

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**November 30, 2025**



*First Sunday of Advent*

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 Heldemann-Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- o Jeff & Eric Bemby (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- o Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- o Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Sallnas)—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 Lella Burrus)—Recovering From Surgery
- o Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- o Dave and Joy Gaffmore—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 and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- o Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- o Kathie Roenigk—Health Concerns
- 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. Swin (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 (Niece 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](mailto: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](http://lwlcaz.org)*

**Prayer of the Week:**

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**



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**

## 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!!



## **HOW TO BE AN ANGEL**

### **HUGE CHANGES!**

●nce 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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B9PG4RGXPBU9/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)



OPEN THE DOORS



DO MORE

LIVING WATER IS THANKSGIVING!

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.





## 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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)) or Joan Sprinkle ([joansprinkle@cox.net](mailto: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!



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study in December

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll finish the final session of the study on "*Money, stewardship and generosity*" from the Gather magazine fall issue

On December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we turn to discussion on "*Advent imagination and dreaming*," using the winter edition of the Gather magazine.

Invite a friend and join us! We meet for 90 minutes on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall, with a Zoom connection for those who want to join us remotely. Coffee and hot water for tea or hot chocolate are always available. Bring your favorite Bible translation.

We plan to conclude our December time together with lunch following our December 16<sup>th</sup> study and will resume our regular Tuesday schedule again on January 8, 2008. Then, we'll begin a brand new six-session study from Margaret Feinberg titled "*The God You Need to Know*."

If you aren't on our email communication list, please contact [myma.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myma.ulland@gmail.com) to be added. Advent blessings to all!

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Piecemakers Quilters**  
**Next Session: December 3 and 17**



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  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg or Myma Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://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!

## BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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:

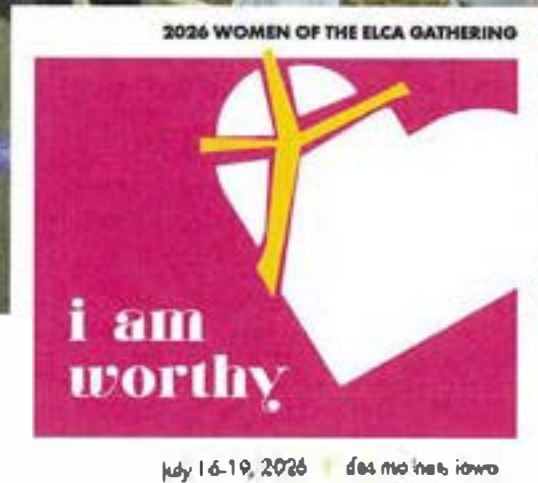
***La Sagrada Familia Church:*** The grocery cart found in the Narthex during the week and outside on Sundays is for food and daily essential products.

***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.



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



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



Women **ELCA+**



November 18th, 2025

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9301 E. Happy Valley Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church,

**THANK YOU!**

We appreciate your generous donation of \$2,550.00 to Scottsdale Community Partners-SCP, (formerly Concerned Citizens for Community Health-CCCH). Your support and financial gift for the Vista del Camino Food Bank helps vulnerable Scottsdale residents receive the food they need.

SCP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the work of Vista del Camino Community Services, Via Linda Senior Center and Granite Reef Senior Center.

SCP works closely with the City of Scottsdale Human Services Division, to directly support programs and services that help to:

- Assist residents in a crisis situation and help prevent homelessness
- Increase self-sufficiency
- Provide stability in meeting basic needs such as reducing food insecurity (Vista del Camino Food Bank, Brown Bags for seniors, Healthy Packs for students)
- Offer economic assistance through seasonal programs such as Back-to-School (BTS) and Holiday Adopt a Family / Senior (AAF / AAS)

Your trust and kind generosity are invaluable to Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP). Your donation allows us to continue our mission to support our fellow Scottsdale residents and let them know they are not alone. We look forward to your continued support. If you would like to learn more about our organization or become a volunteer visit our website at [SCPAZ.org](http://SCPAZ.org)

With warm regards and deep appreciation,

Jenny Adams

Executive Director, Scottsdale Community Partners (SCP)

Qualifying Charitable Organization (QCO) #20340

Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN) #95-3416943

Website: [SCPAZ.org](http://SCPAZ.org)

Facebook: [Scottsdale Community Partners](https://www.facebook.com/ScottsdaleCommunityPartners)



