



# April 7, 2019

# CONNECTIONS

## **SUNDAY – APRIL 7— Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Sunday School (Ed Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)

## **MONDAY - APRIL 8**

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting (Office)

## **TUESDAY - APRIL 9**

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

## **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 10**

- 9:00 am Piece– Makers Mission Quilting (FH)
- 10:15 am Staff Meeting (Office)
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper (FH)
- 6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Psalms)

## **THURSDAY - APRIL 11**

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)

## **FRIDAY - APRIL 12**

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

## **SATURDAY - APRIL 13**

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)
- 9:30 am NE Valley Women's Conference (FH & Sanctuary)

## **SUNDAY – APRIL 14— Palm Sunday**

- 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)

Weekly Connections Deadline—Tuesdays at Noon

# We Remember in our Prayers

- Family & Friends of Anne Beatty (Aunt of Larry Coutts) – Mourning her death
- Don Benson – Recovering from pneumonia
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Jim Fergestad (Friends of Pastor Shari & James Bernau) – Battling cancer
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Norman Jensen (Brother-in-law of Mary Nyberg) – Mourning his death
- Rebecca Jensen (Friend of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from hip replacement
- Everett Johnson (Great Grandson of Norb & Peggy Schroeder) – Health concerns
- Cody Kelker (Grandson of Karen & Ron Roessler) – Recovering from brain surgery
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn – Recovering from pneumonia
- Shirley Koch – Recovering from back surgery
- Jon & Tamey Manalli – Health concerns for Jon
- Maren McKay (Daughter of Lance & Carol Jacobson) – Health Concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Step-daughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Ruth Rose – Mourning her death
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Jay Stemm (Brother of Scott Stemm) – Battling cancer
- Darlene Zacher (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer



## Prayer Requests

Email [Prayer@lwlcaz.org](mailto: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 Judy Tornowske*

*In loving memory of her husband Dick and her mother*

*Alice Catlin whose birthdays would have been April 9th*



# News & Events

## Grace Lutheran Pancake Breakfast—April 28, 2019

**1124 N 3rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85004**

Grace Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday April 28, 2019. If you have not experienced this remarkable ministry, please join us. I would especially like to invite any youth over the age of 13 to volunteer. We will need to arrive at Grace Lutheran by 6 am. For those that wish to carpool, we must leave LWLC no later than 5:30 am. The pancake breakfast will finish approximately at 8:45 am. Volunteers will be back to LWLC in time to attend Sunday School, Adult Forum and the 11:00 am service.



There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Don Pick at (480) 205-0362, [dpick8@cox.net](mailto:dpick8@cox.net)

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER

We have ordered Easter flowers to help beautify our sanctuary on Easter morning. You may purchase plants at the cost of \$15.00 each. Plants are given to the glory of God and His love for us in Jesus Christ. Following the Easter Services those who donate a plant are encouraged to take it home. The deadline for placing orders is Palm Sunday, April 14.

Payment is to accompany each order. If you wish to donate your plant in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or for a special occasion, please let us know on the form. You may place the form along with payment in the offering plate, or mail to the church office. *Forms are available in the Narthex.*

## Annual Church Picnic—Sunday May 5 at 5 pm

### McCormick Stillman Railroad Park

Once again the Great Gatherings committee presents our ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park (Scottsdale Rd and Indian Bend) in the Papago Ramada. Our ramada is located at the southeast corner of the park by the gazebo. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on the grill. Please bring a dish to share (with serving utensil) and your own beverage. No glass bottles are allowed. There will be games provided and LOTS of time for fun and fellowship. At 7:30 PM, the park provides a summer concert series. On May 5, it is a Neil Diamond tribute band, Diamond in the Rough. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a special evening. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please contact Pam Wilder at (602) 616-2022 with any questions. We look forward to another great picnic!



