

October 2019

Splash!

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."
John 4:14

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

8:30 am Liturgical Worship

9:45 am Adult Forum & Family Sunday School

11:00 am Praise Worship



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We Remember in our Prayers

- Marisah (Family Friend of Marti Novak) – Health concerns
- Becky Bliefernich (Niece of Barbara Brooks)– Battling cancer
- Nancy Blazer – Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Denny Carrow (Jennie & Scott Stemm's Brother in Law) – Battling Cancer
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling Cancer
- Bernie Eccles (Friend of Linda & Larry Coutts) – Battling Cancer
- Jinhong Fan (Sister-in-law of Kristin Smith) - Battling Cancer
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Scott Johnson (Son of Steve & Susan Johnson) – Health concerns
- Tom Kelland – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn –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
- Family & Friends of Ruth Moll (Mother of Sue Brash) - Mourning her death—now in the arms of Jesus at the age of 100
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Barbara Pick (Mother of Don Pick) Recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Darell & Darlene Powers (Relatives of Marty Lindert) – Health concerns
- Family & Friends of Reed Sell – Mourning his death
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Dean Watt (Son-in-law of Judy Tornowske) – Health concerns
- Kelly Watt (Daughter of Judy Tornowske) – Health concerns –
- Family & Friends of Jane Warnock (Mike Handley's niece) - Mourning her death
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) - Health concerns

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcaz.org or fill one out at lwlcaz.org

Happy Birthday!

Nicholas	Ingwersen	10/1
Lee	Landon	10/1
Pete	Pritts	10/1
DJ	Johnson	10/3
Davis	Shelmire	10/3
Lily	Shelmire	10/3
Janelle	Swenson	10/3
Marcia	Page	10/4
Michelle	Ruha	10/4
Julie Ann	Walker	10/4
Jeanne	Donars	10/8
Larry	Coutts	10/9
Joy	Gallimore	10/9
Patty	Sell	10/9
Kip	Wachter	10/9
Donna	Pettengill	10/10
Mason	Rossmann	10/11
Barb	Bremer	10/12
Ronald	Ophaug	10/12



Lisa	Sleeper	10/14
Kaden	Roos	10/15
Barbara	Brooks	10/16
Zoey	Crow	10/16
Marcella	Lindert	10/17
Claudia	Igras	10/18
Gordon	Lindert	10/18
Aubrey	Coutts	10/19
Brad	Thompson	10/21
Lynda	Cadden	10/23
Darnell	Pettengill	10/24
Mike	Sadler	10/24
Kristin	Smith	10/25
Norb	Schroeder	10/26
Diane	Sundquist	10/27
Michael	Alberti	10/28
Miriam	Bernau	10/30
Frank	Stock	10/30
Tim	Mouer	10/31

Please call the office if your birthday is not listed, and we will make sure to enter it into our database.

A Message from Pastor Shari

The first annual Confirmation Retreat was held on the weekend of September 7-8, and we had a great time!

It all started with loading our cars with sleeping bags, backpacks, duffle bags and lots of food in the church parking lot on Saturday morning. Then, after a prayer and goodbye hugs to moms and dads; nine kids and three adults headed north.

When we arrived, Denny Dumler greeted us warmly to his cabin, which is located in Pine, AZ surrounded by woods and animals. It was a beautiful day and everyone was excited to get out of the car and step into the cooler weather.

By the time we had come up with a covenant of how we were going to live together peacefully that weekend, Julie Ann Walker had already made us a delicious lunch followed by some homemade chocolate chip cookies that were quickly devoured by all of us.

During the day we spent time getting to know each other better through team challenges, a class, a hike, games, crafts, rescuing a dog, eating more delicious food by J.A. and worship. When it was finally time to hit the hay and go to sleep, the kids had bonded so well that they wanted to stay up and have more fun. Even though the adults were super tired, we could all agree that the retreat was a success!

A huge thank you goes to Denny Dumler for offering his cabin and letting 11 of us take it over for 24 hours. Also, thank you to Julie Ann Walker for providing all of the meals and treats we could ever want. And, thank you to Jason Handley for helping with driving, which meant he was in the car for 8 hours that weekend.

