

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 17, 2025



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 Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- o Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- o Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- o Christl (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- o Debbie Connor (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Terminal Melanoma
- 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 Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- 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

*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***

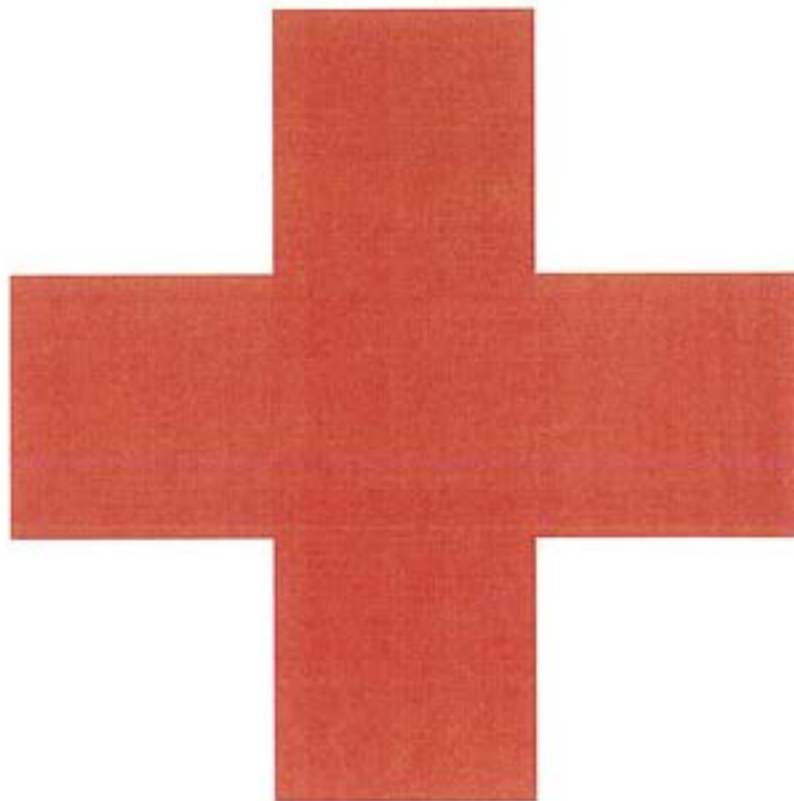
Prayer of the Week:

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

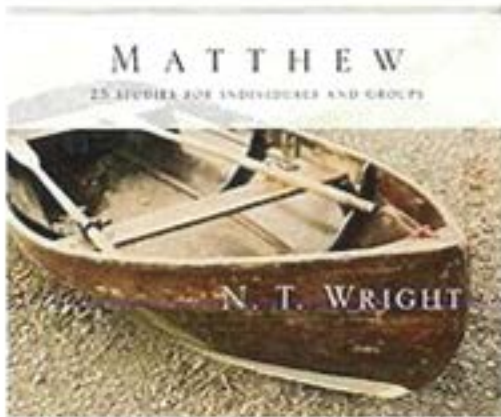
To schedule an appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or log on to redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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an appointment.



Tuesday Women's Bible Study Resumes our 2025 Fall Schedule

Beginning Tuesday, September 9, 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 still using material from New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright. We have 12 more weeks to finish this deep dive into this Gospel!

No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed, and you don't have to be Lutheran either. Come when you can, bring a friend, and bring your favorite Bible translation. We include prayers in our time together, prayers for those on our church's prayer list as well as individual prayers offered during our time together. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will always be on. Occasionally we 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.

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 6/30/25 balance of **\$ 1,870**. We still allocated 50% locally but split it between three local organizations, St. Mary's Food Bank of Arizona and ELCA, Nourish Phx and Foothills Foodbank. Each received \$312. The 50% for

the international portion was split between Lutheran World Hunger and Save My Starving Children. Each received \$467.

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!

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.



TEXAS FLOODS

You can rush help to neighbors.

 YOUR DONATION IS SECURE



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.



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THANKS

August 2025

Thank you for continuing
to let us use your facility
for our AA meeting

— A Safe Place Group.

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.

Today's Altar Bouquet was donated
in honor of
Mike and Lou Handley's anniversary



Living Water Lutheran Church Grief Support Group



Have you lost a loved one recently or are you still grieving from a former loss? Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to the request of members of Living Water and the encouragement of the Church Council and Pastors, this ministry is officially going to start this fall.

