

# February 2, 2020

# CONNECTIONS

**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 2 — Bishop Hutterer preaches, Souperbowl Sunday**

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum (Ed. Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)

**MONDAY - FEBRUARY 3**

- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting

**TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 4**

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 pm AA (Matthew/Mark)
- 7:00 pm First Living Last Supper rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 5**

- 9:00 am Piece Makers Mission Quilting (FH)
- 5:00 pm Wave Monthly Gathering
- 7:00 pm Choir (Psalms)

**THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 6**

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)
- 9:30 am MOPS Meeting (Psalms)
- 1:00 pm Adult Education Team

**FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 7 Office Closed**

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)

**SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 8**

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9**

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Family Sunday School (Ed. Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class (Youth Room)

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at Noon\*



# *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
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling Cancer
- Jinhong Fan (Sister-in-law of Kristin Smith) – Battling Cancer
- David Fernandez – Active Military Member
- Mary Anne Fisher (Tracy Paul's Aunt) – Heart issues
- Jeanne Folmer (Niece of Sue & Lee Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Joy Gallimore – Health Concerns
- Matt and Kristen Garrett (husband and wife) – Active Military Members
- 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
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Lois and Jay Lucas) – Health concerns
- Lynne Mohr (Stepdaughter of Carol Gasser) – Battling cancer
- Annika Nelson & Family (Heidi Ruff's cousin's daughter) – Health concerns
- Richard Reeder Sr. (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Health concerns
- Sunny – friend of Frances DeBruyn – Auto Accident
- Jay Van (Iris Van's son) – Health concerns
- Lew Wilson (friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) – Health concerns
- Family and Friends of Jeanne Morreim (Friend of Myrna and Bob Ulland)—  
Passed Away





# News & Events

## Living Water Scholarship Proposal

A member of our congregation has proposed creating a **Living Water college scholarship program** for the youth of our church. The program would have a Matching Financial Gift Component and be funded entirely by donations, not from the church budget.

The purpose of the Living Water scholarship program is to share the love of Christ by making a difference in the lives of young people in our congregation who are pursuing further education after high school. We believe that hope, confidence, opportunities, the ability to dream and succeed are the blessings that can come from an education. The benefits of such a program would be very rewarding to everyone involved.

Financial scholarships would be awarded to deserving first year students attending a college or trade school. Scholarship requests would go through an application process and be reviewed by the pastors and members of a Scholarship Team.

All members of Living Water should be receiving a survey very soon to gather your input on this proposal. **Please take the time to complete the survey.** In the interim, please feel free to provide any feedback, ideas or address your questions to

**Pastor Shari at the church office: 480-473-8400**

or at [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org).



## Graduations

Will you or someone in your family be celebrating a Graduation this spring? If so, please let Pastor Shari know, as your church family would like to celebrate with you! [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)



## Bridge Group: Enjoy cards & culinary delights on Feb. 21

Have you been thinking about checking out the Bridge Group? If so, plan on attending this month's gathering on Friday, Feb. 21, starting at 6:00 pm (an hour earlier than usual) at the home of Larry and Linda Coutts. The evening will begin with a festive potluck dinner to celebrate the group's 14th anniversary. Bridge players of ALL levels are welcome. Please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and indicate what you'll contribute to the potluck.

For more information on this fun fellowship group, contact Richard and Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).

## MOPs & MOMSnext Group

**Next meeting February 6 @ 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](http://www.lwlcaz.org/mops) or

Contact Pastor Shari for more details: [pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)



**Wednesday, February 5**

Everyone (all ages from 1-101) is invited.

5-6 pm **Making a Difference workshop:** Identify your values; Explore ways to make the most of your time, talents and treasures; Create your generosity plan.

6-6:40 pm **Spaghetti Pie**

6:40-7:00 pm **Worship**



## **Souper Bowl of Caring TODAY!**

It's Super Bowl Sunday, but it's also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. Super Bowl Sunday is traditionally set aside to lift up ELCA World Hunger, and we can help! Watch for the three soup pots labeled with the names of the two Super Bowl football teams, or the "I don't care" pot! Vote with your checks or cash for your preferred team and let's see how many dollars we can raise to support ELCA World Hunger in the process!

You can write a check to Living Water and note "ELCA World Hunger" in the memo line, or make your check directly to ELCA World Hunger! Go team!

