

FEBRUARY 2017

Splash!

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

Living Water
Lutheran Church



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Annual CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, February 12 @ 9:45am in the Sanctuary

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Membership of Living Water Lutheran Church, 9201 E. Happy Valley Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Annual Meeting of the membership of Living Water Lutheran Church will be held February 12, 2017 at 9:45am between the worship services. The agenda for the meeting will appear in the SPLASH! newsletter as well as Connections a week before the meeting. This meeting includes a proposed constitutional change concerning the membership status of seasonal members. All of our members are encouraged to attend and participate.

FEBRUARY 11TH ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR ON IMPROVING YOUR BRAIN HEALTH

Do you want to keep your brain functioning at peak capacity?
Interested in learning more about Dementia and Alzheimer's?

Do you have a desire to engage in self-empowered aging and exploring the top fears we have when it comes to the aging process? If you answered "yes" to any of these, then our upcoming seminar on Brain Health is for you! This seminar is brought to you by our Adult Learning Ministry team here at Living Water.



Join us **Saturday, February 11 from 9:00am to 12:00pm**. Lunch will be included. Our presenter is Dr. David Helgeson, a psychologist in private practice in Scottsdale and an adjunct faculty member at ASU. His focus is to serve the needs of older adults and their families. Reserve a spot for only \$15! Registration forms are in the entryway kiosk. Register by February 6.

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- Dave Gallimore - Recovery from surgery
- Gloria Harper - Health concerns
- Chuck Nyberg - Battling cancer
- Family & friends of Alice Paul - Mourning her death
- Rev Bob Schmidt (Friends of Larry & Linda Coutts) - Diagnosed with stage 4 cancer
- Trueman Tryhus - Battling cancer



Email your prayer request to prayer@lwlcaz.org

Welcome to our Guests

Lindsey Achterfeldt
Christine & Rich Belcastro
John & Brenda Berg
John & Leanne Blake
Margie Bohling
Sue & Charlie Boyd
Bob & Barb Bremer
Carol Buckman
Dick & Virginia Conrad
Bob & Martha Cotton
Ruth Fundne
Lordes Gasparino
Jason, Stephanie, Ryan, Allison Handley
Pat & Joyce Hobbs
Bob & Nancy Hutson
Bernice InsaLao
Joel & Julie Johnson
Debbie Samartyis
Carolyn Sato
Anna Scott
Jeff Shelmire
Ted & Dawn Shields
Ed & Darleen Shipley
Gary & Diane Smith
Joyce & Stan Kerber
Harold Keyser
Diane Klumpp

Jill Knorra
J J Landon
Susan & Thomas Lind
Cindy Ly
Linda Malin
Tamie Miller
Tim & Leslie Mouer
Sandy Moses
J & M Nyberg
Judi Olva
Matthew Ophaug
Nancy Payne
Lori S. Peiho
Steve & Nyla Rome
Mark Smith
Paul Swenson
Sheila Wihie
Steve & Julie Yates
Out of Area
Kelli Bacon, Lincoln, NE
David, Julie, Nick, Zack, Luke
 Cambronnie, Maplewood, MN
Mea Hall & family, San Maroos, CA
Teri & Mike Kerber, Apple Valley, MN
Art & Olga Ladenburger, Palatine, IL
Julie Lindenbaum, NY
Martha Logan, Hermosa Beach, CA

Kari Logan, Falcon Heights, MN
Mary & Donnie Lunde, Eau Claire, WI
Becky & Mia McGovern, Venetia, PA
Terry McNeice, Minneapolis, MN
John & Judy Nerisen, Boise, ID
Mike & Donnice Olsen, Madison, WI
Gerry Olsen, Fort Collins, CO
Eric Olsen, Fort Collins, CO
Cathy Polinchok, Port Matilda, PA
Martha & Paul Schmidt, Zionsville, IN
Helen Stark, Princeton, MN
Lynn & Larry Stranghoener, Plymouth, MN
Bonnie Townsend, Rock Island, IL
Lindsey Yock

Winter Visitors
Iva Campbell, Elizabethtown, PA
Joyce & Stan Kerber
Ken & Claudia MacKay, Wheaton, IL
Jim & Carolyn Tonneson, MN
Don & Judy Warrington
Jack & Ellen Wise, Mansfield, PA

Living Water Council Notes

The church council reviewed the finance committees proposed budget and after some discussion the council approved the budget to present to the congregation for approval. The budget included the salary package for the new Associate Pastor.

