

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



May 10, 2026



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



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
- Julia Conner (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—Recurring Health Issues
- Gene Dehnbostel (Brother of Marilyn Nartker)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Robert Hutson—Health Concerns
- John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Pastor Robert Klein—Health Concerns
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Jeff Millis (Son of Karen Welnhofer)—Recovering From Back Surgery
- Sandy Moses—Health Concerns
- Barbara Nelson (Sister of Janet Guthrie)—Health Concerns
- Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Geri Skogen (Friend of Myrna Ulland)—Post-operative Treatment
- Frank Steen (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Cancer
- Kristen Stenehjem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjem)—Health Concerns
- Chris Swenson (Ben, Scout & Craig Swenson)—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 (Niece of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of John Goesling
- Friends and Family of Mary Miller (Mother of Dan Wiebe)
- Friends and Family of Scott Moore (Son of Bonnie Moore)
- Friends and Family of Kathie Roenigk

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcw.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:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth 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.

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.

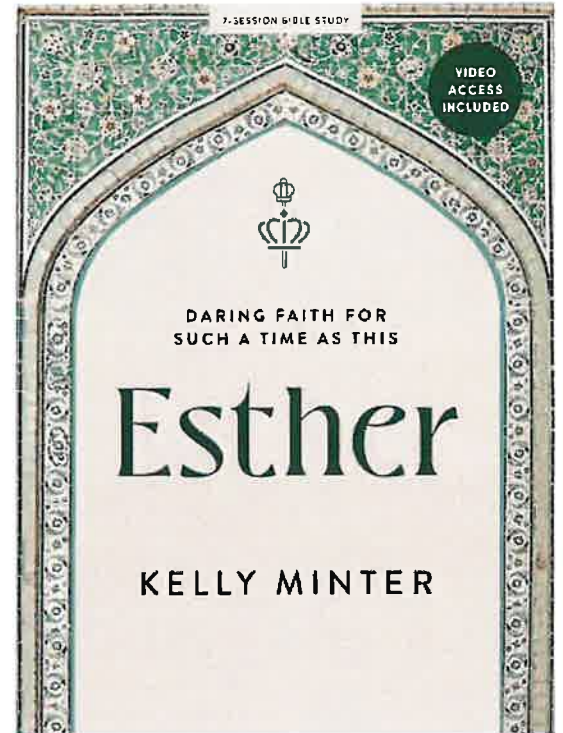
Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Spring 2026

Beginning April 21, we will dig into an epic drama in the book of **Esther: Daring Faith For Such A Time As This**, written by Kelly Minter. It's a seven-session study including videos that will take us to June 2. Kelly is a women's Bible study leader, author, speaker, songwriter, singer.

For this study, I strongly recommend you purchase the accompanying book. It's packed with lots of suggestions to deepen your understanding and enjoyment of this study. I've ordered 16 books that will be available on April 21 for \$25 each. You can also order the book through Amazon or Lifeway.com. If you can't afford the book, one will be provided. Join us at 10 am Tuesdays, MST in the Fellowship Hall, or via Zoom. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are available each week.

This will be our last study for Spring 2026. If you aren't on our email list for Tuesday Women communications, please email myrna.ulland@gmail.com.



*Stay up-to-date with Living Water
even when you need to stay home
or are on vacation:
An online version of our newsletters
Splash! and Connections
are available every month on our website
lwlcaz.org
under the 'Communications'
drop-down menu.*

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.

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: May 20



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

Dollars for Diapers Drive to Benefit

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet



Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides diapers for 120-150 infants and toddlers impacting 90 to 110 families. **In 2025, Alleluia provided 148,292 diapers and 218,252 wipes through**

a (paid) association with the AZ Diaper Bank and through *generous donations*. This ministry is a stand-alone, not-for-profit organization with a distribution center at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Phoenix, a location that has allowed the organization to increase the number of clients it serves.

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides a two-week supply of diapers and wipes on the third Saturday of each month to approximately 150 infants and toddlers in its service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 112 diapers per child for two weeks (on average). With 120 to 150 infants and toddlers, that is a lot of diapers!

Did you know that diapers cannot be bought with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? 30% of low-income moms report they cannot change their children's diapers as often as they would like. 32% of low-income families report re-using diapers to pay critical household expenses. Many families who need diapers are working parents, but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in six of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

In the past we have given diapers, wipes, and dollars, but after discussion last year with the organization, it became clear that money is the easiest and most helpful donation we can make. A check from Living Water allows the Diaper Closet the ability to fill gaps in inventory quickly.

Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and a giving congregation. Living Water's Service Ministry Team is kicking off a ***Dollars for Diapers Drive*** to support the Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. By Mother's Day, May 10th, our goal is to collect enough dollars to meet the needs of this ministry for two weeks. With our gifts of dollars, we can help provide diapers for babies and toddlers in need.

