

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



October 26, 2025



REFORMATION
Sunday

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
- Pr. Robert and Pat Klein (Friends of Donna and Darnell Pettengill)—Health Concerns
- Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- Gene Perry—Health Concerns
- Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kathy Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Georgia Self (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***

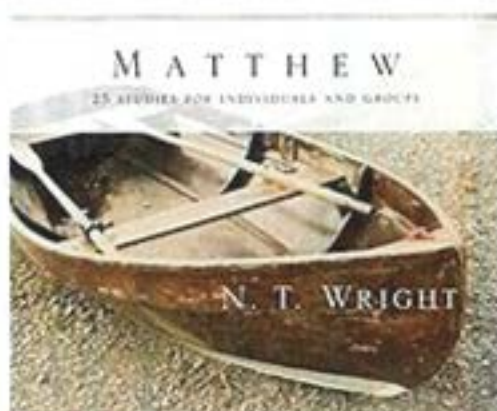
Prayer of the Week:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*Save
the Date*

Advent 2025 Dinner
Spirit in the Desert
Saturday, December 13



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Resumes our 2025 Fall Schedule

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 8 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.com to be added.



Reformation Potluck Luncheon TODAY:

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.

All are welcome!

**Pick up your *OPEN THE DOORS,*
DO MORE information folder today!**

Lisa Moehn and Jill Wehr will be at a table outside after church. If you are watching online today, your folder will arrive by mail later this week.



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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

LIVING WATER'S ANNUAL DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF VISTA DEL CAMINO FOOD BANK AND
THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY!

Our participation in the Vista del Camino Food Bank and Thanksgiving Meal program is one way we fight hunger on a local level. The food is distributed to members of the Scottsdale community who are families or seniors in need, experiencing homelessness, or otherwise in crisis.

With the rising cost of groceries, it is important to stretch each dollar we donate to the maximum. The Food Bank has access to bulk purchasing. As a result, our donation of cash gives them the ability to provide more people with Thanksgiving meal fixings than we could buy ourselves. The cost of a Thanksgiving meal for a family is approximately \$100.

To contribute, please write a check to Living Water Lutheran Church (note "Vista del Camino" in the memo line) and place the check in the offering plate or mail it to the Living Water front office. If you want to give cash, please mark your envelope clearly for Vista del Camino.

Please give your donation by **Sunday, November 9** to provide time for Vista del Camino to have food ready for Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity!



TAMALE SALE - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

After several years of dedicated work, Kristin Smith is stepping down as coordinator of the December Sale of Tamales that are purchased from La Sagrada. We are looking for a new coordinator. There is a lot of information available from Kris, and she is happy to answer any questions. Coordinating the orders for the tamales involves announcing the sale in the weekly "Connections" and monthly "Splash," and at church services, coordinating with Jennifer to create sign-up sheets and arrange for a table for sign-ups at church, and making a poster to advertise the sale. Additionally, the coordinator collects money for the tamales, lets La Sagrada know the order, and picks up the tamales on a Saturday and hands them out the next day at church.

We have further details from Kris of what the job entails if you are interested.

Please contact Sue Umland (sueumland@gmail.com) or Debbie Anderson (debbiea@elitemail.org) if you are interested.

Thank you for your consideration –it is a church favorite that we would like to continue if we can find a coordinator.

Confirmation Sunday – November 9

Three confirmation students will be confirmed on Sunday, November 9.

Please join us as we celebrate with them and their families on this very special milestone in their faith lives.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

***MAY THE MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES
FILL US WITH COMFORT AND JOY***

We will be setting up tables with 2'x2' sections that you may set up a display of photos, poems, and/ or any memorial you wish to honor your loved one. Here are a couple examples.



Please put a plaque of your loved one's name so we know who we are honoring.
Example: John Doe (Relationship to you such as father, husband, son, etc) of Jane Doe
In order to accommodate those wishing to participate, please reserve a spot in advance by contacting one of the following so we have enough space for everyone interested:

CONTACT US

Sue Stenehjelm - 701-361-1403

Jill Wehr - 480-710-4506

Darrell Shipley - 602-317-8694

Please let us know by Friday, October 31st.
Set up will take place at 10:30am Saturday, November 1st.

