



September 6, 2026



THE GRASS WITHERS,
THE FLOWER FADES, BUT

the word of our God

WILL STAND FOREVER.

ISAIAH 40:8

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 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 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 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 Kelly White (Niece of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- v Pr. Nanette Christofferson (Love of Christ, Mesa, AZ)—Health Concerns
- v Family and Friends of Roger Smedberg (Nephew of Karen and Ronald Roessler)

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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.

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 1:00-2:30pm
running from September 30 – November 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



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

August 26th Blood Drive

Living Water hosted its third blood drive of 2026 on Wednesday, August 26th. Even though it was VERY hot and we had several unfilled appointments, those that came donated a total of 26 units of blood. This was higher than the Red Cross had predicted and beat our May total.

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TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR SEPT-OCT 2026

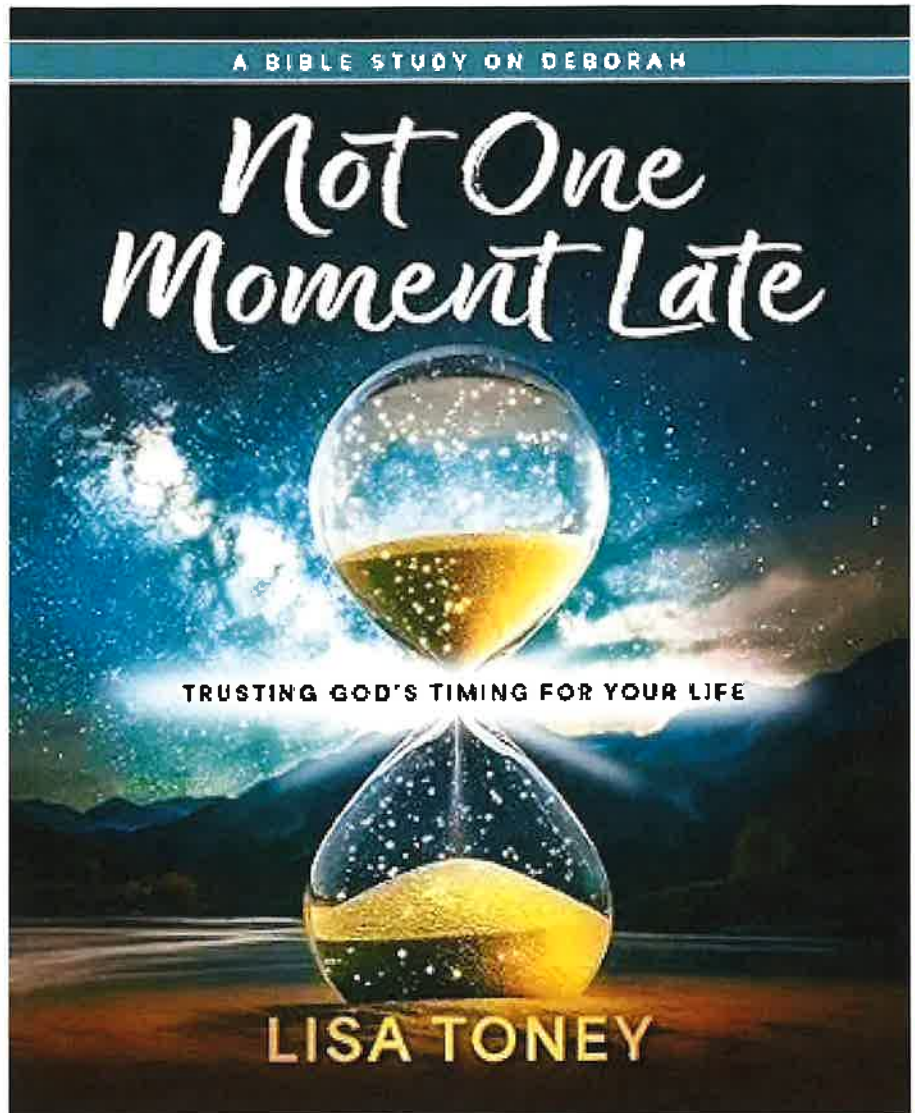
All women are invited to our weekly women's bible study, resuming Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 am MST. Have you ever felt frustrated with God's timing for your life? Perhaps you find it difficult to see God's hand? Join us for a seven-week video series on the book of Deborah from the Old Testament with material 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!



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.

