

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



January 19, 2025

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am  
on-site and online



# We Remember in Our Prayers

- ALL impacted by the Los Angeles, CA Wildfires
- Pastor Shari Bernau—Hand Surgery Recovery
- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Daughter of Maria Tillotson)—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Joyce Chattry (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
- 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 Dubsky (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Spencer Phinney (Suki Kisling's Brother)

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@lwlc.org](mailto:prayer@lwlc.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: **lwlcaz.org***

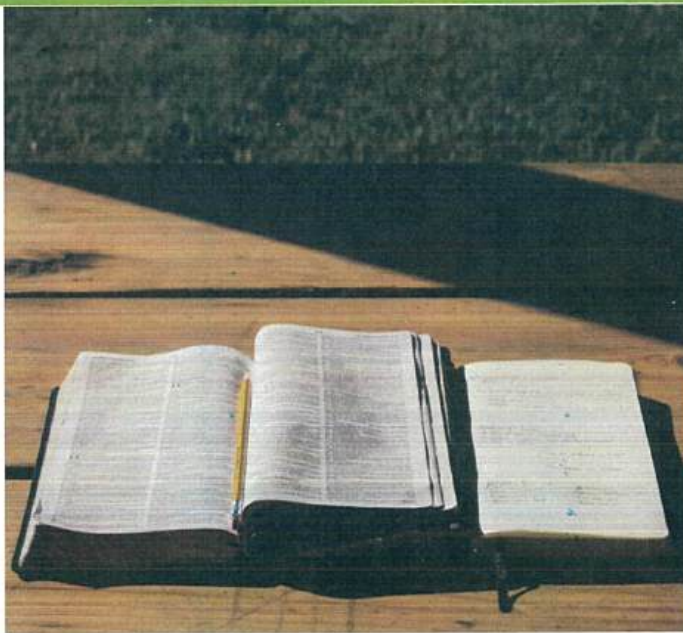
## Piecemakers Quilting



### 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](http://www.lwr.org)



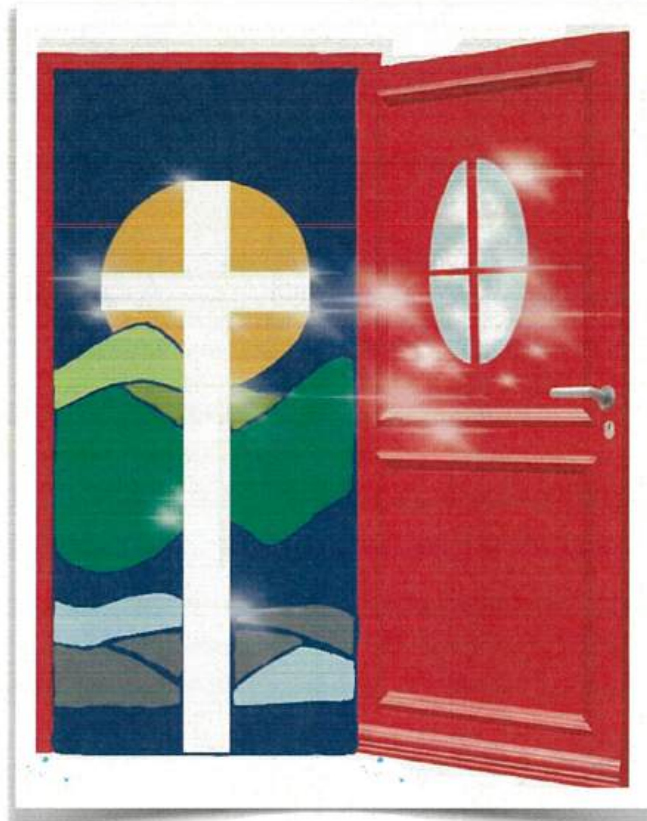
## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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.

# Open the Door to Do More



*When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity to me.*

*II Corinthians 2:12*

## **Living Water's 25th Anniversary**

**Sunday, April 27**

**10:00am Worship**

**5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club**

***\$50.00 per person***

**Reservations start January 26 through February**

**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)



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Stay tuned for more details.

## 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](mailto:wlburrus@earthlink.net). We will need your name(s), best contact phone number and email address.

