

# March 15, 2020

# CONNECTIONS

## SUNDAY – MARCH 15

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

## MONDAY - MARCH 16

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting (Esther)

## TUESDAY - MARCH 17

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (FH)
- 6:00 pm AA (Matthew/Mark)

## WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18

- 9:00 am Piece-Makers Mission Quilting (FH)
- 5:00 pm Fellowship Meeting (Esther)
- 6:00 pm Soup Supper and Lenten Study (FH)
- 7:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm Choir (Psalms)

## THURSDAY - MARCH 19

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast (Soul Café)

## FRIDAY - MARCH 20

- 10:00 am Friday Morning Club (FH)
- 7:00 pm Monthly Bridge Group (home of John and Beth Oujiri)

## SATURDAY - MARCH 21

- 8:30 am AA (Matthew/Mark)

## SUNDAY – MARCH 22 — We Welcome Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church

- 8:30 am Liturgical Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Congregational Picture Taken
- 9:45 am Adult Forum & Family Sunday School (Ed. Building)
- 11:00 am Praise Worship (Sanctuary)



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at Noon\*

# *We Remember in our Prayers*

- Judi Bechhoefer (Friend of Michelle Brown) – Battling cancer
- Bev (Sister of Sue Hornaeek) – Healing from surgery
- 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
- Lynda Cadden - recovering from car accident
- 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
- Ethan (Grandson of John & Sue Hornaeek) – Life struggles
- 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
- Sharon Holland (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan) – Battling cancer
- Al Hopkins (cousin-in-law of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Mike Knytch – Battling cancer
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch) – 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
- Tyler (Grandson of John & Sue Hornaeek) – Serving in the military
- Jay Van (Iris Van's son) – Health concerns
- Gil Wahlberg – Health concerns
- Joan Walther (Friend of Sheila Fankhauser) – Battling cancer
- Lew Wilson (friend of Lee and Sue Stenehjem) – Battling cancer
- Chuck Woods (Friend of Beth & Steve McCarthy) – Health concerns
- Family and Friends of Mary Cadden (mother of Pete Cadden)
- Family and Friends of Celia Giontzeli
- Family and Friends of Lori Kalainov
- Family and Friends of Harold Keyser





# News & Events



*Pray, fast and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving – for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.*

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the US and more than 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action, giving hope for a just world where all are fed.

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow members and supporters of ELCA World Hunger to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world.

Here at Living Water, we are again lifting up ELCA World Hunger during Lent:

We'll make available a 40 Days of Giving Devotional Calendar in early March. We encourage you to use the calendar to learn more about ELCA World Hunger through daily ideas included on the calendar.

A special offering to support ELCA World Hunger will be collected on Sunday, March 29.

## **New Member Orientation**

**New Member Orientation and Dinner**

**Saturday, April 18**

**4:00pm—6:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Sign up at [office@lwlcaz.org](mailto:office@lwlcaz.org) or by calling 480-473-8400**

## **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)).

## Habitat for Humanity

Living Water will be working on a renovation of a Habitat house in Mesa. Our one and only one work date is **Saturday, March 21**. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please stop and sign up with your name and email. Directions, waiver forms and more information will be emailed to you right before the work day. If you have questions, please ask John Goesling. His phone is 480-310-1699 or email [jmgoesling@msn.com](mailto:jmgoesling@msn.com).

*Living Water presents a moving Maundy Thursday reenactment of  
Leonardo da 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.*

## Piece-Makers 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, 9:00am 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)

# 20 Year Celebration for Living Water Church

*We will celebrate **twenty years** at Living Water Lutheran Church on **Sunday, March 29**. There will be a recap of how Living Water was formed, a slide show and active charter members will be the servant team.*

## **Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief's "A Season of Hope"**

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, March 1 and ends on March 29. The kits will be assembled at WAVE on April 1 and blessed on Palm Sunday, April 5.**

Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.



We can give hope through these 5 items:

**2-3 bars of soap totaling 8 or 9 oz. in original wrapping , a new light-weight bath towel minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27" (dark color preferred ) , 1 toothbrush in its original wrapping\*\*, 1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb), and 1 metal nail clipper (with or without a nail file attached)**

Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the **preferred size is 52" x 27"**. The minimum size is 20" x 40" and it should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR. \*\*we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

**We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can.** There will be a collection bin in the church entryway. The kits will be assembled at the WAVE event on April 1 and blessed on Palm Sunday, April 5. They will be picked up by the LWR Ingathering truck at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in Phoenix on Saturday, April 18. We'll again have some financial support from a Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 122 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support!

Questions: please contact Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

## OUR 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.

**NATIONAL QUILTING DAY FALLS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21 THIS YEAR, AND WE AT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) HAVE A LOT TO CELEBRATE!**



NATIONAL  
**QUILTING DAY**  
2020

National Quilting Day is a day to celebrate all things quilting – and we have a lot to celebrate. For 75 years, Lutheran congregations and groups like your Living

Water Piece Makers quilters, have come together to put our faith into action and make quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts – hundreds of thousands of quilts, every single year.

