

June 2, 2019



CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY – JUNE 2 —Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Summer Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45 am VBS Volunteer Training (FH)

MONDAY—JUNE 3

9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting

TUESDAY - JUNE 4

6:00 pm AA (Mark/Matthew)

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 5

10:15 am Staff Meeting (Office)

THURSDAY - JUNE 6

7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)
5:00 pm Youth Pool Party (Ruff House)

FRIDAY - JUNE 7

9:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

SATURDAY - JUNE 8

Youth Mission Trip Departure Day
8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

SUNDAY – JUNE 9 —Day of Pentecost

9:30 am Summer Worship (Sanctuary)

Weekly Connections Deadline—Tuesdays at Noon

Remember to wear RED on Sunday June 9

We Remember in our Prayers

- Richard Andersen—Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Denny Carrow (Jennie & Scott Stemm’s Brother in Law) – Battling Cancer
- Friends & Family of Rev. John Cockram – Mourning his death
- Angel Cross (Friend of Susan & Steve Johnson) – Health concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsy (Friend of Frances DeBruyn) – Health concerns
- 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
- Nancy Horrocks (Friend of Lois Lucas) – Health concerns
- Rebecca Jensen (Friend of Barbara Brooks) – Recovering from hip replacement
- Scott Johnson (Son of Steve & Susan Johnson) - Health concerns
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn –Health concerns
- Shirley Koch – Health concerns
- 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
- Pastor Dennis Morreim (Friend of Bob & Myrna Ulland)- Recovering from heart surgery
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Terry Powers (Niece of Marty & Gordon Lindert) – Battling cancer
- Family & Friends of Mark Rogers (Friend of Frances DeBruyn) – Mourning his death
- Janice Rogers (Friend of Frances DeBruyn) – Mourning her husband’s death
- Becky Schmidt (Niece of Barbara Brooks) – Health concerns
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns



Prayer Requests

Email 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

VBS Book Drive 2019

Help us support this year's VBS Children's Book Drive! For the fourth year, our VBS Mission Project is once again a book drive for the purpose of helping improve literacy in the Phoenix core area.

Books for elementary aged kids are our focus during VBS but we always accept any book donations. Books should be new or gently used (meaning no rips, tears, writing or worm holes!) Last year, we collected 917 books during this drive. Can we meet or exceed this in 2019?



Through our church's relationship with the Assistance League of Phoenix, these books find their way to several different agencies in our community, including K-8 students in Title I schools where 90% of the children qualify for free and reduced lunches, ICM (Interfaith Cooperative Ministries) Food & Clothing Bank and UMOM New Day Center. We have received another Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 to help purchase new books for this drive, which we will do through our connection with First Book.

Bring your new or gently used books to the church through June 23rd. Watch for the special display area as VBS begins to take shape! Help us support our VBS kids mission project and share the importance of a book in the hands of a child.

Contact Information Updates

Have you recently moved? Changed phone numbers? Updated your email address?

Are you leaving for cooler climates this summer?

We want to stay in touch!

If you have any updates to your contact information please contact the church office at office@lwlcaz.org



Vacation Bible School— June 17—21, 2019

Register at lwlc.org/vbs

Deadline to Register is Today June 2

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 lwlc.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. *Volunteer training will be held on today at 10:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. Brunch will be served.*

See you in Athens! Kris Crow – kcrow737@gmail.com & Janice Moore – jlb.moore@yahoo.com

The Parking Lot is Getting a Facelift!

Adopt a Parking Spot

- The cracks will all be filled
- The entire lot will be seal coated
- Parking spaces will be restriped
 - The red curbs will be painted
- Handicap spots will be freshened up

All of this for less than \$75 per parking space! The maintenance fund could use some help, consider helping out with one or more parking spots.



BRIDGE

A fun evening is in the cards on June 21

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, June 21, starting at 7:00 pm. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The Wehrs will email you directions to their home. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill (480-515-4813). Please contact Richard or Jill Wehr .