Please make your checks payable to Living Water Lutheran Church and note "Alleluia Diaper Closet" on the memo line.

YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES



Ascension Day
Thursday, May 14 at 4pm

New Covenant Lutheran Church
15152 North Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd
Scottsdale, AZ 85260



Pentecost Sunday

May 24

**Thank You
for wearing **RED****

**or other flame colors such as
Yellow or Orange**

VBS

Book Drive

COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED BOOKS FOR BABIES THROUGH ADULTS

APRIL 6 - JUNE 30, 2026

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please bring
Children's Books, Baby
Board Books, Early
Phonics Books, Youth Books, Young
Adult Books, Adult Books, Cookbooks, and
even Magazines with recipes (Financial
Donations are welcome too) to Living
Water Lutheran Church: 9201 E Happy
Valley Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85255
(Open Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm)

Remember
no rips,
tears, marks
or wormholes.



Delivering Dreams of Arizona constantly collects new and gently used books for babies through adults. These collections are distributed throughout the Phoenix core area by their volunteers, striving to put books in the homes of families who are financially challenged. For many, your donation could be the first book owned by an individual.

Please contact coordinator Sue Brash with questions, large pick-up requests or offers to donate: suebrash7@gmail.com or 602-317-9444

<https://deliveringdreamsaz.org>

1 WEEK PROGRAM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15-19, 2026
9:00-11:30AM



Living Water
Lutheran Church

Register Today!

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



Admission
**Free +
T-shirt**

For 4-12
Years Old



More info:

www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2026/

Dear Living Water,

On behalf of the Youth who are participating in this summer's mission trip to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, THANK YOU for your financial support. You filled the envelopes, and now we are fully funded, thanks to all of you!

We are so grateful!

Pastor Shari



Lenten and Soup Supper Offerings

Thanks to all who made donations to the Lenten Offerings and Lenten Soup Suppers.

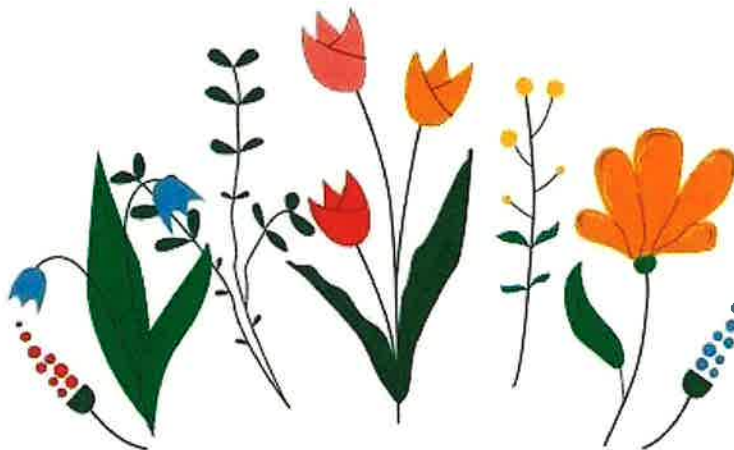
Through your generosity, we collected \$3,420 from Lenten Offerings and \$483 from Lenten Soup Suppers. The Lenten Offerings allowed us to provide \$1,710 each to Foothills Bank and Lunches for Learning. The money collected from Lenten Soup Suppers was split between the Fellowship Kitchen Team and Nourish Phoenix with each receiving \$193.20 and we gave Spirit in the Desert \$96.60 for the evening that they provided soup.

Thank you again for your amazing generosity!

THANK YOU,



MOM





**American
Red Cross**

CELEBRATE MORE

Life

Blood Drive

Living Water Lutheran Church

**Fellowship Hall
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater



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NOURISHPHX

April 30, 2026

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Pastor Mark,

Thank you to you and your congregation for being philanthropists of NourishPHX with your \$193.20 donation made on 4/24/2026 in support of our mission. Your generosity helps further our mission to be a trusted community hub serving vulnerable individuals and families by offering resources to satisfy immediate needs and to provide pathways to self-sufficiency. Just last year, your support has helped us serve over 25,000 individuals with food, clothing, job support, haircuts, medical screenings and more. We are proud to offer a holistic approach to supporting low-income families on their path forward.

Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible and may qualify for the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction.

Thank you again for your generous support and for helping to make the world a better place. We are grateful for your partnership.

Thank You,



Beth Fiorenza
Executive Director



NourishPHX is a 501c3 tax deductible organization
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www.nourishphx.org
602-775-5740

Opening Hymn... "All Are Welcome"



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
end to fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come,
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Psalm 66 Let All The Earth Cry Out To God With Joy

Refrain



6-7 He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

Refrain.

16, 20 Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

Refrain.

17, 25 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your kindness. Take courage and be stouthearted, all you who hope in the Lord.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "For All the Faithful Women"



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Sending Hymn... "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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LIVING WATER

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Lutheran Church



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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QR code for giving:



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