

# February 23, 2020

# CONNECTIONS

## SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 23

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Family Sunday School (Ed. Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Praise Band and Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Rivers of Joy (Sanctuary)

## MONDAY - FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00 am PEO Meeting (FH)
- 9:30 am Pastoral Care Meeting
- 10:00 am Genesis Bible Study (John)



## TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 25

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 12:00 pm VBS Leadership Team Meeting (Matthew)
- 6:00 pm AA (Matthew/Mark)
- 7:00 pm Living Last Supper Practice (Sanctuary)

## WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26

- 7:00 pm Living Last Supper Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Choir (Psalms)

## THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 27

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)

## FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 28—Office Closed

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)
- 5:30 pm Monthly Youth Group

## SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 29

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

## SUNDAY – MARCH 1

- 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
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie & Sue Boyd) – Recovery
- Collin Cassem – Active Military Member
- Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling Cancer
- Bernie Eccles (friend of Larry and Linda Coutts) – Bone marrow transplant
- 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
- Mike Knytch – Battling cancer
- 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
- 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)
- Family and Friends of Sunny Ryan (friend of Frances DeBruyn)
- Family and Friends of Jim Wandersee (brother-in-law of DJ and Jan Johnson)
- Family and Friends of Darlene Power (Gordon Lindert sister-in-law)





# News & Events

## **Living Water Church Praise Band and Choir**

*present*

# *Rivers of Joy*

**A Lutheran Expression of Praise and Worship**

**TONIGHT: February 23 @ 6:30 PM**

Living Water Lutheran Church  
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd. - Scottsdale, AZ 85255



## **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@lwlc az.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlc az.org)



## **Bridge Group**

Are you a former bridge player? A newbie? A bridge whiz who can help others step up their game? Players of all levels are invited to participate in an enjoyable evening of casual party bridge at the **home of John and Beth Oujiri on Friday, March 20, starting at 7:00 pm**. Please add your name and contact information 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 or [jillajw@cox.net](mailto:jillajw@cox.net)).

## **MOPS & MOMSnext Group**

***We meet from 9:30-11:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Childcare is Free!***

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.



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)

*Living Water presents a moving Maundy Thursday reenactment of  
Leonardo de Vinci's "Last Supper" painting*

## **LIVING LAST SUPPER**

***A dramatic portrayal of Jesus  
and his 12 disciples in the Upper Room***

**7:00 pm on Maundy Thursday (April 9)**

Directed by Scott Sims

Featuring a cast of 18 and Living Water's Adult Choir

Sponsored by the Men's Bible Study

***You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to this special presentation.***

## **Piecemakers Quilting in March**



Join us in March to continue our ministry of making mission quilts for LWR. Gather with us to tie quilts that have been assembled at home. Imagine the comfort and care you feel when you snuggle under a comforter or wear a piece of clothing made or worn by a loved one. That's the feeling being shared through a LWR Mission Quilt. Useful for shielding against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding, quilts can also be purposed as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. In a simple combination of fabric and thread, you reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope: you are not alone.

Thank you to those who have contributed fabric or monies toward purchasing fabric and batting! Your gifts extend this ministry!

Come and tie quilts with us! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 4 and again on Wednesday, March 18, 9 am to about noon. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be on. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



**BOLD  
WOMEN'S  
DAY**

Celebrate the bold women in your life.

**Sunday, February 23**

Women of the **ELCA** USA

## **TODAY IS BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY**

Bold Women's Day—observed annually on the fourth Sunday of February across our ELCA—celebrates all Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Some women are bold in their unceasing prayers. Other women are bold in their service to those in need. Still other women are bold in their advocacy or through their hospitality. Whether we live out our bold story of faith in the workplace, family home or community, our faith compels us to make a difference in the lives of others. It's all about living out our baptismal call, about being a disciple of Christ. Celebrate the bold women in your life!

