

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



November 16, 2025

Generosity Sunday

OPEN THE DOORS



DO MORE

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- o Amanda (Daughter of Cherrie Heidemann-Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- o Jeff & Eric Bemby (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 John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- o Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- o Pr. Robert and Pat Klein (Friends of Donna and Darnell Pettengill)—Health Concerns
- o Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- o Gene Perry—Health Concerns
- o Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- o Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- o Kathie Roenigk—Health Concerns
- o Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- o Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- o Geri Skogen (Friend of Myrna Ulland) —Post-operative Treatment
- 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 Kelly White (Neice of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- o Pr. Brian Weinberger (Bethlehem Lutheran in Mesa)—Recovering from auto accident
- o The People of Jamaica—Hurricane Melissa

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Today we have the opportunity
to give our Statements of Intent.

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Thank you for your annual gift and for
your step forward in faith as together we
envision the future of Living Water.



JOIN US FOR A

Christmas LADIES TEA

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER

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AT
1:00 PM

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
9201 E HAPPY VALLEY ROAD
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

This is a fundraiser for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Please make reservations after worship starting on Nov. 2. \$30/person.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE JEWELRY FOR THE BOUTIQUE, PLEASE SEE PASTORSHARI@LWLCAZ.ORG



Saturday, December 13
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Spirit of the Desert
\$30 per person*

Please join us in celebrating this Advent season in the scenic ambience of Spirit of the Desert. Dinner will include appetizer, entrée, sides and dessert. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are provided; bring your own wine or beer if you wish.

* Note: Payment by check to: Living Water Lutheran Church, and write "Advent Dinner" in memo line.
(By no later than November 30 please!)

For questions, please call Diane Klumpp at 406-224-0612 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.





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

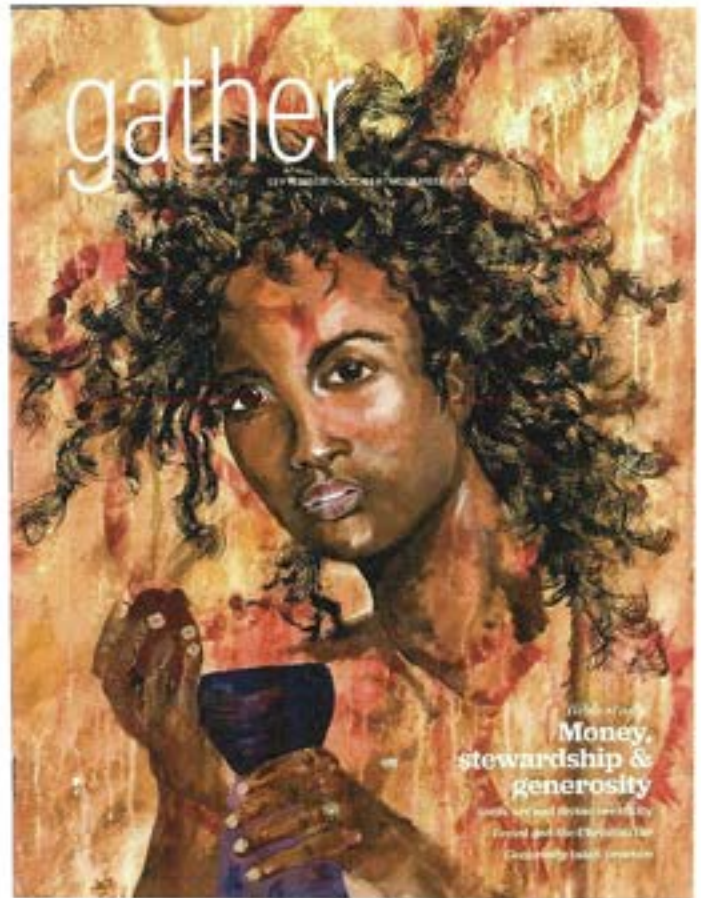
the international portion was split between Lutheran World Hunger and Save My Starving Children. Each received \$467.

