

November 24, 2019



CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 24—Thankoffering Sunday

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum/Sunday School
- 9:45 am Advent Fair (Ed Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY - NOVEMBER 25

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 26

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 1:00 pm Joyful Sounds Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm AA (Mark/Matthew)

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 27

- 9:00 am Piece-Makers Quilting (FH)
- 1:00 pm Joyful Sounds Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Choir (Psalms)

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 28

- 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (Soul Café)
- 9:30 am MOPS Meeting (FH)

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 29

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)
- 10:00 am Living Art at Hidden in the Hills (Meet at LWLC)

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 30

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 1

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum/Sunday School
- 9:45 am Advent Fair (Ed Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)

We Remember in our Prayers

- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Battling cancer
- Becky Bliefernich (Niece of Barbara Brooks)– Battling cancer
- Nancy Blazer – Health concerns
- Doug Burnett (Friend of Phil & Nancy Rogers) – Battling Cancer
- Collin Cassem -Active Military Member
- JoAnn Dearing (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Health concerns – 11.2
- 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
- David Fernandez - Active Military Member
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Matt and Kristen Garrett (husband and wife) - Active Military Members
- Celia Giontzeneli – Health concerns
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Al Hopkins (cousin-in-law of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) - Battling cancer
- Scott Johnson (Son of Steve & Susan Johnson) – Health concerns
- Tom Kelland – Health concerns
- Penny Kilburn – Health concerns
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Lois and Jay Lucas) – Health concerns
- Maren McKay (Daughter of Lance & Carol Jacobson) – Health Concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Stepdaughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Elsa Nelson (Daughter of Celia Giontzeneli) – Health concerns
- Jeff Novak (Son-in-law of Mike & Lou Handley) - Health concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown) - Health concerns
- Michael Steele (Friend of the Coutts) – Battling cancer
- Karlene Wenz (Wife of Mike Kieffer) - Health concerns
- Lew Wilson (friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) - Battling cancer
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) - Health concerns



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News & Events

TUESDAY WOMEN'S STUDY IN DECEMBER

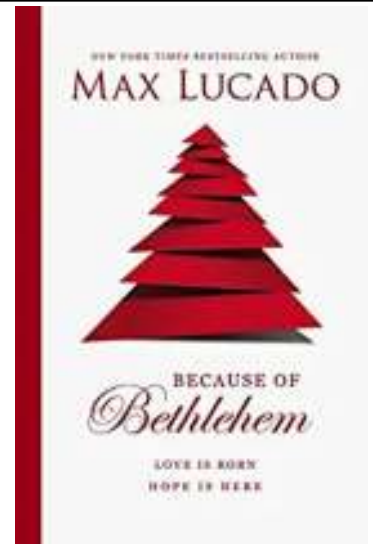
We plan to finish up the video series from Max Lucado, "Because of Bethlehem," on December 3rd.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, join us for an Advent devotion study based on Isaiah.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 we will convene at 10 am for a Christmas morning pot-luck brunch, followed by a short program.

Then, we're on a holiday break for 2 weeks, and will resume a new study series on January 6, 2020.

We meet at 10 am every Tuesday morning for approximately 90 minutes, in the Fellowship Hall. 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? Contact Myrna Ulland myrna.ulland@gmail.com



Piecemakers Quilting in December

We're continuing to tie quilts that have been assembled. The fabric for the quilt tops/bottoms and batting (the middle "filler") is supported with gifts received when we blessed our quilts last April! Join us on Wednesday, December 4th and again on Wednesday, December 18th.

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, Lois Lucas or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry supporting Lutheran World Relief at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits



MOPs & MOMSnext Group

Next meeting December 5 @ 9:30 am

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.

Childcare is Free!

Consider joining us 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



Christ the King Sunday

This church holiday was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. Writing in the aftermath of World War I, Pius noted that while there had been a cessation of hostilities, there was no true peace. He deplored the rise of class divisions and unbridled nationalism, and he held that true peace can only be found under the Kingship of Christ as "Prince of Peace". The Pope wrote, "For Jesus Christ reigns over the minds of individuals by His teachings, in their hearts by His love, in each one's life by the living according to His law and the imitating of His example."

Christ the King Sunday has since been adopted by other Christian denominations as well. It marks the end of the church year before the season of Advent of the new church year. The purpose of this day is to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the "King of all kings" and it was originally intended as a way to bring God back into a secular world. The items on display by the baptismal font include a crown and scepter for his kingship and a cross to remind us of his sacrifice for our salvation.



--Liturgical Arts

Christmas Cantata rehearsals are starting!

The choir has begun rehearsing for our annual Christmas Cantata. If you are interested in singing with us, it is a short-term commitment. Rehearsals are held at 7pm on Wednesday evenings in Psalms, and include one Saturday rehearsal on December 21st. The choir cantata will be presented at both worship services on December 22nd.

For more information, please speak with Marcie Donavon, 602-321-2561, or email MLC123@cox.net.

THANK YOU 🙏 **THANK YOU** 🙏 **THANK YOU**

The PACE Committee would like to thank the following people who helped make this year's Pet Festival a big success. We had about 50 LWLC people and 60-65 new faces from the community.

The following were instrumental in planning and setting up:

Jay and Linda Hoenig, Marty and Gordon Lindert, Dennis and Terry Nelson, Raelene Peterson, and Phil Pounds.

