



# April 14, 2019

# CONNECTIONS

## **SUNDAY – APRIL 14— Palm Sunday**

- 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 15**

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting (Office)
- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (Esther)

## **TUESDAY - APRIL 16**

- 6:00 pm AA (Mark/Matthew)

## **WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17**

- 10:15 am Staff Meeting (Office)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Psalms)

## **THURSDAY - APRIL 18—Maundy Thursday**

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)
- 9:30 am MOPS/MOMSnext Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

## **FRIDAY - APRIL 19—Good Friday**

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)
- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

## **SATURDAY - APRIL 20**

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

## **SUNDAY – APRIL 21— Easter Sunday**

- 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Easter Brunch (FH)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)

Weekly Connections Deadline—Tuesdays at Noon

# *We Remember in our Prayers*

- Don Benson – Recovering from pneumonia
- Kay Bonar—Recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Jim Fergestad (Friends of Pastor Shari & James Bernau) – Battling cancer
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Rebecca Jensen (Friend of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from hip replacement
- Cody Kelker (Grandson of Karen & Ron Roessler) – Recovering from brain surgery
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn –Recovering from pneumonia
- Shirley Koch – Recovering from back surgery
- Family & Friends of Shirley Maki (Friend of Myrna & Bob Ulland) - Mourning her death
- 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
- Cynthia Norvell (Friend of Ron & Joan Halverson and Dorie) – Battling cancer
- Penny Priest (Friend of Sharon Westergreen) – Health concerns
- Joya Shepard (Friend of Steve McCarthy) – 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



## **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



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*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 carpool, 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)

## EASTER FLOWERS— LAST DAY TO 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 TODAY**

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.*

## Annual Church Picnic—Sunday May 5 at 5 pm

### McCormick Stillman Railroad Park

Once again the Great Gatherings committee presents our ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park (Scottsdale Rd and Indian Bend) in the Papago Ramada. Our ramada is located at the southeast corner of the park by the gazebo. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on the grill. Please bring a dish to share (with serving utensil) and your own beverage. No glass bottles are allowed. There will be games provided and LOTS of time for fun and fellowship. At 7:30 PM, the park provides a summer concert series. On May 5, it is a Neil Diamond tribute band, Diamond in the Rough. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a special evening. There is a signup sheet in the narthex. Please contact Pam Wilder at (602) 616-2022 with any questions. We look forward to another great picnic!



## Habitat for Humanity

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all the workers that came yesterday to help with the Habitat build for the Fernau family in Glendale. To quote the home owner, "I am amazed by how people are so kind and giving. Thank you, a million times!" We will let you know when the house is completed and when the dedication will take place. John and Marilyn Goesling

## Join us for the annual Dollars and Diapers Drive for Alleluia Diaper Closet

Alleluia Lutheran Church in Avondale, a sister ELCA congregation, is the host church for “A Better Chance Diaper Closet” providing diapers for 100-150 infants and toddlers twice a month at their church at 8444 W. Encanto Blvd, Phoenix. Diaper distribution is on the first and third Saturday of each month to families living at or below the poverty level within a four-mile radius of the church.



Did you know that diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? Many families who need diapers are working parents but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in four of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

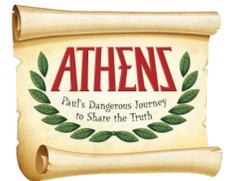
Alleluia’s Diaper Closet partners with the Central Arizona Diaper Bank and receives some of their needed diapers from the Diaper Bank on a quarterly basis. However, the Diaper Bank cannot provide enough diapers to meet the needs of the children in the church’s current service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 240 diapers per child per month on average. Alleluia Lutheran depends on contributions beyond the Diaper Bank to meet the needs of infants and toddlers needing diapers in their service area. And Alleluia serves 100-150 children every other Saturday through their Diaper Closet. That’s a lot of needed diapers. You can do the math!

Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and giving congregation. Living Water’s Service Ministry Team initiated a Dollars and Diapers Drive to support the Alleluia Diaper Closet last Spring. By Mother’s Day this year, May 12, our goal is to collect enough dollars and diapers (and wipes, unscented preferred) to supply the needs for this ministry for one month. With our gifts of dollars, diapers and wipes, we can help provide diapers to babies and toddlers in need.

### Vacation Bible School 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)

**MOPS/MOMSNext—Next Meeting Thursday April 18**

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

*Many thanks for all the prayers for our great -grandson*

*Everett Johnson.*

*We are happy to report he is now cancer-free!*

*- Norb and Peggy Schroeder*

## **Piece-Makers Mission Quilting**

Join us in April to finish up as many quilts as we can before we have them blessed on April 28 and sent off to the Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering on Saturday, May 4.

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, April 24, 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 or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



**JOIN US!**

***Holy Week Service Schedule***

***Maundy Thursday—April 18—7 pm***

***Good Friday—April 19—7 pm***

***Easter Sunday—April 21—6:30 am, 8:30 am, & 11 am***

***Easter Brunch—April 21— 9:45 am***



## Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

**Our collection ends today!** There is a collection bin in the church entry-way. The kits will be assembled by our Confirmation Students tonight 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.



Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com

### You are invited to a Cinco de Mayo breakfast!

Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5. Occurring only two weeks after Easter, we hope you will join us to celebrate the culture of our Mexican-American brothers and sisters in Christ and celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Please join us between services at 9:30am for a delicious and festive breakfast prepared by Julie Ann Walker's team and the Youth of our congregation. Please sign up to attend. At the event, there will be an opportunity to give a free-will offering that will go toward the Youth Mission Trip to Portland this summer and future endeavors in Youth ministry.



*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 is being collected today. Please use the offering envelope in the bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!**





# Studies



## Men's Breakfast

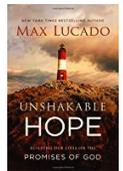
**Bible Study Every Thursday @ 7:30 am**  
**At Soul Cafe (7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd)**

### Join us for Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday Women's Study @ 10 am**

**Reminder: We will not be meeting on Tuesday April 16**

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.

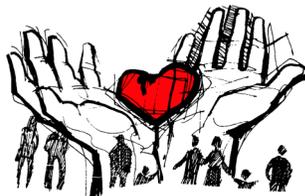
Once again, we'll schedule a lunch outing following our study on the last Tuesday of the month, April 30. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

### Join us for Adult Forum @ 9:45 am

**April 14 – Organizing & Coordinating your Affairs**

Presented by Mark Johnson, Financial Consultant with Thrivent Financial. Mark has served in the Valley for thirty-three years. In this workshop, Mark will help participants consider ways to organize and coordinate their affairs and build a roadmap based on their individual goals and values.

**April 21 – No Adult Forum—Easter Brunch**



## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** DJ & Jan Johnson
- **Usher/Greeter:** Tim & Leslie Mouer, Michael Winter, Scott Stemm
- **Communion Servers:** Scott Stemm, Michael Winter, DJ & Jan Johnson
- **Lector:** Pam Landon
- **Altar Guild:** Denny Dumler, Sheila Fankhauser
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Carol Gasser & Carol Jacobson
- **Servant Team Leader for April 21:** Lee & Sue Stenehjem

## 11:00 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Usher/Greeter:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Communion Servers:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Lector:** Heidi Ruff
- **Altar Guild:** Patty Sell
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Servant Team Leaders for April 21:** Darryl & Tana Harlan

## 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:

182 (8:30 am) 31 (11 am)

**General Fund:** \$7,386

**Building Fund:** \$360

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

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**Accompanist:** Scott Sims

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*In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call*

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