

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 28, 2025



All children and Youth are invited to join us for a Children's Sunday on **October 5!**

Any children who want to sing the Gathering Hymn, Choir Anthem, and Sending Hymn are welcome to join the choir and praise band.

We'd love to know if your children will be joining in on the singing fun:
Please send a quick email to Christina Hall at chall@lwlcw.org,
so we know to expect you that morning.

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 Bemby (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
- Debbie Connor (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Terminal Melanoma
- 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
- John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- Gene Perry—Health Concerns
- Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Georgia Sekf (Sister of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—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
- 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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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 to 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

Reformation Potluck Luncheon

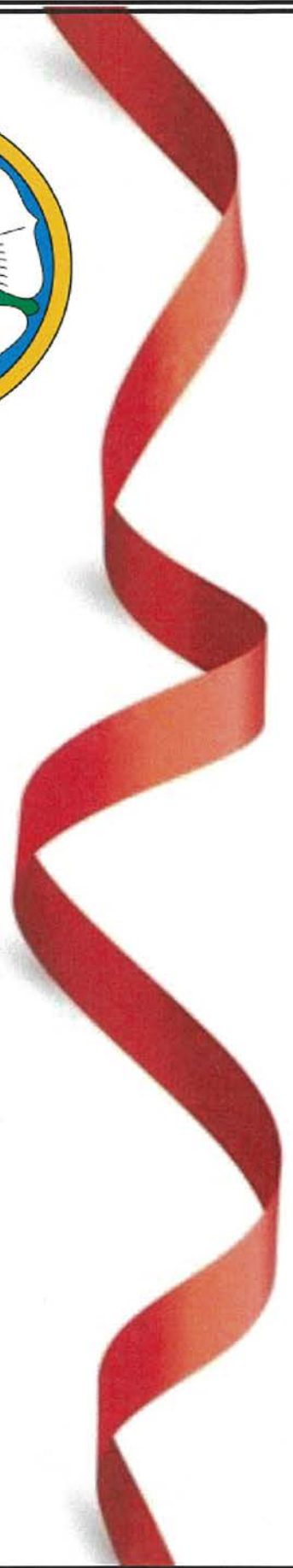
Sunday, October 26
Following Service



**If you enjoy good food, laughter and
the convivial company of friends...**

Please bring your favorite dish – a main, side or dessert – to share at a good old-fashioned Lutheran Potluck in celebration of Reformation Day. Coffee & tea will be served, and you may bring a beverage of your choice – soft drink, beer or wine. Activities will be available for children.

Sign-up will be in the Narthex, beginning Sunday, September 28. For questions, please call Diane Klumpp at 406-224-0612 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816. **All are welcome!**



September 15, 2025



Dear Pastor Mark,

Big thank you to everyone who donated to our Turkey Fund! Because of your support, we're thrilled to share that we will be able to distribute turkeys this year to nearly 500 families in our community. We couldn't have done it without you!

We're also starting to plan our Holiday Toy Drive—and this year it's getting a makeover! Instead of "Adopt a Child", we'll be collecting toys from a general wish list by age group. Then, we'll transform our upstairs warehouse into Santa's Workshop, where parents can shop (for free!) for gifts for their kids.

[Click here for more info & to see our wish list!](#)

If you'd like to participate or host a toy drive, please let us know. We'd love your help spreading holiday joy!

With gratitude,
Shea Gilman
Development Coordinator

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Sunday Morning Adult Forum

9 AM – Music Room (second floor of Education Building)

HARDER THAN HERDING CATS

Five Week Study on the Life of Moses led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

Begins October 12 and then continues every other week

It's been said that leadership is like herding cats. For Moses leading the Israelites for forty years through the wilderness was harder than herding cats. How did he have the strength, patience, and sustenance to lead a huge group of people who were constantly complaining, ready to stone him, bored with their food, and continually criticizing him for bringing them out of the bondage that they now want to return to? There is much we can learn from the life of Moses – from the circumstances of his birth to his ultimately not being able to lead the Israelites all the way into the Promised Land.