Now that we are back in the valley and ready to start confirmation class on September 22, it is nice to know that the students enjoy each other's company and that they will look forward to seeing each other for classes this year. They are a great group of kids and I look forward to leading the class with the help of Denny Dumler and Tracey Kontz this year. We are off to a great start!

Pastor Shari Bernau





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish describes the work of behind-the-scenes servants he counts on seeing on every week.

Q. I'm amazed by how quickly my offering checks are processed? How does the office staff process them so quickly?

A. Greysen, our Finance and Building Manager, and Marie, our Office Manager, are indeed remarkably efficient. But they're only part of the equation in terms of your weekly offering. As the office fish, I can personally vouch that Living Water has an A+ process based on a separation of duties and the involvement of different people. A key component of this checks-and-balances system is our counting team, which consists of two regular counters and three substitutes.

Living Water's counting process begins with two counters opening offering envelopes and sorting checks and cash into different batches (General Fund, Building Fund, special donations, etc.). They tally everything, including loose plate offering, and write batch subtotals and the grand total on a form for Greysen. He also uses the empty offering envelopes to record individual giving. (FYI, it expedites the counting process if check writers use an offering envelope with their name and offering amount written on it.) Greysen enters all the data into his computer and verifies the counters' batch subtotals and grand total.

The counters generally wrap up their work in 30-90 minutes, depending on the season. The advent of online giving, which bypasses the counting process, has somewhat reduced their workload. Currently, fewer than 10% of Living Water's households use this form of giving. If you're interested in checking out this option, click on "ONLINE GIVING" on the church website. The forthcoming Living Water app will make the giving process even easier. For instance, if you want to support a special cause but don't have your checkbook on Sunday morning, you'll be able to send funds instantly with your smart phone. Stay tuned for details!

Do you have a question for Zeke? E-mail it to him at AskZeke@cox.net or contact his writing partner, Jill Wehr, at 480-515-4813.



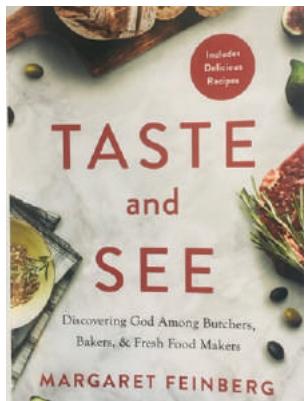
Bible Studies & Retreats

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Soul Cafe

Join us each Thursday at 7:30 am at Soul Cafe
(Pinnacle Peak, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY



Our Tuesday Women's Bible Study will finish up the last 3 sessions of our six-week video series on "Taste and See: Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers" in October. Author Margaret Feinberg's delightful curiosity and whimsical humor is helping us learn to nurture deeper connections around any table and discover the satisfying, fruitful life we've been created for. The study is also sprinkled with delicious recipes and tangible insights. It's at the table where we learn to taste and see the goodness of God. There's a place set just for you. Starting on October 22nd, we'll delve into a 3-week study from the Gather magazine titled "No hard feelings?" This study, written by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, focuses on the stewardship of emotions, including the angst of anger, the ache of grief and the gift of joy. All three sessions use the Psalms. This study appears in the Sept, Oct, and Nov. 2019 issues of Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA. Bring your issue if you subscribe! There are a few complimentary copies of the magazine on the counter in the church's entryway for non-subscribers. Copies of the study material only will be provided if needed. We meet at 10 am every Tuesday morning for approximately 90 minutes. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate is always on. Tuesday Women's Bible Study is open to all women. Bring your favorite Bible translation (electronic or paper) and bring a friend. Questions?