## Habitat for Humanity: April 13

**THE DATE IS HERE:** We will be working on our Habitat house in Glendale this coming **Saturday, April 13**. If you are interested in joining our Living Water group, sign up in the narthex or contact John Goesling at 480-310-1699 or [jmgoesling@msn.com](mailto:jmgoesling@msn.com).

## Join us for the annual Dollars and Diapers Drive for Alleluia Diaper Closet

Alleluia Lutheran Church in Avondale, a sister ELCA congregation, is the host church for “A Better Chance Diaper Closet” providing diapers for 100-150 infants and toddlers twice a month at their church at 8444 W. Encanto Blvd, Phoenix. Diaper distribution is on the first and third Saturday of each month to families living at or below the poverty level within a four-mile radius of the church.



Did you know that diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? Many families who need diapers are working parents but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in four of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

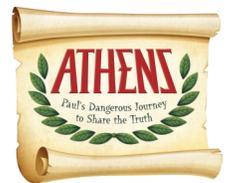
Alleluia’s Diaper Closet partners with the Central Arizona Diaper Bank and receives some of their needed diapers from the Diaper Bank on a quarterly basis. However, the Diaper Bank cannot provide enough diapers to meet the needs of the children in the church’s current service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 240 diapers per child per month on average. Alleluia Lutheran depends on contributions beyond the Diaper Bank to meet the needs of infants and toddlers needing diapers in their service area. And Alleluia serves 100-150 children every other Saturday through their Diaper Closet. That’s a lot of needed diapers. You can do the math!

Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and giving congregation. Living Water’s Service Ministry Team initiated a Dollars and Diapers Drive to support the Alleluia Diaper Closet last Spring. By Mother’s Day this year, May 12, our goal is to collect enough dollars and diapers (and wipes, unscented preferred) to supply the needs for this ministry for one month. With our gifts of dollars, diapers and wipes, we can help provide diapers to babies and toddlers in need.

### Vacation Bible School June 17—21, 2019

**Register at [lwlcaz.org/vbs](http://lwlcaz.org/vbs)**

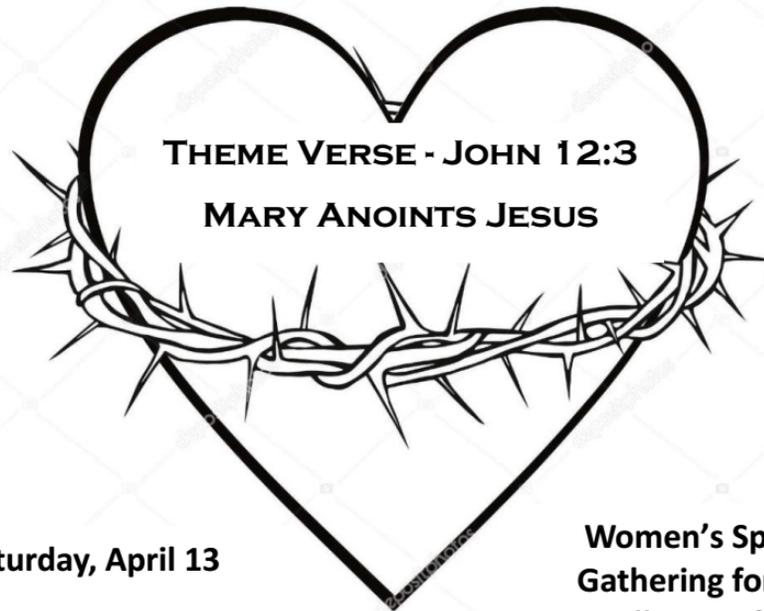
Mark your calendars now for our next edition of Vacation Bible School on June 17-21 with our traditional Celebration Sunday Worship Service on June 23. This year we will be traveling to Athens with Paul. We will learn that Paul left a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment 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](http://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](mailto:kcrow737@gmail.com) & Janice Moore – [jlmoore@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmoore@yahoo.com)

