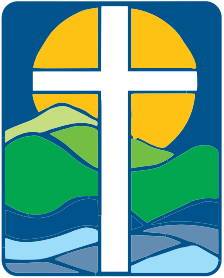




Splash!

*"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."
John 4:14*

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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10
8:30am for Liturgical Worship
9:40am Adult forum & Sunday School
11:00am Praise Worship



THE NURSERY WILL BE OPEN STARTING THIS FALL!

We want families to have a wonderful nursery experience as we partner in their little one's faith development. We hope our nursery will be a place where each child feels safe and parents feel comfortable leaving their precious little one.

Would you like to help with caring for the children in the Nursery? Please let Pastor Shari (PastorShari@lwlcaz.org) know if you can help for a shift on Sunday mornings or two times a month during MOPS meetings.

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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
- *Aleta McClain (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Health concerns
- *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
- *Sandy Moses – Health concerns
- *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
- *Pastor Mark Rossman – Recovery from back surgery
- *Glen Trigg (Friend of the Coutt's) – Battling cancer
- *Trueman Tryhus – Battling cancer



Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill one out at lwlcaz.org

Welcome to our Guests

John & Brenda Berry
Sue & Charlie Boyd
Michelle & Jordon Capiner
Virginia Conrad
J. R. Dahl
Barbara Erwin
Jary & Barbara Granke
Maria Hussein
Lynn Jangon
Brenda Johnson
Jim Lyells
Sawson Medanat

Bonnie Moore
Caroline Palmer
Jim Rhentt
Sharon Smith
Steve & Kristin Smith
Brett Stone
Kristin Stone
Kevin, Najwa, Alex & Sophia Stuck
Tori Thomas
Greta Tryhus
Don & Judy Warrington

Out of Area

Kathy Anderson, Omaha, NE
Dan & Kay Bonar, Payson, AZ
Pat Burns, Sahuarita, AZ
Pam, Emily & Paige Dumler, Moorpark, CA
Linda & Tom Snavely, Prescott, AZ

Happy Birthday!

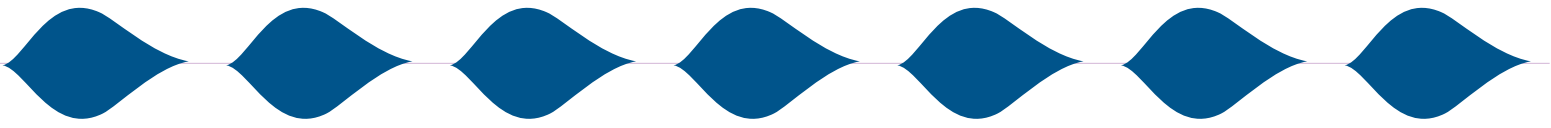
May you be gifted with God's blessings on your special day and always!

Sims, Scott	4-Sep
Shelker, LaVonne	29-Sep
Hahn, Lincoln	19-Sep
Patton, Reyn	16-Sep
Koper, Chandler	11-Sep
Dorsch, Sarah	30-Sep
Denekamp, Avery	29-Sep
Rossman, Emma	15-Sep
Titmas, Jake	26-Sep
Fjeld, Jenna	2-Sep
Page, Jordan Marie	6-Sep
Rossman, Rev. Mark	14-Sep
Donars, Scott	13-Sep
Harris, Bill	7-Sep
Wehr, Jill	14-Sep



Fjeld, Gary	24-Sep
Stenehjem, Sue	1-Sep
Coutts, Linda	22-Sep
Stenehjem, Leland	16-Sep
Lucas, Dr. Jay	30-Sep
Alexander, Ginny	30-Sep
Philabaum, Nancy	23-Sep
Schroeder, Peggy	15-Sep
Roessler, Ron	19-Sep
Anderson, Mark	11-Sep
Perry, Gene	20-Sep
Tryhus, Trueman	28-Sep
Harper, Gloria	17-Sep
Sturgeon, Mary Lee	11-Sep
Zimmerman, Wes	7-Sep

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed and we will make sure to enter it into our database.



What can I find at www.LWLCAZ.org?

Calendar of events, online signups for events, serving & flowers, youth news, bible studies, mission programs, SPLASH!, Connections, Sunday School & VBS registration, photo gallery, sermons, columbarium information, prayer list and online request and much more!!

Publication Deadlines:

Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
 SPLASH! - The 15th of each month by noon



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A Message from Pastor Shari



I'm excited to announce a few of the classes that will be offered this fall for kids in grades 5 and up at Living Water!