These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. This amazing ministry is one that blesses the lives of quilters and those who receive quilts, and by inviting others to join us, in turn, blesses even more people!

So, on National Quilting Day, Lutheran World Relief wants to celebrate your quilting ministry and show others the phenomenal work you do. Thank you, Living Water Piece Maker quilters!

**Join us for Soup Supper hosted by the Youth this week**



**Wednesdays during Lent:**

**March 18, 25 and April 1**

- ◆ 6:00 pm Soup Supper
- ◆ 6:30 pm Lenten Study
- ◆ 7:00 pm Lenten Service

## MOPS & MOMSnext Group

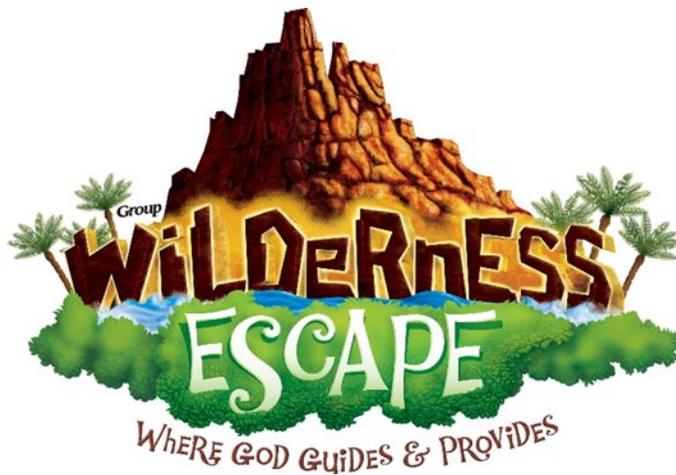
*We meet from 9:30-11:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. Childcare is Free!*

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)

## Vacation Bible School 2020



Registration is now open for our 2020 Vacation Bible School!! Just go to [www.lwlcaz.org/vbs](http://www.lwlcaz.org/vbs) to open the registration form. Children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. Registration is **FREE** and every child registered before June 1 is guaranteed a soft and colorful t-shirt. Spread the word to your kids and their friends, neighbors, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

This year's theme is **"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. The children 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 a **VBS Festival BBQ** on Friday, June 19, from noon until 2:30 and a **VBS Celebration Worship Service** on Sunday, June 21, at 9:30am.

If you are interested in joining us for our VBS program as a youth or adult volunteer, please send Kris Crow an email at [kcrow737@gmail.com](mailto:kcrow737@gmail.com) or give her a call at (480) 502-0916. You won't want to miss this fantastic opportunity to plant the seeds of faith with a wonderful bunch of God's children!!



# Studies



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

Join us Thursday **March 19th** at 7:30am at Soul Café

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

## **TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY in March "VOCATION AND CALLING"**

This week we're on part 2 of a four-part series on "We Are Called." This week the topic is *Disciples of Christ* – with stories from the New Testament. This session focuses on Jesus' calling of the disciples, on Jesus' call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus' call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow. As Christians, how do we see ourselves in these stories today? How do we respond to the call of Jesus? The author of this study series is Rev. Dr. Kit Kleinhans, a Lutheran pastor and educator.



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)

## ***Moonlight and Music***

**Sunday, March 29 at 6:30 pm**

Join us on the courtyard! There will be live music by our LWLC band, appetizers and desserts. Reservations are \$25/person and can be made up until Tuesday, March 24.

**Thank you for your support of the Youth!**

## **ADULT FORUM TODAY at 9:45am**

In 2020, the ELCA will celebrate anniversaries of women's ordination.

Come to our adult forum following the first service to learn about the church's decision to ordain women clergy and how that decision has impacted women in church leadership, opening up a richness of gifts offered for the church and the world.

Discussion leader: Myrna Ulland

## 8:30 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leader:** Lee and Sue Stenehjem
- Phil and Jeri Pounds
- **Lector:** Kristin Smith
- **Altar Guild:** Ellen Schoenbeck and Donna Pettengill
- **Sound Desk:** Stephen Page
- **Hospitality:** Linda Hoenig
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 22:**  
DJ and Jan Johnson

## 11 AM SERVANT TEAM

- **Leaders:** Darryl and Tana Harlan
- **Lector:** Myrna Ulland
- **Altar Guild:** Sue Boyd
- **Sound Desk:** Mason Rossman
- **Servant Team Leaders for March 22:**  
Charlie and Sue Boyd; Ed and Darryl Shipley

**Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline**  
**Tuesdays at Noon**

## 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:

152 (8:30 am) 42 ( 11 am)

**General Fund:** \$7,141

**Building Fund:** \$0

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

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*In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call*

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*Altar flowers are given by Donna Pettengill In loving memory of her mother Dorothy Baie*