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: October 1



Join us each month to tie mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours each month. We meet at 9 am and conclude between 11:30 and noon.

No experience required! You'll find us in the Education Building – Matthew/Mark or the Martha Room. Bring your coffee/tea for a mid-morning break.

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 to 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

**Get ready for Living Water's
DO MORE campaign to Expand our Mission.**

Our mortgage restricts our ability to dream boldly and act generously. It is holding us back while God is calling us forward.



On November 16th, we will have the opportunity to turn in our Statements of Intent for the 2026 Annual Stewardship Campaign and the 3-year *Open the Doors, Do More* Campaign.



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!

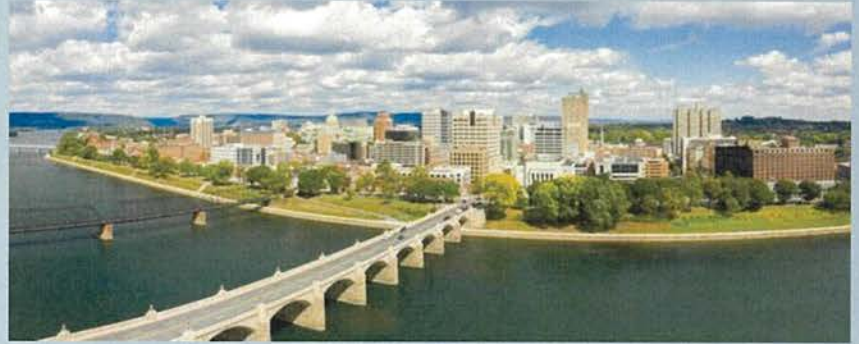
Mark your calendars!

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

Watch for more information to come!

2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



When: July 19-24

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

Cost: \$400 + help with fundraisers

Deadline to register with \$100 deposit: November 1

Pennsylvania's capital, Harrisburg, is home to Hershey's Chocolate, City Island and Broad Street Market. Not only does the city have a rich history for its role in the Civil War and Industrial Revolution but it also continues to be a small city with plenty of outdoor activities, arts and tourism. However, despite multiple efforts to recover from economic challenges, in 2011, the city filed for bankruptcy. Since then, the city has made strides to bring resources back to the community. By supporting community efforts to improve the city through redeveloping local parks, community gardens, food banks, thrift stores and local ministries, the work that happens in Harrisburg provides a direct impact on the challenges experienced by the city's residents. During your time in Harrisburg, you will get to learn from and serve with local organizations like Harrisburg Parks and Rec, Boys and Girls Club, food banks and other nonprofit and social service agencies meeting tangible needs. Also, at several partnerships in Harrisburg, we work in community gardens and parks, doing yardwork projects, pulling weeds and trimming bushes.

If you have any questions, see Pastor Shari: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

Living Water Lutheran Church

Mid Year Financial Review – June 2025

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On June 30, 2025, the book balance of our cash was \$435,838. The balances were \$44,209 at Wells Fargo, \$381,632 at Schwab (4.01% yield currently) and \$9,997 at the ELCA Mission Investment Fund.

The balance due on the mortgage on June 30, 2025 was \$1,008,155 (@ 3.875%).

Financial results through June 20, 2025 were well off budget. The combined general and mortgage fund had a loss of \$7,641 for the six months ended June 30, \$54,256 unfavorable to budget. The YTD loss was dramatically worse than the first six-month results of 2024. 2024's YTD June results were favorably impacted the timing of painting and tree trimming offerings and the related expenses, which were largely incurred after the offerings were received.

Offerings of \$451,694 through June 30 were below budget YTD by \$47,955. Offerings were spread by month in the budget based on the average timing of the last 5 years, but the timing of actual receipts can vary materially based on church members' situations. June YTD offerings were about \$56,000 less than last year. Interest income of \$6,713 has been recorded through June 30, \$1,425 higher than was budgeted.

