

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 13, 2026



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 Caddow (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 John (Friend of Lou Handley)
- v Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- v John Kelsh (Spouse of Jennifer Kelsh)—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 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 Jim Samlaska (Father of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- v Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health Concerns
- 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 Andy Walker (Family Friend of Henri & Lynda Breault) —Health Concerns
- v 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.*

Prayer of the Week:

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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***

Family Sunday School



returns this fall with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "God takes care of us."

*Bible Verse - "If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" (Romans 8:31)



- **Sunday, September 20, 9:00am** – Moses Is Rescued by Pharaoh's Daughter
- **Sunday, October 18, 9:00am** – Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover
- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am- ADVENT FAIR!**
- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson



We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.

Today's altar flowers were donated by

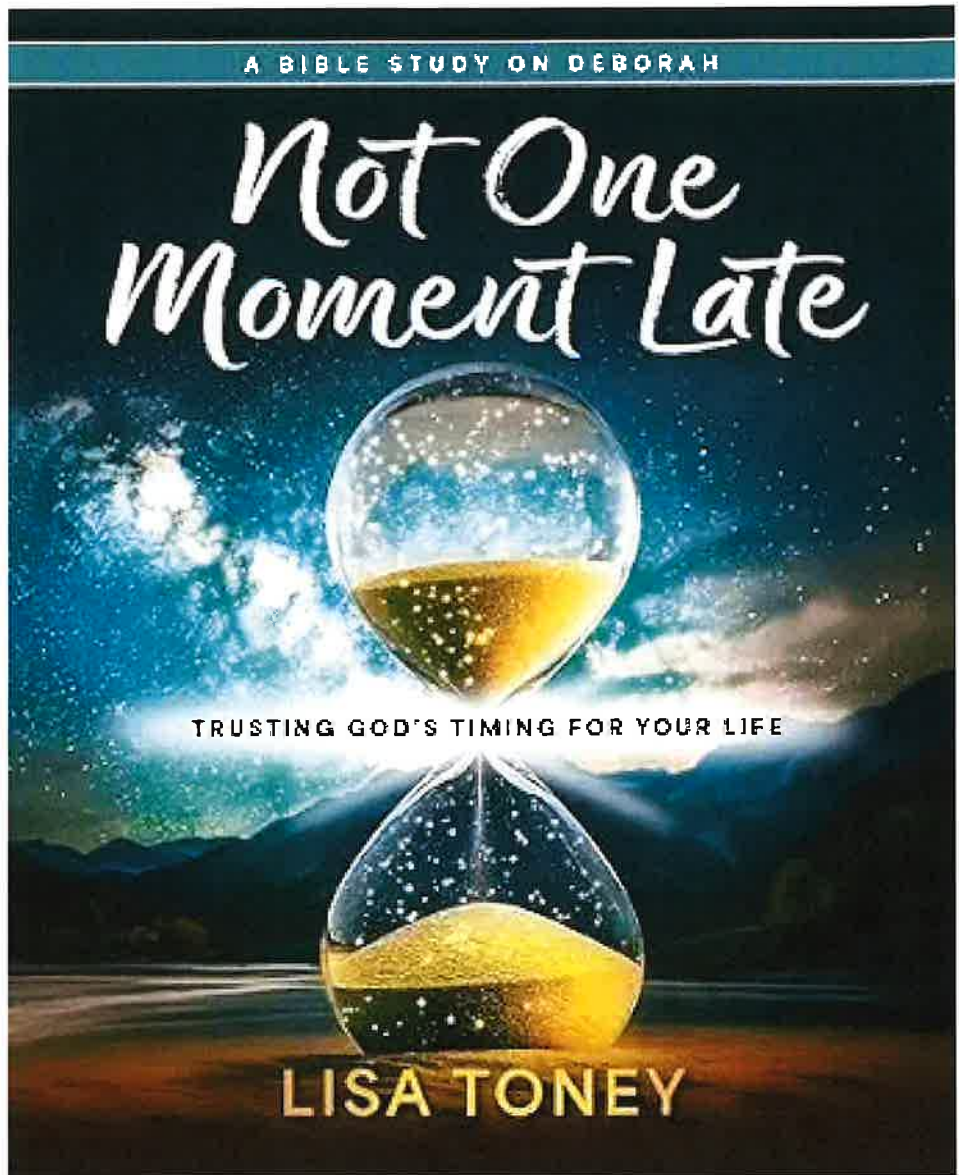
Sue Boyd



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 a prophetess and judge, Deborah, from the Old Testament book of Judges, 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!



Interested in joining the Living Water church family?
If so, please rsvp with the front office or
signup on the clipboard in the Narthex for our next
New Members Orientation (and dinner)
on Saturday, October 10th from 4:00-6:00pm

Piecemakers Quilters Return!



