

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 7, 2025

Fall 
IS IN THE
Air 

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
- 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
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Kristen Stenehjtem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjtem)—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

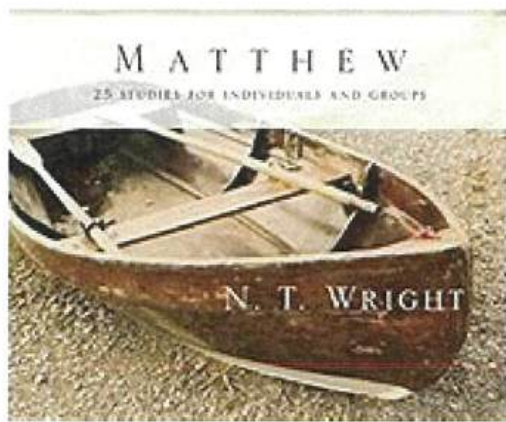
Wednesdays at NOON

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

Prayer of the week:

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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!

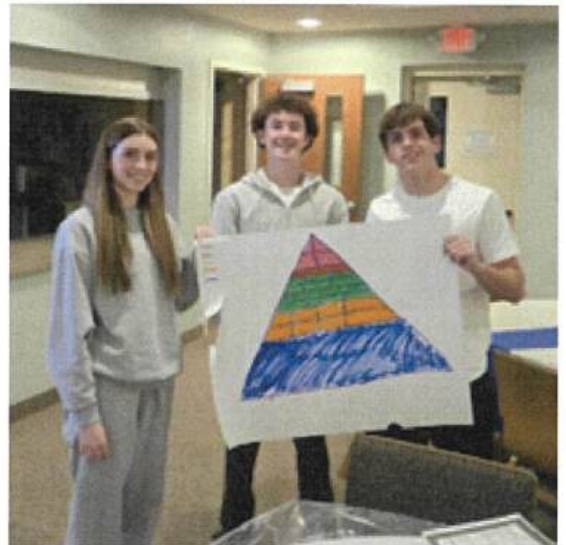
No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed, and you don't have to be Lutheran either. Come when you can, bring a friend, and bring your favorite Bible translation. We include prayers in our time together, prayers for those on our church's prayer list as well as individual prayers offered during our time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

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.





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

*Join us after service **TODAY!***

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

THANK YOU, Living Water, for your generosity

in getting us ready to participate in God's Work, Our Hands.

We have fulfilled our list of items for 100 personal care kits and more!

Each item donated and each dollar collected was used to provide personal care items for the homeless through the Arizona Faith Network.

Join us after the service **TODAY** Sunday, September 7, 2025 to help assemble the personal care kits.

God's Work, Our Hands!

