



March 3, 2019

CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY – MARCH 3— Transfiguration of our Lord

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Sunday School (Ed Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

MONDAY - MARCH 4

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting (Office)

TUESDAY - MARCH 5

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 pm AA (Mark/Matthew)

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6—Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 am Piece-Makers Mission Quilting (FH)
- 10:15 am Staff Meeting (Office)
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Psalms)

THURSDAY - MARCH 7

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)
- 9:30 am MOPS/MOMSnex Meeting (FH)

FRIDAY - MARCH 8

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

SATURDAY - MARCH 9

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

SUNDAY – MARCH 10— First Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Lenten Fair (No Sunday School) (Ed Building)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum (Ed Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 pm Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

Ash Wednesday

Join Us March 6

@

7 pm

Special note: Please have any submissions for

March 10 Connections to the Office no later than Monday March 4 at 9 am

We Remember in our Prayers

- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Maren McKay (Daughter of Lance & Carol Jacobson) - Health Concerns
- Jon & Tamey Manalli – Health concerns for Jon
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Everett Johnson (Great Grandson of Norb & Peggy Schroeder) – Health concerns
- David & Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Rebecca Jensen (Friend of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from hip replacement
- Jay Stemm (Brother of Scott Stemm) – Battling cancer
- Doris Groh (Mother of Kris Crow) - Battling cancer
- Norman Jensen (Brother-in-law of Mary Nyberg) – Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Glen Porter (Father of Kim Fordiani) – Mourning his death
- Lynne Mohr (Step-daughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Angelika Dumpf Stone (Relative of Brett Stone) – Suffering Grand Mal seizures
- Chris Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Health Concern
- Mary Lou Backhus (Friend of Stephen McCarthy & Beth Liguori) Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) - Battling cancer
- Darlene Zacher (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) - Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Jon & Luke Warbeck (Friends of Pastor Mark) – Mourning their death
- Judy Lunde (Friend of Diane & Eric Sundquist) - Complications from pneumonia
- Fred Blifernich (Brother of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from open heart surgery
- Friends & Family of Maurice “Maury” Gralnek (Friend of Phil Pounds) - Mourning his death
- Friends & Family of Ruth Rose—Mourning her death



Prayer Requests

Email Prayer@lwlcaz.org or Fill out a prayer request card in the Narthex or Call the office at 480.473.8400



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Living Water Lutheran Church*



News & Events

Welcome to all of our friends from Mount Olivet Lutheran Church who are joining us in worship at our 8:30 am service!

**Join us for Piece-Makers on Wednesday March 6
@ 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall**

BRIDGE

Calling All Bridge Players

Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun evening of party bridge at the home of Larry and Linda Coutts on Friday, March 15, starting at 7:00 pm. Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).



MOPS/MOMSNext—Next Meeting Thursday March 7

@ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Habitat for Humanity: Save the Date—April 13

SAVE THE DATE: We will be working on a Habitat house in Glendale on Saturday, April 13. Details and a sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex later. But, save this date for now. We need a large work crew. For more information, contact John Goesling at 480-310-1699 or jmgoesling@msn.com.





Join Us Wednesdays during Lent

March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10



6:00 pm: Soup Supper

6:30 pm: Lenten Bible Study

7:00 pm: Lenten Service

If you are interested in helping with a Soup Supper please sign up in the Narthex.



*Pray, fast and give during
ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving –
for the good of our families, our neighbors and communi-
ties around the world.*

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the US and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action.

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow members and supporters of ELCA World Hunger to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world.

Here at Living Water, we are again lifting up ELCA World Hunger during Lent:

- We'll make available a 40 Days of Giving Devotional Calendar in early March. We encourage you to use the calendar to learn more about ELCA World Hunger through daily ideas included on the calendar.
- A special offering to support ELCA World Hunger will be collected on Sunday, April 14.

Wednesday Lenten Service Offerings

**50% will be given to ICM Food & Clothing Bank
& 50% will be give to Lunches for Learning**

ICM Food and Clothing Bank (Interfaith Cooperative Ministry)

ICM provides an immediate response to basic human needs for 150-200 families and individuals each day in Maricopa County. ICM provides twice per month: Food Boxes, Clothing for all ages, Toiletries, Baby formula and diapers, Snacks for Children, Summer time Kids Café, Senior Food Boxes, Back to School Supplies, Resources and Referrals, Health Screenings (Medical and Oral). All services are based on donations and availability and a first come first served basis



Lunches for Learning

2019 represents the seventh year members and friends of LWLC have supported this important ministry in Honduras. In addition, each year half of the Lenten offerings including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are donated to Lunches for Learning. This ministry was founded by Ron Hicks who discovered a critical need on a trip thru Honduras where he learned that nearly 80% of grade school aged children either had to drop out or not attend school to beg for money that was used to provide food to the families of these children. Lunches for Learning provides food that is cooked at the schools in the Valle Region of rural Honduras allowing the children to pursue an elementary education and begin the opportunity for these children to gain literacy and an ability to pursue work opportunities after graduation. The dropout rate in the schools served by L4L has been nearly eliminated. LWLC has sponsored two of the 29 schools that are supported by Lunches for Learning and has broken the cycle of poverty for many children served by the program. Today over 17,000 children have benefitted from this mission founded by Ron. Recently, we were saddened and shocked to learn of Ron's death at age 75. We ask you to pray for his family, for all those impacted by Lunches for Learning, and consider adding a special gift to this mission in rural Honduras.