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



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



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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*



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: November 5



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

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!

restore

soul care for moms

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
~ Psalm 23:1-3a



ANDREA FORTENBERRY
andreafortenberry.com

You're invited to **Restore: Soul Care for Moms!** The heart behind Restore is to encourage you: to give you an enjoyable night off and remind you that you're not alone in motherhood.

We're going to have food, encouraging teaching, laughter, and a lot of fun!

Invite your mom friends to join us!

Friday, November 14, 2025
5:30-8:00 PM



JACKIE KELLEY
stayathomejackie.com



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9201 E. Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ



SHERRI CRANDALL
sherricrandall.com

Tickets: \$35



abf.ticketspice.com/restore2025



You are cordially invited to attend the

Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA

Biennial Convention/Gathering

Saturday, November 8, 2025
8:30am Light breakfast served
9:00am Opening
3:00 Conclusion

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 is now open!

Registration on the website

www.grandcanyonwomen.org (choose Events page)

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



Gathering Hymn... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



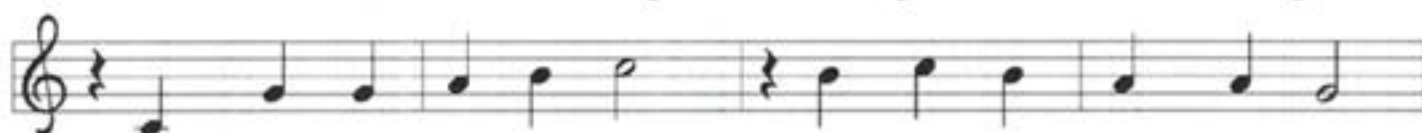
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name,
 in fiere - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890, alt.
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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Psalm 84 How Dear to Me is Your Dwelling

Refrain



2 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. *Refrain*

3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars. Oh, Lord of hosts, my king and my God. *Refrain.*

4-5 Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be prais-ing you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. *Refrain.*

Sermon Hymn... "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace.



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Reformation Song... "Martin the German"

Martin the German was a sorry, mixed-up soul,
Cause he thought it odd that a loving God
Would condemn him straight to hell.

Martin the German even took a sacred vow
When a lightning strike nearly took his life
But St. Anne stepped in somehow

It must have seemed like magic when
Old Habukkuk he found,
Cause when he read God saves by faith
He began to dance around.

O, Martin the German felt reborn again that day
And he spread the word from old Wittenberg
All the way to Rome, they say

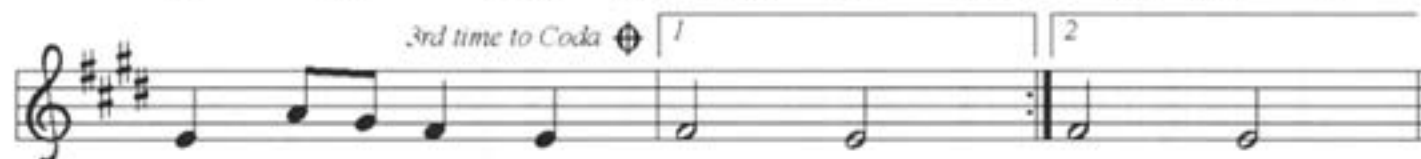
Thumpity, thump thump; thumpity thump thump
Nail them to the door.
Thumpity, thump thump; thumpity thump thump
Hear those Theses roar!



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



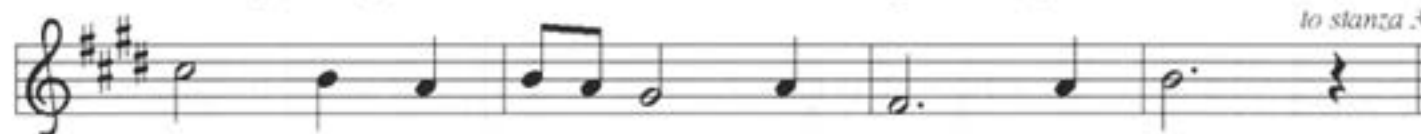
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⌘ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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

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

ATTENDANCE ON October 19
LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE
IN PERSON: 123
FACEBOOK: 20/YOUTUBE: 43

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