

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Vince Augenstein—Hospice Care
- Jeff & Eric Bemby (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
- Karen Rosessler—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Roger Smedberg (Nephew of Karen and Ronald Roessler)—Brain Cancer
- 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

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:

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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



Alleluia Better Diaper Closet

Results

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to all who helped LWLC have a successful drive to raise money for Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. With your help, we will be able to provide diapers for one of their distribution dates.

Through your unselfish giving, we collected \$2,295 for the diaper closet. A special thank you goes to the LWLC Women who donated \$1,000 of this total from their collections!

The Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet is very appreciative of your generous donation. The organization is managed and staffed by volunteers, so the entire donation goes only toward diapers. We all made an enormous difference in the lives of the families who rely on this organization's services.

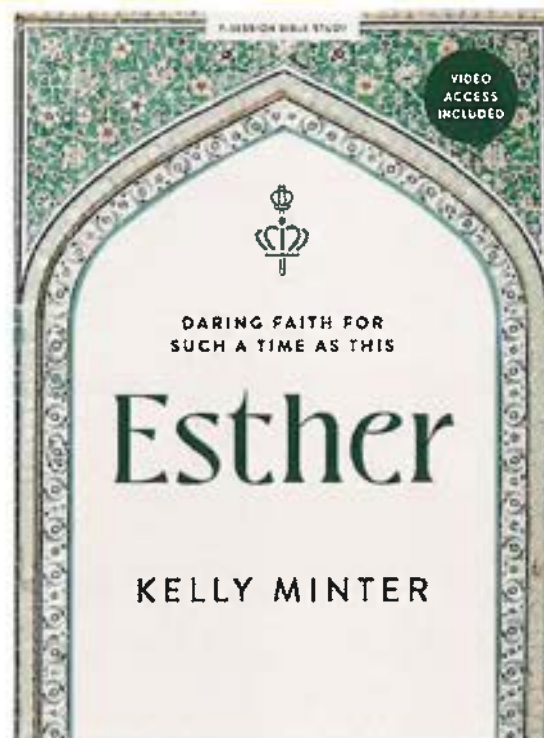
Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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.



Piecemakers Quilters Summer Break

Our quilters are taking a summer break from tying quilt beginning in June.

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects during the summer heat, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 or 16 pieces, using 1/2" seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg or

Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry supporting Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

Look for our announcement when we resume our group tying again in September.

1 WEEK PROGRAM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



Living Water
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More info:

www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2026/

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,
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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.

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<https://deliveringdreamsaz.org>

Spiritual Gifts Virtual Retreat

The Growing In Faith/Diakonia Program proudly presents our "Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts" Retreat!

Answering these questions, What does God want of me? How am I to serve God? Do I have a spiritual gift? What is it? How am I to use it? What kind of ministry is God calling me to? Reverend Stewart McDonald will guide the students through exercises and discussion to help them learn and understand what their gifts are and feel more joy and confidence in how God might be inviting them to use these gifts.

Dates: 3 Saturdays in July: July 11, 18, 25 from 9:00 AM to Noon Arizona Time

Class is online only – you will receive the Zoom link upon registration.

Registration Fee is \$40

Register at <https://www.diakonia.education/> and navigate to Menu > Classes/Events > Upcoming Events

Our retreat leader is Rev. Stewart McDonald. A long-time Growing In Faith/Diakonia instructor, he has led this Spiritual Gifts retreat many times over the last 30 years with excellent results.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

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. We use the funds to provide donations to organizations like St. Mary's Food Bank of Arizona and ELCA, Nourish Phx and Foothills Foodbank

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!



We are looking for donations of 2-3 XL or Appliance-Size boxes for our VBS games. If you happen to have one (it doesn't have to be assembled), please bring it to the church office by June 10.

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.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



April 21, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ—

At St. John we have a practice of praying for our fellow beloved disciples of Jesus at churches both near and far to us. Here is what we prayed for you on Sunday, March 8, in which we recognized the Third Sunday in Lent during morning worship:

We ask your guidance, strength and blessing on our brothers and sisters at Living Water Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, AZ, fellow members with us of the Body of Christ, sharing one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of all. Protect and prepare us all to be the Bride of Christ your Word tells us we are to become.

You may even have received a note of encouragement from one or more of our members, as we listed your church's address in our bulletin that morning. Either way, we wanted to let you know that we have been praying for you all.

God go with you as together we seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God in both word and deed!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul Offhaus

On behalf of the entire St. John congregation

We envision a world fed and led by God

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Opening Hymn... "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179

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

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Psalm 104—Lord Send Out Your Spirit

Refrain

Lord, send out your Spi-rit, and re - new _____ the face of the earth.

1-2 Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures.

Refrain.

24, 27, 28 May the glory of the Lord endure forever, may the Lord be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord.

Refrain.

29, 30 If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

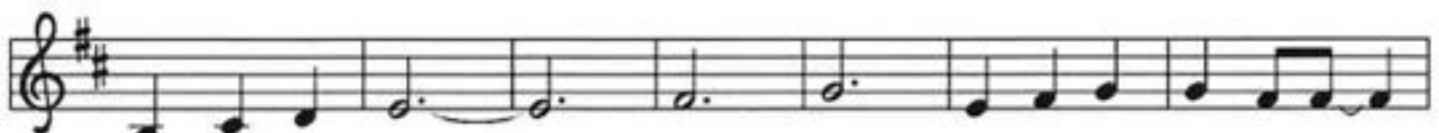
Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

Communion Song... "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

Sending Hymn... "O Day Full Of Grace"



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
time, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921-2001, alt.
Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842
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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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