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!

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us at 10 am on Tuesday mornings from November 18 through Dec. 2nd for a 3-part study on the topic of "*Money, stewardship & generosity*" from the Gather magazine of Women of the ELCA. This study was written by the Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin, an ELCA pastor now serving in Door County, WI. The study can be found in the Sept/Oct/Nov issue of Gather. There are a few complimentary copies of Gather available on the church entryway counter. Study material will be provided if you don't have the magazine. We meet for approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday mornings and do have a Zoom connection for those who participate virtually. If you aren't on our Tuesday Women's email list, please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added. We would love to have you join us! **Please note we will NOT be meeting on Nov. 25** (Thanksgiving week).



November Boldcafe B.Y.O.D.

Join us for our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner, Thursday, November 20 at 7pmCST. Our hosts, Eva Yeo and Nola Smith will share about their recent trip to Tanzania through the Women of the ELCA Global Education program. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces, and others are invited and encouraged to bring a special stuffy or doll.

Download a special coloring sheet to use during our time together.

Register and pass this invitation along:
<https://boldcafe.org/dinner>



Family Sunday School returns this fall with the



curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "God helps us."

*Bible Verse - "I look up to the mountains-does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!" (Psalm 121:1-2)



Sunday, November 30 – ADVENT FAIR!

We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.



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

Our next class is November 23, 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.

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*





JOIN US TO MAKE LEFSE IN DECEMBER

Joan Sprinkle has again graciously offered her home in NE Scottsdale, and we'll provide hands-on instructions for rolling and frying Lefse (lef'-suh), a Norwegian

flatbread made from potatoes, butter & cream, and flour, traditionally made during the holidays. We can accommodate about 10 persons per session so everyone can have a "hands-on" experience. **Thursday, December 4 at 2 pm and Wednesday, December 10, at 2 pm.** Reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway. Questions? Contact the Ullands (myrna.ulland@gmail.com) or Joan Sprinkle (joansprinkle@cox.net) today! If you can't join us but would like a package of Lefse for the holidays, let us know and we'll make sure you get one! Lefse is for lovers!

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

On November 5th, 24 people donated 25 units of blood. Our goal was 22 units, so this is a success for our location. Thank you to everyone who donated!

In addition to congregation members, regular donors from the surrounding area have found Living Water to be a convenient place to donate. Hopefully, with winter visitors back after the first of the year we can reach a larger number. There is always a critical need for blood.

The next blood drive is Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: November 19



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

How we can help with a current crisis in our community

You may have heard about the upcoming pause on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps). Unfortunately, the impact of these changes are already being felt by individuals and families across Arizona. In fact, according to Feeding America, a national network of food banks, for every one meal that is provided by a food bank or charity dining room, SNAP provides nine meals.

But we can help! Food banks are especially in need of protein sources like...

**canned tuna,
peanut butter
soups**

Thank you!

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



*Help the
farm grow!*

Add a rooster.

\$15



Chicks

Ten little chicks can make a big difference. When chicks grow up to become chickens, their eggs not only provide an ongoing supply of protein-rich meals — they can also help start a small business and generate a steady source of income.

\$10 Chicks

GOOD GIFTS SHOPPING!!

Ron and Cindy will be on the patio each Sunday through Advent. Please stop by and see the catalogs, ornaments and note cards. We'll be looking forward to seeing you!!



**If you would like to bring a pie to share after worship, please contact Kristi Winter: Kwinter4@cox.net.*



Gathering Hymn... "How Firm A Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Psalm 98 The Lord Has Revealed To The Nations

Refrain



1 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; his right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. *Refrain.*

2-3 The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has relieved his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel. *Refrain.*

3-4 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise. *Refrain.*

Sermon Hymn... "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found.



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Sending Hymn... "Soon And Very Soon"



- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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LIVING WATER

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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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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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ATTENDANCE ON November 9

LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE

IN PERSON: 128

ONLINE HOUSEHOLDS: 72

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