

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 24, 2025



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer List 8.24.2025

- 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 Christi (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 Tom Kelland—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
- o Pr. Brian Weinberger (Bethlehem Lutheran in Mesa)—Recovering from an auto accident

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright.

Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

NOURISHPHX

August 11, 2025

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Mark,

Thank you for being a philanthropist of NourishPHX with your \$312.00 donation made on 7/30/2025 in support of our mission. Every act of your generosity helps us further this mission to be the trusted community hub serving vulnerable individuals and families by offering resources to satisfy immediate needs and to provide pathways to self-sufficiency. In fact, your gift has helped over 25,000 individuals with food, clothing, job search, food stamps, pet care, haircuts, medical screenings and more just last year. We are proud to offer a holistic approach to setting low-income families on the path to self-sufficiency and are so grateful for your congregations support of our efforts. We feel honored to have you in our corner.

Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible and may qualify for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction. Again, we thank you for your support in helping to make the world a better place.

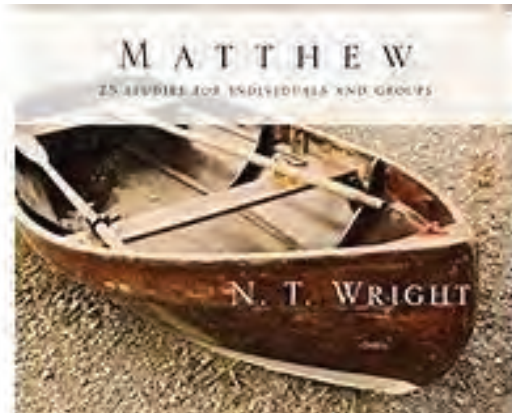
Thank You,



Beth Fiorenza
Executive Director



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No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation
www.nourishphx.org
602-775-5740



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."

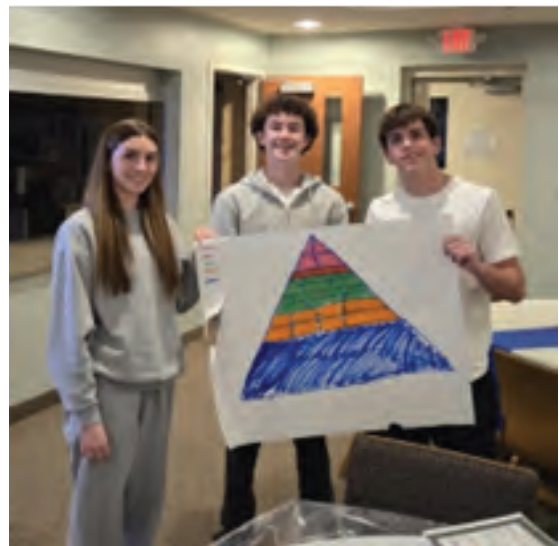
From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

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



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.

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.

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



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.

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



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



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MISSION SUPPORT
CERTIFICATE OF THANKSGIVING

IS PRESENTED TO

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

FOR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY, STEWARDSHIP, & PARTNERSHIP
THROUGH 2025 - 2026 MISSION SUPPORT

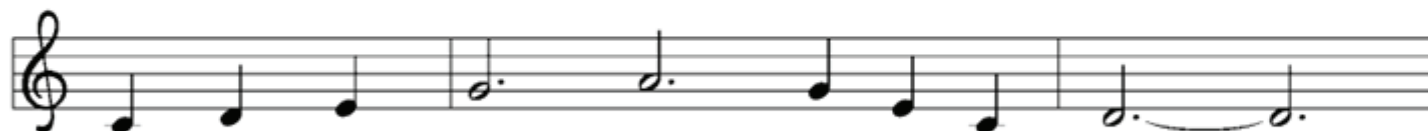
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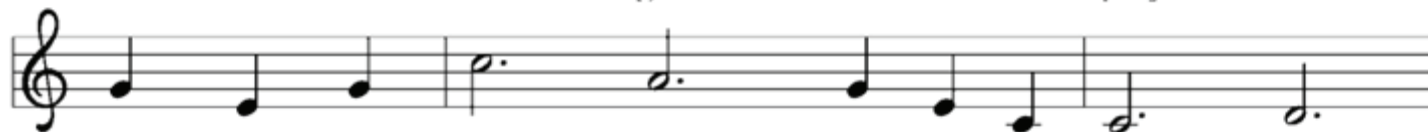
Gathering Hymn... "Morning Has Broken"



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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!



Psalm 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful

Refrain



1-2 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. *Refrain.*

3-4 He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. *Refrain.*

6-7 The Lord, secrets justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel. *Refrain.*

8, 11 Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward
those who fear him. *Refrain.*

Sermon Hymn... "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.



Sending Song... "As Rain From The Clouds"



1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,
2 As grain that is scat - tered your word has been sown
3 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,



as snow from the heav - ens re - fresh - ing the land.
on rocks and on road - ways, in good earth and sand.
a - wak - ing and warm - ing and heal - ing our land.



Then soft - en our soil that the good seed may grow
Make fer - tile our soil that the good seed may grow
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow



and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.
and rip - en rich fruit to re - turn to your hand.



We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;



we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.
we thank you, good gar - d'ner, for your ten - der toil.

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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PastorMark@lwlcaz.org

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In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Mark at 973-699-7777 (mobile)

Publication Deadlines:

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

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~ 480.473.8400 ~

LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE ATTENDANCE ON August 17 WAS: 100



Save the Date

**Reformation
Potluck
Luncheon**

Sunday

October 26

Following Service



St. Mary's
Food Bank®

August 13, 2025

Pastor Mark Rossman
Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Rossman,

As Arizona temperatures rise, so does the need for food, water, and heat relief. Your gift of \$312.00 on 8/6/2025—and your support since 2002—is bringing immediate comfort to children, families, and seniors facing hunger this summer. The gift you just made ensures that more than 1,560 meals will reach those who need it the most during these difficult months.

Your generosity helps St. Mary's serve, not only the thousands who turn to us for food, but also more than 700 local nonprofits, including food pantries, shelters, kids' programs, and senior centers that rely on us for food and water at no cost.

In addition to food, we also have several other programs such as Skills Center, our workforce development program. Helping more than 200 graduates find employment just last year.

Your compassion reflects the spirit of community that defines our mission. Thank you for being a lifeline during Arizona's hottest months. We are truly grateful to have you by our side.

With gratitude,

Milt Liu
President and CEO

P.S. Come and see the far-reaching impact of your support. Call 602-242-3663 or email us at corporategiving@stmarysfoodbank.org to schedule a tour of our operation.

St. Mary's Food Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation.

"Bridging the gap for Arizona communities with nourishment for today and hope for tomorrow."



You are cordially invited to attend the

Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA
Biennial Convention/Gathering

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Faith/La Fe Lutheran Church

801 East Camelback Road Phoenix, Arizona 85014

*We will come together building relationships, across the synod,
across the country and around the world!*



Special guests will include:

Myrna Wells-Ulland, *President of Churchwide Women of the ELCA*

Pastor Jacqui Pagel, *Bishop's Associate for Candidacy & Faith Formation*

Connie Phillips, *CEO & President of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest*

Registration will open soon!

Mark your calendars!

**Choose the Voting Member for your
Congregational Unit!**

Watch for more information to come!

Join Our Church Choir!

Rehearsals start Wednesday,
September 3 at 7pm.
All are welcome!

Questions?

Reach out to Christina at chall@lwlcac.org



