

CONNECTIONS

October 4, 2026

Living Water
Lutheran Church



God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

Thank you, Living Water!

Thanks to all who donated dollars and the much-needed cleaning supplies as well as to all those who helped us fill the Blue Bags. The God's Work, Our Hands campaign was a rousing success. Between the product and cash donations we were able to fill 104 full blue bags and have additional products left over to be donated as well. We delivered 1,062 pounds of cleaning supplies to the Foothills Food Bank. Snap does not cover these items, so they are much appreciated! Thank you all!

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- v Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- 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 Dimitri and Eileen (Friends of Frances DeBruyn)—Cancer
- 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 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 Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—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:

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, 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: **lwlc az.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, 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.



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR SEPT-OCT 2026

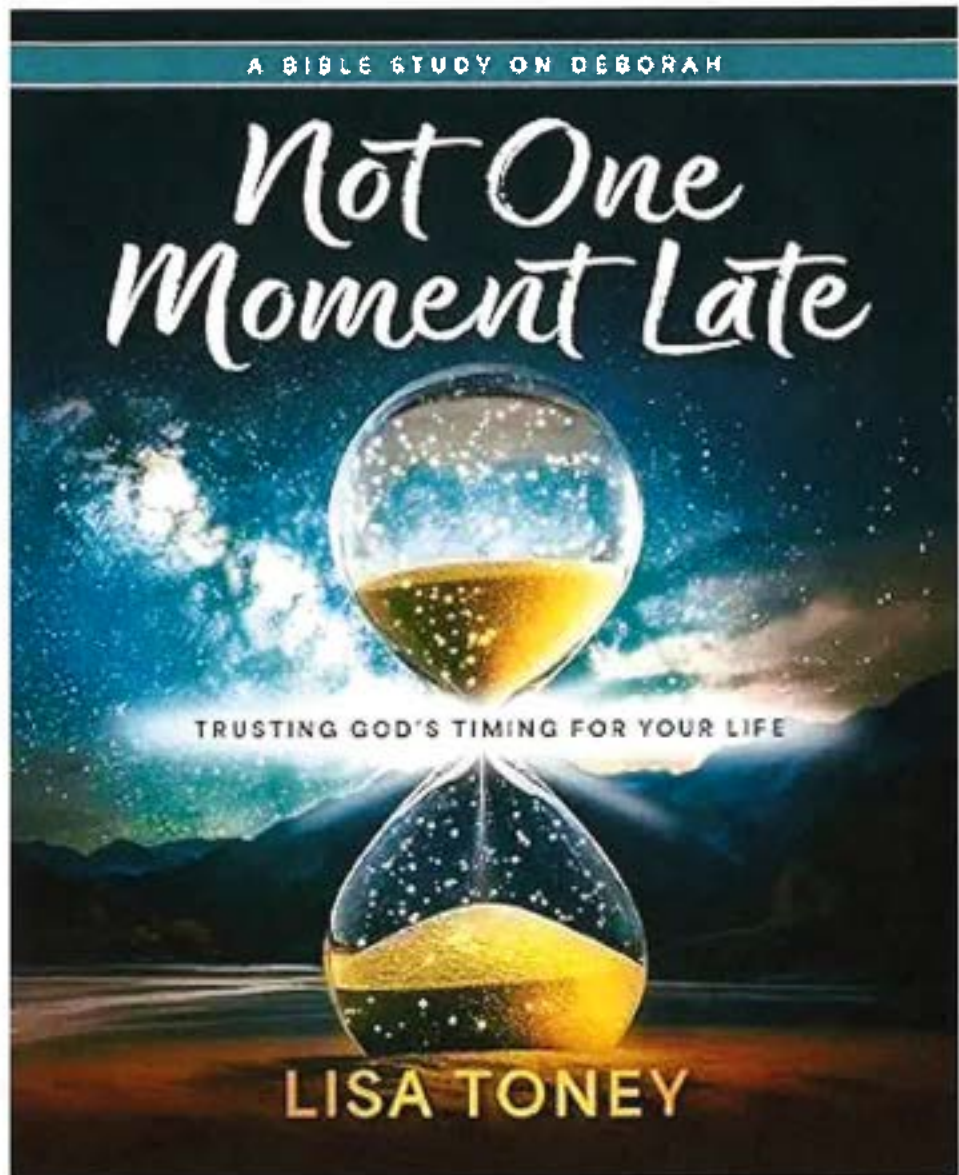
All women are invited to our weekly women's bible study, resuming Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 am MST. Have you ever felt frustrated with God's timing for your life? Perhaps you find it difficult to see God's hand? Join us for a seven-week video series on a prophetess and judge, Deborah, from the Old Testament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





Be the change.

