

April 27, 2025

Living Water
Lutheran Church



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Amanda (Cherrie Heidemann-Oglesby's Daughter)—Health Concerns
- Bill Anderson—Recovering from Surgery
- Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Daughter 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
- Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson) —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
- Kyle and Tyler Hornacek (Grandsons of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- Carol Jacobson—Recovering from Surgery
- Dick Johnston—Health Concerns
- Dan Kempf (Brother of Myrna Ulland)—In Hospice
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Jill Knorra—Health Concerns
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Betty McCarthy (Sister of Stephen McCarthy)—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
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Pastor Mark Rossman—Recovering from Surgery
- Gary Ruff (Father of Kevin Ruff)—Health Concerns
- Mel Simms (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Life Concerns
- Kristen Stenehjem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjem)—Health Concerns
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of Dan Bonar
- Friends and Family of Michael Koch
- Friends and Family of Jim Tonneson

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

\$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: **lwlcaz.org***

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.

Happy 25th Anniversary Living Water Lutheran Church

Living Water Lutheran Church was founded as an ELCA mission church and held its first worship service on Christmas Eve in 1997. It was officially organized in March 2000 with a charter membership of 150. Today, we celebrate 25 years of ministry in North Scottsdale. In keeping with our mission – “To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ” – LWLC seeks to create a community which welcomes all people, shares the experiences of God’s grace, grows in faith, and is sent out into the world to care.

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Today's altar flower bouquet was donated by Julie Ann Walker in celebration of Living Water Lutheran's 25th Anniversary!



2025 VBS



Registration is now open for our 2025 Vacation Bible School program. Join us the week of June 16 for a week filled with great Bible stories, fun games, awesome crafts, fabulous music and a delicious take-home snack.



Date: June 16-20

Time: 9 - 11:30am



Go to <https://lwlcaz.org/vbs2025/> or click on the Education tab on our church website to register. We welcome children age 4 through 6th grade. Registration is free and every child receives a one-of-a-kind soft and comfortable t-shirt. Please spread the word to your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Kris Crow at kcrow737@gmail.com. Youth going into 7th grade in the fall through age 90+ are invited to participate. You won't want to miss this amazing multi-generational event!

Invitation from our Tuesday Women's Bible Study



Monday, May 5 is the official day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. In some places, it's called Red Dress Day, a day of remembrance and advocacy for the ongoing injustice against Indigenous people.

Join us on Tuesday, April 29, at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall (or via Zoom at 10 am MST) for a special discussion to broaden our awareness and learn how we can honor missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and relatives on May 5. **Our guest presenter is Wanda Frenchman**, an Indigenous leader in the ELCA. Wanda serves as the Vicar for Native American Urban Ministry right here in Phoenix and is currently a student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Wanda is also a Mission Developer and Fund for Leaders Mission Developer Scholarship winner in 2021. Wanda serves as the program assistant to the Indigenous Ministries and Tribal Relations of the ELCA. Wanda is a member of the Oglala Lakota (South Dakota) and Lenape (Oklahoma) tribes.

All are welcome! 10 am in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom. If you aren't receiving our Tuesday Women email to get the Zoom link, please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

Family Sunday School



returns this spring with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "God is good no matter what."

*Bible Verse - "The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes" (Nahum 1:7)



Sunday, May 4, 9:00am –
Joseph Forgives His Brothers



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.

Café

boldcafe.org

Monthly dinner
with Boldcafe
writers + friends
(B.Y.O.D.)



May 1
5:00pm



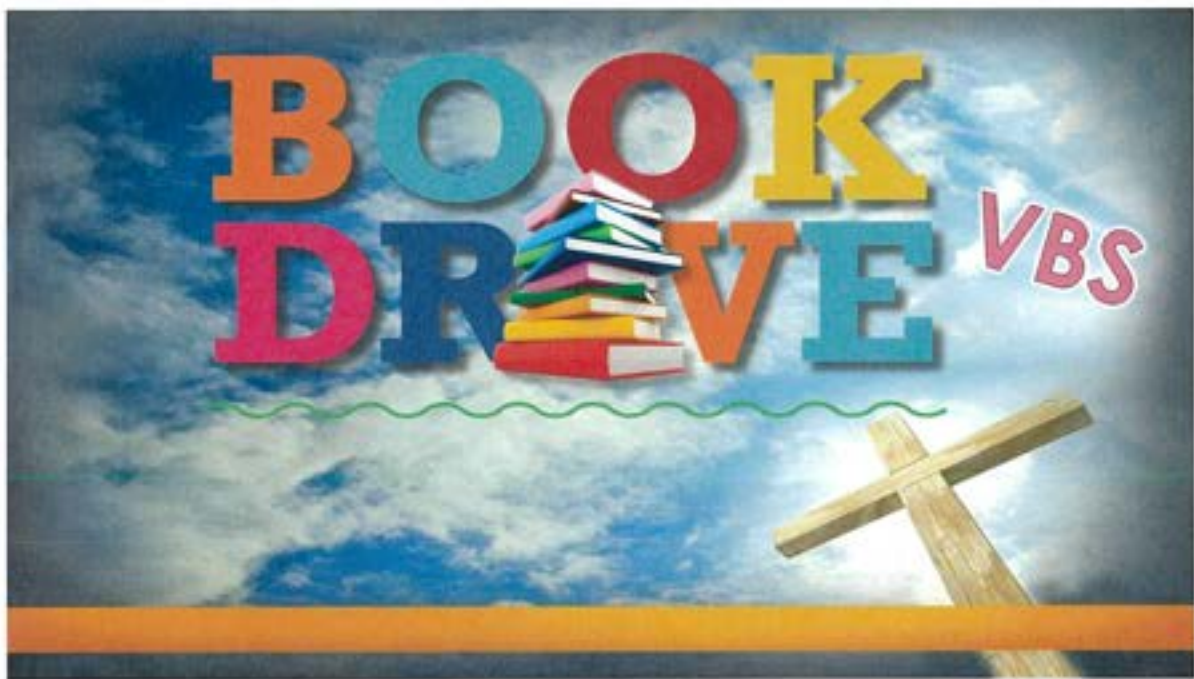
BOLD CAFÉ BYOD in APRIL

May 1 at 5:00pm Arizona time

Bring your own dinner/bring your own drink and join in the Zoom conversation to learn more about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) in preparation for MMIW Day on May 5.