Club 56

This is a class for 5th and 6th grade students that is offered during Sunday School time (from 9:45-10:45am) in the Esther room. This fall, we are diving into the Reformation with a fun (geared-for-tweens) Graphic Novel called "Echoes of the Hammer," by Susan K. Leigh. Heidi Ruff and James Bernau will be facilitating this class.

Youth Sunday School

This is a class for 7th grade students and up that is offered during Sunday School time (from 9:45-10:45am) in the Youth Room. This fall, we will be exploring how Martin Luther lived out his faith in the 16th century, and how we can live out our faith in the 21st century.

Confirmation

This is a two-year program that is geared for 7th and 8th grade students (which goes above and beyond Sunday School) and provides an instruction/experience in the Christian faith in the Lutheran Church. This serves as part of the fulfillment of the promises made by parents and sponsors on the day of baptism. Then, at the completion of the class, students are given the opportunity to affirm their baptism and be accepted into full "confirmed" membership of the congregation. Also after affirming their baptism, youth are eligible to serve on ministry teams, be elected to council or to represent the congregation at synod gatherings, and to vote at congregational meetings.

I am really looking forward to teaching this class this year. This class will meet on the First and Third Wednesdays of the month from 6:45-8pm....starting with an Orientation for Students and Parents on September 6. During classes, there will be interactive activities, learning, and dessert!





Ask Zeke

A reader's query prompts Living Water's 24/7 office fish to ask folks why they decided to reserve a niche in the church's future columbarium

Q. How many of the columbarium niches have been purchased?

A. As of early August, the church office had received 9 applications for niches. It's my privilege to share the following very personal statements from Living Water members who decided to purchase niches.

"It just felt 'right' as well as comforting to be with the community of faith at Living Water both in life and in death."

"When my spouse died, it was important to have my spouse's remains where I would frequently go and where there was a special memory for the two of us. I decided to take an extended road trip and look for the place best for us. Coming back to LWLC, and realizing for the first time that the niches are designed for two, it all became clear. Here we would be together in a place I would visit at least weekly, where we found our church family in AZ, where my kids and grandkids felt part of the congregation, where close friends are regularly present, and where we will remain part of LWLC even after we both have died."

"We want the placement of our cremains to be related to our faith and our CHURCH, which has been in our lives at Living Water Lutheran Church, prior congregations and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Columbarium is a very important addition to our Living Water campus. We have hoped for this for a long time."

"When Living Water announced the construction of the columbarium on the property it was truly the answer to a prayer. The fact that it is on the church campus is a bonus. Now we will always be with our Living Water family and friends. It's a comforting feeling."

If you'd like to learn more about reserving a columbarium niche, please contact Andrea in the Church office (480-473-8400 or office@lwlc.org).

Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at AskZeke@cox.net or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-515-4813.



Bible Studies & Retreats

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.

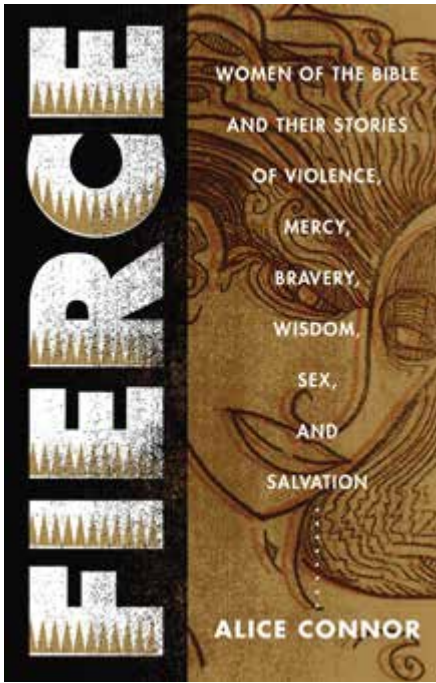
On September 17 we will connect life purpose with our core values and beliefs. We will explore the work of the Holy Spirit as we ask, "How are we motivated to act on the vision God has for us?" Finally, on September 24, we will see how living out our vocation (purpose, values, and vision) enables us to be the body of Christ. We will examine how vocation, word, and sacrament are connected.

Richard Andersen invites you to come with your imagination. Come create a vision for the future both as an individual and for Living Water as a congregation. The Adult Forum meets in the Psalms room on the second floor of the Education Building.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join us each Thursday at 7:40am at Soul Cafe
(Pinnacle Peak, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)





Tuesdays at 10 & 6:30 Resumes on September 12th

Tuesday Women's Study will begin again on September 12th in the Fellowship Hall, using a book study written by Episcopal priest and college chaplain, Alice Connor, titled: "Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation."

