

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 3, 2025



*It's August! That means
back to school and sunny weather.
Remember to stay hydrated.*

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
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Adrian Corr (Brother-in-law of Brian Goebel, living in Turks)—Cancer
- Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Danica Enlow (Daughter-in-law of Leila Burrus)—Recovering From Surgery
- 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
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Jill Knorra—Health Concerns
- Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Pastor Mark Rossman—Recovering from Surgery
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Kristen Stenehjem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjem)—Health Concerns
- Janet L. Swim (Sister of Brian Goebel)—Cancer
- 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@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:

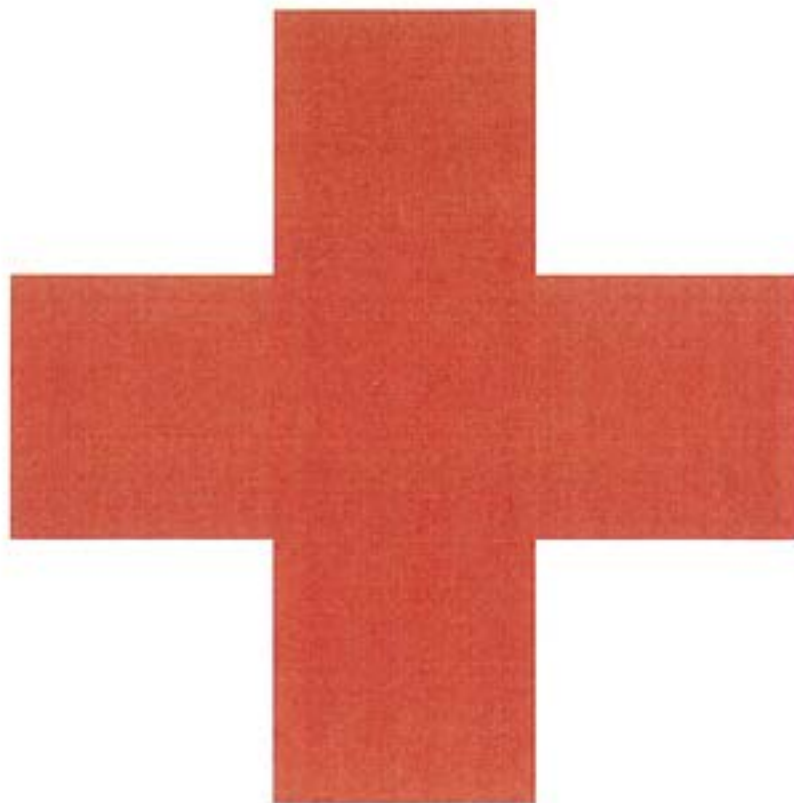
Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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.

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!

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13*

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:

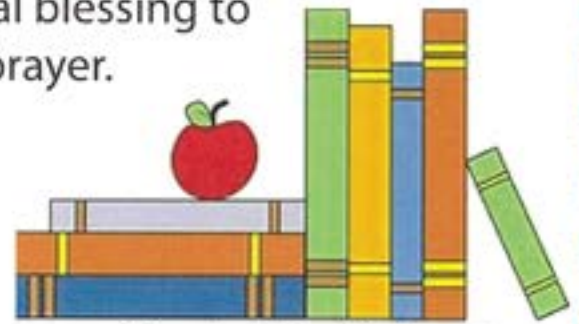
<https://give.lwr.org/page/123179/donate/1>

Thank you for your donations to help those in need.

TODAY: Sunday, August 3rd at 10:00am

We will have a **Back to School Blessing**

For **ALL Students, Teachers** and **Staff** who are soon going back to school: YOU 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.

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.

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!

