

CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



March 22, 2026

Join us this Wednesday



LENT

March 25

5:30pm Soup Supper

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study

7:00pm Lenten Worship

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am
on-site and online

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Brian (Judy Tornowske's nephew)—Cancer
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Debbie Connor (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Terminal Melanoma
- Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—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
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Dick Gunderson—Recovering from Hip Surgery
- Tricia Heidemann (Cherrie's Daughter)—Life Concerns
- Kyle and Tyler Hornacek (Grandsons of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Liam McQuaid
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Jason Oglesby (Dave's son)—Life Concerns
- Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—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
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Iris Van—Eyesight Issues
- 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
- Family and Friends of Ron Koch

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: **lwlc.org***

Prayer of the Week:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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*



Family Sunday School returns this spring with the



curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "Jesus rescues us."

*Bible Verse - "He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5)



Sunday, March 29, 9:00am – HOLY WEEK FAIR!

Sunday, April 12, 9:00am – Jesus Forgives the Thief on the Cross

Sunday, May 3, 9:00am- Jesus Comes Back to Life



We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.

New accounting assistance

Living Water has hired Shellee Snoke to supplement Stephanie McLean with financial duties. Shellee's email is ssnoke@lwcaz.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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Soup Suppers will be held prior to Bible Study and Lenten Worship on

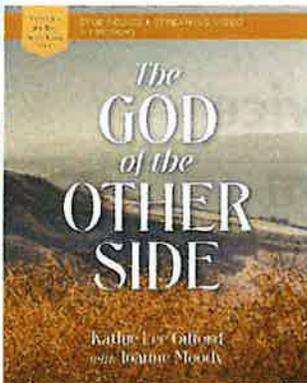


March 25
Serving starts at 5:30 pm

A different Ministry Team prepares and serves each Wednesday. A free will offering is requested, going to Nourish PHX and for Fellowship Team kitchen supplies.

These simple suppers are wonderful opportunities for Fellowship, nourishment, and preparation for worship and acknowledgement of our Ministry Teams. Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center is providing soup and bread at one of the Suppers as well.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT



We are continuing to a six-week video study called “The God of the Other Side” with material from Kathie Lee Gifford and Janne Moody. This study illuminates how Jesus breaks the barriers to reach those whom society has abandoned, those who are lonely, lost or left out.

All women are welcome! Just bring yourself and your favorite Bible translation. 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.

PETER: FAITHFUL BUT FLAWED DISCIPLE

Five-week study on the life of Peter led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

Wednesday evenings during Lent after Ash Wednesday
Between the Soup Supper and the Holden Evening Prayer

March 25 – From Cowardice to Courage

Why did all four Gospel writers include the account of the greatest failure of Peter's life – the collapse of his courage and denial of his Lord? I believe that they told this story because Peter himself told this story over and over again. Peter and the Gospel writers wanted us to see that we all, like Peter, have denied Jesus. We all have lived in ways that are inconsistent with our pledge to follow Jesus. We all have had moments when our witness or example was needed, but we remained silent and did nothing. Peter's story shows us that we do not need to be defined by our failures. God does not look at us in terms of the worst thing we have ever done. Jesus uses flawed disciples. And sometimes He uses us even more profoundly, not merely in spite of our flaws and failures but because of them.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Living Water hosted our quarterly Red Cross blood drive on February 25th. 26 donors gave 30 units of blood! This was a wonderful result. Thank you to all who donated or attempted to do so!

Many of our donors live in the surrounding community and are beginning to count on our location. This is what the Red Cross was hoping would happen.

There is always a critical need for blood. Our next blood drive will be Thursday, May 21st.

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: March 18



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

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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Wednesdays in Lent:

