

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



August 23, 2026

Worshiping and Serving
together



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am
on-site and online



We Remember in Our Prayers

- v Sylvia Behler (Mother of Laurie Shabbick)—Hospice Care
- v Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- v Brian (Judy Tornowske's nephew)—Cancer
- v Lizzy Cadow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- v Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- v Julia Conner (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- v Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—Recurring Health Issues
- v Gene Dehnbostel (Brother of Marilyn Nartker)—Health Concerns
- v Don Doench (Brother-in-law of Joan Sprinkle) – Health Concerns
- v Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- v Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- v Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- v Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- v Paul Heinze (Friend of the Pettengill's)—Knee Replacement and Broken Femur
- v Sandy Heinze (Friend of the Pettengill's)—Upcoming Surgery
- v Robert Hutson—Health Concerns
- v John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- v Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- v Pastor Robert Klein—Health Concerns
- v Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- v Jeff Millis (Son of Karen Welnhofner)—Recovering from Back Surgery
- v Sandy Moses—Health Concerns
- v Marilyn Nartker—Health Concerns
- v Terry Nelson—Recovering from Hip Surgery
- v Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- v Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- v Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- v Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- v Karen Roessler—Health Concerns
- v Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- v Keith Runge (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- v Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health Concerns
- v Roger Smedberg (Nephew of Karen and Ronald Roessler)—Brain Cancer
- v Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—Health Concerns
- v Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- v Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- v Iris Van—Eyesight Issues
- v Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- v Marge Vessey (Close Friend of Carol and Lance Jacobson)—Health Concerns
- v Kelly White (Niece of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- v Pr. Nanette Christofferson (Love of Christ, Mesa, AZ)—Health Concerns
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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.*

Prayer of the Week:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through 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: **lwlcaz.org***



**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES,
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
AT 10:00AM**

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

**ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF WHO ARE GOING BACK TO
SCHOOL THIS MONTH ARE INVITED FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING TO
BEGIN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR SURROUNDED IN PRAYER.**

MISSION TRIP REFLECTIONS

**THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MISSION TRIP TO
PENNSYLVANIA WILL SHARE STORIES AND PICTURES.**



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
AT 10:00AM**

SING WITH THE CHOIR

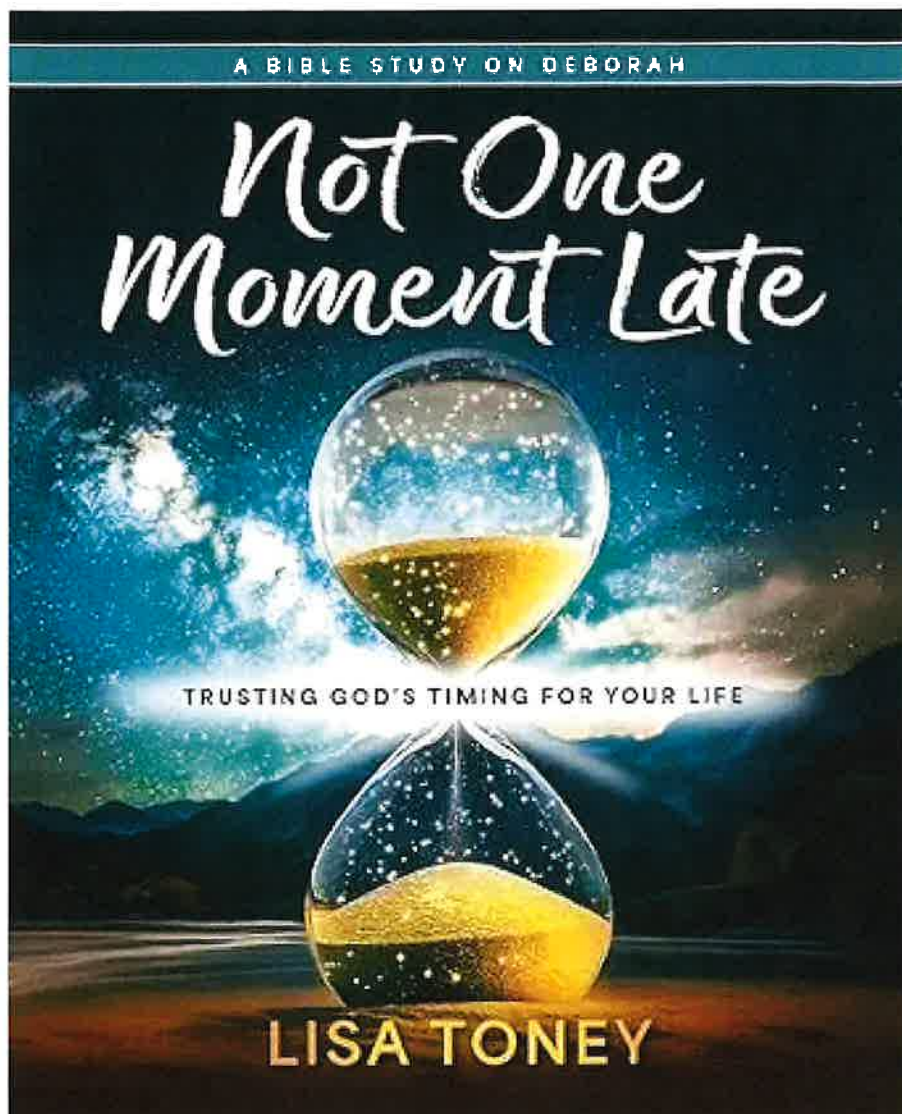
**THE CHOIR IS SINGING JESUS LOVES ME. CHILDREN AND
YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AND SING ON THAT SUNDAY!
PLEASE COME AT 9:00AM FOR PRACTICE.**