Join us in making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "Project Promise" during Lent. **Our collection begins March 10 and ends on Sunday, April 14.**

Project Promise Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. We can give hope through

2 or 3 bars of soap, (3.5-5 oz each) totaling 8-9 ounces of soap

a lightweight bath towel,

1 tooth brush, in its original wrapping,

1 **wide-toothed comb**, and

1 metal nail clipper, with or without a nail file attached

Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 72."** The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel.

We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can. There will be a collection bin in the church entryway. The kits will be assembled by our Confirmation Students and blessed on Sunday, April 28. They will be picked up by the LWR Ingathering truck at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Phoenix on Saturday, May 4.

We'll again have some financial support from a Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble more than 100 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

Lenten Fair—March 10 at 9:45 am during Sunday School!

Join us for our annual Lenten Fair next Sunday at 9:45am in Matthew/Mark. This activity will replace Sunday School. Every child is invited to attend and we would love assistance from the youth to help staff the craft tables. This year's line up includes:

- Crafting a torn paper Lenten scene
- Building an Easter cookies-in-a-jar recipe
- Creating a mosaic tile cross
- Making an Easter egg wreath
- Decorating cookies and more!



You won't want to miss this fun and education event!! If you have any questions please reach out to Kris Crow or Janice Moore.

VBS 2019 June 17—21, 2019

Register Now at lwlcaz.org/vbs

Mark your calendars now for our next edition of Vacation Bible School on June 17-21 with our traditional Celebration Sunday Worship Service on June 23. This year we will be traveling to Athens with Paul. We will learn that Paul left a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment and chain-breaking earthquakes – all to spread the life-changing truth of God's love! Children and volunteers will enjoy lively music, small group interactions in "Oikos Time", interesting and creative crafts in the Marketplace Shops, fun-filled activities in the Arena Games, educational drama in "Paul's Adventure's" and delicious snacks. Registration is open for all children age 4 and up at lwlcaz.org/vbs. Be sure to tell all of your family, friends and neighbors about Living Water's Vacation Bible School with no registration fee and a free t-shirt for every child!



We need many volunteers to bring our VBS program to life. Please see Kris Crow or Janice Moore if you can lend a hand with the set, help us out during the week of VBS as a small group leader, craft, snack shop or games assistant or maybe do some behind the scenes work.

See you in Athens! Kris Crow – kcrow737@gmail.com & Janice Moore – jlb.moore@yahoo.com



Studies



Men's Breakfast

Bible Study Every Thursday @ 7:30 am
At Soul Cafe (7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd)

JOIN US FOR LENTEN STUDY FOLLOWING SOUP SUPPER EACH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 13 - APRIL 10 @ 6:30pm

Theme: "My God Story...A Story from My Heart."

Session I: Where does God fit in My Life Story?

Session II: Where is God's Testimony in My Life?

Session III: Who Decides the Chapters in My God Story?

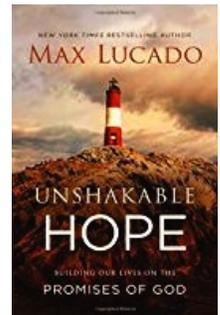
Session IV: Writing Our God Story

Session V: Choosing My Life Verse

Join us for Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Women's Study @ 10 am

We're continuing our Tuesday Women's Bible study in March with Max Lucado's video study, "Unshakable Hope, Building Our Lives on the Promises of God." Life is filled with problems. God's Word is filled with promises. Hope is hard to come by these days. There are so many reasons to be overwhelmed. In a world of instability, we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God. Join us for this new release from Max Lucado as he takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows us how to live with unshakable hope. We started this 12-session study in January.



We meet for approximately 90 minutes every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. Bring your Bible (hard copy or electronic version) and bring a friend. The coffee is always on, as well as hot water for tea/hot chocolate. And we schedule a lunch outing following our study on the last Tuesday of the month. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland.

Join us for Adult Forum @ 9:45 am

Sunday, March 3 End of Life Series: "Five Wishes"

Richard Andersen will be leading this session and will offer participants the opportunity to create their Power of Attorney and Attorney for Healthcare as a result of doing this exercise.

Sunday, March 10 Purpose & Values

In this session, we will connect our life purpose with our core values and beliefs. Richard Andersen will lead two exercises that will help each participant define their life purpose and name their core values. These two exercises are the first steps in Life Map, a life planning process that Richard has been using with couples and individuals for over 15 years. Come prepared to have a robust conversation about what God may be calling you to at this time of your life

8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Deb Bash & Debbie Anderson
- **Usher/Greeter:** LeeAnn Land & Hunter Brown
- **Communion Servers:** Joyce Bash, DJ & Jan Johnson
- **Lector:** Ed Kilburn
- **Altar Guild:** Penny Kilburn
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Carol Gasser & Pam Landon
- **Servant Team Leader for March 10 :** DJ & Jan Johnson

11:00 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Usher/Greeter:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Communion Servers:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Lector:** Heidi Ruff
- **Altar Guild:** Janis Fjeld
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Acolyte:** Henry Ruff
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 10:** Darryl & Tana Harlan

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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.



Last Week's Attendance:

195 (8:30 am) 39 (11 am)

General Fund: \$11,874

Building Fund: \$480

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