*“Loving God Extravagantly—  
Preparing Our Hearts for Easter”*



**Saturday, April 13  
9:30 am—1:30 pm**

**Women's Spring  
Gathering for the  
NE Valley Conference**

*Register by April 8 for \$15*

*including Program and Lunch*

**DEVOTIONS, PRESENTATION, FELLOWSHIP,**

**PRAYER ALTARS, COMMUNION**

**SPANISH TRANSLATION PROVIDED**

**Location: Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E. Happy Valley Road, Scottsdale (just east of Pima)**

**EXTRAVAGANT LOVE IN-KIND OFFERING: Diapers or Wipes  
for NBN – Toddlers for Alleluia Lutheran's Diaper Closet  
50% of our worship offering will be sent to Alleluia Diaper Closet**

**Registration forms available in the Narthex or online at**

**<https://grandcanyonsynodwomen.regfox.com/april-2019-ne-valley-spring-gathering>**

**MOPS/MOMSNext—Next Meeting Thursday April 18**

**@ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall**

## 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 has started 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 27" x 52."** 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 again have 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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

***Pray, fast and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving – for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities 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. **A special offering to support ELCA World Hunger will be collected on Sunday, April 14.** Watch for the World Hunger offering envelope in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!





# 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: APRIL 10 @ 6:30 pm**

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

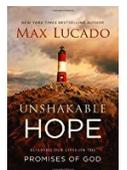
Session V: Choosing My Life Verse

## Join us for Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday Women's Study @ 10 am**

We will conclude our Tuesday Women's Bible study for the first two weeks in April, finishing up with Max Lucado's video study, "Unshakable Hope, Building Our Lives on the Promises of God." We started this 12-session study in January. There will be NO STUDY on April 16, during Holy Week.

On April 23 and April 30, we'll return to the Gather magazine study on the Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus. This study is found in the March and April issues of Gather magazine. Copies of the study material will be provided if you don't subscribe to Gather.



Once again, we'll schedule a lunch outing following our study on the last Tuesday of the month, April 30. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

### **Join us for Adult Forum @ 9:45 am**

**April 7 – The Doula, Caring for an End of Life Loved One:**

Carole Zoellner will speak about being an end of life Doula. "Many end-of-life doulas find similarities between their role and that of the more commonly known role of a doula, aiding with childbirth. Waiting for a baby to be born and waiting for a person to die are very similar in terms of the skill set required," says Carole Zoellner, "There's a lot of medical support in dying, and there is spiritual and emotional support, as well, but I find that death doulas do a great job of tying it all together."

**April 14 – Organizing & Coordinating your Affairs**

Presented by Mark Johnson, Financial Consultant with Thrivent Financial. Mark has served in the Valley for thirty-three years. In this workshop, Mark will help participants consider ways to organize and coordinate their affairs and build a roadmap based on their individual goals and values.

## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** : Deb Bash & Debbie Anderson
- **Usher/Greeter:** Mark & Roz Anderson, Debbie Anderson, Deb Bash
- **Communion Servers:** Debbie Anderson, Deb Bash, Mark & Roz Anderson, Joyce Bash
- **Lector:** Myrna Ulland
- **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Stock
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon & Linda Hoenig
- **Servant Team Leader for April 14 :** DJ & Jan Johnson

## 11:00 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Usher/Greeter:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Communion Servers:** Gene & Dee Eilers
- **Lector:** Patti Pick
- **Altar Guild:** Janis Fjeld
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Servant Team Leaders for April 14:** Don & Patti Pick

## 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:

163 (8:30 am) 31 (11 am)

**General Fund:** \$6,148

**Building Fund:** \$50

**Ministers:** All the members of Living Water

**Pastor:** Mark Rossman

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**Pastor:** Shari Bernau

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**Office Manager:** Marie Kelen

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**Finance & Building Manager:** Greysen West

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**Choir Director:** Marcie Donavon

**Accompanist:** Scott Sims

**Sexton:** Jakab Peter

*In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call*

*Pastor Mark at 973.699.7777(cell)*

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