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Questions: contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com or 218-340-6735

Adult Forum - October Schedule & Topics

Sundays at 9:45 am in the Education Building



October 6 – Lutheran SWAG - Who is Luther? Presented by: Steve Cornils

October 13- What is a Lutheran? Presented by: Steve Cornils

October 20 - Adult Education at Living Water. Presented by: Rev. Gene Perry

We will discussing the future of Adult Education at Living Water and asking participants input on a Mission Statement

October 27 - Liturgical Practices - Why We Do What We Do. Presented by: Jim Hanson



**Our next monthly WAVE event will be
Wednesday October 2 at 5 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME**

5 PM - 6 PM Bingo for all ages!

6 PM to 6:40 PM Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, and Fruit

6:40 PM to 7:00 PM Worship

YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

**EVERY SUNDAY
9:45 - 10:45 AM
KIDS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME!**



At 9:45 am

Adults, and Kids (3 years old and up) meet together for the opening of Sunday School in the Matthew/Mark rooms

At 10:15 am

Club 5 & UP (Adults, and Kids in 5th grade and up) move to Esther room

Communion Class - October 5

Kids starting first grade and up (and their parents) are invited to participate in our Communion Class! **This class is for children who have been baptized, and would like to learn more about what this sacrament means for our faith.** This class will include a time of learning and sharing, arts and crafts and even some baking. Upon completion of the class, we will celebrate Holy Communion together in worship.

Communion Class: Saturday, October 5: 10 – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Receive Communion: Sunday, October 6 at 8:30 am or 11:00 am Worship



(Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend class with child).

NEW MEMBER *Orientation*



October 12 @ 4pm

Sign up in the Narthex or online at
lwlcaz.org/signups/newmember



News & Events

♥ ♦ BRIDGE ♣ ♠

A fun evening is in the cards on Oct. 11

Former, current, and prospective bridge players of all levels are invited to a fun evening of party bridge at the home of Bob and Myrna Ulland starting at 7:00 on Friday, Oct. 11 (a week earlier than the group's usual third Friday gathering). Simply 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).

Our LWLC Ongoing Book Drive

Thanks to this summer's VBS staff and students another record-breaking number of books have been distributed to grateful persons in need. A majority of children's books went immediately to ICM Food & Clothing Bank where neighborhood children were fed sack lunches and given a choice of book to own. Religious books were delivered to the UMOM New Day Centers' chapel; and it was reported they were especially pleased because their supply of children's books had been depleted. So, this is a reminder to please keep Phoenix children in mind as you shop.



Great Gatherings Activity -November 3

Join us for a fun evening of Glow Mini Golf and Tacos! Inside and under Air Conditioning! Shotgun Starts at 3:00 PM. Tacos to follow. Wear your brightest Fluorescent colored apparel and add to the fun. Fun for all ages. Arrive early for your assigned "starting hole". Taco Bar catered by "Café Rio". \$26 pp.



Deadline for signup is October 20, 2019. **40 Spaces available**, so sign up early!

Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019

Address: 9160 E. Shea Blvd., Scottsdale, AZ (NW Corner of 92nd St. and Shea)

Time: 2:45 PM SHARP!

MOPS & MOMSnext

Are you a mother or know a mother of preschool
or school age children?



Next meetings October 3 & 24

MOPS & MOMSNEXT

Two years ago, Living Water Lutheran Church started our MOPS & MOMSnext Program. We would love for you to spread the word about this amazing program!

What is MOPS & MOMSnext?

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. We are an open, accepting group for all mothers to experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help, and spiritual hope.

We meet from 9:30-11:30am on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Childcare is Free!

Check out www.lwlcaz.org/mops for Fall 2019 dates and to register

Questions? Contact Pastor Shari Bernau

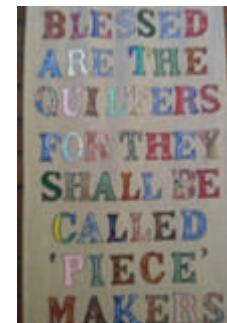
pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

480.473.8400

Piece-Makers Mission Quilting in October

We're ready to tie quilts that have been assembled during the summer. The fabric for the quilt tops/bottoms and batting (the middle "filler") was supported with gifts received when we blessed our quilts last April! Join us on Wednesday, October 9th and again on Wednesday, October 23rd.

Come and tie quilts with us! No special skill needed. We will teach you! We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am to about noon. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be on. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits



Prayers for Active Military Members

We would like to recognize all of the Active Military Members that members of our Living Water Lutheran Community would like us to place on the prayer list. Please send any requests to office@lwlcaz.org.



