

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 20, 2026

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



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)—Health Concerns
- 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 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 Stenehjem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjem)—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:

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of 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: **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.

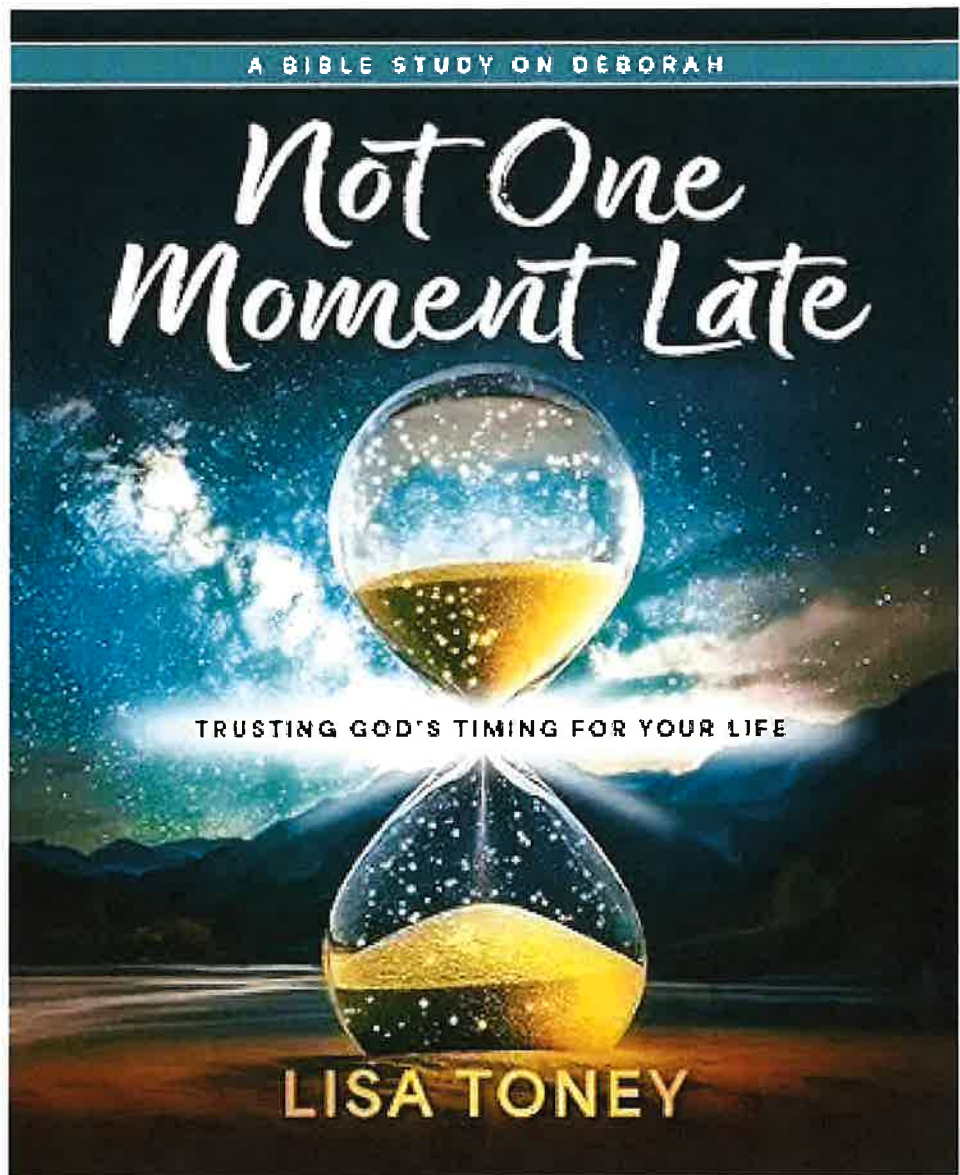
Today's altar flowers
were donated by
Frances DeBruyn
to wish her sister Irma
and brother-in-law Andy
a Happy Birthday!



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!



Save the Date

**Reformation
Potluck Luncheon**

Sunday, October 25
Following Service

**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.





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

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 Anzúdua, 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... "Lord of Light"



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 pass - es knowl - edge. mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

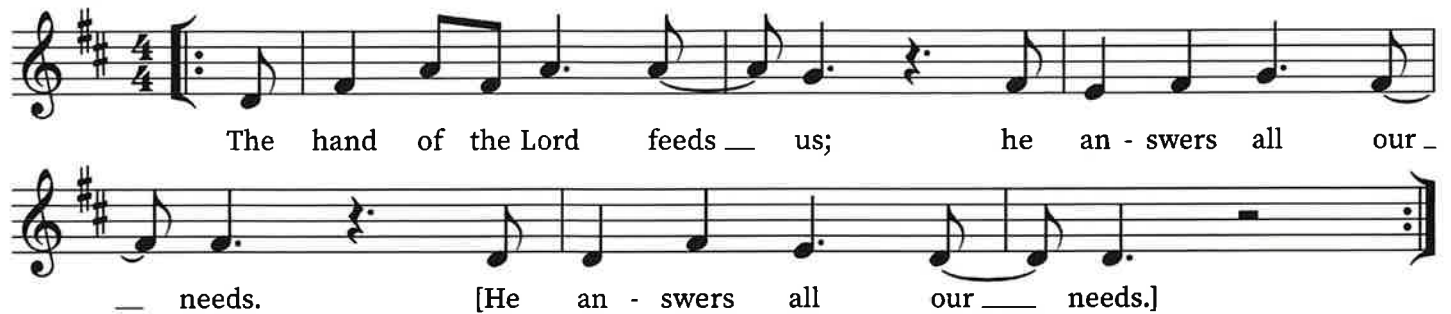


Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.

Psalm 143 The Hand Of The Lord Feeds Us

Refrain



10-11

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

Refrain.

15-16

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Refrain.

17-18

The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "There Is A Wideness In God's Mercy"



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

Refrain/Estribillo

Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

To stanzas *Last time*

1 Take my hands and let them move
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.: Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

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**Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make
Disciples of Jesus Christ."**

**Living Water is a congregation of the
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Grand Canyon Synod and
Northeast Valley Conference.**

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