

JULY 2025

Splash!

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."
John 4:14*



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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.*

You might be wondering...

A Message from Pastor Shari

What is the Northeast Valley Consortium, and what is it up to these days?

The NEVC is a partnership of five ELCA Congregations in our area, and Living Water is one of the congregations that is blessed to be part of this new and creative way of doing ministry. Founded in 2020, it has taken on a variety of different spiritual, educational, and service-oriented programs throughout its first five years, but has remained true to its goals, which are:

- Navigate challenges in congregational life
- Accomplish more together than we could separately
- Grow our understanding of lay-led, clergy-supported ministry
- Team driven and organized to address needs in our communities

The people from our congregation who serve on the Steering Team of the Consortium include Pastor Shari Bernau, Debbie Anderson and Lisa Moehn, and this team of about 12 members meets about every 6-8 weeks via zoom.

Recently, we have accomplished some amazing things. Last summer, we partnered up to make 2600 lunches to be distributed to Heat Respite Centers in downtown Phoenix who serve people who are homeless. And, this summer, we are planning to do the same! In fact, Living Water has two dates on the calendar: August 11 and 25. Hope you can join us! More details to come.

In the spring of 2025, we took on the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge, which was an opportunity to participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, raise awareness of hunger issues, and raise \$30,564 for the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, and \$25,961 for disasters such as US Wildfires, Hurricane Response, Middle East Crisis, and Where Needed Most. In addition to raising money for the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge, our Consortium participated in pew exchanges, a Walk for Water, and a Maundy Thursday worship service at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center.

Our Consortium also works together to meet the needs of the people staying at La Casa de la Misericordia in Nogales, Mexico. On top of that, we received hundreds of books last year and this year from our partner congregations to help with our Vacation Bible School Mission Project. Together we can do so much more! Together, we are bigger, bolder, and going further than we ever imagined. Who knows where God will lead us next?

-Pastor Shari

Ask Zeke



July

Living Water's 24/7 office fish shares LWLC members' devotion options

Q. Hey Zeke, I've been using the same daily devotions for several years. I'd like to try something else. Any suggestions??

- A. I've got oodles of options for you. Five years ago, when COVID arrived and we initially had to worship on Zoom, I thought it might be interesting to ask some LWLC members what they would recommend. My fishing netted the following boatload of responses.
- I use a couple of devotional books. One is Sarah Young's *Jesus Always: Embracing Joy in His Presence*. I like it because it's all about the joy in your life and how your choices matter, even when things are a bit unsettled. The second one is *God's Little Devotional Book for Women*. In addition to a daily story relating to a Bible verse, it includes a short modern-day version.
- The YouVersion Bible app is on my phone. This app has daily devotions and other articles.
- We like *Spirit in the Desert's Daily Devotion* because it mostly follows our weekly liturgy and uses current-day issues (spiritinthedesert.org).
- Three that I routinely use arrive as daily emails: *Spirit in the Desert's Daily Devotion*; Luther Seminary's *God Pause*, which is tied to the weekly lectionary (luthersem.edu); and *Women of the ELCA's Daily Grace*, a short-read faith reflection (womenoftheelca.org).
- I read *Luther's Morning Blessing* (in the Lutheran Study Bible) followed by Julie Rayburn's *Be Still and Know: 365 Days of Hope & Encouragement for Women*. My evening devotion is *Luther's Evening Blessing*. I also like *Christ in Our Home* (you can pick up a free pocket size or large print copy in the narthex).
- I read Richard Rohr's *Daily Meditation* every morning (cac.org). I also like Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling* and Karen Casey's *Each Day a New Beginning: Daily Meditations for Women*.
- *God Calling 365-Day Devotional Bible* – received from an unexpected and unknown houseguests in 1994 – speaks to me. Also, *God Calling: By Two Listeners* is a fabulous jewel.
- *Spirit in the Desert's Touchpoints* – short online homilies based on biblical stories of people in the Old and New Testaments – have lots of viewers.

Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at AskZeke@cox.net or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-710-4506.

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on
our website: **lwlcaz.org**

Men's Bible Breakfast

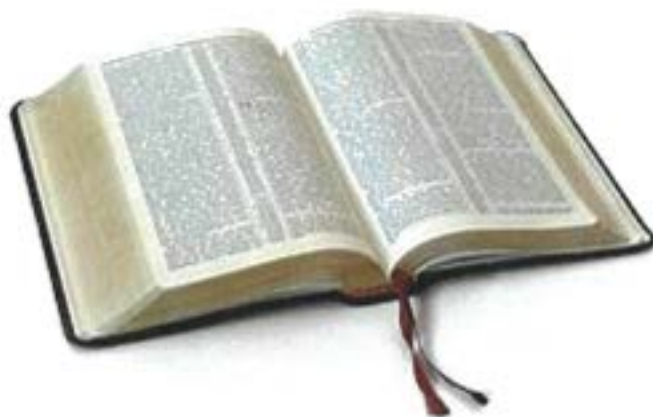
We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am

\$8 for breakfast

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.

Carefree, AZ 85377



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.



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 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 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



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!



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 know if you have any questions.



Café

boldcafe.org

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

July 17
@ 7 pm (CST)



Join us for our next **Boldcafe**
Monthly Dinner, Thursday, July 17 at 7pm CST hosted
by Kamila Gutierrez, Women of the ELCA's Communication intern.

She will lead our conversation about Process Theology.

Granddaughters, daughters, nieces, and others are invited!

We'll provide a downloadable coloring sheet for everyone,
and participants are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal
or doll.

Download a special coloring sheet to use during our time together.

(Please note, we will hold only the July dinner on the 17th, the dinner is
usually the first Thursday of every month.)

Register and pass this invitation along: <https://boldcafe.org/dinner>

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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.

Grand Canyon Synod Annual Assembly

Each year, four church members are invited to represent Living Water at the annual meeting of our synod. This year, Don and Patti Pick, Debbie Anderson and I attended the assembly in Las Vegas. Myrna Ulland, who sits on the synod council, was also present.

At the assembly, the clergy and lay representatives learned about the numerous outreach programs we support through the synod, voted on next year's budget as presented by the council, and elected people to fill open synod positions. We also met people from around our synod, worshipped, and were enriched by a meaningful and entertaining Bible study led by ELCA hip-hop artist, David Scherer. We will forget the dance moves but not his important message, partially expressed by repeated affirmations that we are ALL Beloved Children of God, and we MATTER.

Feel free to ask any of us for more information about our trip. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to represent you! Lisa Moehn



Summer



notes:



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JULY

BIRTHDAYS!

Eric	Leinweber	7/3
Judy	Nerison	7/4
Gene	Elers	7/5
Ed	Shipley	7/6
Marilyn	Nartker	7/8
Susan	Purewal	7/8
Beth	McCarthy	7/14
Ron	Koch	7/15
Trace	Laudenschlager	7/15
John	Hannan	7/16
William	Ruff	7/19

Steven	Johnson	7/21
Sarge	Purewal	7/21
Ann	Sadler	7/21
Michael	Winter	7/21
Lourdes	Gasparino	7/22
Cherie	Bruckner	7/23
Tom	Kelland	7/24
Alexandre	Goebel	7/26
Paul	Evenson	7/27
Steve	Umiland	7/27
Janet	Guthrie	7/29
Mason	Seeper	7/31

Happy Birthday!

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
Connections Newsletter - Every **Tuesday** by **NOON**
SPLASH! Newsletter - The **20th** of each month by **NOON**

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