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday January 29, 2017 at 9:45 to vote on extending a call to the Associate Pastor candidate. The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday February 12, 2017 at 9:45. The agenda will include the election of new council members, budget, revised by-laws and seasonal membership.

Donald D. Pick
Secretary

Happy Birthday!

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



Beebe, K. M. 2/27

Burrus, Leila 2/14

Whatley, Nathaniel 2/24

Leonetti, Gabi 2/10

Harlan, Morgan 2/8

Fordiani, Tyler 2/7

Denekamp, Aubree 2/21

Hagstrom, Stephen 2/6

Sloneker, Amy 2/11

Sloneker, Troy 2/23

Harlan, Darryl 2/4

Sauer, Karen 2/22

Klemmer, Jane 2/5

Schmitt, Marianne 2/13

Schmidt, Trisha 2/16

Rogers, Nancy 2/21

Goodwin, Linda 2/13

Westergaard, Alice 2/4

Lucas, Lois 2/6

Eilers, Dee 2/26

Cook, B. J. 2/28

Reisner, Joan 2/4

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

A Message from Pastor Rossman

It is February. It is considered the month of love. February is the month that contains St. Valentine's Day, the day where we are to show our love to those who are special around us. It is not too terribly clear how this came about. In the tradition of the church, the commemoration known as St. Valentine's Day has to do with two Christian martyrs near 1800 years ago. While the truth of their stories has disappeared over time, what has also disappeared is the commemoration of their lives.

Since we know not the truth of the matter concerning their lives, it does not seem to be that great of a loss for the church. But the fact of displacing their commemoration with a holiday that seems to have been created by a greeting card company, or worse, one that found its creation with some ancient pagan sexual festival seems to be a sad commentary to our way of life.

Now don't get me wrong, love is a good thing. But when we trivialize to the point of setting aside a single day to prove the point, that seems a little wrong. And love certainly cannot be distilled down to the point of being found in cards, candy, flowers, and jewelry. Love is something that goes far beyond those things. Biblically, there are over 150 references to the word love – 150. The fact that when God inspired the writers of the Bible, the fact that they were motivated to use that word so often has a great deal to say about the thinking of Christianity. Or at least where our thinking should be.

For us, February could be considered the gift of love month. It is the one time in the year that we set time aside to truly express our love. In this case, love is not expressed as much in flowers, cards, and candy, as it is in acts of love – expressed in what we do. God calls us to love one another, calls us to love our neighbors as our selves, calls us to love God with all our heart and mind and soul. These requests are big tickets to fill, and all the candy and all the flowers in the world will not see that happen. What sees this type of love through has much more to do with the action of our lives – what we do with ourselves. What we do with ourselves, how we chose to live our lives, and our interactions with others, are the ways we display the love – or lack thereof – that we have to share.

For the people of Living Water love is not limited to a single month. Love seems to be a life style here. It is exhibited in the things that we do, the time that is shared, the tasks we accomplish, the compassion shown, the programs we support, the ministry that we do. As a people we understand that what we give we do in the name of Christ. Giving and caring not for ourselves, but for the sake of others. All in the name of Christ. When you take all that we do and wrap it together what we find is that our ministry is truly a gift of love. A gift not just shared on February 14th, but a gift of love that is seen in the lives we lead.

Now this does not means that on the 14th the cards, candy, flowers, and all the rest should not be sent out and shared with those important to us. But if we are so determined in seeing this celebration of love through, then we should be equally focused on making the other 364 days of the year equally as special. Not by showering that special someone with those gifts each and every day. But rather, on those days, finding a way to express the love we hold for God and for the world. In doing so, perhaps people will understand what God has given us is truly a Gift of Love, and it is a gift that we are asked to simply pass on and share with those around us.

