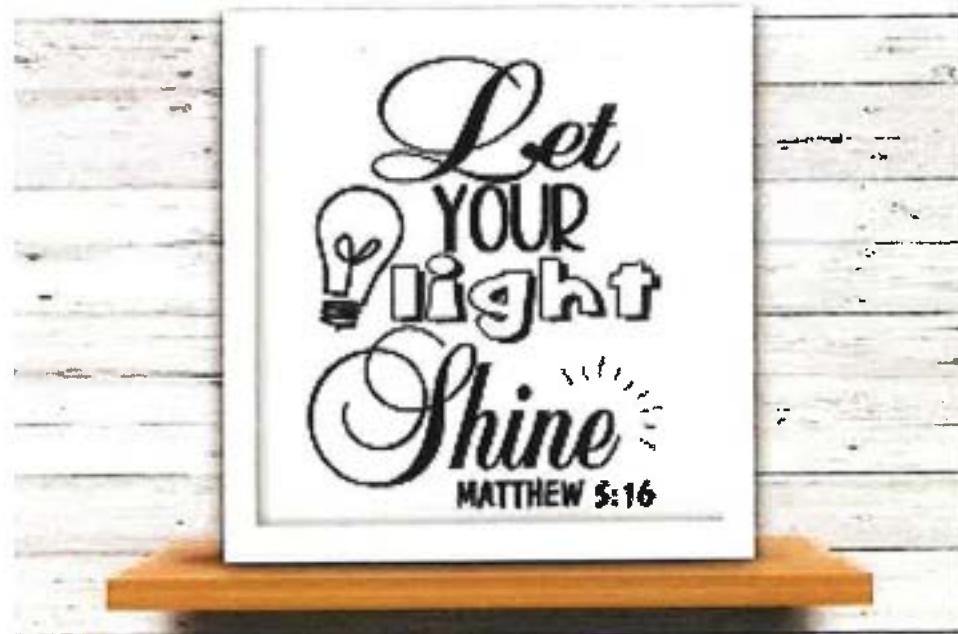


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



January 25, 2026



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
- 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
- Larry Coutts—Recurring Health Issues
- Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Owen Lucas (Grandson of Jay & Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Gene and 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
- Marge Vessey (Close Friend of Carol and Lance Jacobson)—Health Concerns
- Kelly White (Neice of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- Pr. Brian Weinberger (Bethlehem Lutheran in Mesa)—Recovering from
auto accident
- Family and Friends of Mike Handley

*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:

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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*



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

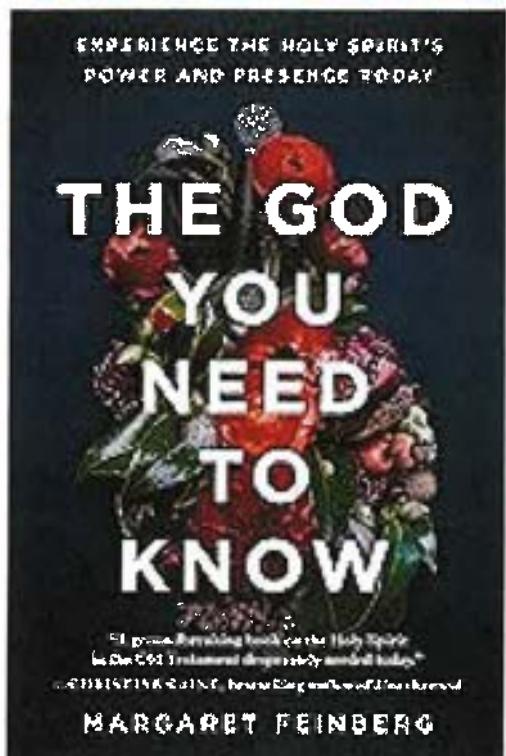
Food Donations

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.

**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

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 12/31/25 balance of **\$ 2,042**. We allocated 50% locally to Foothills Food Bank and 50% internationally to ELCA World Hunger. Each will receive \$1021.

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 accounting assistance

Living Water has hired Shellee Snoke to supplement Stephanie McLean with financial duties. Shellee's email is ssnoke@lwlcaz.org. She will be in the church office every Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to Noon. Stephanie will continue to be in the church office the second Sunday of every month.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA LUTHERAN CHURCH 2025 TAMALE 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 La Sagrada congregation in this way.

This Sunday's altar bouquet was donated
by Frances and Mike DeBruyn
'in memory of our friend
Diane Fischer'



Medical Lending Library Ministry

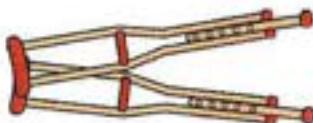
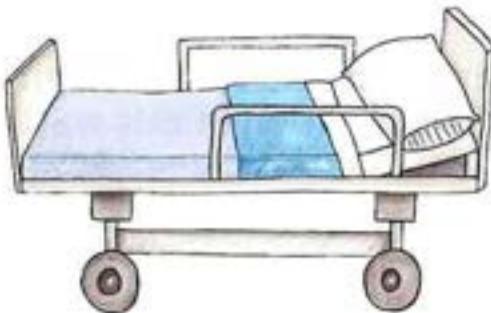
What: It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

Who: Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

How: Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

When: We will collect them on Sundays,

March 10 and 17 at Living Water.

