



Living Water
Lutheran Church



December 7, 2025



'Tis the season

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 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 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



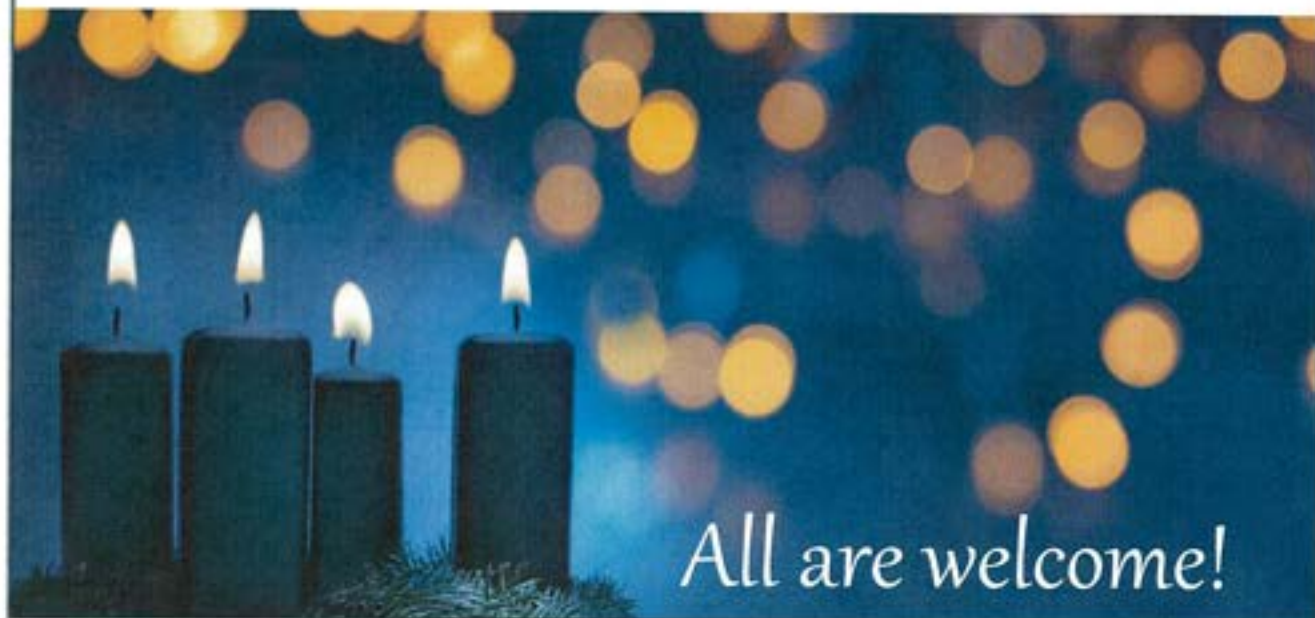
Annual Advent Dinner

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!



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**



SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR MAKING 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.

Wednesday, December 10 is full but you will have an opportunity on Friday, December 12 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!

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 December 14 to Doris Yock at 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.



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!!



Tuesday Women's Bible Study in December

On December 9th and 16th 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 16th 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 to be added. Advent blessings to all!



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.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**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*

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 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!

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.



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



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



Women of the **ELCA** 



SCOTTSDALE
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS

50 Years Strong, and the Need Keeps Growing.

The end of the year represents a time of reflection, thanks, and preparation for the ahead. This year has been a tough one with pricing for necessities at an all-time high, forcing some in our community to, for the first time, reach out for assistance. Our Adopt A Senior Program, which generally enrolls roughly 330 low-income senior citizens is currently at 390 and climbing. We have increased food box appointments by 20%. We are seeing record calls requesting assistance, and our Healthy Packs program has a waiting list of kids who desperately need weekend food. We work diligently to stretch every dollar we receive to have the most impact on the community, but the need is extraordinary right now.

We are so grateful to this community of partners who join us time and again. We are so appreciative of the financial donations, in-kind donations, volunteer hours, and all the sharing of our programs by you each year. We simply could not have the impact we have had on the Scottsdale community without you. Every time we prepare Healthy Packs, shop for an Adopt A Senior client, provide a food box, and write a check to keep someone's utilities on, we are reminded of the people who trust us every day with their hard-earned money to make an impact on our community.

Over the next year, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Scottsdale Community Partners. For 50 years, we have been working with City of Scottsdale's Human Services division to ensure these most vulnerable citizens are not forgotten. 50 years ago, Francis Young stepped forward to start this nonprofit and a legacy of giving. As we reflect on where we are today, we can't help but be pleased, knowing how proud Francis would be of the work we have done and especially the way the community she loved stepped forward to build her legacy.

In this special 50th year, we once again ask you to join us in our mission of meeting the unmet needs of youth, family, and seniors in Scottsdale.

Wishing you and yours a happy holiday season!

Rosemary Young Karlin

Rosemary Young Karlin
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Executive Director

\$100,000 Match Opportunity!

Hiscox Business Insurance
has committed to match up
to \$100,000 in donations
from now until Dec. 31st!



Tax Credit

A donor can receive a
dollar-for-dollar tax credit
up to \$495 for an individual
or up to \$987 for couples
filing jointly.

For more information go to:
scpaz.org/tax-credit

Ways to Give

SEND A CHECK payable to
Scottsdale Community
Partners at 7700 E. Roosevelt
St. Scottsdale AZ 85257

OR

DONATE ONLINE at
scpaz.org/donate



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.

Gathering Hymn... "Hark!, The Glad Sound"



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Second Sunday of Advent

Responsive Litany—HE WILL BE CALLED MIGHTY GOD

P: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Mighty God.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

P: We look to the One in whom we find redemption.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

P: We look to the One who forgives our sins.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

P: We look to the One who overcomes the darkness.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

P: We look to the One who has come to set us free.

C: You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness endures forever.

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 72 Justice Shall Flourish In His Time

Refrain



1-2 O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. *Refrain.*

7-8 Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. *Refrain.*

12-13 For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. *Refrain.*

17 May his name be blessed for ever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. *Refrain.*

Sermon Hymn... "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

The image displays a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has five lines of lyrics, the second staff has three lines, and the third staff has three lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent
that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther
for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS. European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Sending Hymn... "Prepare the Royal Highway"



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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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ATTENDANCE ON 11/30
LAST WEEK'S 10:00AM SERVICE
IN PERSON: 127
ONLINE HOUSEHOLDS: 21

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