

*April 28, 2019*



**CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY – APRIL 28— Second Sunday of Easter**

**Blessing of Quilts & LWR Personal Care Kits**

- 6:30 am Grace Lutheran Church Pancake Breakfast
- 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 29**

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting

**TUESDAY - APRIL 30**

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

**WEDNESDAY - MAY 1**

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

**THURSDAY - MAY 2**

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)
- 5:30 pm Asylum Seekers Forum (Pinnacle Presbyterian)

**FRIDAY - MAY 3**

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

**SATURDAY - MAY 4**

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

**SUNDAY – MAY 5 — Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Cinco de Mayo Breakfast (FH)
- 9:45 am Sunday School (Ed. Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Congregational Picnic (McCormick-Stillman Park)

**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
- Rev. John Cockram – 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
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn – Health concerns
- Shirley Koch – Health concerns
- 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
- Terry Powers (Niece of Marty & Gordon Lindert) – Battling cancer
- Darnell & Darlene Powers (Relatives of Marty & Gordon Lindert) – Health concerns
- Penny Priest (Friend of Sharon Westergreen) – Health concerns
- Janice & Mark Rogers (Friends of Frances DeBruyn) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of 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

## **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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# News & Events

## Annual Church Picnic—Next 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 south-east 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!



## Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt and Kit Blessing Sunday

Today we are blessing more than 70 quilts made by our Piece-makers Quilting Ministry during the past year. We're also blessing 120 Personal Care Kits that were contributed through generous donations from the congregation during Lent. A Thrivent Action Team grant helped us purchased 40 of those Kits. Thank you to everyone for supporting these ministries here at Living Water. The quilts and kits will be delivered to a LWR Phoenix area "in-gathering" on Saturday morning, May 4, at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. From there, they'll be on their way to one of the two LWR warehouses in the U.S. (St. Paul, MN or Baltimore, MD) to be repackaged for shipment through LWR's global connections.



### ***A message from our Piecemakers Quilters:***

*You will notice an envelope has been pinned to each quilt being blessed. We are inviting contributions of any amount from the congregation to support the associated shipping costs to distribute these quilts and kits. LWR estimates the shipping cost for a quilt is \$2.25; for a Personal Care Kit it's \$2.65. We have a target goal of collecting \$500 to send to LWR for their Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. Any gifts received above \$500 will be used to purchase fabrics and batting for our quilt ministry. If you're writing a check, please note in the memo line "LWR Shipping." **Please leave the envelopes attached to the quilts!***

## 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.

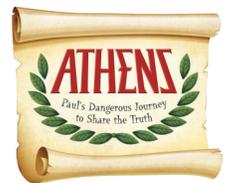
Alleluia’s Diaper Closet partners with the Central Arizona Diaper Bank and receives some of their needed diapers from the Diaper Bank on a quarterly basis. However, the Diaper Bank cannot provide enough diapers to meet the needs of the children in the church’s current service radius. Babies and toddlers 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)



# ASYLUM SEEKERS COMMUNITY FORUM

**MAY 2 | 5:30 pm | FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church | **25150 N. Pima Rd.**

Join us to learn about the crisis happening in our own backyard. Over 200 legal and documented asylum seekers are being dropped off on the streets of Phoenix daily. Learn from a guest speaker from Lutheran Social Services followed by a panel discussion by local organizations about refugees, the current issues related to asylum seekers, what does this mean for the United States, and how we can help.

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SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS: Christ the Lord Lutheran Church • Desert Mission United Methodist Church  
Living Water Lutheran Church • Pinnacle Presbyterian Church • Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

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

**Next Sunday May 5 at 9:30 am**

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. 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.



## BRIDGE

**Why not try your hand at bridge on May 17?**

Are you a former bridge player? A newbie? A bridge whiz who can help others step up their game? Players of all levels are invited to participate in an enjoyable evening of casual party bridge at the home of Ron and Karen Roessler on Friday, May 17, starting at 7:00 pm. Please add your name to the signup sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The hosts will email you directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813) or [jillajw@cox.net](mailto:jillajw@cox.net).



## LITURGICAL ARTS THANKS YOU!

A "BIG THANK YOU" to the following people who helped the Liturgical Arts Team with the many hours of time spent last week putting together the Holy Week and Easter Sunday displays.

Lois Lucas  
Diane Sundquist  
Diane Klumpp  
Sharon Westergreen  
Sharon Humphrey  
Marty Lindert  
Gordon Lindert  
Lynda Cales  
Wayne Burrus  
Leila Burrus  
Lourdes Gasparino  
Lee Stenehjem



You all make a wonderful team. We appreciate your time and talents.  
*Sue Stenehjem and Terry Nelson, Co-Chairman*



# Studies



## Men's Breakfast

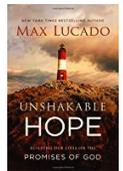
Bible Study Every Thursday @ 7:30 am  
At Soul Cafe (7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd)

### Join us for Women's Bible Study

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

On 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)

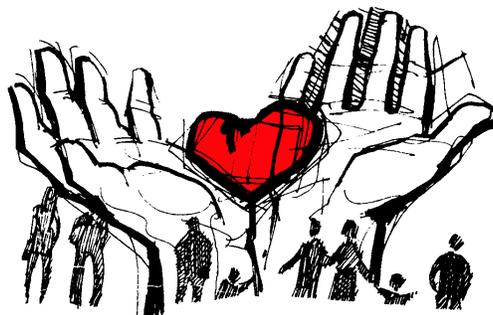


### Join us for Adult Forum @ 9:45 am

#### April 28 – Making a Difference: Sharing your Time, Talent and Treasures

Presented by Jim Hanson. Chances are you already share your time, talents and treasures. Now find out how to make intentional choices around your generosity that align with your values. Explore ways to share your resources to make a difference and create your generosity plan.

#### May 5 – No Adult Forum—Cinco de Mayo Breakfast



## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Denny Dumler
- **Usher/Greeter:** John Goesling, Barb Bremer, Eric & Diane Sundquist
- **Communion Servers:** Eric & Sue Brash
- **Lector:** Lois Lucas
- **Altar Guild:** Denny Dumler
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Barb Gunderson & Carol Gasser
- **Servant Team Leaders for May 5:** Deb Bash & Debbie Anderson

## 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:

39 (6:30 am) 345 (8:30 am) 96 (11 am)

**General Fund:** \$21,783

**Building Fund:** \$1,571

## 11:00 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Sue & Charles Boyd, Darrell & Ed Shipley
- **Usher/Greeter:** Sue & Charles Boyd, Darrell & Ed Shipley
- **Communion Servers:** Sue & Charlie Boyd, Darrell & Ed Shipley
- **Lector:** Sue Boyd
- **Altar Guild:** Sue Boyd
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Servant Team Leaders for May 5:** Gene & Dee Eilers

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