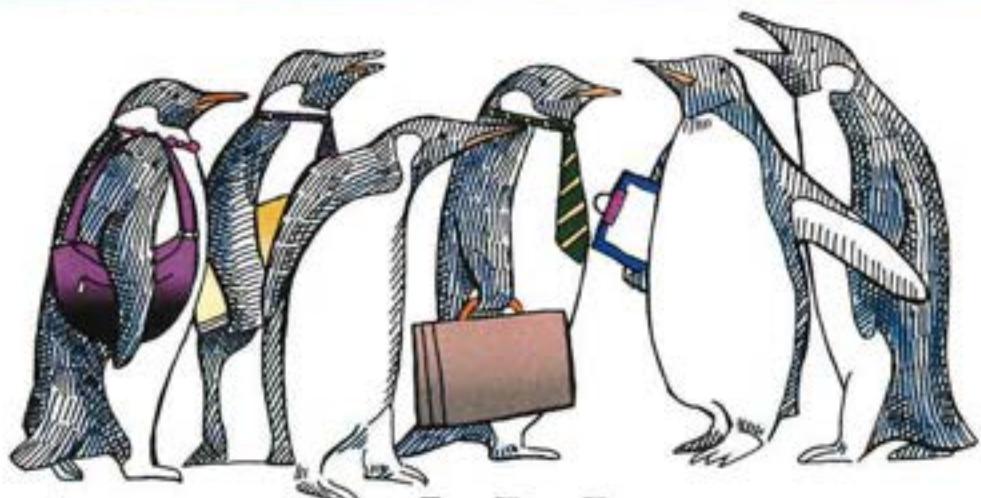


note your calendar:

The LWLC
**ANNUAL
MEETING**

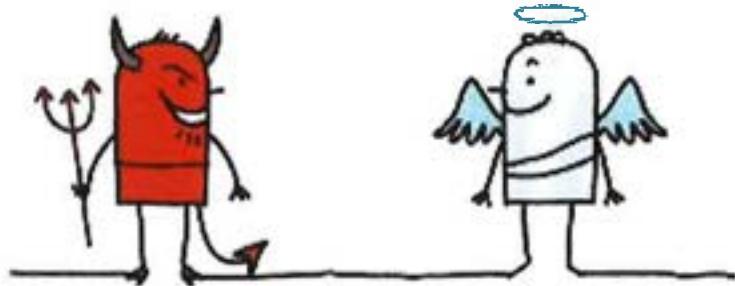
It's that time of year again!
Living Water's Annual Meeting
will be held on:

**Sunday, February 8th
following worship service**



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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Gourmet Breakfast Fundraiser

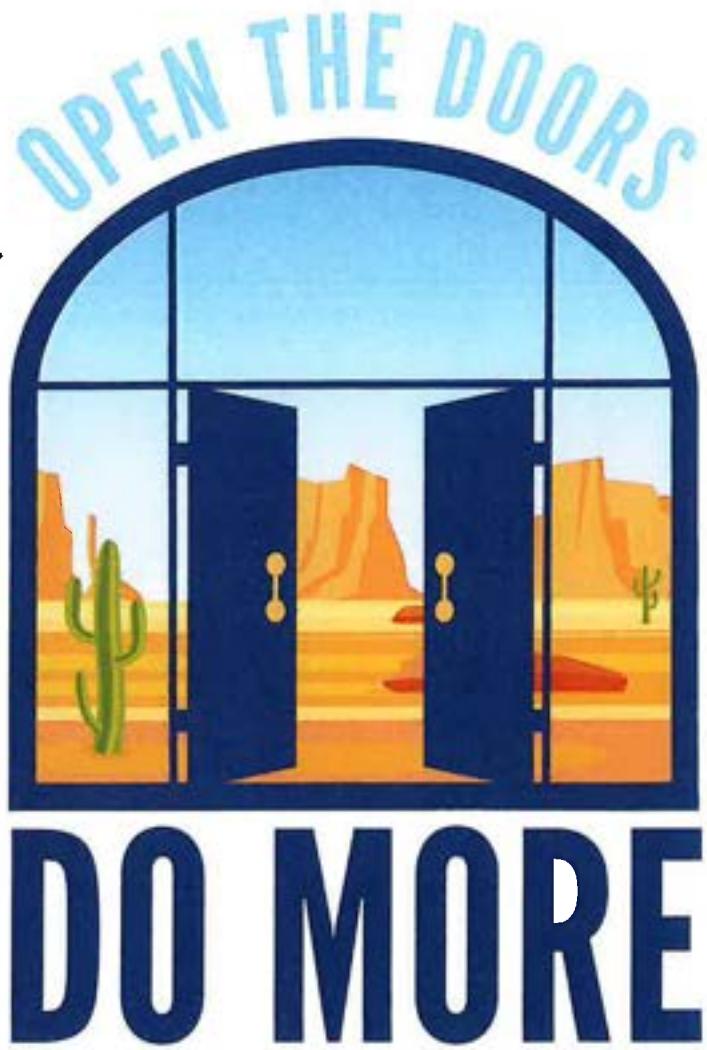
WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AFTER
THE ANNUAL MEETING TO ENJOY
DELICIOUS FOOD, FABULOUS
COMPANY, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
SUPPORT THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP
TO PENNSYLVANIA THIS SUMMER.



