

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



May 3, 2026

**Farewell for now  
Scott!**  
**We appreciate  
all of your years  
with Living Water  
and your music  
ministry!**

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
- Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—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@lwlcaz.org](mailto: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:*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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*



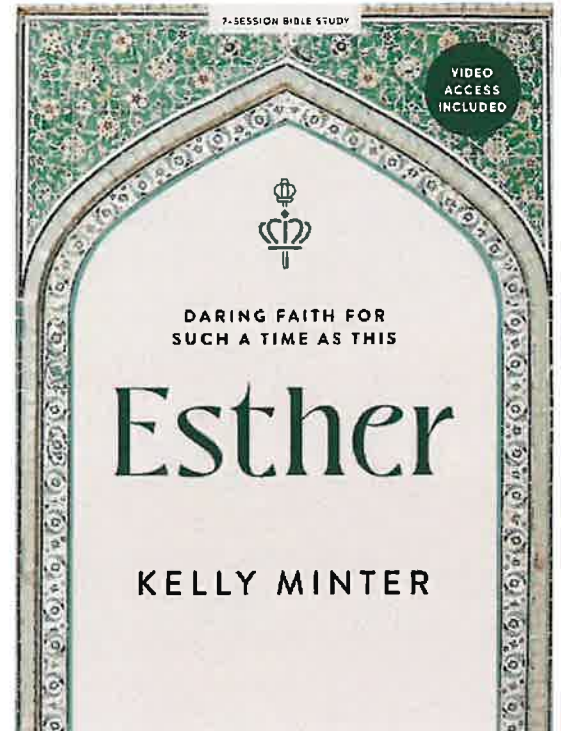
## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com).



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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](http://lwlcaz.org)  
under the 'Communications'  
drop-down menu.*

# 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.

*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 6**



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](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)

## Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> National MMIW Remembrance Day

Join others across our ELCA and our Women of the ELCA on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to collectively remember those women and girls who have been murdered or have gone missing from our Indigenous communities. We will pray together,

**“Candlelight Vigil for Murdered and Missing Women,”**

written by Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy.

**May 5, 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm MST**

[Welca.org/event/a-vigil-for-mmiw-2](https://welca.org/event/a-vigil-for-mmiw-2) – register to attend

### Wear red next Tuesday

The red dress has become a powerful symbol of remembrance, resilience, and justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). Across North America, Indigenous communities and allies gather to wear red, hang red dresses in public spaces, and speak the names of those who have been taken. This act of remembrance is more than symbolic; it is a call to action, a way to honor the lives lost, and a means to amplify the voices of those fighting for justice.



### Seeing the Unseen: Why We Wear Red

Among many Indigenous traditions, the color red holds profound spiritual significance. For some Indigenous peoples like my own, it is believed that red is the only color spirits can see, and by wearing red, we make ourselves visible to those who have been taken. In ceremonies and gatherings dedicated to MMIR, the presence of red becomes a beacon, calling the spirits of our loved ones home, ensuring they are not forgotten, and guiding them back into our collective memory.

Wearing red and displaying red dresses is an act of defiance against this erasure. It is a way of saying, “We see you. We remember you. We will not stop fighting for you.” The red dress movement is about reclaiming space, asserting Indigenous presence, and demanding that those in power address the ongoing crisis with urgency and respect.

*From Prairie Rose Seminole, an enrolled member of the MHA Nation of North Dakota and a dedicated advocate for Indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and storytelling.*

You can find more information on this issue from [elca.org/MMIW](https://elca.org/MMIW) or [firstnations.org/news/red](https://firstnations.org/news/red) or [welca.org/MMIW](https://welca.org/MMIW)

## 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.**

# 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](mailto:suebrash7@gmail.com) or 602-317-9444

<https://deliveringdreamsaz.org>

1 WEEK PROGRAM



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



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Register Today!

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Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
480-473-8400



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**Free +  
T-shirt**

For 4-12  
Years Old



More info:  
[www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2026/](http://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!

## Opening Hymn... "Shout To The Lord"



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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## Psalm 31 Father, Into Your Hands

### Refrain



The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note on B4. The second staff continues with a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, and a quarter note on G4. The lyrics are: "Fa - ther, in - to your hands" for the first staff and "I com - mend my spir - it. \_\_\_\_" for the second staff.

2, 6 In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me. Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, O Lord, O faithful God.

*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... "I Received the Living God"

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

## Sending Hymn... "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams. *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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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.**

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