Help change a life. Give blood.



Blood Drive
Living Water Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wednesday, November 4, 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



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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.

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**GRAND CANYON WOMEN'S
RETREAT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
14th, 2026
LOVE OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN, MESA AZ
8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM**

- ☐ **Music with Christina Hall**
- ☐ **Bible Study on 1 John 3:1-2
with Rev. Dr. Adele Resmer**
- ☐ **Keynote: "Beloved, you
belong" with Dr. Jennifer
Hockenbery, Executive Director,
Women of the ELCA**
- ☐ **Hands-on painting activity
"Lavished in Love"**
- ☐ **Closing Worship with music
and communion**

Join us for a transformative day reminding every woman she is chosen, loved, and worthy! Bring a friend! You don't need to be Lutheran! Registration forms in the church entryway. You can give your registration and payment to Joan Sprinkle vs. mailing it. Questions? See Myrna Ulland. For more information visit www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events/

Reformation Potluck Luncheon

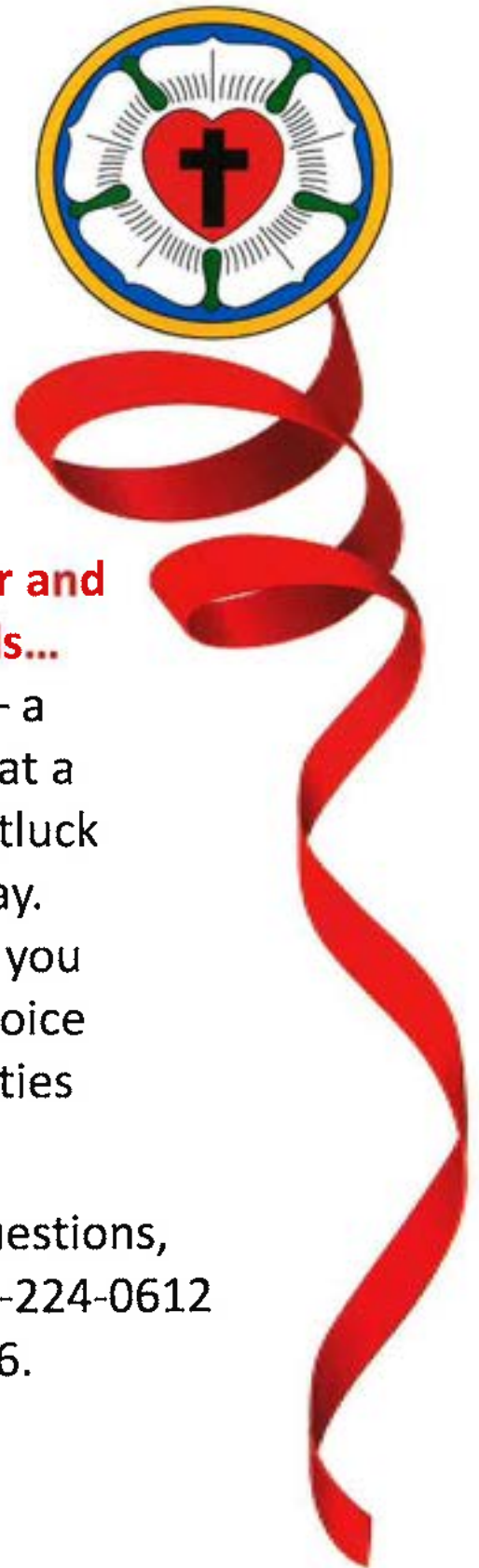
Sunday, October 25
Following Service

**If you enjoy good food, laughter and
the convivial company of friends...**

Please bring your favorite dish – a main, side or dessert – to share at a good old-fashioned Lutheran Potluck in celebration of Reformation Day. Coffee & tea will be served, and you may bring a beverage of your choice – soft drink, beer or wine. Activities will be available for children.

Sign-up is in the Narthex. For questions, please call Diane Klumpp at 406-224-0612 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!



Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: October 7



Join us on the first and/or third Wednesday of each month to tie mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours. We meet at 9 am and conclude between 11:30 and noon.

No experience required! You'll find us in the Education Building – Matthew/Mark or the Martha Room. Bring your coffee/tea for a mid-morning break.