APPROX 11:45 AM | FEBRUARY 8, 2026
LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Please make a reservation on the
patio after worship. \$25/person

Campaign & Cake

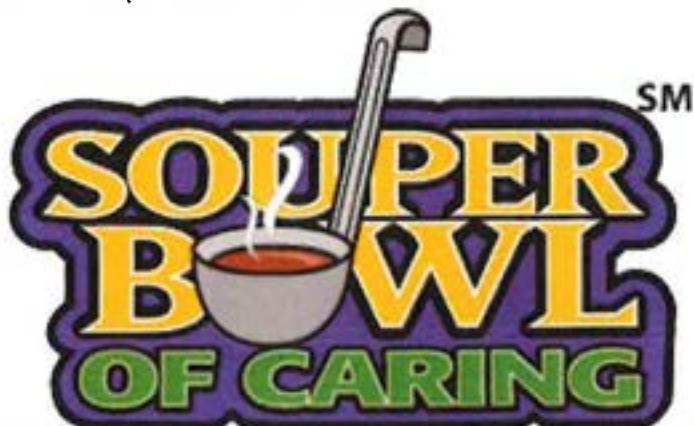
Today we celebrate the success of the OPEN THE DOORS, DO MORE campaign. A brief presentation to conclude the campaign (stay seated in the sanctuary) will be followed by “campaign cake.” Thanks to your generosity, multiple opportunities will open for ministry and outreach.



Souper Bowl of Caring

February 8th is not only Super Bowl Sunday, but it is also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. Each February LWLC Youth solicits an offering to combat hunger and Super Bowl Sunday is traditionally set aside to do this. And we can help!

On February 8th look for the three boxes labeled with the name of the two Super Bowl football teams and a third box labeled with, "I don't care." These will be located near the Hunger Jar. Please vote with your checks or cash for your preferred team and let's see how many dollars we can raise for Hunger in the process! Go Team!



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)

Gathering Hymn... "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-ning, strength-ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: IN BABLONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

Psalm 27 The Lord is My Light and My Salvation

Refrain



The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion. The Lord is my light and sal - va-tion.

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my [my] life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? Refrain.

7-8 Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me; and answer me. Of you my heart [my heart] speaks; you my glance seeks. Refrain.

8-9 Your presence, O Lord, [O Lord] I seek. Hide not your face from me; Do not in anger repel [repel] your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off. Refrain.

13-14 I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord. Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Will You Come And Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your self be hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your summons ech oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in
 my name. Let me turn and sol - low



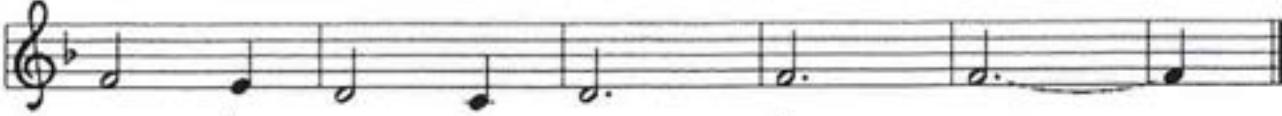
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

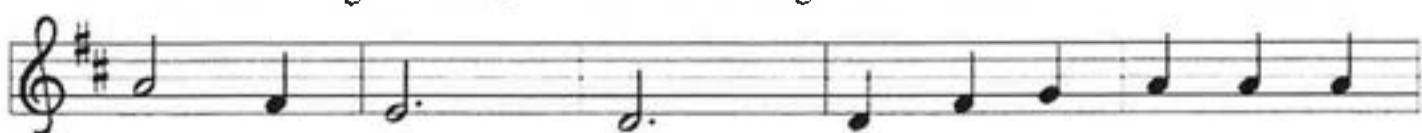


grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Sending Hymn... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see... the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for... the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race. we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

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LIVING WATER



Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

The Living Water QR code for giving:



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