Women of the Bible aren't shy or retiring; they're fierce and funny and demanding and relevant to 21st century people. Some of their names we know, others we've only heard, and others are tragically unnamed.

Alice Connor introduces us to these women and invites us to see them not as players in a man's story but as fierce foremothers of the faith. Their stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. The book is meant to provoke you, to open up possibilities for you, to invite you to imagine the inner lives of other women.

Each chapter is a retelling of a woman's story recorded in the Jewish or Christian Bible (Old and New Testaments). The stories are told in different ways to be a bit complex, a bit ambiguous, and to spark memory of your own. Will we see how similar we are to these women, so far from us in years and yet so close to us in our desires and abilities?

Join us on Tuesday morning at 10 or Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm for about 90 minutes of conversation, prayer, and learning together. Bring your Bible! The coffee will be on, as well as hot water for tea or hot chocolate. You can order the paperback from Amazon for \$16.14 or the Kindle edition for \$9.99 (plus tax and shipping). I will have a few paperback copies for purchase at our first sessions, but purchasing a book isn't required! I'm looking forward to resuming our time together. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com



News & Events

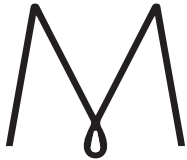
Sing to the Lord a new song!

The Living Water Choir welcomes new singers and now is the perfect time to join. We are just kicking off the 2017-2018 program year, and we invite YOU to come and sing with us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Psalms room of the Christian Education building, and we will sing each Sunday at the 8:30am service. All are welcome! For information, contact Marcie: 602.321.2561 or email MLC123@cox.net.



♥ ♦ 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 Richard and Jill Wehr on Friday, Sept. 22, starting at 7:00 pm. (Note: This is a change from the group's usual 3rd Friday gathering). Please 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 (480-515-4813 or jillajw@cox.net).



MOPS

Have you heard of MOPS?

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS International began in 1973 and now has grown into thousands of groups all over the world that are encouraging and equipping moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.

Did you know that Living Water will become a site for a combined MOPS/MOMSnex group starting this fall?

We are excited about this opportunity to welcome young families two times/month on our campus and provide a loving, encouraging, and supportive environment. We are hoping that it will become a community where friendships and faith can grow, so moms don't have to feel isolated or alone in their fears or struggles.

We need your help.

Would you like to join the MOPS Team so that we can provide the best MOPS group around? We're looking for volunteers with gifts of hospitality, taking care of little ones while the moms meet, and mentoring for the moms. Please contact Pastor Shari (PastorShari@lwlcaz.org) if you are interested in participating in this new ministry.



Retreat for All Women of the Grand Canyon Synod Friday, October 20th, 7 pm, to Saturday, October 21st, 4 pm

Franciscan Renewal Center

5802 E Lincoln Dr, Scottsdale AZ 85253 www.thecasa.org

Theme: "Transformed: A New Katie"

"Be transformed by the renewal of your mind: (Romans 12:2)

Be refreshed and renewed in the serene setting of the Franciscan Renewal Center, where it's said that "even the trees whisper." Join us in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and help us vision the future for our women's ministry movement. Activities include:

- Reformation era music
- German wine and cheese gathering on Friday evening
- Reformation era art
- A visit from Katie Luther
- German strudel with our Saturday morning coffee
- Fellowship time
- Presentations by Streetlight (Human Trafficking) and LSS-SW
- Lutheran Jeopardy
- Visioning the future for Women of the ELCA's ministry
- Quiet time in the Center's Prayer Chapel, Gardens and Labyrinth
- Communion with offering

Registration is open until October 4. All registrations and payment must be received by our registrar on or before October 4. A registration form (with additional retreat information) is available from your church women's ministry contact, or it can be downloaded from www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events. Save the date now! Bring a friend!

YOUTH UPDATES

Rally Sunday!



Where – Living Water Lutheran Church

Why – A Celebration to kick-off our Sunday School year

When – Sunday, September 3

*Worship Service at 9:30am

*Celebration 10:30am - 12:30pm

What to Expect

*A complete BBQ lunch plus snow cone machine

*Giant Water Inflatables for fun in the sun!

What to Bring

*Swim suit, towel and sunscreen for the kids

Sunday School and Club 56 Update

We are very excited for the fall semester to begin and looking forward to an eventful year ahead! We will be spending the weeks leading up to Reformation Sunday studying the life of Martin Luther, his role in the Reformation and how this impacts our lives today. Mark your calendars now for all of the upcoming events for your family.

