Living Water Lutheran Church

CONNECTIONS

March 1, 2020

SUNDAY – MARCH 1 First Sunday in Lent

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

MONDAY - MARCH 2

10:00 am Genesis Bible Study (John)

TUESDAY - MARCH 3

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

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 4

9:00 am Piece-Makers Mission Quilting (FH)
5:00 pm WAVE Monthly Gathering
6:00 pm Soup Supper and Lenten Study
7:00 pm Lenten Service
7:30 pm Choir (Psalms)

THURSDAY - MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY - MARCH 6

10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

SATURDAY - MARCH 7

8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

SUNDAY – MARCH 8

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at Noon*

We Remember in our Prayers

- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Battling cancer
- Becky Bliefernich (Niece of Barbara Brooks) – Battling cancer
- Nancy Blazer – Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie & Sue Boyd) – Recovery
- Collin Cassem – Active Military Member
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling Cancer
- Bernie Eccles (friend of Larry and Linda Coutts) – Bone marrow transplant
- David Fernandez – Active Military Member
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Matt and Kristen Garrett (husband and wife) – Active Military Members
- Celia Giontzeli (Friend of Carol Jacobsen) – Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Al Hopkins (cousin-in-law of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Mike Knytch – Battling cancer
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Lois and Jay Lucas) – Health concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Stepdaughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Annika Nelson & Family (Heidi Ruff's cousin's daughter) – Health concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Health concerns
- Jay Van (Iris Van's son) – Health concerns
- Gil Wahlberg – Health concerns
- Lew Wilson (friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) – Health concerns
- Family and Friends of Jinhong Fan (Sister-in-law of Kristin Smith)
- Family and Friends of Jeanne Morreim (friend of Myrna and Bob Ulland)
- Family and Friends of Sunny Ryan (friend of Frances DeBruyn)
- Family and Friends of Jim Wandersee (brother-in-law of DJ and Jan Johnson)
- Family and Friends of Darlene Powers (Marty and Gordon Lindert sister-in-law)

News & Events

***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, giving hope for a just world where all are fed.

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, March 29.

March 1st Adult Forum

A few weeks ago, participants at the Adult Forum enjoyed a presentation, and engaged in lively discussion, about "Origins/Context" of four aspects our faith: The Beginning; God; Humans; and Religion. At this week's Adult Forum, presenter Larry Carr will address Part 5 of this "Origins/Context" examination: The Bible. We'll look at history; facts and figures and points of view; what the Bible says about the Bible; and God's inspiration. The presentation will conclude with the thought-provoking question, "Where does this leave us?" We again expect a stimulating presentation and another wide-ranging conversation.

We hope you can join us!

Bridge Group

Are you a former bridge player? A newbie? A bridge whiz who can help others step up their game? Players of all levels are invited to participate in an enjoyable evening of casual party bridge at the **home of John and Beth Oujiri on Friday, March 20, starting at 7:00 pm**. Please add your name and contact information to the signup sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The hosts will email you directions to their home.

For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact

Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813 or jillajw@cox.net).

MOPS & MOMSnext Group

We meet from 9:30-11:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Childcare is Free!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, and by preschoolers we mean kiddos from birth through kindergarten. MOMSnext is the next step with school-aged kids. A MOPS & MOMSnext group is an open, accepting place for all mothers to experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope.

Consider joining us and/or inviting your friends and neighbors!

For more information visit: www.lwlcaz.org/mops or

Contact Pastor Shari for more details: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

Living Water presents a moving Maundy Thursday reenactment of

Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" painting

LIVING LAST SUPPER

A dramatic portrayal of Jesus

and his 12 disciples in the Upper Room

7:00 pm on Maundy Thursday (April 9)

Directed by Scott Sims

Featuring a cast of 18 and Living Water's Adult Choir

Sponsored by the Men's Bible Study

You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to this special presentation.

Piece-Makers Quilting in March

Join us in March to continue our ministry of making mission quilts for LWR. Gather with us to tie quilts that have been assembled at home. Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling being shared through a LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope: you are not alone.

Thank you to those who have contributed fabric or monies toward purchasing fabric and batting! Your gifts extend this ministry!