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR SEPT-OCT 2026

All women are invited to our weekly women's bible study, resuming Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 am MST. Have you ever felt frustrated with God's timing for your life? Perhaps you find it difficult to see God's hand? Join us for a seven-week video series on the book of Deborah from the Old Testament with material newly released by author, pastor, teacher and professor Lisa Toney. Gain insight in living with confidence in every season of your life.

"Not One Moment Late"



The first session on Sept. 8 will be introductory and about 60 minutes. Participant books are encouraged and they will be available for purchase at \$20 each on Sept. 8. A Kindle version of the participant book is also available through Amazon. The study book is not required, however, but do bring your favorite Bible translation. We'll then resume each Tuesday for about 90 minutes for six more sessions, taking us through the end of October. We also offer a Zoom connection so you can join us from anywhere you have Wifi access!

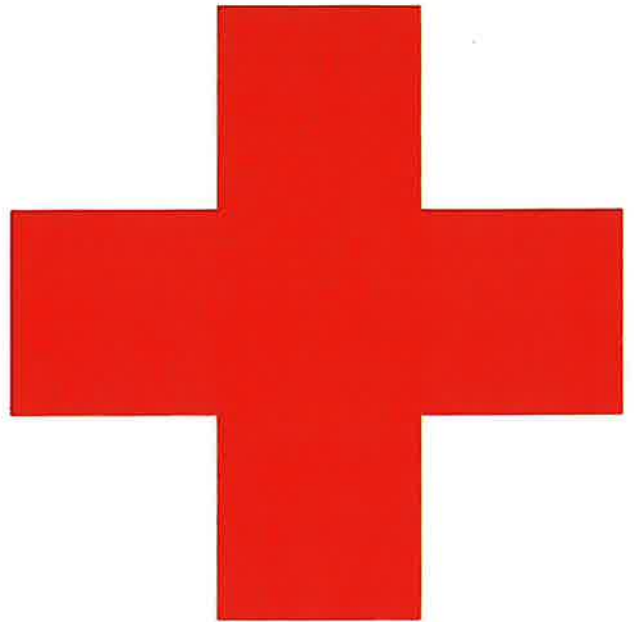
Coffee and hot water for hot chocolate/tea are available each week. No prior Bible study experience needed and you don't need to be Lutheran to join us. Occasionally we also begin with a treat. On the last Tuesday each month we try to get together for lunch following our study time at a local restaurant. There is a spot for you at our study table!

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us beginning September 8. If you're not on our Tuesday Women's email list, please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added so you're up to date with our communications!

American Red Cross

**Every 2 seconds, someone
in the U.S. needs blood.**

*Give blood.
Help save lives.*



Blood Drive
Living Water Lutheran Church

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

**Wednesday, August 26, 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



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



**Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift
Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.**



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an appointment.

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 13, 2026

100 Blue Bags

Every year in September, the congregations of the ELCA participate in service work entitled "God's Work, Our Hands." In the past two years, Living Water has assembled backpacks with school supplies for international distribution (2024) and care kits for the homeless (2025). This year, after the service on Sunday, September 13, the congregation will be invited to pack our Living Water blue bags with household cleaning supplies: *laundry detergent, dish soap, sponge, and paper towels* for distribution through Foothills Food Bank.



Why household cleaning supplies?

- SNAP benefits (food stamps) *allow ONLY food purchases.*
- Foothills Food Bank has identified cleaning items as a crucial need: once a month, clients are given household supplies IF they are available.



In order to meet our goal of 100 blue bags, we are asking the congregation to donate the following over the next 3 weeks:

***LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

(any size up to 84 ounces)

***DISH SOAP (any size)**

AND/OR *CASH/CHECK

The sponges have been donated, and Thrivent has provided a \$250 grant we will use for the paper towels. *We still need \$150.00 to cover the cost of 2 rolls of paper towels per blue bag.*

Pastor Shari will share an *Amazon Wish List* code with the congregation through an e-blast coming your way soon.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Today's altar flowers were donated by
Bob Ulland
to wish Myrna a
Happy 80th Birthday!



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

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The Living Water
QR code for giving:



In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Mark at 973-699-7777 (mobile)

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