September 3 – Rally Sunday with a BBQ lunch and giant water inflatables after the 9:30m worship service.

September 10 – First day of Sunday School and Club 56. We will be returning to two worship services (8:30 and 11:00am) with Sunday School and Club 56 starting at 9:40am

October 22 – NEW “Reformation – A Child’s Perspective” is the theme for both worship services. Our children and youth will be leading the service with music, readings and Bible passages. Stay tuned for more information.

October 29 – Reformation Sunday – Martin Luther will be preaching at both services!

November 12 – NEW Intergenerational Event during Sunday School for all ages!

November 19 – Advent Fair

November 26 (during Sunday School), **December 3** (during Sunday School), **December 9** (Saturday at 10am) – Rehearsals for the Children’s Christmas Service

December 10 – Children’s Christmas Service

While every Sunday provides an exciting opportunity for faith building and learning, these dates are particularly important. See you soon!

Kris Crow and Janice Moore, Volunteer Co-leaders for Sunday School

Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER 3	RALLY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10	8:30AM LITURGICAL WORSHIP 9:40AM ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 PRAISE WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 12	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS (10AM/6:30PM)
SEPTEMBER 14	PASTOR MARK'S BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 18	COUNCIL MEETING (ESTHER/ED BLDG)
OCTOBER 14	9:30AM FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING (FH)
OCTOBER 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
OCTOBER 29	REFORMATION SUNDAY



Weekly Events

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday 10am or 6:30pm (FH)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7:30am (Soul Cafe)

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB
Friday 10:00am (FH)

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MESSAGE

Labor Day is one of America's great national holidays and it's considered the unofficial end of summer (unless you live in the Arizona desert, of course!). It's a time of celebration with family cookouts, pool parties and pre-season football, and it's also meant to be a day of rest for those who labor. No matter where you live or what your profession, Labor Day can be a good time to reflect on how we measure success and who we're laboring for. While considering this, two recent examples from professional athletes (which is a job, too) really stood out to me.

In July, immediately after winning the British Open, 24-year old professional golfer Jordan Spieth was asked if golf was the most important thing in his life. Spieth, who attended a Jesuit prep school in Dallas prior to college, quickly responded by saying, "No, golf is third, after my faith and family." He talked about how blessed he is to do what he does for a living and about his special-needs sister - both he says are driving forces that keep him excelling and firmly grounded. It seems to be working very well for him! After one of his recent wins Jordan politely declined to have a celebratory dinner at one of the area's swankiest restaurants and instead requested to have a private dinner with his friends and family - at the local Chic-Fil-A. Faith and family not only inspire Jordan on the golf course, but also inspired him to launch the Jordan Spieth Family Foundation to encourage and support the underprivileged, military families and special-needs children.

At the recent Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 46-year old Kurt Warner of Arizona Cardinals' fame spoke in length about the trials and tribulations he went through for many years to reach the professional football pinnacle of being a Hall of Fame member. And, just as he did when he won the NFL Most Valuable Player award in the 2000 Super Bowl, Kurt publicly professed his faith, concluding his induction speech with the words, "Thank you, Jesus!" Kurt and his wife Brenda say they live their lives keeping God first in their personal and professional lives and through the First Things First Foundation which they founded and manage.

God designed us all for success, to be great at what we do and to be a winner. Jordan and Kurt are living proof of greatness and success, but more importantly, they're proof of what can be done when God is first in our lives. So, whether we labor in the sports arena, office, restaurant, school, field, home or church, let's make it a labor of faith, love and service to God. There's no better formula for success.

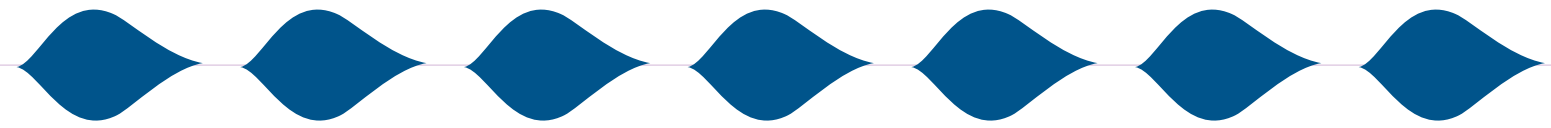
Frank Stock



Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	May	June	July	YTD Actual
Income	53,687	54,710	38,565	315,636
Expenses	48,906	53,886	44,893	315,948
Net Income (Loss)	4,781	824	(6,328)	(312)

BUILDING FUND	May	June	July	YTD
Income	5,682	4,041	4,440	29,887
Disbursements	8,004	8,004	8,004	56,028



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