Come and tie quilts with us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 4 and again on Wednesday, March 18, 9 am to about noon. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be on. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's "A Season of Hope"

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, March 1 and ends on March 29. The kits will be assembled at WAVE on April 1 and blessed on Palm Sunday, April 5.**

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

We can give hope through these 5 items:

2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping
a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred
1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping**
1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket 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 27".** The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR.

we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.**

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 at the WAVE event on April 1 and blessed on Palm Sunday, April 5. They will be picked up by the LWR Ingathering truck at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Phoenix on Saturday, April 18. 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 122 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY ON MATTHEW

emphasizes the kingship of Jesus and how He is the fulfillment of Old Testament hopes and prophecies. Since the majority of the Sunday morning Gospel lessons for this year are from Matthew, Pastor Dennis Nelson will be presenting a five-week study on Matthew on the Wednesdays during Lent, after Ash Wednesday. **These studies will begin on March 4, will continue through April 1, and will be held from 6:30-6:50 PM in Fellowship Hall—after the soup supper and before the time of worship.** Please join us as we look at Jesus as the one who should be the king of our lives and the one who gives us hope. We urge everyone to read the Gospel of Matthew during the season of Lent as part of your journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2020

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY FALLS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21 THIS YEAR, AND WE AT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE!

National Quilting Day is a day to celebrate all things quilting – and we have a lot to celebrate. For 75 years, Lutheran congregations and groups like your Living Water Piece Makers quilters, have come together to put our faith into action and make quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts – hundreds of thousands of quilts, every single year.

These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. This amazing ministry is one that blesses the lives of quilters and those who receive quilts, and by inviting others to join us, in turn, blesses even more people!

So, on National Quilting Day, Lutheran World Relief wants to celebrate your quilting ministry and show others the phenomenal work you do. Thank you, Living Water Piece Maker quilters!

Studies

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY 2020

Join us Thursday **February 27** at 7:30am at Soul Café

(7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN March—>"VOCATION AND CALLING"

Beginning March 4, we turn to the *Gather* magazine for a four-part Bible study exploring stories from both the Old and New Testament. The theme is "Vocation and Calling" and the author is Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, a Lutheran pastor and educator. The first session of the study, "Hearing God's Call," appears in the Jan/Feb issue of *Gather*. Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

If you subscribe to the Gather magazine, bring your Jan/Feb issue to the first session on March 3. If you don't subscribe, I will provide copies of the study material for you. Bring your Bible (hard copy or electronic version) and bring a friend.

We meet for approximately 90 minutes every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. 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 at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

A Monday Morning Bible Study: Genesis

A new **6-week discussion-based Bible study** began on February 3rd. It is held on Monday mornings, at 10:00 am in the **John room in the Education Building**. Pastor Gene Perry facilitates this six-session series on the book of Genesis. This epic first writing of the Old Testament is a "Book of Beginnings" about the origins of creation, human nature and the historical stories of the founding fathers of faith: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Feel free to sign up at any time.

This series is generated by our Adult Education Task Force's freshly stated key priority, "To unfold the Biblical Story," by providing multiple opportunities for Bible study, including weekdays and varied formats. While brief introductory presentations will be included, this Monday fellowship experience will be ***learner-centered, discussion-centered*** *and* ***discovery-centered.*** Participants will *"prepare to share"* and will be provided with basic study resources.

You may sign-up to be part of this learning and small group venture by adding your name to the church entrance sign-up clipboard next to the advertisement poster, or by contacting the church office, 480-473-8400 or www.lwlcaz.org.

8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leader:** Deb Bash and Debbie Anderson
- Mark and Roz Anderson
- Liz Moehn
- **Lector:** Dave Gilkey
- **Altar Guild:** Sheila Fankhauser and Nancy Rogers
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon and Ellen Wise
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 8:**

  DJ and Jan Johnson

11 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Gene and Dee Eilers
- **Lector:** Ed Kilburn
- **Altar Guild:** Janis Fjeld
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 8:**

  Don and Patti Pick

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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:

138 (8:30 am) 35 (11 am)

General Fund: $6,174

Building Fund: $128

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Altar flowers are given by Frances DeBruyn in loving memory of her dad, Frank Klanduch.