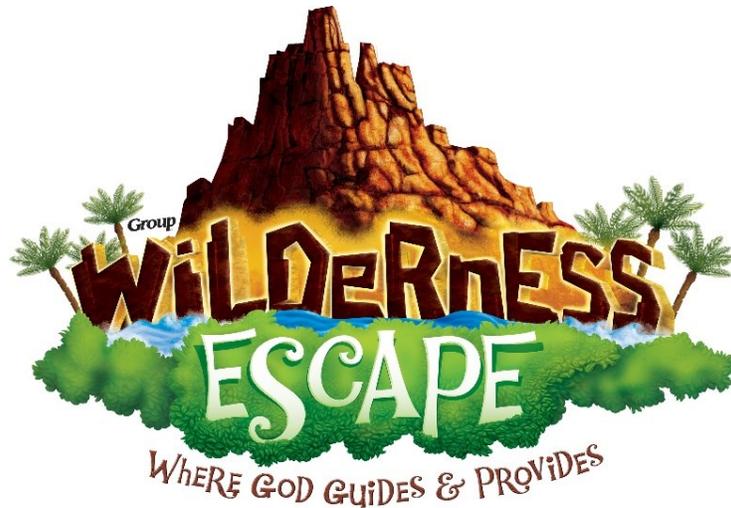
## **Adult Forum Today**

The Adult Education Forum today will explore "**Origins and Context.**" Adult Ed Task Force member Larry Carr will offer high-level information and perspectives from his life-long quest to understand: our beginnings; our basic assumptions about God and how they shape our thinking; some tantalizing highlights about how our ancient ancestors evolved and pursued their search for meaning which was beyond their ability to comprehend; and how all of this impacted the emergence and development of religion across time and around the world.

Look forward to a conversation about some perspectives that you may not have considered and which may lead us to deeper thinking about our faith."



# Vacation Bible School 2020



Mark your calendars now for our 2020 edition of Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church on **June 15-19**. Our theme will be **“Wilderness Escape – Where God Guides & Provides.”** Throughout the week we will take an exciting journey with God’s people, the Israelites, that brings God’s Word to life for kids and adults. Moses will be our guide as we escape Egypt and see, hear, touch and even taste what it might have been like to live in the Bible-times wilderness.

All children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in our **free** Vacation Bible School program. Each child will receive a “Wilderness Escape” t-shirt and will participate in large and small group discussions, join Moses in his tent for our daily Bible stories, burn off some energy in the Fun & Games area, make innovative crafts, enjoy a healthy snack and sing and cheer in our opening and closing celebration times. The week will conclude with the children leading our worship service on Sunday, June 21.

If you are interested in joining us for our VBS program as a youth or adult volunteer, please contact Kris Crow at [kcrow737@gmail.com](mailto:kcrow737@gmail.com) or Janice Moore at [jlb.moore@yahoo.com](mailto:jlb.moore@yahoo.com). We hope to see you this summer!



# Studies



## **MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY 2020**

Join us Thursday **February 6** at 7:30am at Soul Café  
(7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

## **Tuesday Women's Study continues in February**

N. T. WRIGHT  
MICHAEL F. BIRD

THE NEW TESTAMENT  
YOU NEVER KNEW  
EXPLORING THE CONTEXT, PURPOSE, AND  
MEANING OF THE STORY OF GOD

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. On January 7, we began a new 8-session video series study on the New Testament. This study is designed to help us see the Bible's New Testament in new ways, an "epiphany" perhaps. Join us to discover things about the New Testament you never knew! The study's authors are N.T. Wright and Michael Bird. There is a recommended Study Guide and I've ordered 20 copies at \$11.33 each. The Guide is also available as a Kindle download. We meet every Tuesday morning for about 90 minutes. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be ready!

**Questions: contact [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)**

## **A Monday Morning Bible Study: Genesis**

A new weekday discussion-based Bible study will begin February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday morning, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Gene Perry will facilitate a six-session series on the book of Genesis. This epic first writing of the Old Testament is a "Book of Beginnings" about the origins of creation, human nature and the historical stories of the founding fathers of faith: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

This series is generated by our Adult Education Task Force's freshly stated key priority, "To unfold the Biblical Story," by providing multiple opportunities for Bible study, including weekdays and varied formats. While brief introductory presentations will be included, this Monday fellowship experience will be **learner-centered, discussion-centered and discovery-centered**. Participants will "prepare to share" and will be provided with basic study resources.

You may sign-up to be part of this learning and small group venture by adding your name to the church entrance sign-up clipboard next to the advertisement poster, or by contacting the church office, 480-473-8400 or [www.lwlc.org](http://www.lwlc.org).

## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leader:** Deb Bash and Debbie Anderson
- Mark and Roz Anderson
- Lisa Moehn
- **Lector:** Frances DeBruyn
- **Altar Guild:** Sheila Fankhauser and Nancy Rogers
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Ginny Alexander and Judy Tornowske
- **Servant Team Leaders for February 9:**  
Jan and Don Johnson

## 11 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Patti and Don Pick
- **Lector:** Heidi Ruff
- **Altar Guild:** Janis Fjeld
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Servant Team Leaders for February 9:**  
Gene and Dee Eilers

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## 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:

178 (8:30 am) 52 ( 11 am)

**General Fund:** \$16,238

**Building Fund:** \$20

**Ministers:** All the members of Living Water

**Pastor:** Mark Rossman

*PastorMark@lwlcaz.org*

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*PastorShari@lwlcaz.org*

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*office@lwlcaz.org*

**Finance & Building Manager:** Greysen West

*Greysen.West@lwlcaz.org*

**Choir Director:** Marcie Donavon

**Accompanist:** Scott Sims

**Sexton:** Michael Collins

*In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call*

*Pastor Mark at 973.699.7777(cell)*

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