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 to 16 pieces, using 1/2" seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

**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.



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

Select Ed Montessori School

Since council last updated the congregation in May, the Scottsdale Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a conditional use permit for the school to operate at Living Water. On any given day, 7-10 students are currently in attendance. Next, the Scottsdale City Council must approve. Once the Scottsdale City Council approves, Select Ed will obtain permits to modify the parking lot for the car line. Select Ed will also then publicize the school and formally enroll new students. Later this fall, we anticipate an open house where anyone interested can tour the classroom and learn more about the school.

Gathering Hymn... "My Lord of Light"



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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Today's Altar bouquet
was donated
by Frances DeBruyn
to wish her
niece-in-law Leslie
a very Happy Birthday!



Psalm 80: Make Us Turn To You

Refrain



2-3 O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Refrain.

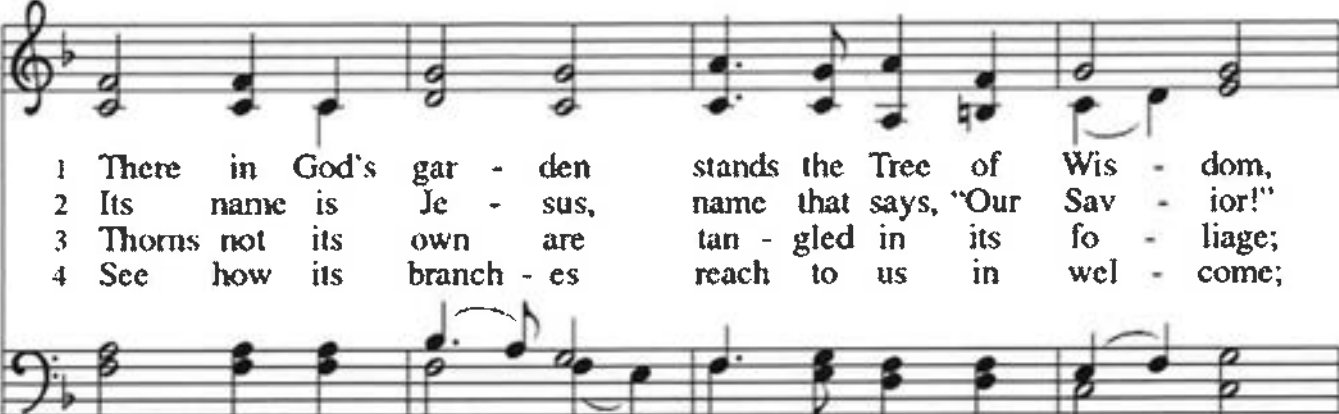
15-16 Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down [look down] from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Refrain.

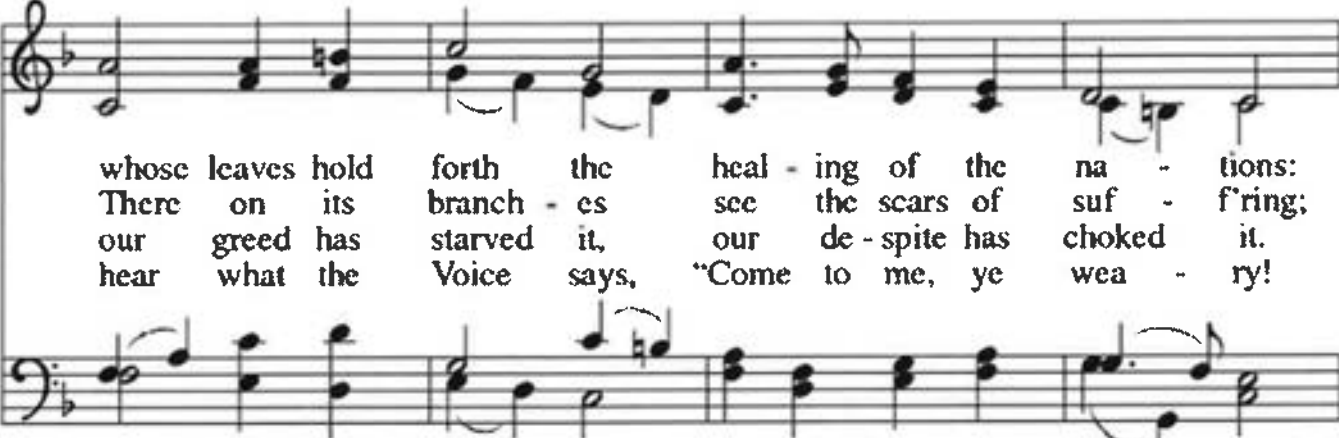
18-19 May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong, Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "There In God's Garden"



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

Sending 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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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.

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SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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