

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



July 5, 2026

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Sylvia Behler (Daughter of Laurie Shabbick)—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
- Betty Copenhaver (Aunt of Pastor Mark)—Hospice Care
- 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
- Gary Fjeld—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 Welnhofner)—Recovering from Back Surgery
- Sandy Moses—Health Concerns
- Marilyn Nartker—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 Roessler—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health 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
- 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
- Family and Friends of Michael Hammack (Friend of Mason Rossman)

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.*

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*



This week's altar bouquet was donated
by Frances DeBruyn
in celebration of her sister Georgia's birthday.



Prayer of the Week:

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

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***

Vacation Bible School, 2026 edition is in the rear-view mirror. Twenty-four children and many teen, young adult and (old) adult volunteers spent a full week of Bible lessons, dramas, singing, crafts, games and, of course, delicious meals from the Snack Shack. There were God-sightings, chariot rides, a grumpy soldier who discovered his faith, many smiles, and voices raised in both silly songs and expressions of God's love. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make this week possible by donating funds for supplies. Finally, thank you to the volunteers!

Set Design and

Construction:

Wayne Burrus
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Sue Stenehjem
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Ben Swenson

Celebration Leaders:

Christina Hall
Allison Handley
Caroline Ruff
Stella Robinson
Pastor Shari

Snack Shack:

Julie Ann Walker
Sue Umland
Lynda Breault

Crafts:

Ellen Schoenbeck
AJ Bernau
Karen Roessler
Caroline Ruff

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

VBS Festival:

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Security Team:

Jim King
Steve Umland

AV Technician:

Heidi Ruff
William Ruff
Henry Ruff

Floater:

Matthew Umland
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Debbie Anderson
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Myrna Ulland
Joan Sprinkle
Denny Dumler
Jeri Pounds
Patty Hamm
Jill Wehr

Games:

Ryan Handley
Heath Handley

Drama:

Lisa Moehn
Darryl van Maanan
Wayne Burrus
Heidi Ruff

Assistant Family Leaders:

Taylor Kater
Naomi Finneran
Allison Handley
Tate Handley
Stella Robinson
Jackson Robinson
Kaden Roos
Wesley Roos
Mason Sleeper

Mission Project

Book Drive:

Myrna Ulland
Sue Brash

Registration:

Jill Wehr
Shirley Koch



THE POWER OF CORN FLAKES

An Opportunity to Love Your Neighbor



Starting today, Sunday, July 5, your servant leadership team is beginning a more effective means of supporting ministries important to Living Water. We will be collecting money and goods during targeted, time-limited drives for all our ministries. We already do this several times a year including donations at Thanksgiving and the Angel Tree at Christmas and the diaper drive for Alleluia Diaper Closet before Mothers' Day, and this month we will be following that process to collect for **FOOTHILLS FOOD BANK**.

Summer is low season for donations, but the need is not less. Let's show that Living Water can respond to our community's need with a strong spirit of generosity to help ease our neighbors' challenges through tough times.

How can we help?

Corn Flakes! Rice Krispies! Raisin Bran! We will be collecting breakfast cereals geared for adults in **regular-size boxes** or in the **small box variety packs**. Our goal is **500 boxes** by Sunday, July 26.

There are three ways to contribute: **(1)** Bring your donations to Living Water and leave them in the designated area in the Narthex **(2)** take one of the envelopes addressed to Foothills Food Bank and place your check inside with LIVING WATER noted on the memo line. **(3)** *For those of you in other locations, send your check directly to this address: Foothills Food Bank, 4250 E. Carefree Hwy., Cave Creek, AZ 85331.* Foothills will let us know how much they collect from Living Water donors.

Living Water is a generous congregation attuned to the needs of the community. Let's throw our support behind Foothills Food Bank and show them what we can do when we put our hearts and spirits to work!

**Living Water
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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 September 30 – November 11**

Please call or email Pastor Shari Bernau to sign up,
and note that this group is capped at 8 people.

480-473-8400 - pastorshari@lwlc.org



Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
*Education Building

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!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study Update

The Tuesday Women's Bible study concluded an enlightened study on the book of Esther using material from Kelly Minter on June 2nd. While not our first look at this Old Testament book, it was a deeper dive and encouraged participants to do some scripture digging in-between our seven sessions.

While we're on hiatus for the summer, we'll stay connected through prayer requests during the summer. We also regularly pray for all on our church's prayer list.

Women are encouraged to continue self-study using their subscription to Gather or from free downloadable Bible studies from Gather magazine during the summer. Go to <https://gathermagazine.org> and search for Bible studies.

As we concluded our time together, we sent gifts from our weekly offering to our Grand Canyon Women, to Foothills Food Bank, to St. Mary's Food Bank, to Peter's Hope, to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and to the Pitchfork Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church. This food pantry supports students in ASU's downtown site. We also helped assemble 129 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Tuesday Women have grown in their connections with each other, with their love of scripture, and with their generosity. If you aren't yet part of this Bible study community, we'd love to see you when we resume in September, 10 am on Tuesday's!

There is room for you at our table!





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 ½" 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.

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!

Gathering Song... "My Country Tis Of Thee"



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing: land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895

Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM. *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

Sermon Hymn... "The Church Of Christ, In Every Age"



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead,
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

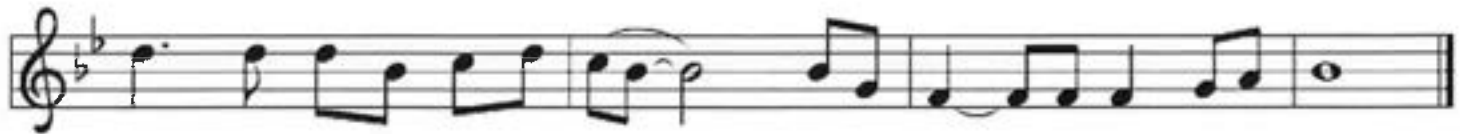
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Sending Hymn... "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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.

Ministers: All the Members of Living Water

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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QR code for giving:



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