Pastor Rossman





Ask Zeke

News flash: Living Water's 24/7 office fish reveals his bookworm alter ego

Q. I saw the announcement about our new library. Exciting! I understand a children's section is coming. When?

A. Ah, a fellow bibliophile. Aren't books fantastic? By the way, you probably know our Bible has 66 books. But do you know how many books fill our library shelves? As of mid-January there were 500+. That's impressive for a project that surfaced in the fall.

The library is in Esther – as in the *book* of Esther – on the second floor of the Education Building. It's a mighty inviting space: plenty of comfy places to sit, ample light, inspiring tapestries on the walls, scenic vistas visible through the window, and of course a plethora of well-organized books.

The nearly-stuffed-to-the-gills shelves contain oodles of Bibles and Bible commentaries plus books on Lutheranism, Christianity and other world religions, and Christian growth. If you're hankering for some mid-week preaching, leaf through the 13-volume sermon set that starts with the Sermon on the Mount by Jesus in AD 27 and ends with sermons by Billy Graham and Martin Luther King 19 centuries later. Some Christian novels, audio books, and DVDs are also available. As of mid-January, though, there wasn't anything for kids. Not even a "Jonah and the Whale" storybook (my personal fave). So I was ecstatic to discover the children's section will debut in a few more weeks. Yippee!

Our work-in-progress library is now open Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 3pm and Sunday mornings. You're encouraged to browse and check out anything that piques your interest. Donations of new or used Christian books and other materials for all ages – wee ones, young readers, young adults, and the rest of us – are welcome. Please drop them off in the church office or take them to the library. Our librarian duo, Linda and Ernie Goodwin, asks you to include your name with your donation. Contact them at 602-722-8911 for more information.

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

Men's Breakfast

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:40 AM IN PSALMS

The Sunday morning Adult Forum, which meets at 9:40 am in the Psalms room on the second floor of the Education Building, continues to offer a wide variety of topics of interest. Here is our schedule for the month of February...

February 5 – Pastor Mary Louise Frenchman, Mission Developer for Native American Urban Ministry in Phoenix, will give a power point presentation which will help us get to know about Native Americans and how we can support this ministry among them.

February 12 – No Adult Forum because of Annual Congregational Meeting.

February 19 – Sharon Magnuson from the ELCA offices in Chicago will describe how our National Church responds to world hunger and in disaster relief on an ongoing basis.

February 26 - Dennis Nelson will conclude his three-week presentation about his pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece this past fall to follow the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY - NEW SERIES AT 10 AM & 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Continues in February on Tuesday, February 7 and February 14 at 10 am and 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall when we finish up the last two sessions of our seven-session series. This video based study is from Max Lucado's *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*. **There will be NO study on Tuesday, Feb. 21** as many of us will be at Rally in the Valley. No morning or evening sessions that week.



On **Tuesday, Feb. 28** we'll meet for a Fat Tuesday Movie Night at 6 pm. No morning study that day. This is a pot-luck appetizer or simple dessert night. After noshing, we'll enjoy a movie together. Bring a friend or your spouse/significant other. Tuesday Women's Study is open to all women and prior knowledge of Bible study isn't a requirement. We learn and grow together. Coffee, hot water for tea or hot chocolate is always available. We welcome all women to join us! Questions? contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com.



LUTHERHOSTEL AT SPIRIT IN THE DESERT RETREAT CENTER

Two separate weeks of learning, fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and body-soul-mind wellness. Come for one week – or come for both

WEEK ONE – February 26-March 3

Presenter: Dr. Karoline Lewis – professor of Biblical preaching at Luther Seminary – “Seeing God in the Bible: How to Read the Bible for All Its Theological Worth”

WEEK TWO – March 5-10

Presenter: Rev. Susan Briehl – teacher, writer, liturgist – former executive director of Holden Village – “Praying the Seasons of Our Lives”

No lodging is available, but you can still attend as a commuter. \$390 per person for the entire week, which includes meals. Daily options also available beginning at \$40 per day, which includes morning program with main speaker and lunch. Register today by calling Cyndy at (480) 488-5218 or book online at www.spiritinthedesert.org. More information about Lutherhostel and this beautiful facility in nearby Carefree can be found on the rotating kiosk in the narthex.



News & Events

GREAT GATHERINGS EVENT



WHEN- Saturday, February 4 at 3pm.

