

February 2020

Splash!

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

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Annual CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 9

@ 9:45 am

in the Sanctuary



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We Remember in our Prayers

- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Battling cancer
- Becky Bliefertich (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
- Mike Knyrch – 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
- Ron Roessler – Recovering from Surgery
- 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)

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

Happy Birthday!

Harold	Keyser	2/2
Shari	Bernau	2/3
Darryl	Harlan	2/4
Jane	Klemmer	2/5
Lois	Lucas	2/6
Morgan	Harlan	2/8
Jeff	Shelmire	2/8



Theoren	Sabato	2/9
David	Gilkey	2/11
Marianne	Schmitt	2/13
Leila	Burrus	2/14
Frances	DeBruyn	2/18
Nancy	Rogers	2/21
Kay	Beebe	2/27
Dee	Eilers	2/26

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

I recently came upon this meme (*see image to the right*) and considered how Jesus would have responded to it if memes had been invented during his time here on earth. I think Jesus would have loved it. In fact, Jesus could have authored this meme, especially since he is known for drawing things in the sand. I can just see him drawing these circles as he trained his disciples. All in all, this meme sums up much of Jesus' ministry: leaving his hometown, going into forbidden territories, talking with outcasts and sinners, healing the untouchables, and most of all, knowingly walking toward his death.



One of my favorite stories, however, is in the 14th chapter of Matthew when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea. At first they were afraid, but then Jesus said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." And, that is exactly what Peter did when he said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus responded by saying, "Come." You see, Jesus wanted Peter to experience the transformative power of leaving your comfort zone, expanding your horizons, and trusting in God. It was a beautiful thing for a couple of seconds, but then Peter became frightened and began to sink. Some might blame Peter for doing something silly, and then chickening out. But, I think Peter was just trying to be a faithful disciple by leaving his comfort zone, but then, unfortunately, his fear and doubt set in. We all have fear and doubt sometimes, but the good news is that Jesus was there to catch him when he started to sink, and Jesus was there to help him get safely back in the boat.

It can be scary to leave our comfort zones, but there are so many passages (*see below*) from scripture that speak of God's promises as we leave our comfort zones and go out to share his love with the world. Let us take comfort in the fact that God will equip us and protect us, and that joy and purpose can be found in stepping out of our comfort zone, expanding out horizons and trusting in God.

Deuteronomy 31:8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

John 15:16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**The Living Water Church
Praise Band & Choir
present**

Rivers of Joy

**A Lutheran Revival
of
Praise & Worship**

February 23 @ 6:30 PM



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

There are a great many people involved in making Sunday worship happen. Some of the very first people you see are our Servant Teams. This is the group that makes up the Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. It is a rotating group of folks who have Leadership Teams designated for each Sunday. If you are interested in being part of one of these Servant Teams, the folks listed below are the ones you should see. If that isn't something that is of interest to you, then how about thanking these folks for the work they do.

1st Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Deb Bash / Debbie Anderson
11:00 a.m. Gene / Dee Eilers

2nd Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. DJ / Jan Johnson
11:00 a.m. Don / Patti Pick



3rd Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Lee / Sue Stenehjem
11:00 a.m. Darryl / Tana Harlan

4th Sunday of the Month

8:30 a.m. Denny Dumler
11:00 a.m. Charlie / Sue Boyd
Ed / Darryl Shipley

Many hands make the work a little lighter.

Please consider making this part of your service ministry gift.





Bible Studies & Retreats

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

SoulCafe

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

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our new study series begins on February 4, 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

Adult Forum February 16 "Ask the Pastors"



Back by popular demand! Join us after the 8:30 worship service in the Psalms Room (second floor of the Education Building) for more "Ask the Pastors" panel discussion. Several questions were received after our last such session to begin our discussion. Grab a cup of coffee and bring any questions you've always wanted to ask a pastor. You can submit questions in writing if you'd prefer.