March 25th

5:30pm Soup Supper

6:00pm Lenten Bible Study

7:00pm Lenten Worship

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2nd at 12 noon

at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm



Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 3rd at 7:00pm



Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, April 5th at

6:30am (SUNRISE SERVICE),

8:00am and 10:00am

9:15am Brunch



**NEVC Joint Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 2nd at Noon**

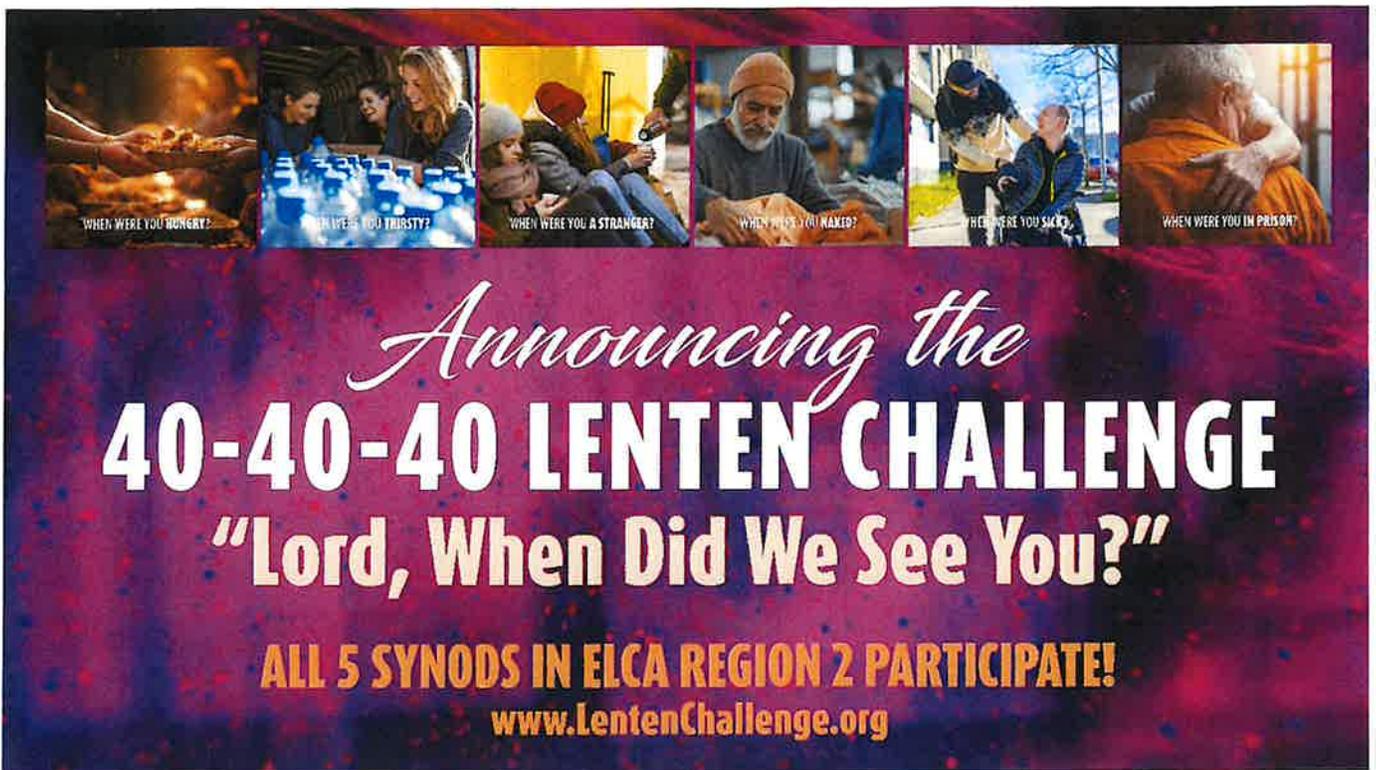
**at the Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center chapel:
7415 E Elbow Bend Road, Carefree, AZ, 85377.**

This year the Northeast Valley Consortium is planning our second joint Maundy Thursday service!

We hope you'll join us for a midday service that includes nibble-conversation, music, communion and optional footwashing. To help with the greeting or communion service, contact Pastor Anna at: pastor@ctlcarefree.org.

**Today's altar flowers were
donated by Kevin and Heidi Ruff
in loving memory of
Barbara Brooks**





Lenten Challenge for 2026

The Lenten Challenge supports ELCA World Hunger by striving to raise \$100,000 during Lent, February 18 – April 2, across all 5 ELCA Region 2 synods: Sierra Pacific, Southwest California, Pacifica, GRAND CANYON, and Rocky Mountain.

The theme of the 2026 Lenten Challenge is “Lord, When Did We See You?” “The passage emphasizes that caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized is an act of service to Christ...”