## Gathering Hymn... "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"



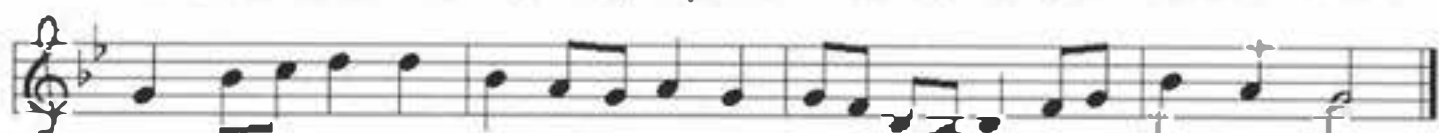
1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee,  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart,  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707, 1788

Musik: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## **God With Us, Emmanuel**

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

### **First Sunday of Advent**

*Responsive Litany—HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR*

P: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

P: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

P: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

P: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

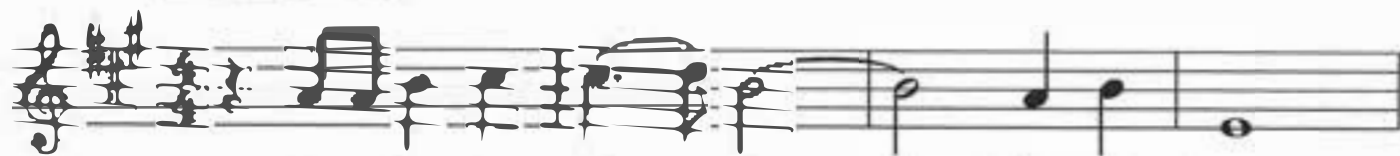
P: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

**C: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.**

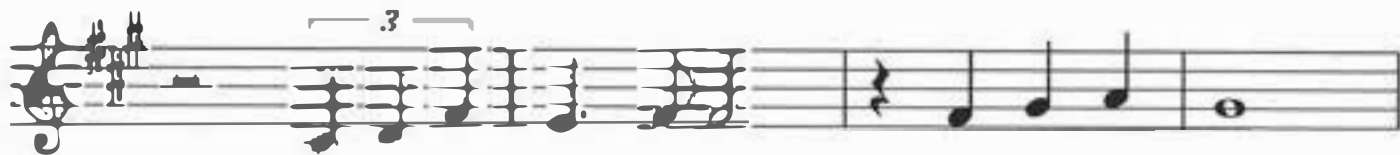
### **Candle Lighting**

Today we light the first candle. The first candle reminds us that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor who brings hope to a hurting world. As our counselor, Jesus brings hope in times of despair, compassion in times of sorrow, and healing in times of brokenness. As we begin the season of Advent, let our hope reside in the One who cares about our needs and sustains our faith.

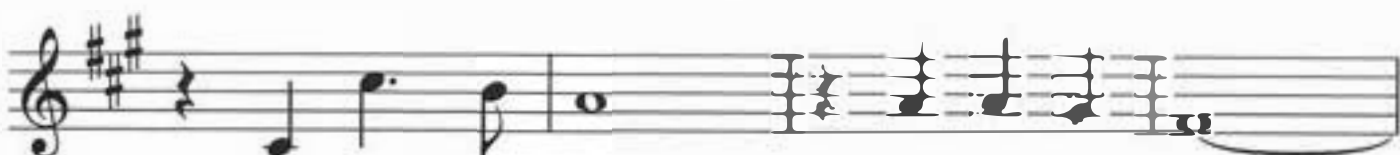
Congregation:



Ev-er-last-ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,



Won-der-ful Coun - se-lor, Al-might-y God.



Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el.



God with us, Em - man - u - el.

## Psalm 122 Let Us Go Rejoicing

### Refrain



1-2 I rejoiced because they said to me; "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. Refrain.

3-4 Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. Refrain.

4-5 According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgement seats, seats for the house of David. Refrain.

6-7 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. Refrain.

8-9 Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the Lord, our God, I will pray for your good. Refrain.



**Sermon Hymn... "The King Shall Come"**



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri-um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beam-ty brings.



when beau - ty    gilds the    east - ern    hills    and    life    to    joy    a - wakes  
but crowned with    glo - ry    like the    sun    that    lights the    morn - ing sky.  
Hail, Christ the    Lord! Your    peo - ple    pray: come quick - ly,    King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1924

MISS A. CONSOLIDATION, A. D. 1850, Kenton Co. Kentucky. 1816



## Sending Hymn... "He Came Down"



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for-ev-er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN (Cameroon traditional)



# LIVING WATER

*Living Water*  
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:**



**Ministers: All the Members of Living Water**

**Pastor: Mark Rossman**  
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**Publication Deadlines:**  
**Connections- Every Tuesday by noon**  
**SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon**

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**ATTENDANCE ON November 23**

**LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE**

**IN PERSON:**

**ONLINE HOUSEHOLDS:**

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