WHERE- Scottsdale Museum of the West (In Old Town at 3830 N. Marshall Way)

COST- \$10 per person (discounted tour rate) Make check to Living Water church.

Please join us for this fun social event! We will meet at the museum at 3pm for a docent led tour of the museum. There is a City of Scottsdale parking lot nearby or there is a parking lot at the Civic Center. We will have an early dinner (5pm) following the museum tour at Los Olives Mexican restaurant. It is located next to the Civic Center and 3 blocks from the museum. A sign-up sheet is in the kiosk and the deadline for payment is Sunday, January 29. Here is the website for the museum scottsdalemuseumwest.org. More specific details to follow.



Put your cards on the table on Feb. 17! Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun evening of party bridge at the home of Richard and Jill Wehr on Friday, Feb. 17, starting at 7:00 pm. 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).

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God's Work, *OUR* Hands!

Piece-Makers Mission Quilting at Living Water

The ministry of mission quilting for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) continues in October. First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. We'll gather again on **Wednesday, February 22, from 9:30 to approximately 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall** to continue tying quilts that have been assembled. All interested women are welcome to join us. If you have never quilted before but think you can tie a simple tie using crochet thread and a needle, we need you!



You can also support this ministry by:

- contributing fabric and matching thread for a quilt top or bottom or both. We need 3.5 yards of 100% cotton fabric (no religious symbols, U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or reference to armed forces, including camouflage). New fabric is preferred but we can also use twin flat sheets that are in good condition with no stains or holes, 100% cotton preferred, and a low thread count.
- picking up a packet of pre-cut squares with instructions to assemble a quilt top at home on your own sewing machine
- getting instructions to make your own quilt top at home, using LWR's guidelines
- offset LWR's Quilt and Kit shipping costs at \$2.25 per quilt

The coffee is always on and we get to know each other as we pray over and tie quilts. Last year, our group made 40 quilts plus 3 for our graduating seniors! Our goal is the completion of as many quilts as we can before they are blessed and delivered to a LWR Ingathering truck scheduled to be in the Phoenix area in April 2017. God continues to bless the work of our hands! Questions? please ask Myrna Ulland. You can also find information on LWR's quilt ministry at <http://lwr.org/get-involved/quilts>

A CHANCE TO SERVE

If you are interested in becoming a servant during one of our Sunday morning services, helping as an Usher, Greeter or Communion assistant, it is a great way to be involved at Living Water. The training is simple and our team leaders are always there to assist you. Further questions contact Jan or DJ Johnson 602-799-0840, 602-803-8005 or email jjanddee@cox.net



Clip Boxtops for Education – Help the Navajo Lutheran Mission School

This is a WONDERFUL ministry: it costs you NOTHING EXTRA and helps raise THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS for the Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy.

Here's what you do:

- Shop as you normally do – you probably already use some of the qualifying products.
- Check all packaging for the Boxtops Logo.
- Clip out the logo and when you have a few, bring them to the kiosk in the Narthex.
- Pat yourself on the back for participating in a such a worthy cause!



Sunday Worship Times

8:30am Liturgical Worship

9:40am Adult Forum & Sunday School

11:00am Praise Worship

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 11	ADULT EDUCATION SEMINAR (9AM/FH)
FEBRUARY 12	ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:40AM)
FEBRUARY 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 17	BRIDGE
FEBRUARY 20-21	RALLY IN THE VALLEY (PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN)
FEBRUARY 22	PIECE-MAKERS (9:30AM/FH)
FEBRUARY 25	HAPPY VALLEY COUNTY FAIR
MARCH 1	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (7PM)
MARCH 15	SPLASH! DEADLINE
MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29	SOUP SUPPER (6PM/FH) & LENTEN SERVICE (7PM)
MARCH 25	NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION (4PM/FH)

Weekly Events

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday 10am or 6:30pm (FH)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday 7:30am (Soul Cafe)

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB

Friday 10:00am (FH)

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Event Calendar, SPLASH!, Weekly Connections, Photo gallery, Weekly Bible Readings, Bible Studies, Prayer List, LW Ministries, Online Sign-ups, Weekly Sermons, and much more!

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Living Water is a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Grand Canyon Synod.