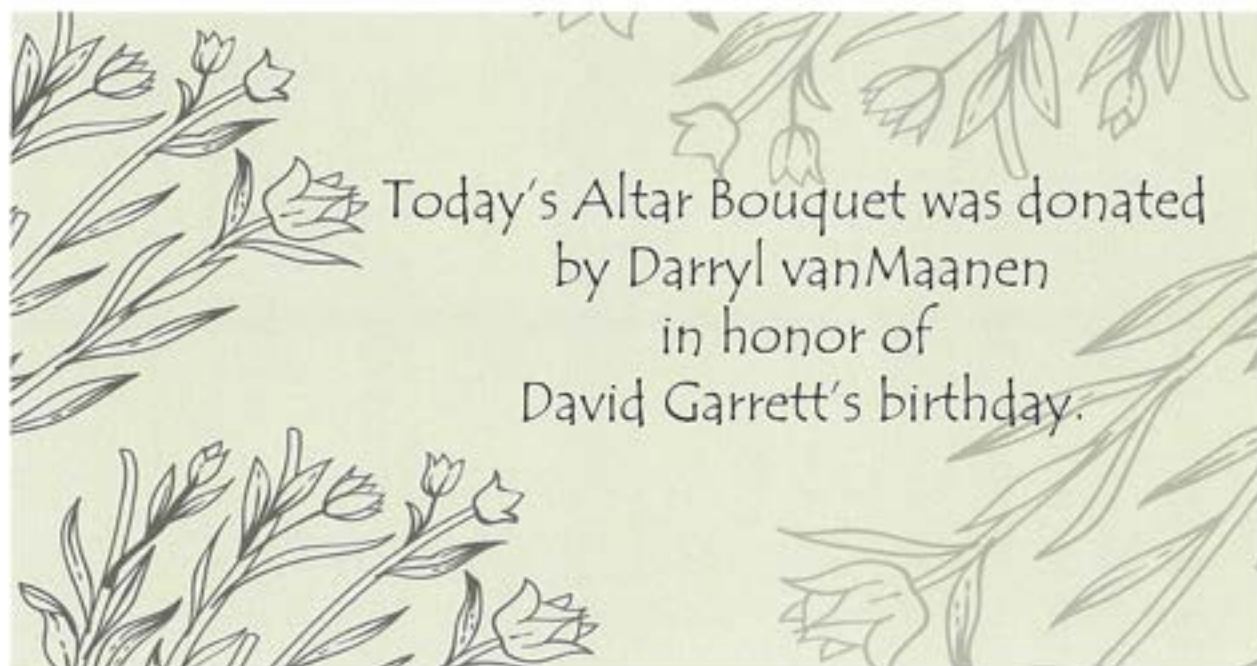


THANK YOU!

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

4,649
books!







July 17, 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 \$1,424.00 donation made on 7/13/2025 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Fiorenza".

Beth Fiorenza
Executive Director

A handwritten note in black ink that says "Thank you!" with a large exclamation mark.

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Gathering Hymn... "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race.
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

Psalm 107 Give Thanks to the Lord, His Love is Everlasting

Refrain



23-24 They who sailed the sea in ships, trading on the deep waters, these saw the works of the LORD and his wonders in the abyss. *Refrain*

25-26 His command raised up a storm wind which tossed its waves on high. They mounted up to the heaven; they sank to the depths; their hearts melted away in their plight. *Refrain*

28-29 They cried to the LORD in their distress; from their straits he rescued them. He hushed the storm to the gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. *Refrain*

30-31 They rejoiced that they were calmed, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness and his wondrous deeds to the children of men. *Refrain*

Sermon Hymn... "All Depends on Our Possessing"