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

Reformation Potluck Luncheon

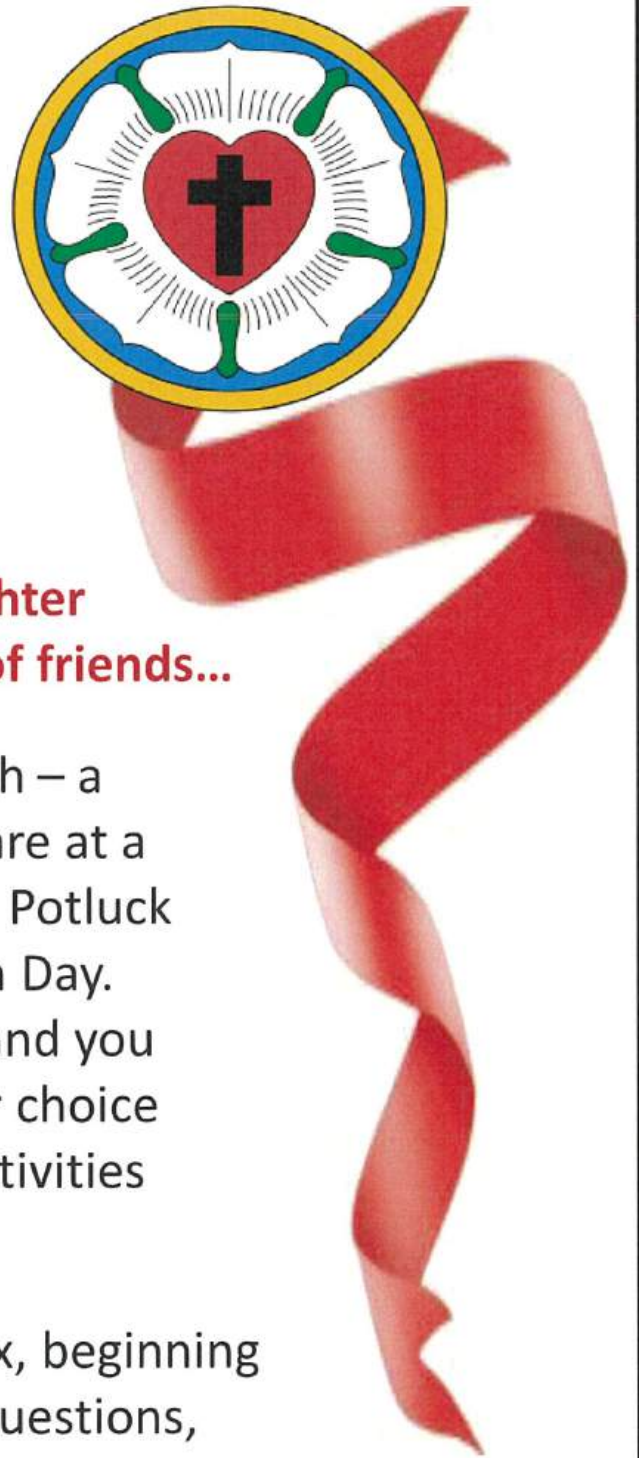
Sunday, October 26
Following Service

**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!



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

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.**”

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.

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!**





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!

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."

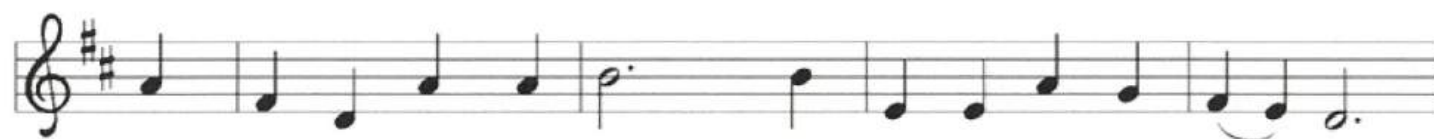
From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

This week's altar bouquet was donated by
Frances & Mike DeBruyn in celebration of
Frances's sister Irma and brother-in-law
Andy's birthdays!

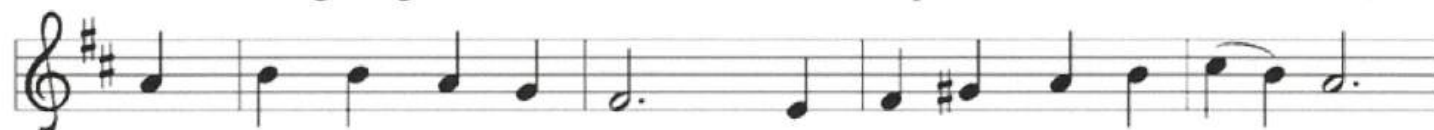
Happy birthday Irma and Andy



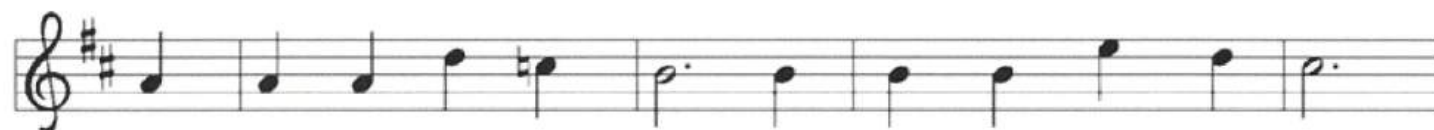
Gathering Hymn... "O God, My Faithful God"



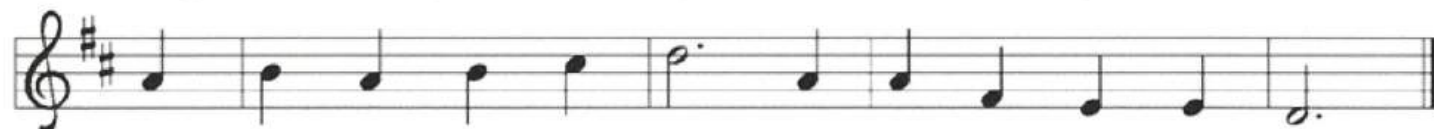
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Blessed Are They That Hope In The Lord

Refrain



1-2 Blessed the man who follows not the counsel [the counsel] of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on his law day and night.

Refrain.

3 He is like a tree planted near [planted near] running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers. [Whatever he does, prospers.] *Refrain.*

4, 6 Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away, For the Lord watches over [watches over] the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn..... "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN. Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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Sending Hymn... "Take My Life That I May Be"

Refrain/Estribillo

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

beau - ti - ful for thee.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955
 Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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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 August 31 WAS: