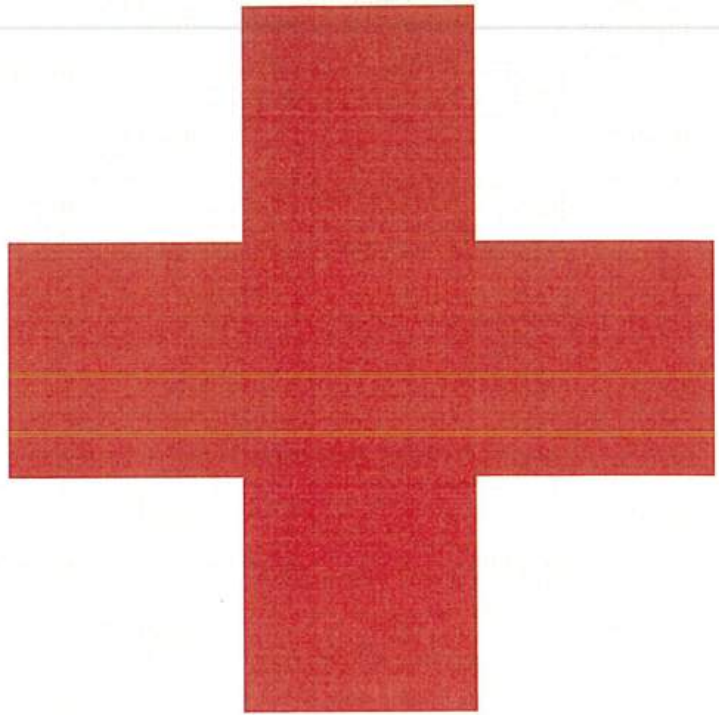
The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We will be forming the small groups in early January, so please sign up as soon as possible.

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, February 26, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment,
please call the American Red Cross at 1(800) 733-2767
or log onto redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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Gathering Hymn... "Shall We Gather at the River"



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



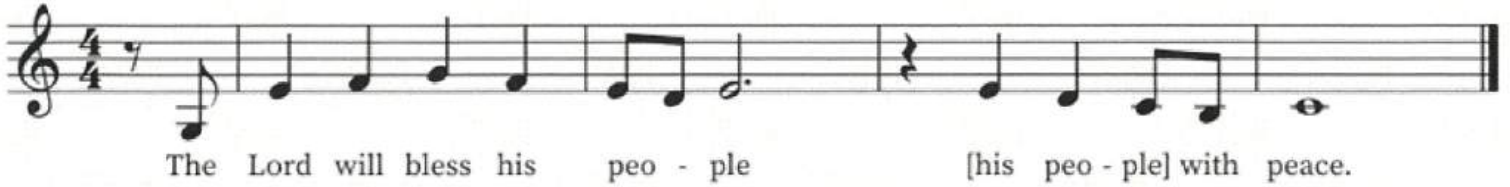
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Psalm 29



1 Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise,

2 Give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord over vast waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

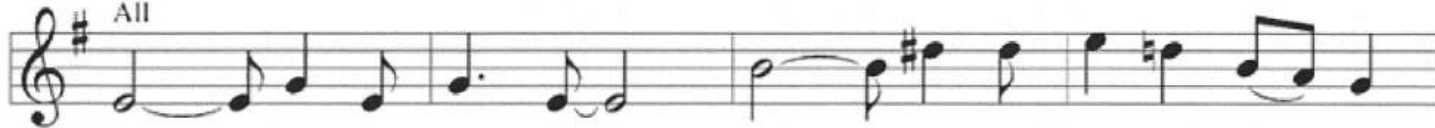
3 cont. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

9-10 The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever.

Sermon Hymn... "Wade in the Water"

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



1 See that host all dressed in white,
 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
 looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
 the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

Sending Song... "Baptized and Set Free"



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter han - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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LIVING WATER

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Lutheran Church



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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