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry

con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -

not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
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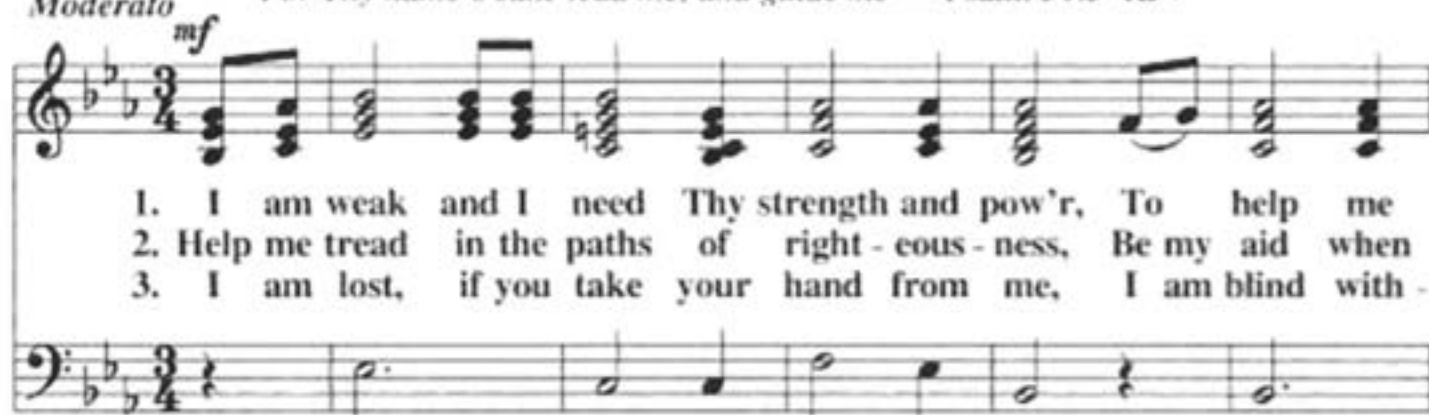
Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, adapt.

Sending Song... "Lead Me, Guide Me"

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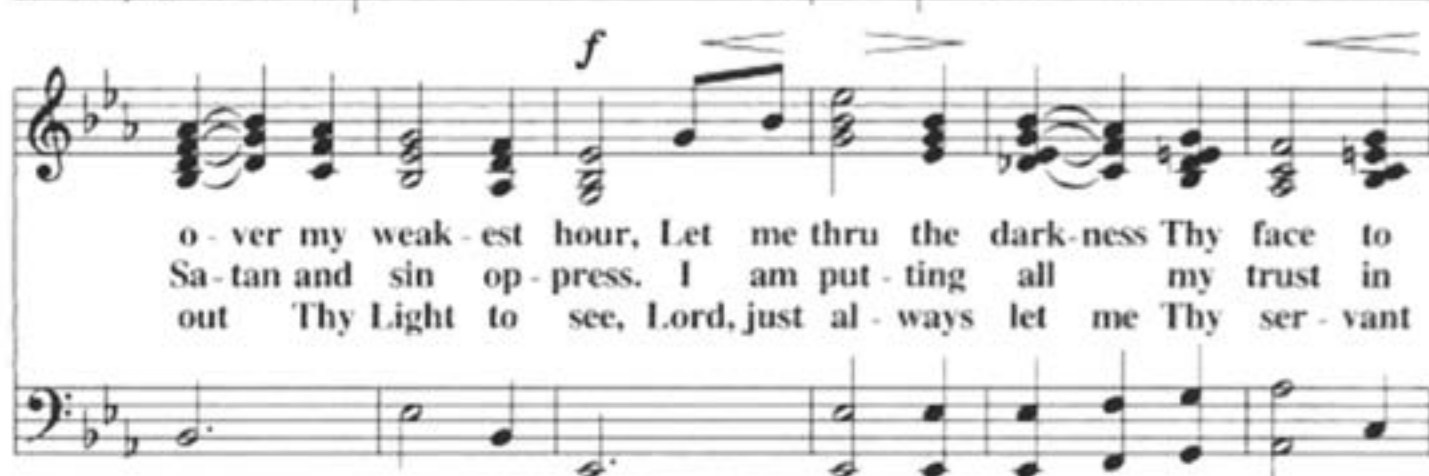
For Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me — Psalm 31:3 KJV

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1. I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r, To help me
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my aid when
3. I am lost, if you take your hand from me, I am blind with -

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o - ver my weak - est hour, Let me thru the dark - ness Thy face to
Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting all my trust in
out Thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me Thy ser - vant

mf Refrain - reverently



see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. —
Thee, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. — Lead me, guide me a -
be, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. —



long the way, For if you lead me I can-not stray,

Continued.....

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

WORDS: Doris Akers

MUSIC: Doris Akers; arr. by Maxine Blackburn

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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.

The Living Water
QR code for giving:



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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 JULY 20 WAS: 86