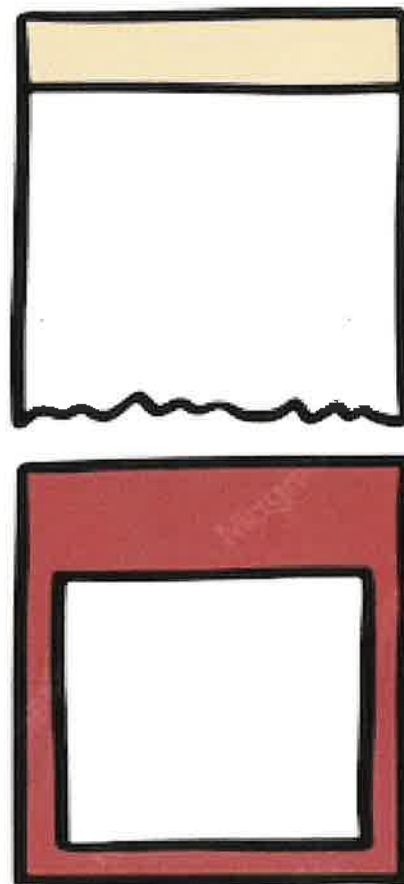
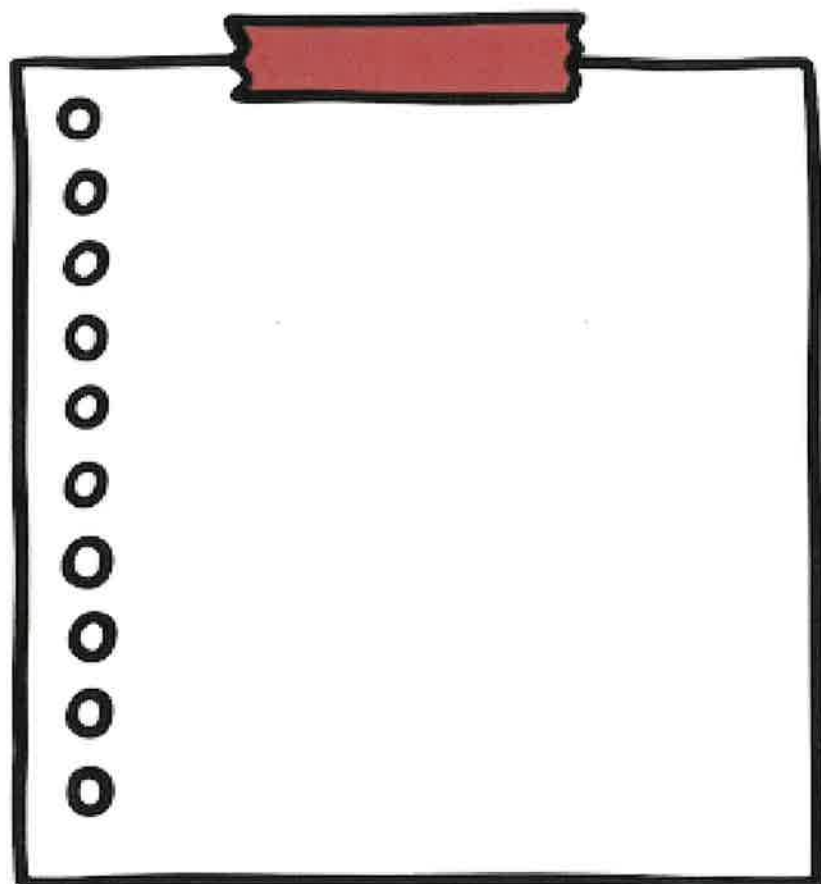
We hope to tie as many quilts as we can before the Phoenix area LWR ingathering of quilts and kits on October 16-17, 2026.

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

Join Our Church Choir!

Rehearsals start Wednesday,
September 9 at 7pm.
All are welcome!

Questions?
Reach out to Christina at challe@wlcac.org



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.

At present, we are still short 43 of the
Amazon Basics Liquid Laundry Detergent,
Free of Perfumes and Dyes.

You can find this item by looking up the Living Water Lutheran wish list on Amazon.
Choose the Gods Work, Our Hands list to see how many we still stil need.
Otherwise, cash and check are still very welcome.

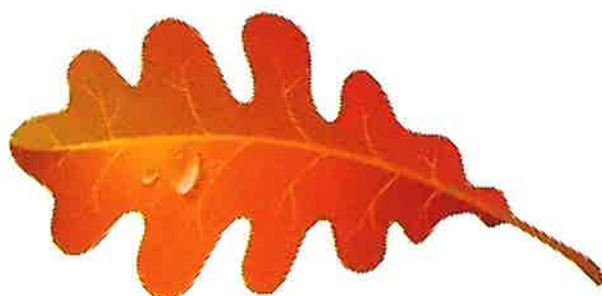
We must receive all donations by Sunday morning, September 13th.
(note: you can still donate before service on Sunday, September 13th.)



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



Today's altar flowers were donated by
Lynn J. Hansen
in loving memory of
our brother Rey.



Gathering Hymn... "As We Gather At Your Table"



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

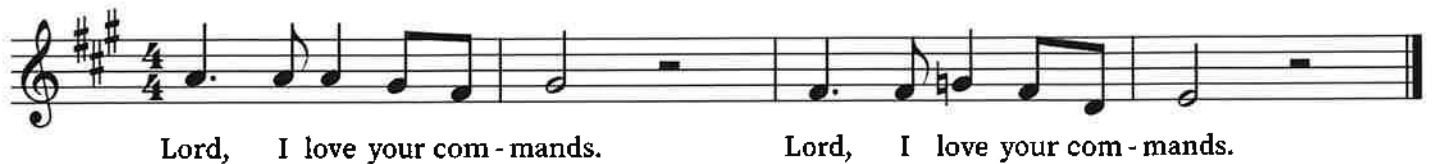
Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

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Psalm 119 Lord, I Love Your Commands

Refrain



57, 72 I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Refrain.

76-77 Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

Refrain.

127-128 For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

Refrain.

129-130 Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words shed light, giving understanding to the simple.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "This Is My Father's World"



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

Sending Hymn ... "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, 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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