

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



November 23, 2025
Christ The King



CHRIST THE KING 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
- Kathie Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Geri Skogen (Friend of Myrna Ulland) —Post-operative Treatment
- 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
- Kelly White (Neice of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- Pr. Brian Weinberger (Bethlehem Lutheran in Mesa)—Recovering from auto accident
- 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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Join us for
Thanksgiving Worship Service
on
Tuesday
November 25th
at 6:00pm



*Please join us after the service
for fellowship
and pie.*





**Annual
Advent Dinner**

**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.



All are welcome!



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.



JOIN US FOR A

Christmas LADIES TEA



SATURDAY,
DECEMBER

6

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



JOY!

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Join us for our annual Christmas Cantata performance on Sunday, December 14 @ 10 AM (end of the worship service). The theme of this year's cantata is gospel-infused to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the USA and will feature our very own praise band! All are welcome! Invite your friends and family.

**DECEMBER 14, 2025 | 10 AM
LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH**



HOW TO BE AN ANGEL

HUGE CHANGES!

Once again, we hearken all to be angels and gift children who are receiving services from the inner-city charity, Nourish Phoenix. On Sunday November 23rd and the following two Sundays, the Angel Tree will be in our church Narthex. The tree will be decorated with wooden angels lovingly crafted by our angelic committee. Each angel will have a label attached to it with three gift ideas. You can donate as many gifts as you want and you can duplicate gifts. **Take an angel off the tree and keep it as our gift to you because you are an angel!**

Next, purchase the gift or gifts you choose and bring them back **unwrapped** and place them under the Angel Tree. The deadline for bringing back your gift is **by December 7th**. You can buy the toys wherever you want. But if you want, here is a link you can use to see and order any of the Wishlist toys.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B9PG4RGXPBU9/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



Children and Families are invited to join us for the
Annual Advent Fair
Sunday, November 30 at 9:00am in the Ed Building

- Make crafts to prepare for Christmas
- Decorate cookies
- Have fun!



OPEN THE DOORS



DO MORE

LIVING WATER IS THANKS-LIVING!

During the last several weeks culminating with Generosity Sunday, Living Water has once again shown that we are a community rich in faith and love, with a commitment to serve one another and to reach out to others in need.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the Open the Doors, Do More campaign, and for your commitment to the annual stewardship of Living Water.

Thank you for the many ways everyone joins together to create the special community that is Living Water.

VISTA DEL CAMINO THANKSGIVING MEALS

Thank you to everyone who donated to Vista del Camino for Thanksgiving meals.

Living Water collected \$2,550 that will be used at the Vista del Camino food bank to purchase turkeys and groceries for all of the fixings for families in the South Scottsdale area.

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.

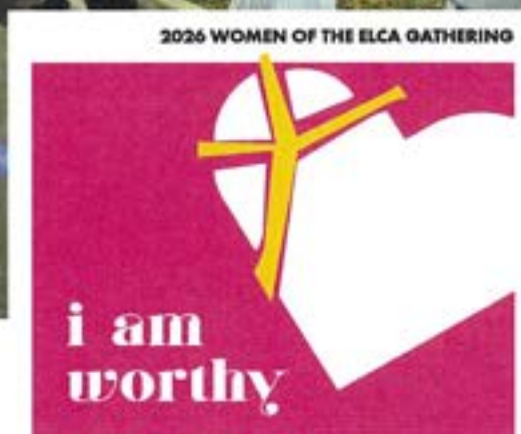
Download a special coloring sheet to use during our time together.

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





**COME AS YOU ARE
& JOIN OVER A
THOUSAND LUTHERAN
WOMEN IN DES
MOINES, IOWA,
JULY 16-19, 2026 FOR
WORSHIP, ADVOCACY,
INSPIRATION,
SISTERHOOD & MORE!**



2026 WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING

july 16-19, 2026 ✦ des moines, iowa

VISIT: [WELCATG.ORG](https://welcatg.org)



Women ^{of the} **ELCA** ✦

Piecemakers Quilters
Next Session: December 3



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

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us next at 10 am on Tuesday morning December 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).**



Sunday Morning Adult Forum

HARDER THAN HERDING CATS

Join us for the Final Week of our Study on the Life of Moses
led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

Sunday, December 7th at 9 AM
(second floor of Education Building)

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*



Food Donations

Food insecurity is a continuous problem. Living Water contributes food and daily essentials, such as products for oral hygiene, diapers, school supplies and more, to local organizations on a continuing basis. We have two main destinations for our donations:

La Sagrada Familia Church: The grocery cart found in the Narthex during the week and outside on Sundays is for food and daily essential products.

Foothills Food Bank: Collection tubs placed in the Narthex with the sign "food donations" are for **tuna, peanut butter, and soups.**

THANK YOU for any and all donations you make. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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!

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

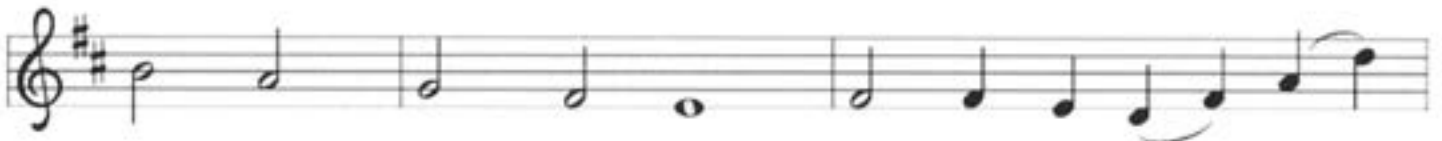
GOOD GIFTS SHOPPING!!

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!!

Gathering Hymn... "Jesus Shall Reign"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Psalm 46 God Is Our Refuge

Refrain

God _____ is our re - fuge and our _____
strength, a ve - ry pre - sent help _ in trou - ble. ____

2-3 God is our refuge and our strength, a present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. Refrain.

5-6 There is a stream whose runlets glad-den the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn. Refrain.

8-9 The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth. Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "The Head That Once Was Crowned"



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
- 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855

Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

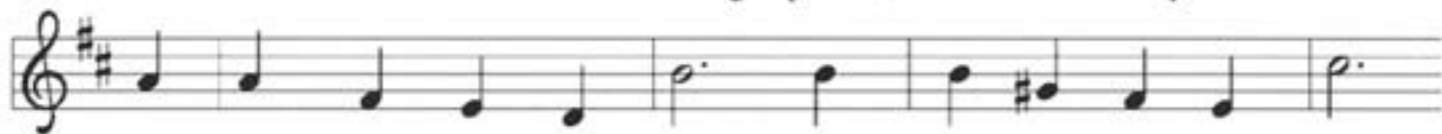
Sending Hymn... "Crown Him With Many Crowns"



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

LIVING WATER

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Lutheran Church



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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ATTENDANCE ON **November 16**
LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE
IN PERSON: **148**
ONLINE HOUSEHOLDS: **21**

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