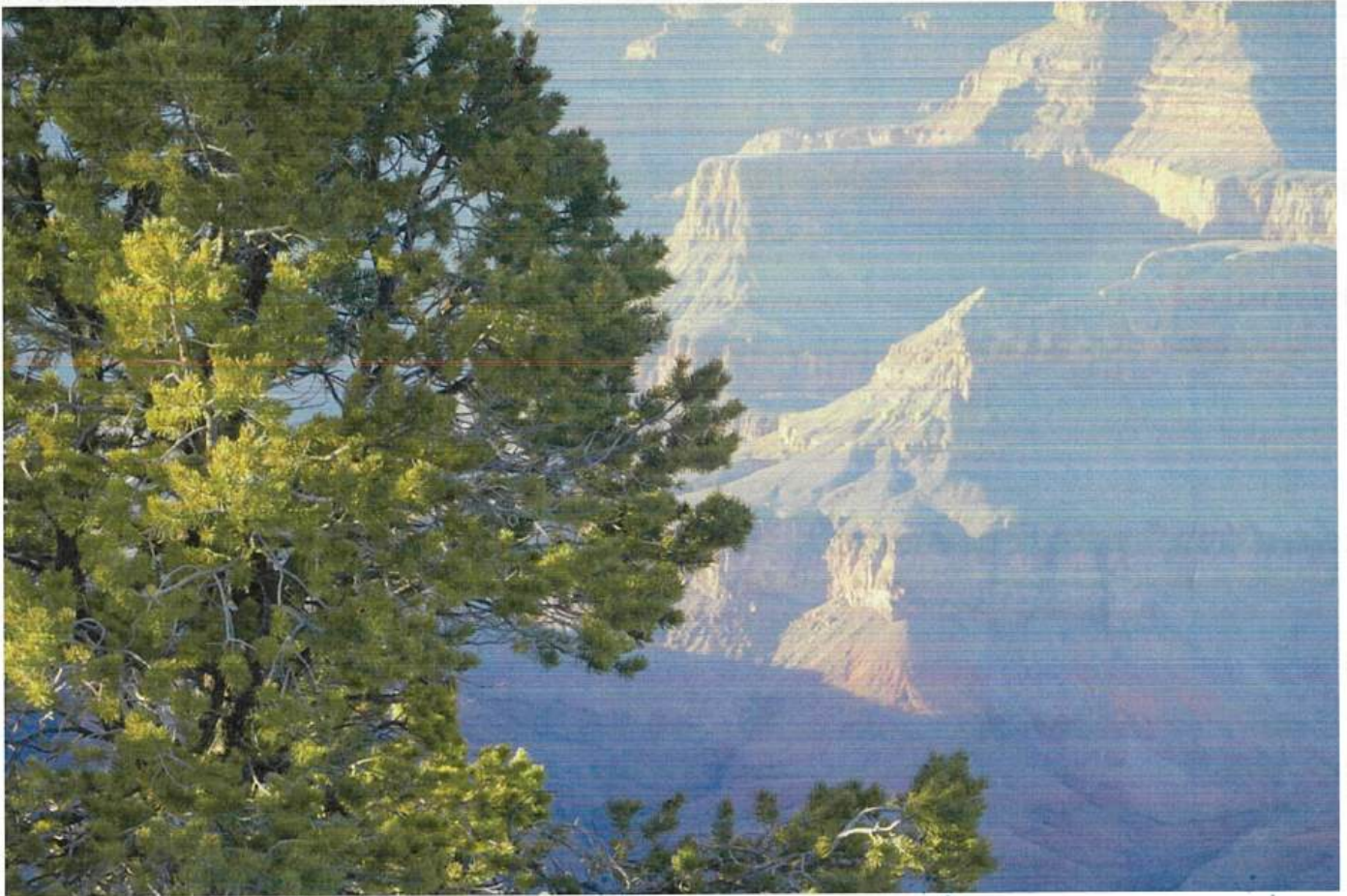
Saints and Sinners is a popular “Small Groups” fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both single and couples.

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.



## **Deepen your connection to our Grand Canyon Synod**

### **Sign up for the Synod Newsletter!**

You are invited to subscribe to the Grand Canyon weekly synod e-newsletter. It arrives in your in-box every Friday morning at 8 a.m. The newsletter offers a wealth of stories from congregations and ministries within our synod, uplifting tales of faith in action, and insights into the work being done at the ground level within our broader church. The newsletter also brings you news from the partner ministries and organizations at the synod level, Region 2, the wider ELCA, and even updates from the global church, including Lutheran World Federation.

Be inspired by the work of others and help us weave a tighter fabric of community across our synod and beyond. Click one of the links below to subscribe:

[Get our newsletter — Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA](#)

