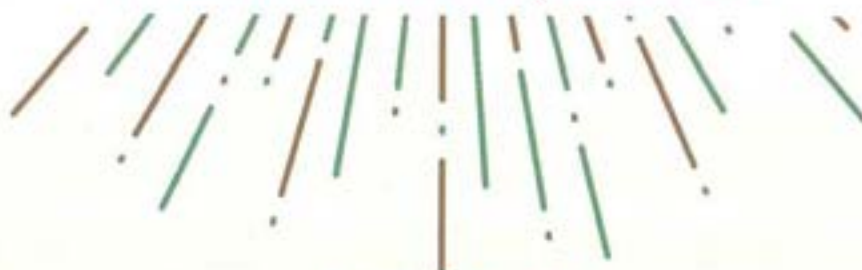


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Lutheran Church



**December 14, 2025**

Today's Christmas Cantata performance celebrates  
the joy of Christmas and  
the 250th anniversary of the USA



## **JOY!** **A CHRISTMAS** **CANTATA**

*unto us a child is born*



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 Larry Coutts—Recurring Health Issues
- o Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- o Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- 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 Linda—Health Concerns
- o Owen Lucas (Grandson of Jay & Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- o Barbara Nelson (Sister of Pat and Janet Guthrie)—Health Concerns
- o Cherrie Oglesby—Health Concerns
- o Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- o Tony Rasmussen (Brother of Karen Syversen)—Recovering From Surgery
- 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

*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***

### *Prayer of the Week:*

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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*





# December 2025

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Join us for in-person  
Worship Services  
in December**

**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

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**Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Worship Services**

**Wednesday December 24th**

**at 4:00pm *family worship***

**and 6:00pm *traditional worship***

*in-Person & Livestream Online Worship also accessible  
on our Livestream on our YouTube channel and Website*



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study in December

On December 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 6, 2006. Then, we'll begin a brand new six-session study from Maragaret Feinberg titled "*The God You Need to Know.*"

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

### 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.





*Wishing you a very  
Merry Christmas!*



#### **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.



### **WANTED: YOUR IDEAS TO ENHANCE OR DEVELOP MINISTRIES**

The OPEN THE DOORS, DO MORE campaign is not over yet. Thanks to your generosity, Living Water has exceeded its goal to eliminate the mortgage. The campaign team now encourages you to continue to dream big about what this means in terms of Living Water's ability to DO MORE.

The team has already received several suggestions and welcomes more ideas. You are invited to put on your thinking cap and dream about potential ministries, at both Living Water and beyond, in keeping with Living Water's Vision Statement: *To create a community which Welcomes all people, Shares the experience of God's grace, Grows in faith, and is Sent out into the world to care.*

You can make as many suggestions as you want. Simply email or text your idea(s) to Lisa Moehn ([moehnlisa@gmail.com](mailto:moehnlisa@gmail.com); 612-730-3025) or Jill Wehr ([jillajw@cox.net](mailto:jillajw@cox.net); 480-710-4506).



# **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.**

Group Facilitator: Diane Klumpp

Pastoral Support: Pastor Shari Bernau

**This is an 8-week program on Wednesdays 1:00-2:30pm  
running from February 4 – March 25**

Please call or email Pastor Shari Bernau to sign up,  
and note that this group is capped at 8 people.

480-473-8400 - [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)



Living Water Lutheran Church  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
\*Education Building

**Piecemakers Quilters**  
**Next Session: December 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 Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)

**Annual Tamale Sale**

Enjoy the tradition of tamales at Christmas! Our amigas at La Sagrada Familia are offering their fabulous homemade tamales for sale again this year.

The choices are green chili chicken, red chili pork, and cheese with green chili. The tamales are \$34 per dozen and \$17 per half dozen.

You may order tamales at church on the first two Sundays in December, or email your order by **TODAY, December 14th**, to Doris Yock at [doris.yock@aol.com](mailto:doris.yock@aol.com). (Please include the quantity of each variety you are ordering.)

The tamales will be available for pick up at Living Water on Sunday, December 21.