Group Facilitator: Diane Klumpp

Pastoral Support: Pastor Shari Bernau

**This is an 8-week program on Wednesdays 1:00-2:30pm
running from October 1 – November 19**

Please call or email Pastor Shari Bernau to sign up
480-473-8400 - pastorshari@lwlcaz.org



Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
*Education Building

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

On September 7, 2025, Living Water will participate in God's Work, Our Hands by assembling 100 personal care kits to be distributed through the Arizona Faith Network.

All over the USA, thousands of ELCA members will engage in service work to make positive changes in the community and in the world, deepen relationships, and share God's love. Please join us as we do God's work with our hands!

This year, there are three ways the congregation can contribute supplies for the kits: *a collection box in the Narthex, a check to Living Water with GWOH written in the memo line, and an Amazon Wish List.* (The Amazon Wish List link will be sent by email to each person on the email list.) **Thank you**, in advance, for your generosity!

If you choose to contribute supplies at church, here is the list of what we are collecting:

REGULAR SIZE: Toothbrush, Comb, Socks

TRAVEL SIZE: Toothpaste, Deodorant, Tissues, Soap, Bandages, Shampoo

There will be a collection box in the Narthex starting Sunday, August 3 until Sunday, August 31.

And...if you will be cleaning out your sock drawer soon, the AZ Faith Network greatly appreciates donations of gently worn socks. They can be placed in the collection box.



Piecemakers Quilters in September

Join us on two Wednesdays in September when we resuming tying mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours:

Sept. 10 at 9 am – approx. noon

Sept. 17 at 9 am – approx. noon

No experience required! Come to the Education Building – Matthew/Mark

Room. Bring your coffee/tea for a mid-morning break. We are working to finish up a few more quilts before the Phoenix area LWR ingathering of quilts and kits on October 17-18.

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects during this 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

New Member Class

Saturday October 18th 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 October 18 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**

use subject: 'New Member Orientation'

New Member Class on 10/18

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!



THANK YOU!

Your donations for the
2025 VBS Book Drive
made it our
best year ever!

4,649
books!





July 25th, 2025

Living Water Lutheran Church
9301 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU!

We appreciate your generous donation of \$406.00 to Scottsdale Community Partners-SCP, (formerly Concerned Citizens for Community Health-CCCH). Your support and financial gift for the **Vista del Camino Food Bank** helps vulnerable Scottsdale residents receive the food they need.

SCP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the work of Vista del Camino Community Services, Via Linda Senior Center and Granite Reef Senior Center.

SCP works closely with the City of Scottsdale Human Services Division, to directly support programs and services that help to:

- Assist residents in a crisis situation and help prevent homelessness
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Provide stability in meeting basic needs such as reducing food insecurity (Vista del Camino Food Bank, Brown Bags for seniors, Healthy Packs for students)
- Offer economic assistance through seasonal programs such as Back-to-School (BTS) and Holiday Adopt a Family / Senior (AAF / AAS)

Your trust and kind generosity are invaluable to Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP). Your donation allows us to continue our mission to support our fellow Scottsdale residents and let them know they are not alone. We look forward to your continued support. If you would like to learn more about our organization or become a volunteer visit our website at [SCP AZ.org](https://scpaz.org)

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

Jenny Adams
Executive Director, Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP)
Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) #20340
Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN) #95-3416943
Website: [SCP AZ.org](https://scpaz.org)
Facebook: [Scottsdale Community Partners](https://www.facebook.com/ScottsdaleCommunityPartners)

Gathering Hymn... "How Firm A Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Psalm 40 Lord, Come To My Aid!

Refrain



2 I have waited, waited for [waited for] the Lord, and he stooped toward me. [And he stooped toward me.]. *Refrain.*

3 The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps. *Refrain.*

4 and he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust [trust] in the Lord. *Refrain.*

18 Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back! *Refrain.*

Sermon Hymn... "When Human Bonds Are Broken"



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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Sending Song... "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine"



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

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.

The Living Water
QR code for giving:



Ministers: All the members of Living Water

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Publication Deadlines:

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

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LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE ATTENDANCE ON August 10 WAS: 92