News & Events

◆ BRIDGE ♣ ♠

Bridge Group celebrates 14 years of playing cards together

Did you know that the Living Water Bridge Group was established in February 2006? If you're interested in checking it out, you won't want to miss the group's 14th anniversary celebration on Feb. 21. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm (an hour earlier than usual) with a potluck dinner followed by several hands of bridge. Former, current, and future bridge players of all levels are invited to participate in this fun evening featuring fabulous food and party bridge. Hosts Larry and Linda Coutts will provide the main course. Other group members will contribute an appetizer, salad, side dish, or dessert.

The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the Narthex.

*If you have any questions, please contact
Richard and Jill Wehr (480-515-4813).

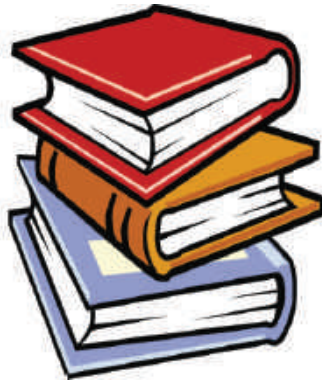
Living Water Scholarship Proposal

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 have received a **survey this month to gather your** input on this proposal. Please take the time to provide your feedback. 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.



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. Hint: Public libraries often have greatly discounted books to purchase. Our Book Drive basket is always open for donations in the narthex. Please call Sue or Eric Brash, 602-317-9444, if you have a large pick-up!

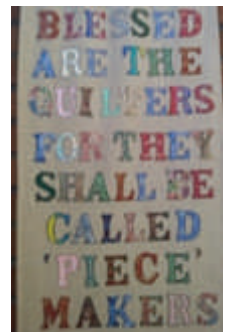


Piece-Makers Mission Quilting in February 19

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 at our next meeting on February 19th.

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





Ask Zeke

Living Water's 24/7 office fish gives two fins up to angelic souls who spread love and joy in the new year.

ASK ZEKE

Living Water's 24/7 office fish thinks WAVE is a swell idea

Q. What can you tell me about WAVE?

A. WAVE is a monthly intergenerational event open to everyone, from youngsters to oldsters. It's the product of brainstorming by a multigenerational group who worked with our pastors to develop a program designed to engage and connect children and youth to the faith and our community. This team started floating ideas about a year ago, and WAVE was rolled out in September.

This work-in-progress meets from September to May, generally on the first Wednesday of the month. Its two-hour format consists of a group activity, a meal, and worship. Each month features a different theme and menu. In November, for instance, participants worked up an appetite on an on-campus gratitude scavenger hunt before supping on chicken pot pie, fruit, and chocolate cake and then moving into the sanctuary for 20 minutes of scripture, singing, and devotions. In February, a guest speaker will lead a workshop aimed at identifying values and fully utilizing time, talents, and treasures.

Attendance can be anywhere from 25 to 50 people. In January, around three dozen participants ranged from elementary school students up to retirees (including choir members who combined WAVE and their weekly practice). That evening was a good illustration of WAVE's purpose: "To engage and connect our children and youth to the faith and church family around a meal, provide educational and service opportunities for all generations, and provide a brief time of worship and music."

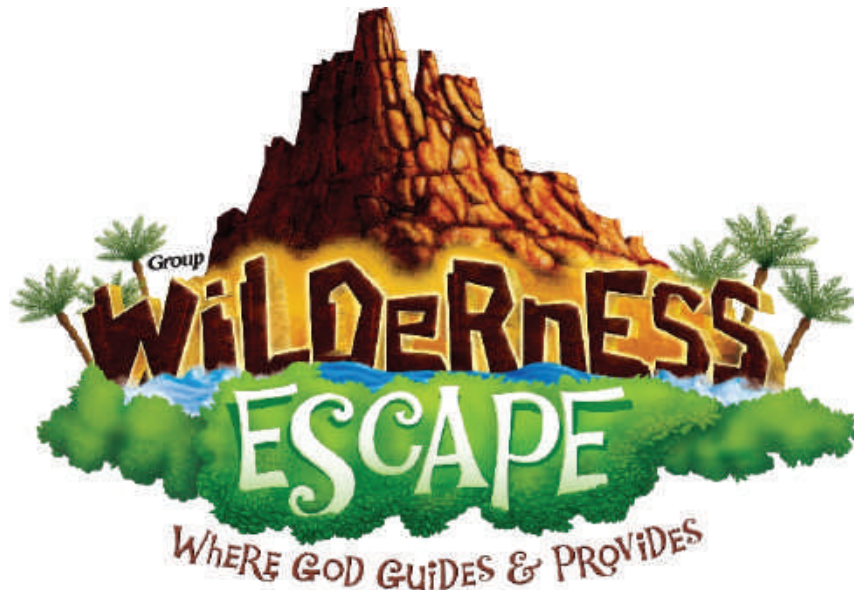
While Pastor Shari is WAVE's skipper, the planning team continues to serve as WAVE-makers by performing an assortment of tasks. Other volunteers also play key roles in this pioneering program. Although contributions to a free-will donation basket are appreciated and help defray program expenses, participants' presence is unquestionably their most important contribution.