“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving”

As we anticipate the month of February, we all look forward to Valentine’s Day. How are you going to show your love – how are you going to demonstrate how much you appreciate – those closest to you?

The Gospel writer John tells of a time when Jesus came to Bethany, to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Martha no doubt was serving another one of her perfect dinners (how much we all would enjoy being a guest in Martha’s home!). Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Jesus. Mary came in with a pound of very expensive perfume. It would have cost the average person the equivalent of three hundred days’ wages – a full year’s income - to pay for the perfume. She poured that perfume over Jesus’ feet and then wiped His feet with her hair.

Immediately she was criticized by those who saw this as an extravagantly foolish act. Judas said, “Why was this perfume not sold and the money given to the poor?”

But Jesus did not condemn her. Instead He commended her. “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.”

Why did Mary do this? I think the answer can be found in the previous chapter. She was so thankful to Jesus because He had raised her brother Lazarus from the dead.

Love just has to find a way to say, “Thank you.” And overflowing grateful love does not first think of the cost when it says, “Thank you.” Love does not ask, “What is the least that I can spend and still satisfy the one whom I love?” Love does not ask, “Should I tithe on my net income or on my gross income, and can I deduct from my tithe what I give to other charitable causes?” Rather love just has to find a way to say, “Thank you.” And overflowing grateful love will be overflowing lavish in its expression of love.

I remember when a man, who was a prominent businessman in town, joined the church I was serving in southern California. After listening to my presentation on stewardship during the new members’ class, he went home, looked at his checkbook, and asked himself, “Do I really love God that little?”

What are you saying about how much you love God by how much you give, by how you live, by what you do with all the gifts He has given you – including the gifts of your time, your abilities, and your financial resources? “And now faith, hope, and love abide; these three, and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13: 13)

Dennis D. Nelson



Financial Report

GENERAL FUND	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	2016 YTD
Income	53,765	45,312	79,301	473,458
Expenses	36,220	35,872	48,106	426,652
Net Income (Loss)	17,545	9,440	31,195	46,806
BUILDING FUND	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2016	Dec. 2016	2016 YTD
Income	4,660	4,718	63,390	114,039
Disbursements	8,004	8,004	8,004	96,048

Living Water Lutheran Church

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2017

9:45 AM

AGENDA

Call to order

Call for Quorum (8% of Voting Membership)

Approve calling Pastor Shari Lynn Bernau for the position of Associate Pastor of Living Water Lutheran Church (Require 2/3 majority ballot vote of members present.)

Approve a compensation package. (Requires a simple majority vote of members present.)

Adjourn

Living Water Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting – February 12, 2017
Agenda

Call to order

Opening Prayer – Pastor Mark

Call for a Quorum

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
2016 Annual Meeting
January 29, 2017 Special Meeting

Recognition of out-going Council Members

Election of Council Officers and Members

Pastor Mark's Report

Council President's Report

Treasurer's Report – Lee Stenehjem

Consideration and Adoption of a 2017 Plan for Ministry

Old Business

Consideration of approval of Seasonal Membership
Rescind the tabled resolution from 2016 meeting regarding Seasonal
Membership.
Consideration of a new Resolution to Amend the Constitution to allow
for Seasonal Membership in accordance with Churchwide language.

New Business

Consideration of a resolution to update our Bylaws. – LeeAnn Land

Installation of new Officers and Council Members – Pastor Mark

Closing Prayer – Pastor Mark

Adjourn

RESOLUTION
to
AMEND THE CONSTITUTION
of
LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Be it resolved that Chapter 8 of the Constitution of Living Water Living Church is hereby amended at section C8.02 to add paragraph (e) to read as follows:

C8.02(e) Seasonal members are voting members of other congregations who wish to retain such membership but desire to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, including exercising limited voting rights in this congregation. The Congregation Council may grant seasonal membership to such persons provided that this congregation is a member of a synod where the Synod Council has approved seasonal member voting on its territory. Such seasonal members shall have all the privileges and duties of voting members except that:

1) they shall not be eligible for elected office in, or membership on the Congregational Council or on a call committee of this congregation;

2) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the call or termination of call of any minister of this congregation;

