

CONNECTIONS



February 2, 2025



*join us for*  
Living Water's  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday  
February 9th  
directly after service

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church

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
- David Cales (Brother of Gerry Cales)—Health Concerns
- 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
- 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 Fresh'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 Pam Landon
- Family and Friends of Spencer Phinney (Suki Kisling's Brother)

*—pray*

*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

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 az.org***



# 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](mailto:suebrash7@gmail.com))

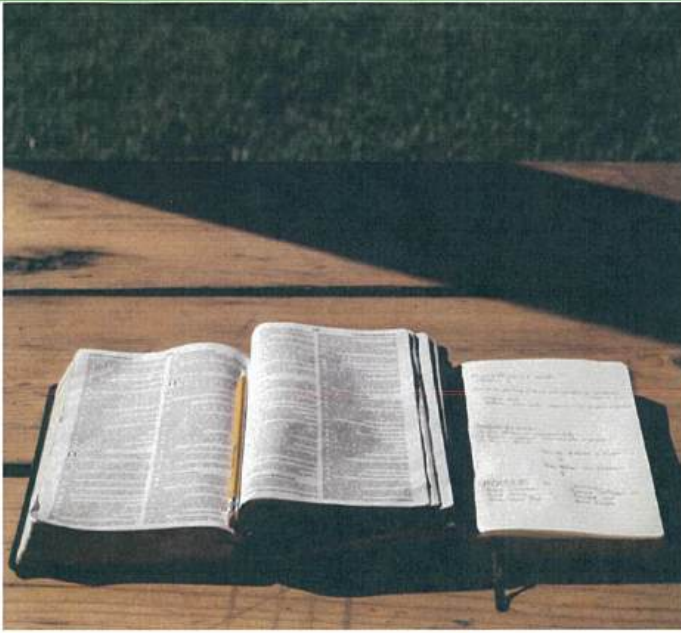
## Piecemakers Quilting

**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](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.

# New Member Class

Saturday March 8 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Are you curious about **membership** at  
Living Water Lutheran Church?



If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative  
Orientation and dinner learn more about Living Water  
followed by dinner  
on **Saturday March 8 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

If **you** would like to attend, please **rsvp** via the  
front office:

via phone: **480-473-8400**

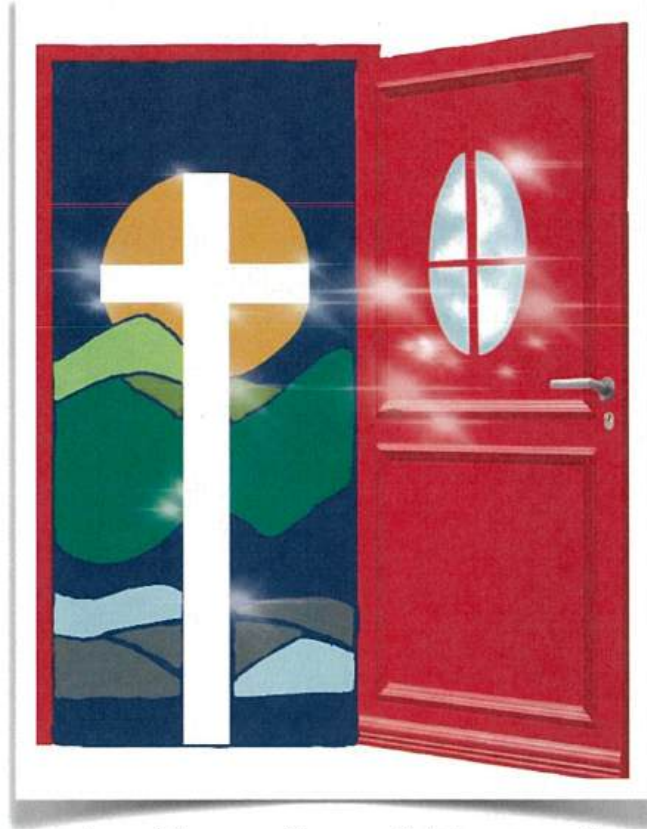
or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

(subject: *New Member Orientation*)

*New Member Class on 3/8*

# 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 through February



## 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.

### 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.



## **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>

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

## Living Water's "Hunger Jar"

The large Hunger Jar is in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 between local and international/global organizations or initiatives.



The Service and Caring Team Ministry at LWLC periodically determines how to distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/24 balance of **\$1,899.00** between Foothills Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. Each received \$944.50.

You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says, "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills, and even checks. And, if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar."

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

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## Gathering Hymn... "God is Here"



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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# Psalm 24:7-10



Who is this King of glo - ry? It is the Lord!

7 Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! [that the king of glory may come in!] *Refrain.*

8 Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. [the Lord, mighty in battle.] *Refrain.*

10 Who is this king of glory? The lord of hosts; he is the king of glory. [he is the king of glory.] *Refrain.*

## **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](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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# Sermon Hymn... "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin - ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## Sending Song... "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

*Halbesjahn*

# LIVING WATER

*Living Water*  
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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