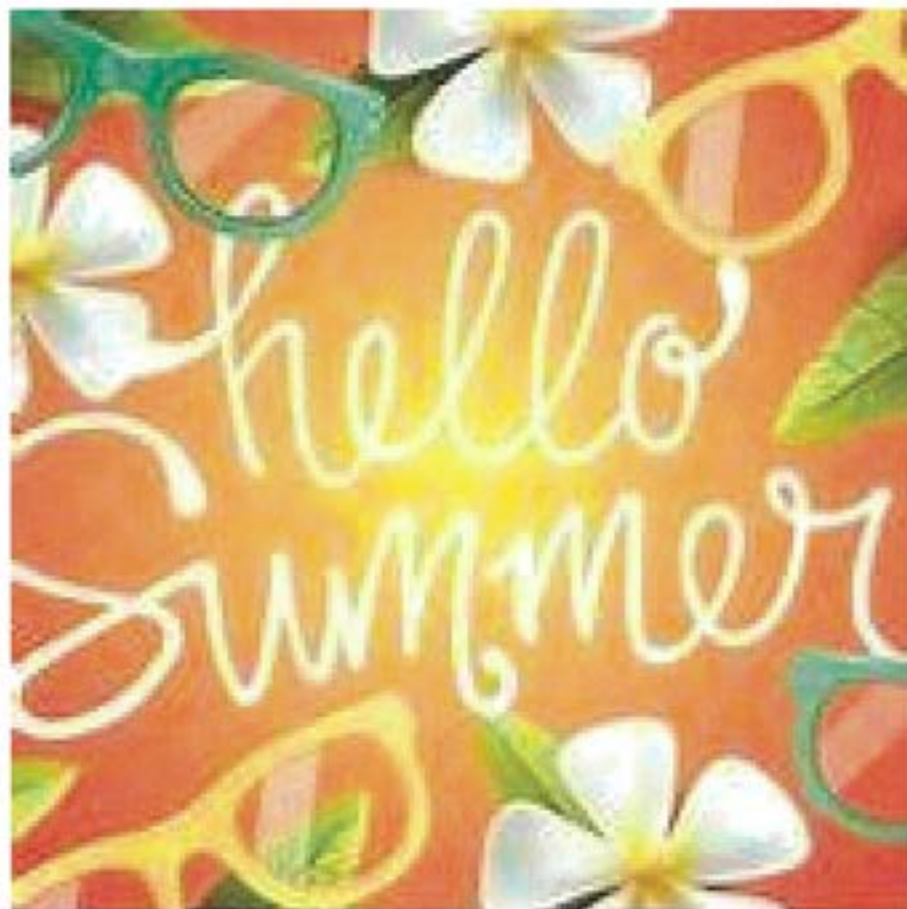


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



June 22, 2025



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Amanda (Daughter of Cherrie Heidemann-Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Charlie Boyd—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
- Tod 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
- 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
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—Life Concerns
- Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Pastor Mark Rossman—Recovering from Surgery
- Mel Simms (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Life Concerns
- Kristen Stenehem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehem)—Health Concerns
- Ted Stump—In Hospice
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns

Send your prayer requests to prayer@hlwcaz.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***

Prayer of the Week:

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Thank you
to all our 2025 VBS volunteers!



Another edition of Vacation Bible School at Living Water has come to a close. For 21 children and over 40 volunteers it was a week filled with awesome music, fun games, creative crafts, daily dramas and delicious snacks. The Bible Points for each day of the week provided a great framework for exploring the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis.

Day 1 - God gives us hope.
Day 2 - God gives us special abilities.
Day 3 - God gives us wisdom.
Day 4 - God gives us forgiveness.
Day 5 - God gives us a family.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers that made this program successful. Your talents, hard work and dedication were critical to making the program fun for the young and old among us.

The support of the Living Water congregation is truly amazing! Your generous financial donations, encouragement, prayers and support are so appreciated!



Set Design and Construction:

Wayne and Leila Burrus - Leaders
Lynda and Gerry Cales
Sue Stenehjem
Linda Hoenig
Ann Cook

Celebration Leader:

Pastor Shari

Snack Shack:

Julie Ann Walker - Leader
Marilyn Nartker
Sue Umland
Lynda Breault
Corey Anderson

Crafts:

Maren Titmus - Leader
Karen Roessler
AJ Bernau
Kristi Winter

Village Playground:

Ryan Handley - Leader
Heath Handley

Joseph's Journey (Drama):

Darryl vanMaanan (Joseph)
Wayne Burrus (Rameses the guard)

Mission Project Book Drive:

Myrna Ulland - Leader
Sue Brash

Registration:

Jill Wehr - Leader
Suzanne Wagner

Egyptian Family Leaders:

Lisa Moehn
Debra Anderson,
Myrna Ulland
Joan Sprinkle
Jeri Pounds
Denny Dumler
Ashley Chmielewski

Assistant Egyptian Family Leaders:

Naomi Finneran
Allison Handley
Stella Robinson
Jacksen Robinson
Kaden Roos
Caroline Ruff
Henry Ruff
Lily Shelmire
Mason Sleeper

VBS Festival:

Kristi Winter - Leader
Maren Titmus

Security Team:

Jim King - Leader
Phil Pounds

Sound Technician:

William Ruff

AV Slides for Opening/Closing:

Heidi Ruff

Volunteer Floater:

Matthew Umland

VBS Leadership Team:

Kris Crow - Leader
Pastor Shari
Heidi Ruff
Myrna Ulland
Julie Ann Walker

With heartfelt gratitude, we honor Kris Crow for 17 years of dedicated service as **Director of Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church**. Her passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment have nurtured the faith and joy of countless children, youth and families. Her legacy is one of love, joy, faith and lifelong memories—thank you for being a guiding light in our community.



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!

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.



Piecemakers Quilters on Summer Break!

We will take a break from tying quilts during the summer. Look for an announcement when we resume in September!

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects during the summer heat, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 or 16 pieces, using ½" seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

Tuesday Women's Bible Study is taking a Summer Break
We'll see you in September!



Tuesday Women's Bible study concluded on May 20th and will resume our regular schedule in September. Watch for an announcement about a possible summer event at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center, using the summer Bible study from the Gather magazine. "Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships" by the Rev. Brooke Petersen. You can subscribe to Gather for only \$19.95 for four jam-packed print issues each year. When you subscribe, you also have digital access so you can read it wherever you are! Visit www.gathermagazine.org for subscription information.

This Sunday's altar flowers were donated by
the Perry family in honor of
Shirley and Gene Perry's
70th Wedding Anniversary!





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Thank You

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,160.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.

Opening Hymn... "Word Of God, Come Down to Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919

Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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Psalm 110 You Are A Priest For Ever, In The Line of Melchizedek



1 The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies [make your enemies] your footstool." *Refrain.*

2 The scepter of your power the Lord will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst [Rule in the midst] of your enemies." *Refrain.*

3 "Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you." *Refrain.*

4 The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." *Refrain.*

Be still
and know that
I am
GOD
Psalm 46:10

Sermon Hymn... "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Read the Word.



Pray.
Repeat.

Sending Song... "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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

Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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