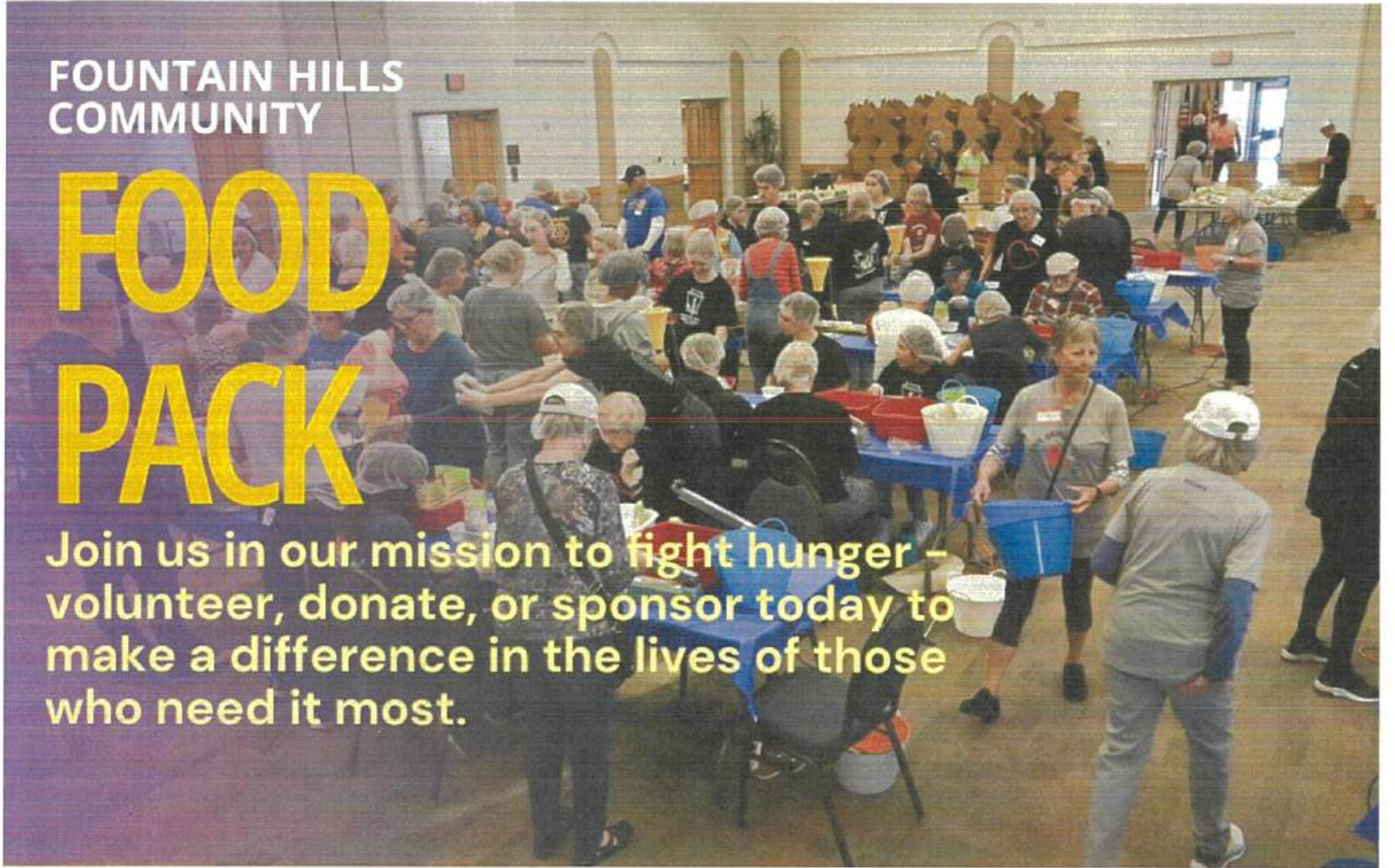
<https://www.gcsynod.org/newsletter>



FOUNTAIN HILLS  
COMMUNITY

# FOOD PACK

Join us in our mission to fight hunger – volunteer, donate, or sponsor today to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.



## Food for Kidz

Feeding Communities, Changing Lives

**FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Fountain Hills Community Center

## Register to Pack



SCAN

*OR register online*



Register today: [njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz](http://njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz)

# 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](mailto: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

### LWLC BOOK DRIVE NEVER ENDS!

Yes, this project has received great summer support during Vacation Bible School. However, please note we have a Book Drive basket located in the narthex all year poised to serve the needs of Phoenix social service agencies. New or gently used books are made available to babies through adults.

As a reminder, cookbooks and magazines with recipes continue to be requested. The chapel at UMOM New Day Centers is especially grateful for religious publications for children (and also adults.)

(Questions? Contact Sue Brash, 602-317-9444, or [suebrash7@gmail.com](mailto:suebrash7@gmail.com))

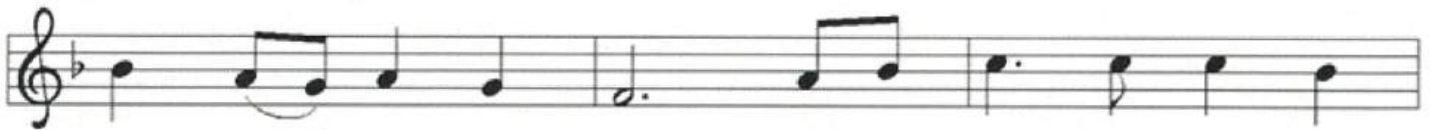
# Gathering Hymn... "All Are Welcome" ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
end to fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come,  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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# Sermon Hymn... "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness" ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav' n - ly,  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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# Sending Hymn... "We All Are One in Mission"

## ELW 576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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# 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  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,  
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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