Our host, Wanda our conversation about creating awareness and taking action to advocate for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

This is a free event, but pre-registration is required: www.boldcafe.org/dinner



VBS BOOK DRIVE THROUGH JUNE 20

The 2025 VBS Mission Project Book Drive has kicked off!

We're once again collecting new and "gently-used" books, **especially books for children from kindergarten through 8th grade**. All books and magazines, especially magazines with recipes, are distributed through Sue Brash's connections with Delivering Dreams of AZ (a new name/organization replacing Phoenix Assistance League) and other organizations here in the Valley. A "gently-used" book is defined by Ima Bookworm as one with 1) no rips or tears, 2) no writing, and 3) no worm holes. Think of it as a book in a condition you'd love to receive! Your donation may be the first book owned by a fortunate student!

Please bring in your books – for kids, or for any age through adult - from now until June 20 and place them in the Book Drive basket in the church entryway. A bookcase will be up after Easter to help collect incoming books! We've also received a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase additional books! No books to donate? You can help us buy more new or gently used books with your donation of cash or check. Monetary gifts can be amplified! A gift of \$5 turns into dozens of books through the expert shopping by Sue Brash. Please note "VBS Book Drive" on your donation. Thank you on behalf of the kids, and organizations, who will be blessed by your support. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland and/or Sue Brash.

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

Thursday, May 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: LivingWater



Scan to be directed to
RedCross.org



**Come to give blood May 19 to 31 for a limited edition
Red Cross solar lantern, while supplies last!**



Scan to schedule
an appointment

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Dollars for Diapers Drive to Benefit

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet



Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides diapers for 120-150 infants and toddlers impacting 90 to 110 families. This ministry was part of Alleluia Lutheran Church, which closed in 2022 . It is now a stand alone, not-for-profit organization with a distribution center at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Phoenix, a location that has allowed the organization to increase the number of clients it serves.

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides a two-week supply of diapers and wipes on the third Saturday of each month to approximately 150 infants and toddlers. This organization relies on donations in order to provide enough diapers to meet the needs of children in its service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 112 diapers per child for two weeks (on average). With 120 to 150 infants and toddlers that is a lot of diapers!

Did you know that diapers cannot be bought with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? 30% of low-income moms report they cannot change their children's diapers as often as they would like. 32% of low-income families report re-using diapers to pay critical household expenses. Many families who need diapers are working parents, but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in four of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

In the past we have given diapers, wipes, and dollars, but after discussion last year with the organization, it became clear that money is the easiest and most helpful donation we can make. A check from Living Water allows the Diaper Closet the ability to fill gaps in inventory quickly.

Alleluia needs our help. We are generous and giving congregation. Living Water's Service Ministry Team is kicking off a ***Dollars for Diapers Drive*** to support the Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. By Mother's Day, May 11th, our goal is to collect enough dollars to meet the needs of this ministry for one month. With our gifts of dollars, we can help provide diapers for babies and toddlers in need.

Please make your checks payable to Living Water Lutheran Church and note "Alleluia Diaper Closet" on the memo line.

Living Water's "Hunger Jar"

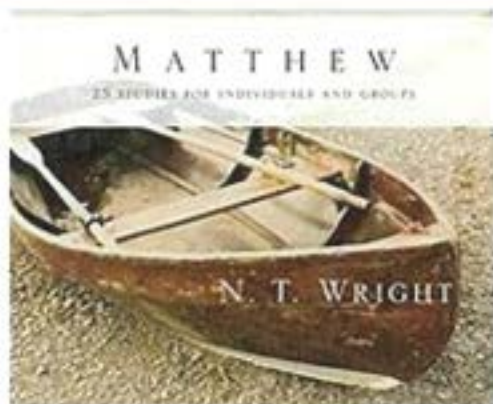
The large Hunger Jar is in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 between local and international/global organizations or initiatives.



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!



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Join us on any Tuesday morning at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall, or at 10 am MST 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 and often go to lunch as a group on the last Tuesday of each month. If you're not receiving our Tuesday Women email communications, please notify [myrna.ulland@gmail](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added.

Opening Hymn..... "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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



KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT KNOCKED OUT
A Study of 2 Corinthians led by Pastor Dennis Nelson
Sunday Morning Adult Forum
April 27, May 11 and 25 at 9 AM
in the Choir Room

When have been the most difficult days of your life? How did your faith in Jesus help you get through them? Paul had been going through some terrible times when he wrote his second letter to the church in Corinth. He explains how his struggles helped make him more empathic towards others and more reliant on God and helped him learn that God's grace is all sufficient. This book can show you how your most severe struggles can do the same for you.

Sermon Hymn... "We Walk By Faith"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Sending Song... "I'm So Glad You Lifted Me Jesus"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,
Sa - tan had me bound, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual



LIVING WATER

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Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Living Water
QR code for aiving:



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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