Our quilters will resume our quilt tying sessions beginning on September 16 at 9 am in the Education building. If you would like to join us and can tie a square knot (we'll teach you how!), we'd love to see you! We meet for about 2.5-3 hours typically on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Bring your own beverage for a short break mid-morning.

We hope to tie as many quilts as we can before the Phoenix area LWR ingathering of quilts and kits on October 16-17, 2026.

Can't join us on Wednesdays? If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects, 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

Café

boldcafe.org

Monthly dinner
with Boldcafe
writers + friends
(B.Y.O.D.)

Sept. 17
@ 7 pm (CDT)



Boldcafe Dinner is back: 2026 Gathering Recap

Join us **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. (CDT)** for our next Boldcafe Monthly Dinner. WELCA Campus Ambassadors Lila Woodard and Rebeca Amaro Trevino will share their experience at the triennial gathering. Come and enjoy faith-filled conversation and community!

Register to attend.

note about check offerings:

Please remember to write any checks out to:

Living Water Lutheran Church

(in full). Otherwise the bank will not accept them.

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." TODAY, after the service, 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. Everyone is invited to participate!



Living Water Lutheran Church 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 1-2:30pm running from Sept 30 – Nov 11, 2026

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

480-473-8400 - pastorshari@lwlcaz.org



REGISTER NOW

Grand Canyon Growing In Faith Program Presents:

Guest Speaker: Shelley Bryan Wee,
Bishop of the Northwest Washington
Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

A DIFFERENT WAY: JESUS AND THE CALL BEYOND CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM - Hope, Courage and Community for such a time as this



November 14, 2026



9:30 AM – 3:00 PM



American Lutheran Church
Sun City, Arizona



In-person or virtual



Snacks and Lunch will be served.



\$25

for both online
and in person.

For administrative costs.



TO REGISTER:

www.diakonia.education > Menu >
Classes/Events > Upcoming Events >
Click the Sign Up Button.



Next WELCA Reads: September 21

This Book club will meet to discuss what it means to be a woman by reading *Thinking Woman* by Dr. Jennifer Hockenbery.

Did you miss the opening session of WELCA Reads? There are a few spots available if you email jennifer.hockenbery@elca.org by September 10.)

WELCA READS

LEARN ABOUT HOW WOMEN HAVE UNDERSTOOD THEMSELVES
THROUGHOUT HISTORY—READ THEIR STORIES AND THEIR IDEAS AS WE
THINK THROUGH TOGETHER WHAT WOMEN ARE AND HOW TO BEST
SUPPORT THEM.



Join us for a discussion of what it means to be a woman through reading *Thinking Woman* by Jennifer Hockenbery.

Book Study Dates: Mondays 7-8 pm

September 21: Why is this an active question?
September 28: Women who think gender is essential
October 5: Women who think gender is accidental and insignificant
October 12: Comparing gender essentialism and gender neutrality
October 19: Women who think gender is something we grow into
October 26: Women who think gender is a hierarchy
November 2: Women who think gender is fluid
November 9: Queer Theory and the Re-formation of gender
November 23: What does this mean for Women of the ELCA?

We will read about Sappho, Hildegard of Bingen, Edith Stein, Sojourner Truth, Alice Paul, Sor Juana, Simone de Beauvoir, Betty Friedan, Angela Davis, bell hooks, Gloria Anzúdu, Donna Haraway, Judith Butler, and so many more! Bring your ideas and your questions!

Get the Instant Church Directory App:

All members are included in our directory and can easily access the Living Water Lutheran directory via an app. Here are directions, if you would like to add this to your mobile device:



- Open the **Instant Church Directory** app from the app store (*like the image above*).
- Click on "Create Login".
- Enter your email address as we have it listed.
- Create a secure password and retype it to confirm.
- Check your email inbox for an email from service@instantchurchdirectory.com and click the link in the email for verification.
- Once you've confirmed your email, close the browser window and go back to the app. Click on 'sign-in' with your email and password for access.

Gathering Hymn... "I Come With Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Save the Date

Reformation
Potluck Luncheon
Sunday, October 25
Following Service

Psalm 103 The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

Refrain



1-2 Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Refrain.

3-4 He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Refrain.

6-7 The Lord, secrets justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Refrain.

8, 11 Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Where Charity And Love Prevail"



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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Aging with Grace Lunch & Learn Series

Featuring inspiring talks from community leaders.

September 20, 27, and October 4
Noon to 1:00pm

Friendship Hall, New Covenant Lutheran Church

9/20 Planning for Aging: Thoughtful conversations and
practical planning for the journey ahead.

9/27 Navigating Hospital and Skilled Nursing Stays
What Every Family Should Know Before, During, and After a Hospitalization

10/4 Dementia 101: Understanding Memory Loss, Supporting Loved Ones
& Promoting Brain Health



Sending Hymn ... "Praise The Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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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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