



June 23, 2019

CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY – JUNE 23 —VBS Celebration Sunday

9:30 am VBS Celebration Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY—JUNE 24

9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting

TUESDAY - JUNE 25

6:00 pm AA (Mark/Matthew)

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 26

10:15 am Staff Meeting (Office)

THURSDAY - JUNE 27

Parking Lot Maintenance—Lot Closed

7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)

FRIDAY - JUNE 28

Parking Lot Maintenance—Lot Closed

9:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

SATURDAY - JUNE 29

8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

SUNDAY – JUNE 30 —Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Summer Worship (Sanctuary)

Weekly Connections Deadline—Tuesdays at Noon

We Remember in our Prayers

- Family & Friends of Rev. Richard Andersen – Mourning his death
- Joyce Bash – Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Denny Carrow (Jennie & Scott Stemm's Brother in Law) – Battling Cancer
- Family & Friends of Rev. John Cockram – Mourning his death
- Beckett Elias Dallmann (Grandson of Mitch & Marti Novak) – In thanksgiving of the birth of the Novak's new grandson Beckett
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joe Franck (Brother of Kathie Roenigk) – Recovering from surgery
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- George P. Gorinac (Relative of Dominique Gorinac) – Health concerns
- George M. Gorinac (Relative of Dominique Gorinac) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Dean Greenstreet (Shirley Perry's brother) – Mourning his death
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Scott Johnson (Son of Steve & Susan Johnson) – Health concerns
- Tom Kelland – Health concerns
- Michael Kieffer – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn – Health concerns
- Jenna Knauss (Granddaughter of Gene & Shirley Perry) – Health concerns
- Shirley Koch – Health concerns
- Delores Larson (Friend of Julie Ann Walker) – Recovering from fall/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
- 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
- Davis Shelmire – Recovering from jaw surgery
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Couetts) – Battling cancer
- Dean Watt (Son-in-law of Judy Tornowske) – Health concerns
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Katie Wiest Hanson (Friend of Lee & Sue Stenehjem) – Mourning her death

Prayer Requests

Email Prayer@lwlcwz.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

MOPs & MOMSnext Group

Join us in September!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, and by preschoolers we mean kiddos from birth through kindergarten. MOMSnext is the next step with school-aged kids. A MOPS & MOMSnext group is an open, accepting place for all mothers to experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope. ***We meet from 9:30-11:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month starting in September. Childcare is Free!***



Consider joining us this fall and/or inviting your friends and neighbors!

For more information visit: www.lwlcaz.org/mops or

Contact Pastor Shari for more details: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

VBS Book Drive 2019—Today is the last day to donate!

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.

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



The Parking Lot is Getting a Facelift!

Maintenance Notice: Thursday June 27 and Friday June 28

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.

The maintenance will be taking place on Thursday June 27 & Friday June 28. You will be able to park on the side road adjacent to the church.



Sign Up for the Campus Crew!

Are you handy? Do you know how to paint or hammer? We would love to have you as a part of our new Campus Crew. We rely on many volunteers at Living Water to keep our campus looking top-notch. If you are interested in joining the Campus Crew—please sign up in the Narthex. Ron Ophaug is leading the crew and will contact you when a project comes up.



BRIDGE

Are you up for some matinee bridge?

The Living Water Bridge Group is trying something different in July. Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun afternoon of party bridge at the home of Ron and Karen Roessler on *Thursday, July 18, starting at 1:30 pm*. Dinner at a restaurant afterward is optional. Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. The hosts will send you driving directions in mid-July. For more information on this monthly fellowship opportunity, please contact Richard or Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).



PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

What is a Prayer Partner Program?

The purpose of a Prayer Partner Program is to set in motion faith mentor relationships between adults and kids. By matching a child/youth with an adult in the congregation, we are providing the child with another adult in their life who knows their name, cares about them, offers security, assures them they are not alone facing day-to-day challenges; and makes them feel that they matter.

What does a Prayer Partner do?

- Fill out a “Discovering Your Interests” form and place in basket in narthex.
- Wait until Pastor Shari contacts you with the name of your Prayer Partner.
- Pray for your Prayer Partner.
- When you see your Prayer Partner at a church event, check in with them and see how they are doing, and ask how you can pray for them.

Can I be a Prayer Partner?

Yes, all kids and adults can be Prayer Partners. Please note, if you are an adult who has not received a background check yet this year at Living Water, Pastor Shari or Financial Manager, Greysen West will be happy to give you the form to get that simple process started.

Please contact Pastor Shari: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org if you have additional questions



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

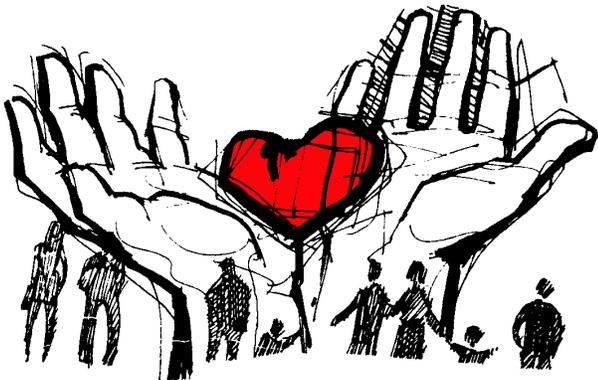
In session two we learn how, when the Jews are threatened, Esther uses her strong faith and the love of her people to embolden her to act. Through some clever schemes, intelligence and a realistic assessment of her situation, Esther is able to save her people. "For such a time as this" is Mortecai's 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:** Don & Patti Pick
- **Usher/Greeter:** Don & Patti Pick, Phil & Jeri Pounds
- **Communion Servers:** Don & Patti Pick, Phil & Jeri Pounds
- **Lector:** VBS Children
- **Altar Guild:** Penny Kilburn
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** VBS Team
- **Servant Team Leaders for June 30:** Lee & Sue Stenehjem



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:

153 (9:30 am)

General Fund: \$14,028

Building Fund: \$75

Ministers: All the members of Living Water

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