POOLSIDE GET TOGETHER FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 5-12



Come and relax with friends, enjoy a pizza dinner, talk about faith and life, and then jump in the pool!

Please bring your swimsuit and towel.

Where: The home of the Ruff family

When: Thursdays, June 6 and 20 from 5-8pm



Studies



Men's Breakfast

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

**Adult Forum, Tuesday Women's Bible Study, & Sunday School
will resume in September**

Summer Bible Study Opportunity for Tuesday Women

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

Join us for a special summer session of our Tuesday Women's Bible Study at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center. Following our study, we'll have lunch. Mark your calendars now and look for a reminder from Myrna Ulland in early July. We'll need to confirm our lunch reservations by July 16th.

The summer issues of Gather magazine (June and July/August) feature a three-session study on the book of Esther, one of the latest writings of the Old Testament. Esther was perhaps written to inspire Jews who had been scattered in the diaspora. The narrative takes place in the court of the King of Persia, King Ahasuerus. Some think that it was written to explain and establish the Jewish festival of Purim. This three session-study is written by Kay Ward, a retired bishop of the Moravian Church who now lives in Watertown, Wisconsin. Kay was the first woman to be elected a bishop in the 541 years of the Moravian Church. We will use all three sessions when we meet on July 23.

Session one: For such a time as this: Esther the queen—Voices in the king's court

Session one sets the scene for the story of Esther and her adopted father, Mortecai. Esther and Mortecai are Jews living under the rule of the Persian king, King Ahasuerus. When Esther becomes the queen, her faith is tested. The Jews, those who have been carried off from their homeland, struggle with living as strangers in a foreign land. In this session you'll think about how our culture may challenge our faith.

Session two: For such a time as this: Esther saves the Jews—Finding our voices

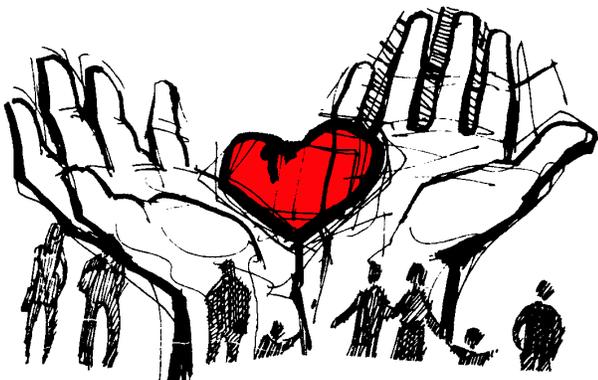
In session two we learn how, when the Jews are threatened, Esther uses her strong faith and the love of her people to embolden her to act. Through some clever schemes, intelligence and a realistic assessment of her situation, Esther is able to save her people. "For such a time as this" is Mortecai's gentle reminder to Esther that God has placed her in the king's court to use her voice. How might God be reminding us of our need to find our voice as we live out our faith?

Session three: For such a time as this: Remembering Esther: Using our voices

In session three, we'll examine the last chapters of the book of Esther, which are full of hope for the future for the Jews. The defeat of their enemies is to be celebrated in a feast, the festival of Purim. Directions are given for the celebration of the festival. As women of faith, full of love for God and others, we will consider ways to find and use our voices in our present circumstances - "for such a time as this."

9:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Sue & Charles Boyd
- **Usher/Greeter:** Sue & Charles Boyd, Ed & Darrell Shipley
- **Communion Servers:** Sue & Charles Boyd, Ed & Darrell Shipley
- **Lector:** Ed Kilburn
- **Altar Guild:** Carolyn Stock & Donna Petten-gill
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon, Carol Gasser, Cindy Ophaug
- **Servant Team Leaders for June 9:** Denny Dumler



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:

167 (9:30 am)

General Fund: \$9,441

Building Fund: \$70

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