



August 27, 2017

CONNECTIONS

12TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST – AUGUST 27

9:30am Worship

MONDAY - AUGUST 28

TUESDAY - AUGUST 29

6:00pm AA (Matthew/Mark)

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 30

7:00pm Choir practice (Psalms)

THURSDAY - AUGUST 31

7:30am Men's Bible Study (Soul Café)

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 1

10:00am Friday Morning Club (FH)

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 2

8:30am AA (Matthew/Mark)

13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST – SEPTEMBER 3

9:30am Worship

RALLY SUNDAY (Following service)



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We Remember in our Prayers

- Family & Friends of Bob Bremer (Brother-in-law of Denny Dumler) – Mourning is death
- Family & Friends of John Briggs (Roessler's son's brother-in-law) – Mourning his death
- Denny Carrow (Scott Stemm's brother-in-law) - Battling thyroid cancer
- Jackie Curdy (Gene Perry's sister) - Diagnosed with cancer. Continued success of chemotherapy.
- Scott Donars - Health concerns
- Krista Gullickson Ghiara & husband Abehay (Family of Joan Halverson) – Krista is battling cancer and strength for her husband
- Jim Jabanoski (Friends of Deb Bash) - Diagnosed with brain cancer
- Sharon McGovern (Friend of Julie Ann Walker) – Prayer of thanksgiving for successful hip surgery
- David Olive (Pete Pritt's son-in-law) – Battling cancer
- Jack Page (Stephen Page's father) – Recovering from a fall
- Gene Perry – Thanksgiving for a successful surgery
- Karen Roessler - Recovery from foot surgery
- Norb Schroeder – Knee surgery on September 15
- Glen Trigg (Friend of the Coutt's) – Battling cancer
- Trueman Tryhus – Battling cancer
- Richard Wehr—Health concerns



Prayer Requests

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



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News & Events

BRIDGE

Are a bridge whiz? An ex-player with rusty skills? A beginner? Bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun evening of casual party bridge at the home of Steve and Julie Yates on Friday, Sept. 15, starting at 7:00 pm. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The Yates will email you driving directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr ([480-515- 4813](tel:480-515-4813) or jillajw@cox.net).



Want to learn more about MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)?

If you are a mom, a grandparent, or a person who loves kids or wants to help moms; we would love to have you join us for MOPS! In October, we are starting a combined MOPS and MOMSnext (for moms with kids who are in school) group, and we're looking for mom participants, leaders, and volunteers with gifts of organization, hospitality, taking care of little ones while the moms meet, and mentoring for the moms. If you might be interested in participating in any of these ways, or you just want to learn more, please contact Pastor Shari at PastorShari@lwlcaz.org.



MOPS

See more on our website at <http://www.lwlcaz.org/mops/>

SCHEDULE (2017-18)

October 5 and 19
November 2 and 16
December 7
January 18
February 1 and 15
March 1 and 15
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 17



Studies



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM



The Sunday morning Adult Forum will resume on September 10 at 9:40AM when we again have our two-worship service schedule. The fall lineup will begin with a three-week presentation entitled "The Power of Purpose" by Richard Andersen, Executive Director of Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center.

During those three weeks we will explore what God is calling us to do in the third chapter of life. On September 10 we will discuss life purpose and vocation, including what Martin Luther said about vocation. On September 17 we will connect life purpose with our core values and beliefs as we explore how the Holy Spirit motivates us to act on the vision God has for us. Finally, on September 24, we will see how living out our vocation (purpose, values, and vision) enables us to be the body of Christ. The Adult Forum meets in the Psalms room on the second floor of the Education Building.

Men's Breakfast

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

Join us for Women's Bible Study beginning September 12 at 10am or 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

For questions contact Myrna Ulland at Myrna.ulland@gmail.com or go to www.LWLCAZ.org for details.



Stewardship Message

Remember the rush of excitement you felt when the teacher called on you to answer an important question and you got it right? It was even better when you were the only one in class who knew the answer!

In school, the lessons and questions continue to get harder as the school year draws to a close, climaxing into a final exam that often determines whether or not the student progresses to the next grade. Just as students are tested by their teachers, the disciples were continuously being tested by the greatest teacher of all, Jesus Christ. As with us, some of the disciples were better students than others.

The lessons we've been reading in Matthew these past few weeks tell us that great things have been happening everywhere that Jesus and the disciples have gone - feeding a multitude with a boy's lunch, walking on water, healing a Caananite woman's daughter - miracles, indeed! It was now time for Jesus to find out if the disciples had been paying attention. When Jesus asked the disciples the all-important question, "Who do you say I am?", Peter got it right, with, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus was clearly pleased and praised Peter for his confession of faith. So, then, why would Jesus give such a stern warning to the disciples to withhold this amazing truth from the people?

It's clear from Jesus' first question to the disciples - "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" - that people thought well of Jesus. However, their opinion was in terms of Jesus being a past prophet rather than the divine Messiah. Considering that, one can conclude that Jesus wanted to avoid any misconception by others of His real identity. At the time, Jesus knew that the disciples were not ready to proclaim who He truly was as they did not yet fully understand the kind of Messiah Jesus had come to be - not a past prophet, but a suffering servant and long-awaited Savior.

If someone were to ask us today who Jesus is, how would we answer? Hopefully, it's an easy question for us at Living Water, but what about for our friends, our neighbors, the checker at our grocery store, our coworkers? Do they know who Jesus is? And, more importantly, do they have a relationship with Him as their Lord and Savior?

At the time, the disciples were told to withhold the truth about Christ. But, unlike the disciples, we don't have to wait to confess our faith. We *can* share the amazing truth taught to us by the greatest teacher of all times, and we can do it today!

Frank & Carolyn Stock

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9:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Darryl & Tana Harlan
- **Ushers/Greeters:** Linda Goodwin, Lee and Pam Landon, Darryl Harlan
- **Communion Servers:** Linda Goodwin, Pam Landon, Darryl Harlan, Tana Harlan
- **Lector:** Ellen Shoenbeck
- **Altar Guild:** Karen Syverson
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Hospitality:** Carol Gasser, Melissa Fresh, Lordes Gasparino
- **Servant Team Leaders for September 3:** Bob Ulland, DJ & Jan Johnson

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: 119 (9:30am)



General Fund: \$5,812

Building Fund: \$904



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