Dive in and ride the WAVE! It's definitely a first-rate opportunity for intergenerational fellowship and spiritual growth.

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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 6th 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 or Janice Moore at jlb.moore@yahoo.com. We hope to see you this summer!

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.





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December 16, 2019

Living Water Lutheran Church
Women of the ELCA
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Dear Living Water Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA with your recent gift of \$1,461.00. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference. Thank you.

Thanks to your support, Women of the ELCA is always busy with life-changing ministry in throughout the church. Synodical women's organizations are busy with conventions, gatherings, and all kinds of other programs. Your 21 elected churchwide board members and 10 churchwide staff members are preparing for the Eleventh Triennial Convention – and you know how much is going on in your congregational units!

Our Gathering, coming up in Phoenix in July of 2020, will be a life-changing event for all who take part. Will I see you there? I hope so! Take a look at www.welcatg.org for more information – and to register for the Gathering.

Your generosity makes all this possible, and so much more. Thank you. To learn more about our ever-growing work together, please see www.womenoftheelca.org.

Your giving really does make a difference. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Linda Post Bushkofsky
Executive Director

P.S. Your itemized receipt appears on the reverse side of this letter. If it does not agree with your records, please contact our office by telephone at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2730, or by email at women.elca@elca.org.

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MOPS & MOMSnext

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

**Next meeting February 6
9:30 - 10:30 am
Fellowship Hall**



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 Winter 2020 dates and to register
Questions? Contact Pastor Shari Bernau
pastorshari@lwlcaz.org
480.473.8400**



Dates to Remember

- FEBRUARY 2 BISHOP HUTTERER PREACHES
- FEBRUARY 2 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
- FEBRUARY 3 COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 (ESTHER)
- FEBRUARY 5 PIECE MAKERS QUILTING 9:00 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 6 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 AM (SOUL CAFE)
- FEBRUARY 6 MOPS MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 9 CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 PM (YOUTH ROOM)
- FEBRUARY 11 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 12 CHOIR 7:00 PM (PSALMS)
- FEBRUARY 13 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 AM (SOUL CAFE)
- FEBRUARY 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- FEBRUARY 16 PACE SPEAKER 4:00 PM (SANCTUARY)
- FEBRUARY 17 COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 (ESTHER)
- FEBRUARY 18 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 19 PIECE MAKERS QUILTING 9:00 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 19 CHOIR 7:00 PM (PSALMS)
- FEBRUARY 20 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 AM (SOUL CAFE)
- FEBRUARY 20 MOPS MEETING 9:30 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 21 MONTHLY BRIDGE GROUP 7:00 PM (WEHR'S HOUSE)
- FEBRUARY 23 RIVERS OF JOY LUTHERAN REVIVAL 6:30 PM (SANCTUARY)
- FEBRUARY 25 WOMENS BIBLE STUDY 10:00 AM (FH)
- FEBRUARY 26 CHOIR 7:00 PM (PSALMS)
- FEBRUARY 27 MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30 AM (SOUL CAFE)
- FEBRUARY 28 MONTHLY YOUTH GROUP 5:30 PM

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

Weekly Events

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL
Wednesday 7 pm (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)



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