Beauty From Ashes

Isaiah 61:1-11

Grand Canyon Synod Women's Fall Retreat for all women

November 8-9, 2019
Love of Christ Lutheran Church
1525 N Power Rd, Mesa AZ 85205

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Canon Debbie Royals

\$45 registration fee includes Saturday lunch. Hotel accommodations are not included in registration. We've provided a link to area hotels.

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- Music
 - Devotions
 - Movement
 - Workshops
 - Communion
 - Fellowship

Come be renewed and restored, ready to respond

For more details and to register online,
go to our website:
grandcanyonwomen.org/events/

Registration forms also available from
your church women's ministry contact



2nd Annual PET FESTIVAL

A free, family-friendly community event
featuring furry friends & more

Blessing of the Animals Rescued Native Wildlife

Courtesy of the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center

Elvis the Camel

Nickel the miniature horse

Kiddos can take a ride in a cart pulled by Nickel

Music & Refreshments

Sunday November 17

1 pm to 4 pm

Living Water Lutheran Church

9201 E. Happy Valley Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85255

(On Happy Valley Rd. 1/2 Mile East of Pima Rd)

All Pets and People Welcome!

Pets MUST be leashed or otherwise secured.

Sponsored by P.A.C.E (Pro-active Community Engagement Team)



Youth Fundraiser: Casserole Sale - October 27

We have a Casserole Sale coming up on Sunday, October 27 at 9:30 am and we hope you can join us! This is a fundraiser for our 2020 Youth Mission Trip and Youth Quake. There are two different ways you can support our youth and participate in this fundraiser.

#1: You can donate your favorite casserole (or two). In the middle of October, please look for a sign-up, instructions and pans to take home. We make it very easy!



#2: You can purchase a casserole (or two) on Sunday, October 27 at 9:30am. All you will have to do is take it home and put it in the oven. In fact, you can take more than one home and put them in the freezer for easy meals in the future. We will have two different options for purchase. A round casserole will be \$15 and a 9x13 size casserole will be \$25.

Confirmation Sunday - November 3 @ 8:30 am Service

Three confirmation students will be confirmed on Sunday, November 3 at the 8:30 am service with a reception following in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we celebrate with them and their families on this very special milestone in their faith lives.



Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 2	WAVE MONTHLY PROGRAM 5 PM (FH)
OCTOBER 3	MOPS/MOMSnext MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 5	COMMUNION CLASS 10 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 6	CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 PM (YOUTH ROOM)
OCTOBER 9	PIECE-MAKERS MISSION QUILTING 9 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 9	ADULT EDUCATION MEETING (ESTHER)
OCTOBER 11	BRIDGE 7 PM (ULLAND'S HOUSE)
OCTOBER 12	NEW MEMBER CLASS ORIENTATION & DINNER 4 PM (FH)
OCTOBER 20	SPLASH! NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
OCTOBER 20	CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 PM (YOUTH ROOM)
OCTOBER 21	COUNCIL MEETING 6 PM (ESTHER)
OCTOBER 23	PIECE-MAKERS MISSION QUILTING 9 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 24	MOPS/MOMSnext MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 26	FALL LEADERSHIP MEETING 9 AM (FH)
OCTOBER 27	YOUTH FUNDRAISER: CASSEROLE SALE 9:30 AM (COURTYARD)



Weekly Events

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday 10 am (FH)

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wednesday 7pm (Psalms Room)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursday 7:30 am (Soul Cafe)

FRIDAY MORNING CLUB
Friday 10:00 am (FH)

ADULT FORUM & SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday 9:45 am

WORSHIP
Sunday 8:30 am (Liturgical Worship)
Sunday 11 am (Praise Worship)

Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MESSAGE

Consecration Sunday is on November 10

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Our congregation's stewardship committee has once again selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people who feel strongly opposed to completing a card to attend. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to complete a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During November 10 morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship and attend Consecration Sunday Brunch between services at 9:45 am.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events!
Bob Ulland, Council President