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup> ADULT FORUM**

#### ***Christianity as a Criminal Enterprise***

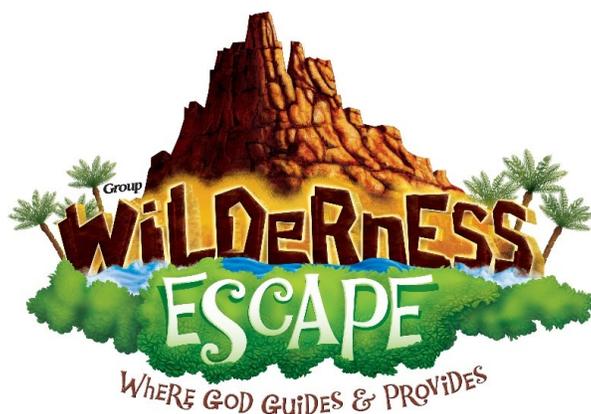
Did you ever think of Christianity as a criminal enterprise? Our founder, Jesus, was tried and convicted of crimes and suffered a criminal's death. The apostles were constantly being jailed in the Book of Acts. Some of St. Paul's writings are called his 'Prison Epistles' because of where he was when he wrote them. Martin Luther faked his own kidnapping to avoid being arrested. The list goes on and on. What does it mean that so many of our pillars of faith ended up in jail or dead because of their beliefs? Let's have a discussion.

*Presented by Jim Hanson.*

### WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY ON MATTHEW

emphasizes the kingship of Jesus and how He is the fulfillment of Old Testament hopes and prophecies. Since the majority of the Sunday morning Gospel lessons for this year are from Matthew, Pastor Dennis Nelson will be presenting a five-week study on Matthew on the Wednesdays during Lent, after Ash Wednesday. **These studies will begin on March 4, will continue through April 1, and will be held from 6:30-6:50 PM in Fellowship Hall—after the soup supper and before the time of worship.** Please join us as we look at Jesus as the one who should be the king of our lives and the one who gives us hope. We urge everyone to read the Gospel of Matthew during the season of Lent as part of your journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.

## 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 [jlmoore@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmoore@yahoo.com). We hope to see you this summer!



# Studies



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

Join us Thursday February 27 at 7:30am at Soul Café

(7615 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

## **TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IN March—>“VOCATION AND CALLING”**



Beginning March 4, we turn to the *Gather* magazine for a four-part Bible study exploring stories from both the Old and New Testament. The theme is “Vocation and Calling” and the author is Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, a Lutheran pastor and educator. The first session of the study, “Hearing God’s Call,” appears in the Jan/Feb issue of *Gather*. Reformer Martin Luther used the word “vocation” or “calling” to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our

relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God’s call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

If you subscribe to the *Gather* magazine, bring your Jan/Feb issue to the first session on March 3. If you don’t subscribe, I will provide copies of the study material for you. Bring your Bible (hard copy or electronic version) and bring a friend.

We meet for approximately 90 minutes every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am. The coffee is always on, as well as hot water for tea/hot chocolate. And we schedule a lunch outing following our study on the last Tuesday of the month. Questions? Contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

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

A new 6-week discussion-based Bible study began on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is held on Monday mornings, at 10:00 am in the **John room in the Education Building**. Pastor Gene Perry facilitates this 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. Feel free to sign up at any time.

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:** Denny Dumler
- Mark and Roz Anderson
- Bill and Anna Anderson
- Eric and Sue Brash
- **Lector:** Frances Debruyn
- **Altar Guild:** Penny Kilburn and Barb Bremer
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Pam Landon and Ellen Wise
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 1:**  
Deb Bash and Debbie Anderson

## 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 (8:30 am) 62 ( 11 am)

**General Fund:** \$12,574

**Building Fund:** \$25

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

**Pastor:** Mark Rossman

*PastorMark@lwlcza.org*

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Jennifer Kelsh

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**Finance & Building Manager:** Greysen West

*Greysen.West@lwlcza.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)*

## 11 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Charlie and Sue Boyd, Ed and Darrell Shipley
- **Lector:** Kris Crow
- **Altar Guild:** Sue Boyd
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 1:**  
Gene and Dee Eilers

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