## Food Donations

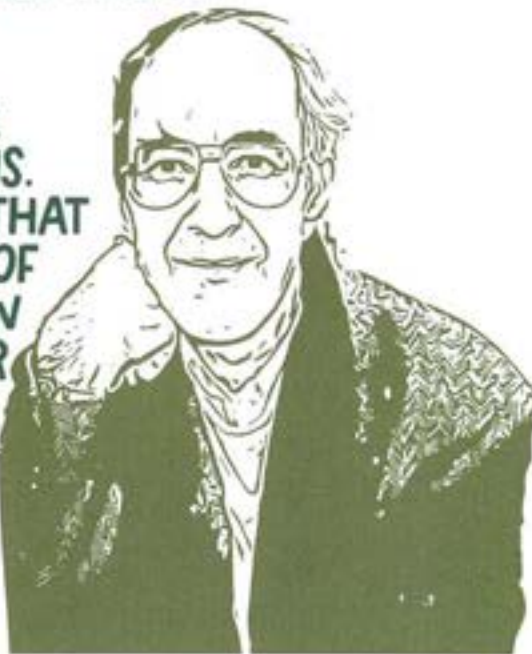
Food insecurity is a continuous problem. Living Water contributes food and daily essentials, such as products for oral hygiene, diapers, school supplies and more, to local organizations on a continuing basis. We have two main destinations for our donations:

**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.

DID I OFFER PEACE TODAY?  
DID I BRING A SMILE TO SOMEONE'S FACE?  
DID I SAY WORDS OF HEALING?  
DID I LET GO OF MY  
ANGER AND RESENTMENT?  
DID I FORGIVE?  
DID I LOVE?  
THESE ARE THE  
REAL QUESTIONS.  
I MUST TRUST THAT  
THE LITTLE BIT OF  
LOVE THAT I SOW  
NOW WILL BEAR  
MANY FRUITS,  
HERE IN THIS  
WORLD & THE  
LIFE TO COME.  
HENRI NOUWEN





## 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.

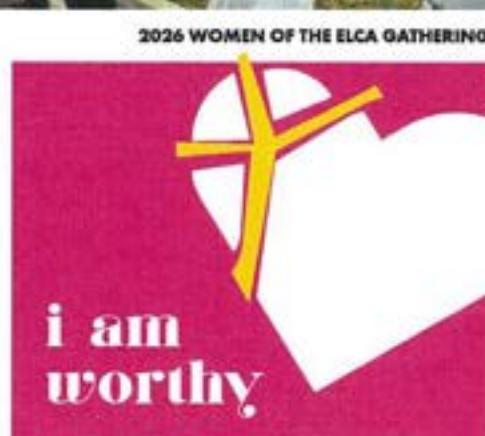
You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says, "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills, and even checks. And, if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and 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!





**COME AS YOU ARE  
& JOIN OVER A  
THOUSAND LUTHERAN  
WOMEN IN DES  
MOINES, IOWA,  
JULY 16-19, 2026 FOR  
WORSHIP, ADVOCACY,  
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Women of the **ELCA** 

## 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... "People Look East"



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er.  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



cast, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 cast, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 cast, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 cast, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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## Third Sunday of Advent

*Responsive Litany—HE WILL BE CALLED PRINCE OF PEACE*

P: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Prince of Peace.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.**

P: In the midst of conflict, we look to the One who brings harmony.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.**

P: In the midst of confusion, we look to the One who brings clarity.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.**

P: In the midst of division, we look to the One who brings unity.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.**

P: In the midst of separation, we look to the One who restores the broken.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses them with peace.**

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 146 Lord, Come and Save Us

### *Refrain*



6-7 The Lord God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

*Refrain.*

8-9 The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord raises those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just; the Lord protects strangers.

*Refrain.*

9-10 The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

*Refrain.*

## Sermon Hymn... "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all shines you chil - dren of the day!"  
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
and with words of love draw near.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889



## Sending Hymn... "Christ, Be Our Light"

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the  
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants  
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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