The amazing animal cookies were provided by:

Deb Bash, Joyce Bash, Nancy Rogers, Lynda Cales, Kay Boner, Myrna Ulland, Leila Burrus, Marty Lindert, Jill Wehr, Sue Brash, Laura Shen, Barb Hannan, Donna Pettengill.

Thanks to Dan Weibe for providing wonderful festive music in the courtyard, and Pastors Mark and Dennis for Blessing all the canine friends (and one guinea pig) with Terry Nelson handing out Blessing Certificates. Linda Hoenig had a kraft table for kids to make hand puppets.

Kim Carr of the SW Wildlife Conservatory brought "Soot" the red tail hawk, "Bob" the squirrel and a tortoise. Lori Bridwell of Az Cowboy College brought "Zuni" the mustang and "Nickel" the white miniature horse. Nickel provided cart rides for the kids. Dave and Liz Gilkey worked with Lori showing Zuni and Nickel

We appreciate your time and talents and willingness to help serve LWLC.

PACE Committee
Richard and Jill Wehr
DAVE and Liz Gilkey
Lee and Sue Stenehjem



Advent Party

Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 pm

Spirit in the Desert

7415 E Elbow Bend Road

Carefree, AZ 85377

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Our annual Advent Party will be hosted by Spirit in the Desert. Donations will be accepted in thanks for their hospitality. Please bring either an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. Also, this is a BYOB (bring your own beverage) event. The sign up sheet is in the kiosk in the narthex. Please note the specific dish you will bring on the sign up sheet. This is always a well intended event and a great way to get to know your Living Water family. .

Gratitude Stones:

A Hands-on Activity for Developing Thankfulness

In the narthex is a poster and bowls containing pouches of "Gratitude Stones". They are a great way to stimulate a thankful heart this Thanksgiving season. Read the poem and application ideas on the poster and help yourself to a bag of gratitude stones to take home and use this week. Taking pictures with your phone of the ideas on the poster can help you remember them for your use at home. These Gratitude Stones are from one of the Prayer Altars done at the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Retreat earlier this month.

--Terry Nelson, Retreat Committee Member

Today is Women of the ELCA's "Thankoffering" Sunday

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA and Living Water Lutheran Church has an active WELCA unit. If you're a woman from Living Water and involved in any aspect of our women's ministry, you are a participant in Women of the ELCA. Today, we are joining Lutheran women who gather in over 7,000 locations across the U.S. and the Caribbean in a "thankoffering." Each year, Thankofferings are collected in a tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. The Thankofferings collected support the life-changing ministries of our churchwide Women of the ELCA and help ensure the future. For more than a century, Thankofferings have been a mainstay of our beloved community of women created in the image of God. These generous gifts support the ongoing ministries of Women of the ELCA, ensuring that future generations of our Lutheran sisters can also rejoice in their turn with this wonderful community of women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Thankofferings of any amount are encouraged. **You'll find a special blue envelope in today's bulletin.**



Place your envelope in the offering plate along with your regular gift to Living Water Lutheran.

If you're writing a check for the Thankoffering, you can make it payable either to Living Water Lutheran or to the Women of the ELCA.

If you're not ready to make a Thankoffering today and would like to consider what your Thankoffering might be, we kindly ask that you submit your offering in the blue envelope before the end of December.

Thank you for helping support the Women of the ELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities

Join us to make Lefse in December

At the home of Myrna and Bob Ulland

Lefse (leff'-sah) is a traditional Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, flour, cream, butter, and a little salt and sugar. It's much like a soft tortilla and eaten with a meal or as a little dessert, spread with butter and sprinkled with white or brown sugar or topped with your favorite jam or jelly. It's traditionally made and enjoyed around the holidays. This December, Ullands are hosting three lefse-making sessions at their home in Legend Trail to introduce you to lefse (if you've never made it or tried it) or to "get your lefse on" if you love the stuff! We'll gather on **Sunday evening, Dec. 1 at 7 pm; Monday evening, December 2 at 7 pm; and Thursday, December 5 at 2 pm.** Space is limited to about 8 people each session to allow for "hands on" fun and learning! Sign up on the sheets in the narthex. Remember that old adage, "Lefse is for lovers!"





Studies



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Join us next Thursday (December 5) at 7:30 am at Soul Café
(Pinnacle Peak, 7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)



YOU ARE INVITED TO FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT 9:45-10:45 AM KIDS AND 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) in **Ruth** room

8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** DJ Johnson
- **Usher/Greeter:** Tim and Leslie Mouer
- **Communion Servers:** Darnell and Donna Petten-gill
- **Lector:** Frances DeBruyn
- **Altar Guild:** Penny Kilburn and Barb Bremer
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Acolyte:**
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon & Carol Jacobson
- **Servant Team Leaders for November 24:** DJ Johnson

11 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Sue & Charlie Boyd
- **Usher/Greeter:** Michael Winter and DJ Johnson
- **Communion Servers:** LeAnn Land and Jan Johnson
- **Lector:** Patti Pick
- **Altar Guild:** Darrell Shipley
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Servant Team Leaders for November 24:** Sue and Charlie Boyd

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:

155 (8:30 am) 38 (11 am)

General Fund: \$8062

Building Fund: \$236

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