3) they shall not have the right to vote on any matter concerning or affecting the affiliation of this congregation with the ELCA;

4) they shall not be eligible to serve as voting members from this congregation to the Synod Assembly or the Church

wide assembly;

5) they shall not, even if otherwise permitted by this Congregation, vote by proxy or by absentee ballot; and

6) they shall not, within any two calendar month period, exercise voting rights in this congregation and in the congregation where they remain voting members.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Report of the Nominating Team

The members of LWLC Nominating Committee are appointed by the Church Council. They are charged with creating a slate of candidates for election to the Council at the LWLC Annual Meeting. For the past several weeks, the Nominating Team has been carefully and prayerfully considering a number of qualified candidates to present to the congregation for election to the Council. The following candidates have agreed to serve and stand for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2017:

Donald D. Pick, Vice President

Don and Patti Pick moved to Arizona in 2001 and joined Living Water in 2014. Don is a lifelong Lutheran, has served on church councils and as council President at Mt. Cross Lutheran Church in University Place, WA. At Living Water, he is currently serving as the council Secretary, Grace Lutheran Church pancake breakfast organizer and as a servant team leader. Don is the Director of Clinical Operation with Valley Eye Specialists. Don feels it would be an honor to continue serving Living Water in the new role as Vice President.

Jenny Dorsch, Member-at-Large

Jenny joined Living Water in 2008 with her two children, Sarah and Jeffrey, having moved here from Chicago. At Living Water, Jenny is completing a one-year term as Member-at-Large, serves as a vocalist with the Praise Band, was a member of Pastor's Call Committee, has helped with VBS and serves on the Altar Guild. In Chicago Jenny served the Presbyterian Church of Palatine for 6 years as Moderator of the Board of Deacons managing a group of 18 Deacons in charge of hospitality, fellowship and member pastoral care, and as a member of the Personnel Committee overseeing staff policy, hiring and other personnel issues. She was involved in VBS, Sunday School, choirs, the praise band, and a Pastor Call Committee. Prior to having a family Jenny was a Human Resource manager for an international packaging company. Currently she serves as Secretary of the Scottsdale Parent Council, a Substitute Teacher for Scottsdale Unified School District and has experience as a parent group leader in the kid's schools. Jenny has a BA in Liberal Arts and MS in Human Resources and Industrial Relations.

Michelle Brown, Member-at-Large

Michelle moved to Arizona from the Valley Forge area of Pennsylvania in 1990 with her family. She had a well-rounded Christian upbringing. She was baptized Presbyterian as an infant, confirmed Methodist in Middle School, and re-baptized by full submersion in High School as a Baptist. In High School, Michelle participated in a youth group Mission to Ciudad Obregon, Mexico to host a VBS for less fortunate children. Michelle's love of horses took her to compete in the North American Young Riders Championship in Illinois at the age of 16/17. Michelle was also a member of the choir at Pinnacle Presbyterian before getting married in 2001. In 2001 Michelle moved to San Diego with her husband who was serving in the United States Navy. Michelle moved back to Arizona in 2007 and found her Church home at Living Water, joining that year with her family. Michelle's experience at Living Water includes helping with VBS, and singing in the Living Water Choir. Currently as a single parent Michelle has raised her son, Hunter, to be active in the Church as well as teaching him the importance of serving Christ through his love of God within the Community. Hunter is very active in Sunday School (Club 56), and loves to help in the Kitchen before service on Sundays (he calls it his "Sunday Job"). He also enjoys participating during the children's sermon. Outside of church, Michelle has served in the retail wireless industry for over 14 years. Michelle is honored to serve on the Living Water Lutheran Church Council in her continuing service to the Lord.

Deb Bash, Secretary

Deb moved to Arizona in 2000, and has been a member of Living Water since 2003. She is a graduate of St. Olaf College with a BA in chemistry. She serves at a Servant Team Leader for the second service and as needed, and is often called to help with baking/food needs for multiple church functions. Outside of Living Water, Deb is a plastic surgeon and practiced at Mayo Clinic from 2000-2013, and is currently in private practice in Scottsdale where she manages all aspects of the small business. On a national level, Deb is very involved with the American Medical Association and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) with insurance coding. She feels honored to serve on the church council.