

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



July 27, 2025



Enjoy your Arizona summer!

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—"Tuesdays at NOON"

## *We Remember in Our Prayers*

- o Amanda (Daughter of Cherrie Heidemann-Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- o Jeff & Eric Bemby (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- o Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- o Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- o Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- o Adrian Corr (Brother-in-law of Brian Goebel, living in Turks)—Cancer
- o Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- o Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- o Danica Enlow (Daughter-in-law of Leila Burrus)—Recovering From Surgery
- o Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- o Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- o Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- o Kyle and Tyler Hornacek (Grandsons of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- o Carol Jacobson—Recovering from Surgery
- o Dick Johnston—Health Concerns
- o Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- o Jill Knorra—Health Concerns
- o Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- o Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- o Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- o Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- o Pastor Mark Rossman—Recovering from Surgery
- o Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—Health Concerns
- o Janet L. Swim (Sister of Brian Goebel)—Cancer
- o Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- o Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- o Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- o Friends and Family of Charlie Boyd
- o Friends and Family of Norman Jouett (Father of Janis Fjeld)
- o Friends and Family of Dan Kempf (Brother of Myrna Ulland)
- o Friends and Family of Phil Pounds
- o Friends and Family of Ted Stump

*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: **lwlcaz.org***

### *Prayer of the Week:*

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# TEXAS FLOODS

## You can rush help to neighbors.



**YOUR DONATION IS SECURE**



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

Our neighbors in central Texas need us now more than ever. The devastating floods have left families in crisis. Your gift will reach families in the flood zone — and beyond — with the care and support they need.

You can either write a check to Living Water Lutheran Church with “LWR Flood Relief” in memo line or go directly to Lutheran World Relief donation page:

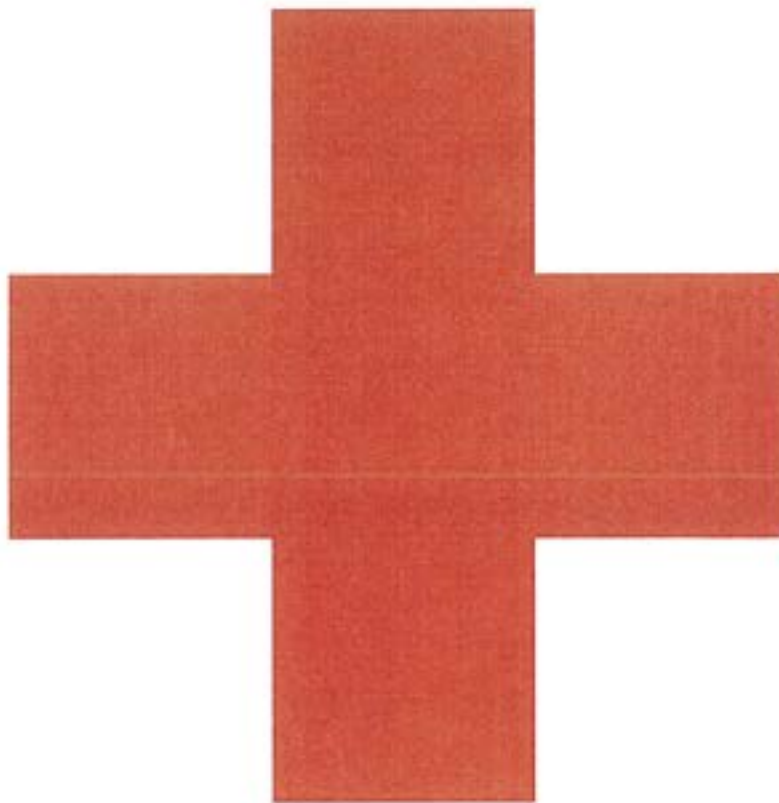
<https://give.lwr.org/page/123179/donate/1>

Thank you for your donations to help those in need.

*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

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment or for more information,  
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
or log on to [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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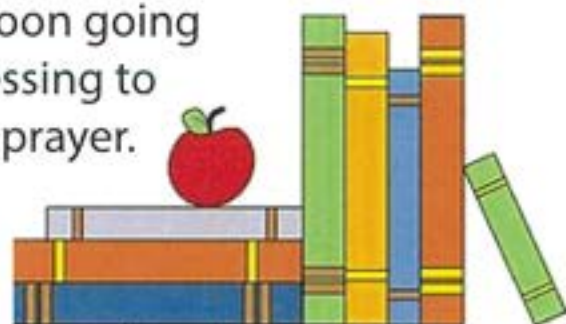
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*Hope you can join us on..... Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00am*

*For a..... Back to School Blessing*

All Students, Teachers and Staff who are soon going back to school are invited for a special blessing to begin the new school year surrounded in prayer.



Back To School



Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see QR code below to access Living Water's online giving platform.

*Thank  
You*



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.

# Confirmation



## Starting in September...

- Confirmation classes will be held two Sundays each month from 6:30-8:00pm.
- This is a two and a half-year program for middle school and high school students.
- We will be learning about the Old Testament, New Testament, Lutheran History, the Catechism and Lutheran Living. We look forward to a fun and relationship-building learning environment!
- Please let Pastor Shari [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org) know if you have any questions.





**Join us on Sunday, September 14 at 10am**  
**We will be sharing our stories and pictures from**  
**the 2025 Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota!**





## 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!

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

*Philippians 4:13*



**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](http://www.gathermagazine.org) for subscription information.



# Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Continued.....*

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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## Now the Feast

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*



God; to make all things new.

## Psalm 138 Lord, on that day I called for help

### Refrain



1-2 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. *Refrain.*

2-3 Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me. *Refrain.*

6-7 The Lord is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand. *Refrain.*

7-8 Your right hand saves me. The Lord will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O Lord endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. *Refrain.*



## Gospel Acclamation... "Alleluia"

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

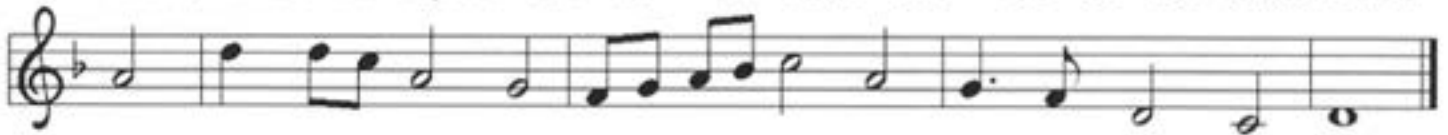
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat*

## Sermon Hymn... "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905-1987, alt.  
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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## Offering Song... "As the Grains of Wheat"

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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# Communion Hymn... "Lamb of God"

*Congregation:*

*Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world:  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us,

## Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*



mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace,

grant us peace.

## Sending Song... "Go My Children, with My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS. Welsh traditional  
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# LIVING WATER

**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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QR code for giving:



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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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