As you sign up, you commit to your choice of **3 of 4** spiritual practices: Devotions, Learning, Action, Donation. In addition to your commitment, you may reference the “Matthew 25 Lenten Challenge Tool Kit,” which offers you options for spiritual practice based on Matthew 25: 37-40.

Sign up at lentenchallenge.org.

Let’s demonstrate our commitment to relieving hunger by our participation this Lenten season!

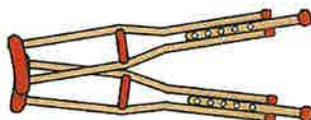
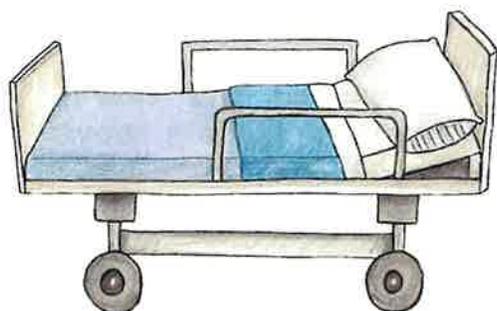
Medical Lending Library Ministry

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 22 and 29 at Living Water.



Have you wondered?-- Can I sign up to donate and dedicate the Altar Bouquet for a future Sunday?

The answer is **Yes!** Anyone who would like to donate flowers for a future Sunday can sign-up via **Sign-up Genius**. We've made the sign-up easy to find on our website. Just visit lwlcaz.org and click on the *Sign-ups* heading in the top blue bar.

When you sign up, you can add comments about the specific **occasion**, flower **color request** and/or **dedication**. Then, simply pre-pay for your bouquet \$50.00 to the church office.

The best part: at the conclusion of service for your Sunday, you are welcome to take the bouquet home or pick it up the beginning of the following week from the church office.



**April 12 – Adult Forum
with Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis**

Faithful Goodbyes: What the Farewell
Discourse in John's Gospel Teaches us
about Grief, Loss and Letting Go

Sunday, April 12 at 9am in the choir room
in Education Building.

1 WEEK PROGRAM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15-19, 2026

9:00-11:30AM



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9201 E Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
480-473-8400

Register Today!



Admission
**Free +
T-shirt**

For 4-12
Years Old



More info:

www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2026/

YOU'RE INVITED TO

“BELONGING: FIVE KEYS TO UNLOCKING YOUR POTENTIAL AS A DISCIPLE”



with presenter Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis,
Professor and the Marbury E. Anderson Chair
of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

**LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH
SCOTTSDALE, AZ**

Lessons from the Woman at the Well: The encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well and Jesus in the Gospel of John is the longest sustained conversation Jesus has with anyone in all of the four Gospels and she is a model for what it looks like to be a follower of Jesus. Together we will listen in on this conversation and consider how the Samaritan woman invites us to imagine our discipleship journey from wonder to witness.

Saturday, April 11, 2026 1:00-4:00pm - Reception to follow.

Living Water Lutheran Church - 9201 E. Happy Valley Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85255

To register for free, please go to: <https://lwlcaz.org/nevcevent/>
or use QR Code below, by April 6, 2026.

Space is limited. Please email pastorshari@lwlcaz.org with questions.



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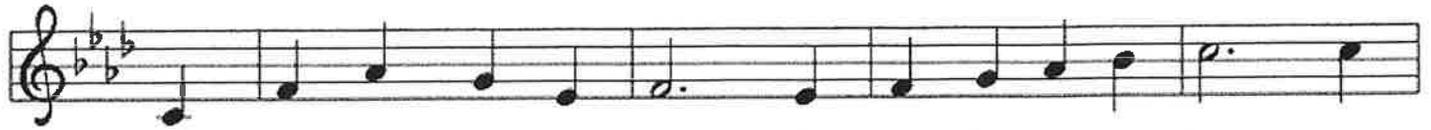


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Gathering Hymn... "Restore In Us, O God"



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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Psalm 130 With The Lord There Is Mercy

Refrain



With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of re - demp-tion.

With the Lord there is mer - cy and full - ness of re - demp-tion.

1-2 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

Refrain.

3-4 If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

Refrain.

5-6 I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord.

Refrain.

7-8 For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land"

Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 You - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Sending Hymn... "You Are The Way"



- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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The Living Water
QR code for giving:



**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.**

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