

Living Water
Lutheran Church



*So whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do all things for
the glory of God.*

1 Corinthians 10:31

January 26, 2025

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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

CONNECTIONS



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 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
- 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
- Mark Jacobson (brother of Lance Jacobson)—Health 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 Bemby (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@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.*

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

\$8 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 February 5 and 19



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



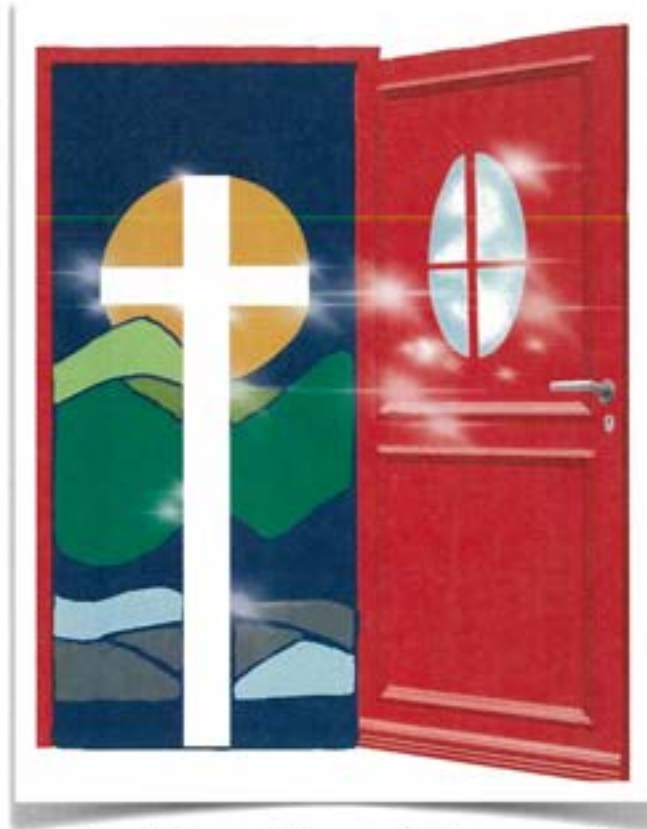
Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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.

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

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



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>

Adult Forum February 2, 16

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

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

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)

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

REMINDER:

For on-line giving at Living Water please visit **LWLCaz.org** and Click on "**Online Giving.**"

This will provide navigation for both new users to this method and allow editing for current users to update their intentions for 2025.



HELP US OUTFIT A KITCHEN FOR AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY!

Living Water, one of the five NE Valley Consortium (NEVC) congregations, has been asked to help outfit a kitchen for an incoming Afghan refugee family through Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. We are seeking new, or gently used, kitchen items as listed below. The family is scheduled to be here on Feb.

15. This request is from the NEVC and not through our regular Refugee Resettlement led by the Dave and Liz Gilkey. Living Water is partnering with Ascension Lutheran to outfit the kitchen for one family of 13. We've split the list of needed items and **our list is below**. **The items need to be delivered to Living Water on or before Sunday, Feb. 12th**. Thank you in advance for any donations! Questions? Please visit with Myrna Ulland.

Dinner and/or luncheon plates for 8

Soup/cereal bowls for 8

Coffee cups, water and juice glasses for 8

Silverware place settings for 8

Mixing/food prep bowls

Spatulas, mixing spoons, rubber spatula

Assorted sizes of pots, with covers

Frying pans with covers

Tea pot

Crock pot (large size, 8 qt)

Assorted baking pans, cookie sheets

Grater

Colander

Whisk

Vegetable peeler

Kitchen tongs

Plastic food storage containers

Paper/plastic products including paper towels, paper napkins, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, waxed paper, plastic food storage bags of various sizes

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.

Gathering Hymn... "Arise Your Light Has Come"



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Psalm 19



8 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple. *Refrain*

9 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. *Refrain*

10 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the Lord are true, all of them just. *Refrain*

15 Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O Lord, my rock [my rock] and my redeemer. *Refrain*

Sermon Hymn... "Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Sending Song... "We Are Marching in the Light of God"



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

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
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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