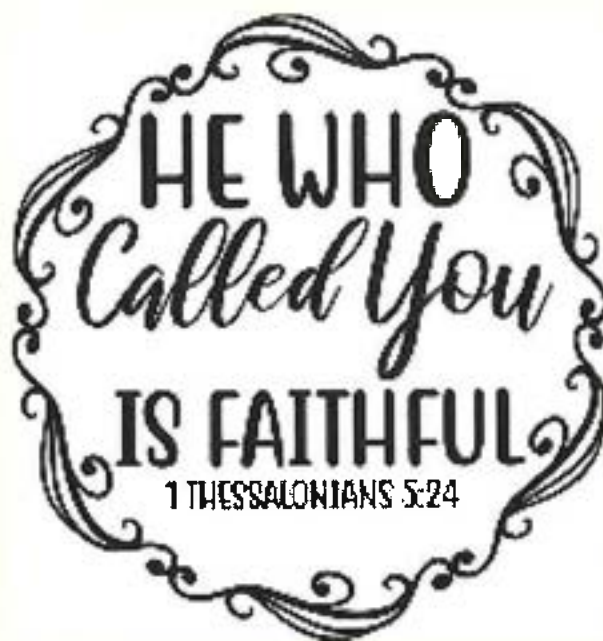


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



January 11 2026



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 Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—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 Owen Lucas (Grandson of Jay & Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- o Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—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 Marge Vessey (Close Friend of Carol and Lance Jacobson)—Health Concerns
- o Kelly White (Neice of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- o Pr. Brian Weinberger (Bethlehem Lutheran in Mesa)—Recovering from auto accident
- o Family and Friends of Barbara Brooks
- o Family and Friends of Mike Handley
- o Family and Friends of Heidi Patten (Cousin of Pat Gruthrie)
- o Family and Friends of Tony Rasmussen (Brother of Karen Syversen)

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.*

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 Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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*



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.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am

\$8 for breakfast

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.

Carefree, AZ 85377

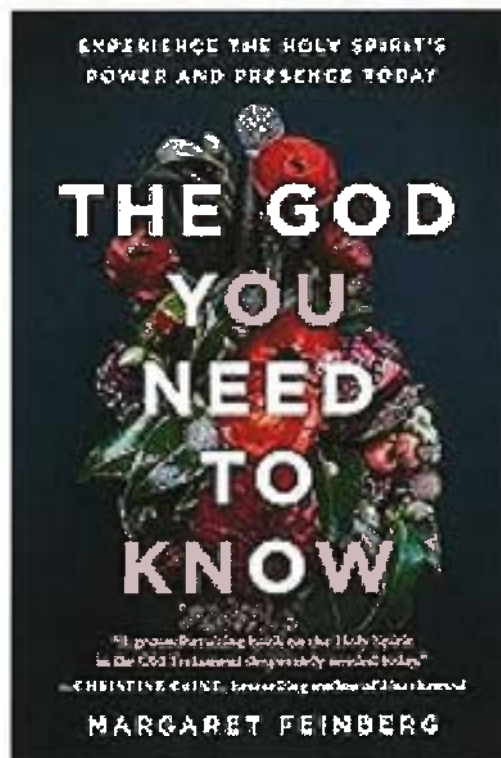
Food Donations

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.



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR JANUARY

The Tuesday Women's Bible study group resumed on Tuesday, January 6 with a new six-week video study using material from Margaret Feinberg titled "The God You Need to Know." She has written a book to accompany the study that is suggested but not required. The book is also available by Kindle. There is also an accompanying study guide but again, is not required. This study will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit throughout the Old Testament. Just bring yourself and your favorite Bible

translation. All women are welcome!

We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall and also by Zoom for approximately 90 minutes each week. If you aren't on our email communication list, please contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 TAMALES SALE

Every year in late December, members of La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Church gather for a very long day to make hundreds of tamales, assembling, steaming, and packaging them. As part of an important fundraiser for La Sagrada, they offer tamales for sale to our congregation.

This year members of Living Water purchased 33½ dozen tamales. The sale proceeds, including donations from people who rounded up the cost of their purchases, amounted to \$1,164.

We're grateful for this shared Christmas tradition and for members of Living Water who support the La Sagrada congregation in this way.



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!

New Member Class

Saturday January 31st from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Are you curious about **membership** at
Living Water Lutheran Church?



If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative
Orientation and dinner learn more about Living Water
followed by dinner
on **Saturday January 31 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

If **you** would like to attend, please **rsvp** via the
front office:

via phone: **480-473-8400**

or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

(subject: New Member Orientation)

New Member Class on January 31

Personal reflections on the OPEN THE DOORS, DO MORE campaign

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Living Water, the OPEN THE DOORS, DO MORE campaign is a financial success. The campaign also has impacted members in various ways. As Living Water moves forward, begins to eliminate mortgage payments and discusses numerous ministry and outreach ideas our congregation has suggested, it is also important to take time to reflect how the Holy Spirit's presence touched us as we prayerfully considered our individual commitments to OPEN THE DOORS, DO MORE. The following stories serve as examples of the campaign's lasting impact. Just as we celebrated Living Water's 25th anniversary last April -- and expressed our gratitude for a young congregation's foresight -- the elimination of our mortgage will also never be forgotten.

My spouse and I worked hard to pay off the mortgage for the home we lived in for 38 years. What a difference it made to our family finances. It's wonderful that enough money is being raised to pay off the church's mortgage -- so much more money can go to help other people and the community. That is a wonderful accomplishment.

