



# March 31, 2019

## CONNECTIONS

### **SUNDAY – MARCH 31— Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 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)

### **MONDAY - APRIL 1**

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting (Office)

### **TUESDAY - APRIL 2**

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

### **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 3**

- 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 4**

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

### **FRIDAY - APRIL 5**

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

### **SATURDAY - APRIL 6**

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)
- 11:00 am Ruth Rose Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

### **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)

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
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjelm) – Battling cancer
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- David & Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Peter Igras (Son of Claudia & Leon Igras) – Mourning his death
- 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) – Undergoing brain surgery on April 2
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- 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
- Safe travels for everyone on the Holy Land Trip



## **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 Living Water Lutheran Church*



# 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 car-pool, 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)



## MOPS/MOMSNext—Next Meeting Thursday April 4

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

## 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.*

## Habitat for Humanity: Save the Date—April 13

SAVE THE DATE: We will be working on a Habitat house in Glendale on Saturday, April 13. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. We need a large work crew. For more information, contact John Goesling at 480-310-1699 or [jmgoesling@msn.com](mailto:jmgoesling@msn.com).





## Join Us Wednesdays During Lent



**April 3 & 10**

**6:00 pm: Soup Supper**

**6:30 pm: Lenten Bible Study**

**7:00 pm: Lenten Service**

If you are interested in helping with a Soup Supper please sign up in the Narthex.

*“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>**

## Wednesday Lenten Service Offerings

**50% will be given to ICM Food & Clothing Bank  
& 50% will be given to Lunches for Learning**

### ICM Food and Clothing Bank (Interfaith Cooperative Ministry)

ICM provides an immediate response to basic human needs for 150-200 families and individuals each day in Maricopa County. ICM provides twice per month: Food Boxes, Clothing for all ages, Toiletries, Baby formula and diapers, Snacks for Children, Summer time Kids Café, Senior Food Boxes, Back to School Supplies, Resources and Referrals, Health Screenings (Medical and Oral). All services are based on donations and availability and a first come first served basis



### Lunches for Learning

2019 represents the seventh year members and friends of LWLC have supported this important ministry in Honduras. In addition, each year half of the Lenten offerings including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday are donated to Lunches for Learning. This ministry was founded by Ron Hicks who discovered a critical need on a trip thru Honduras where he learned that nearly 80% of grade school aged children either had to drop out or not attend school to beg for money that was used to provide food to the families of these children. Lunches for Learning provides food that is cooked at the schools in the Valle Region of rural Honduras allowing the children to pursue an elementary education and begin the opportunity for these children to gain literacy and an ability to pursue work opportunities after graduation. The dropout rate in the schools served by L4L has been nearly eliminated. LWLC has sponsored two of the 29 schools that are supported by Lunches for Learning and has broken the cycle of poverty for many children served by the program. Today over 17,000 children have benefitted from this mission founded by Ron. Recently, we were saddened and shocked to learn of Ron's death at age 75. We ask you to pray for his family, for all those impacted by Lunches for Learning, and consider adding a special gift to this mission in rural Honduras.



## VBS 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)

## 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 3 & APRIL 10 @ 6:30 pm**

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

Session IV: Writing Our God Story & Session V: Choosing My Life Verse

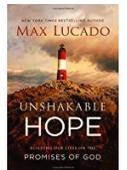
## Join us for Women's Bible Study

**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

**Sunday, March 31 A Theology of the Cross: Victory over Death—Jesus as Resurrected**

This is the third session of a three part series. Pastor Gene Perry will be leading these sessions. The theme of the sessions will be "Meanings of the Cross"

**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."

## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Lee & Sue Stenehjem
- **Usher/Greeter:** Lee & Sue Stenehjem, Ron & Cindy Ophaug
- **Communion Servers:** Lee & Sue Stenehjem, Ron & Cindy Ophaug
- **Lector:** Pam Landon
- **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Stock
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon & Ellen Wise
- **Servant Team Leader for April 7 :** Deb Bash & Debbie Anderson

## 11:00 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Usher/Greeter:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Communion Servers:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Lector:** Heidi Ruff
- **Altar Guild:** Janis Fjeld
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Servant Team Leaders for April 7:** Gene & Dee Eilers

## 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:

177 (8:30 am) 33 (11 am)

**General Fund:** \$7,757

**Building Fund:** \$570

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

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