YTD Expenses of \$472,951 were \$3,570 above budget, largely related to higher costs related to the 25th Anniversary celebration (\$7,896) and the Synod Assembly (\$1,694). These unfavorable variances were offset by Facilities costs being \$2,377 less than budget. So, for the most part, expenses have been well managed.

The July budgeted offerings are \$58,145. Offerings of approximately \$27,000 were received in July. So, it appears that the unfavorable variance to budget will grow considerably through the end of July.

Please keep an eye out for mid-year giving statements, which will arrive via email or snail mail. If you have concerns, please email the LWLC Finance Manager, Stephanie McLean at smclean@lwlcaz.org or LWLC Treasurer, Steve Umland at steveumland@gmail.com.

We continue to work with the IRS on our tax issues (payroll withholding issues from 2021 and Employee Retention Credit filing). We have recently enlisted the assistance of Congressman Schweichert's office to help resolve these long-standing issues.

SHARE A SLICE OF LIFE.

Give blood.



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive **Living Water Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card
+ chance at \$5K prize! rcblood.org/harvest**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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2025 FALL INGATHERING SEASON

ARIZONA AREA

We are so grateful for our Quilters and Kit Makers! Your compassionate service is at the very heart of Lutheran World Relief. Your faith in action brings hope and comfort to those in need and creates a lasting impact for our neighbors, no matter how far.

In 2024, your love stitched more than 370,000 quilts, bundled nearly 320,000 kits, and embraced countless families in 16 countries, including the United States.

Your gifts have surrounded those suffering unimaginable loss after disaster in the **U.S.** They have ensured new mothers in **Madagascar** can clothe and care for their babies, and that the education of children in **Honduras** isn't disrupted by a simple lack of supplies.

You are a **beacon of hope** to our **most vulnerable neighbors**, shining **God's light** in a world of increasing need.

THANK YOU!



UPCOMING INGATHERINGS NEAR YOU

With the Fall Ingathering season approaching quickly, here is some important logistical information:

STREAMS IN THE DESERT LUTHERAN CHURCH

5360 E. Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85712

COLLECTION DATES:

Friday-Saturday, Oct 3-4, 9am-noon

CONTACT:

Janis Richert

520.419.5938 (cell)

azrichert@comcast.net

*If different drop day appointment is needed -
please call Janis before October 3rd*

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

4001 W. Beardsley Rd., Glendale, AZ 85308

COLLECTION DATES:

Friday-Saturday, Oct 17-18, 9am-noon

CONTACTS:

Church office

623.582.8785

church@atonementlc.org

Ellen Born

602.316.5790 (cell)

bornblessed2@icloud.com

INGATHERING MAP

You can also check the **INGATHERING MAP** at ingathering.lwr.org for the closest location. No ingathering near you? No problem! You can drive or ship your items to our warehouse:

Lutheran World Relief
398 East Richmond Street
South St. Paul, MN 55075
651.457.9009

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits. For **general assembly** instructions, go to lwr.org/quilts or lwr.org/kits.

PACKING NOTES

Pack your items **TIGHTLY** in medium-size strong boxes secured with packing tape. This ensures boxes do not collapse during transit. **Each box cannot exceed 40 lbs.** Pack completed quilts and kits **SEPARATELY** in boxes.

LABELING YOUR BOXES

Create your own label OR write on your boxes in **LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS** with LWR, church information, type and number of contents.

For more detailed packing instructions and label requirements, go to lwr.org/pack.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Church or Group Name
Church or Group Address
Type and Quantity of Item

Still have questions? Contact the Quilt & Kit Ministry team at quiltsandkits@lwr.org.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

ingathering.lwr.org

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!

*Today's altar flowers were donated
by Darryl vanMaanen
in honor of
Aida Bembry and Garrett Beck*



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*



Gathering Hymn... "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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Psalm 146: Praise The Lord My Soul

Refrain



7 Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

Refrain.

8-9 The Lord gives sight to the blind; the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

Refrain.

9-10 The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "The Church of Christ In Every Age"

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1, 3, and 5 indicating the start of new lines of text.

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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Sending Hymn... "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to give work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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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 SEPTEMBER 21: 81