When Living Water reached our goal, I was so very proud of our church. Seeing the members stretch their faith to make this vision a reality, inspired me to also stretch. This was a true Christmas gift to the community and to ourselves.

The success of the Do More campaign should not be a surprise to the community of Living Water. The planning and execution by our church leaders was most impressive. Equally impressive was the response of the congregation. I am proud to be a part of this family of generous and faithful believers. It will be a privilege to be a part of "doing more!"

With God's help, the people of Living Water will always join together to answer the call to serve. There will be a chance to celebrate our community and the new opportunities for expanded outreach and ministries. Please plan to attend this joyful event on January 25th after worship when we will figuratively burn one-half of our mortgage.

Saints and Sinners 2026

The **Sign-up for the 2026 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program** is now open!



You can sign-up on the **sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby)** or **email Wayne Burrus** at wlburrus@earthlink.net with your *name(s)*, best contact *phone number* and *email address*.

Saints and Sinners is a popular "Small Groups" fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both singles and couples.

The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other.

The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We are now forming the small groups, so please sign up as soon as possible.

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



Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
*Education Building

Boldcafe dinner

07/11/2024 | Cafe Groups, Events, Monthly Topic, WELCA Campus



Join Boldcafe writers + friends for conversation and dinner!

Once a month we meet with some of our popular writers to talk about our favorite articles and more! Bring your own dinner (B.Y.O.D) and sign up via Zoom. Signature cocktail/mocktail recipe included.

January 15, 2026 7 p.m. CST

Our host, the Rev. Angela T. Khabeb will lead our discussion about love in the new year. Granddaughters, daughters, nieces, etc. are encouraged to join! **Download a special coloring sheet** to color during the event. Participants are all encouraged to bring a favorite stuffy or doll.

Please register to attend below:



Gathering Hymn... "Shall We Gather At The River"

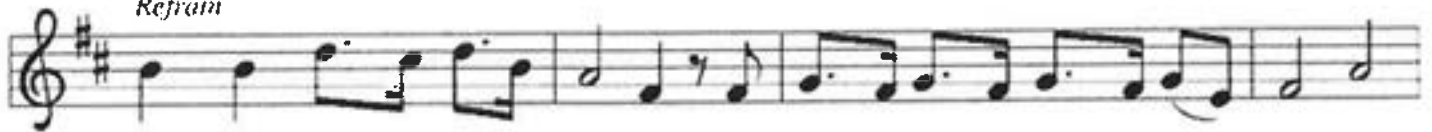


- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

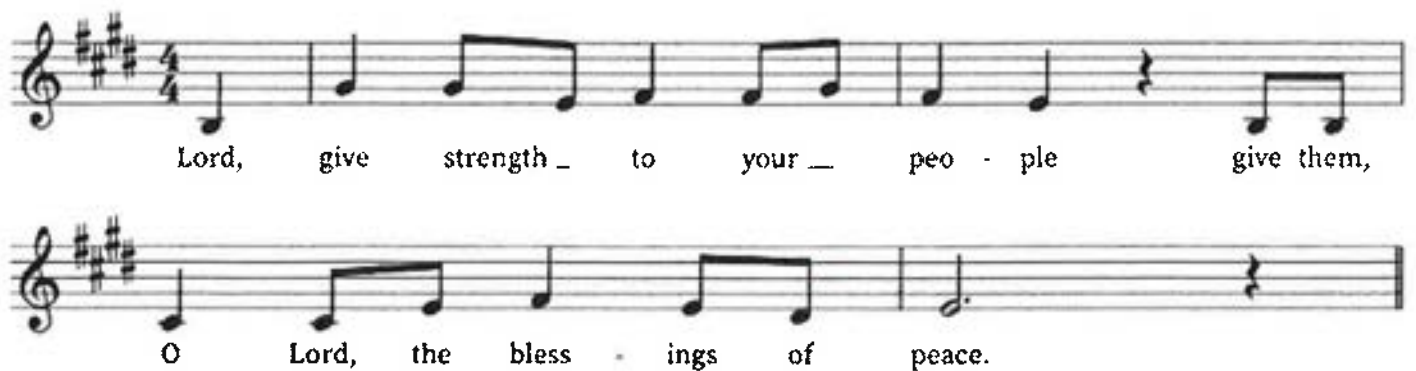


gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Psalm 29 Lord, Give Strength to Your People

Refrain



- 1 Give to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise,
- 2 Give to the Lord the glory due his name; adore the Lord in holy attire.

Refrain

- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the Lord over vast waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

Refrain

3 cont. The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

9-10 The Lord is enthroned above the flood; the Lord is enthroned as king forever.

Refrain

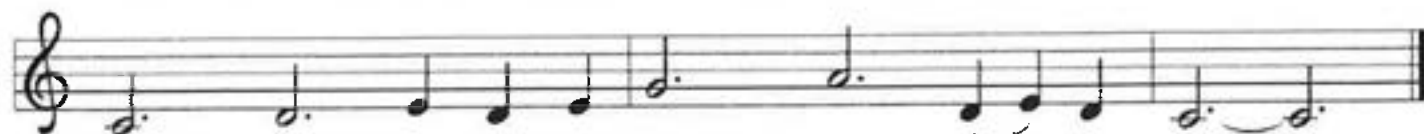
Sermon Hymn... "Baptized in Water"



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Sending Hymn... "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim, God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim,
 share a dream and help the blind to see,
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed,
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, o.s.b., b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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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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