

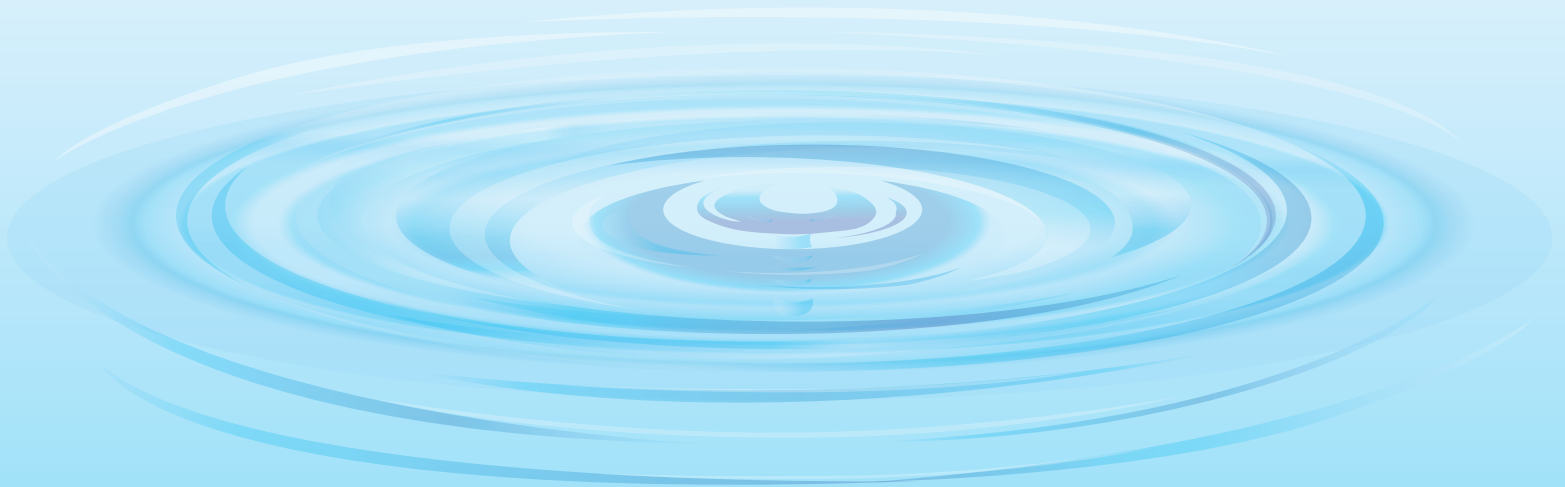


Welcome to

Living Water

Lutheran Church

New Member Packet



Jesus says, "Whoever drinks the water I give them, will never thirst." — John 4:14

WHO WE ARE AT LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Living Water Lutheran Church is a warm, vibrant, caring, energetic, welcoming, missional community of faith in the Pinnacle Peak area of North Scottsdale. Situated in the beautiful Sonoran Desert in the shadow of Pinnacle Peak, we are a gathered and sent people grateful for God's grace and excited about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ by our worship, words and deeds.

We are life-long Lutherans and people brand new to faith. We are children, youth, young adults, families, empty nesters, young retirees, seniors and saints of all age. We are native Arizonans and transplants from all across the country. We are those who prefer a more traditional but still creative form of worship featuring hymns and liturgy, and those who worship best in a more casual setting with praise music and a band. We serve our neighbors near and far in a variety of ways. We love to get together for fellowship and have fun. We are growing in our faith and in our knowledge of God's word. We are God's people in this place, joyfully worshiping, gratefully serving, generously sharing and warmly inviting our neighbors to join us.

Living Water is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are one of about 100 worshipping communities in Arizona, southern Nevada and St. George, Utah, which make up the Grand Canyon Synod (GCS). Locally we are connected with 11 congregations and three faith-based ministries served by ELCA pastors in the Northeast Conference serving Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Cave Creek, Carefree and northeast Phoenix.



WHAT WE BELIEVE AT LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH



Living Water is a Christian church, meaning that we exist because of the good news that God loves us so much that he gives us his Son, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We are centered on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and the grace that comes our way because of his life, death, and resurrection. We believe that the Holy Spirit is active and alive in our lives and in our world, calling and equipping people to be Christ-followers today.

As a Christian church within the Lutheran faith tradition, we are built on the foundations of Lutheran worship and faith. We confess that a person is saved by grace through faith alone and not by any works. We believe the Bible is God's Word and is the norm and authority for faith and life – the true standard by which all other teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

We understand ourselves to be grateful and undeserving recipients of God's blessings including forgiveness, purpose, peace and eternal life. Responding to God's grace, we joyfully live out of faith in the whole of our lives, in worship, service, stewardship, faith development and most of all in love of God and all our neighbors.

The names of our denomination and church are inspired by Martin Luther, the Augustinian monk who called for a return to biblical truths, a focus on grace, and a church for the people during the Reformation of the 16th century. Although Martin Luther was a fallible human like all of us – both a saint and a sinner, to use Luther's own words – we find his focus on God's grace, the Bible, worship of Word and Sacrament, and other teachings to continue to be beneficial for Lutherans today.

Our Mission Statement

"To Be and to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

Our Vision Statement

To create a community which:

*Welcomes all people,
Shares the experience of God's grace,
Grows in faith,
And is sent out into the world to care.*



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A MEMBER OF LIVING WATER

- You can expect worship, study, fellowship and service opportunities that will enhance your journey of faith and life.
- You can expect a ministry presence when you move through life's experiences.
- You can expect that the congregation will need you to become involved in its life and ministry.
- You can expect an invitation seeking your involvement in prayer, in the study of God's Word, in activities, events and ministries, and through your tithes and gifts to support our ministry together.
- You can expect that as a community of faith, we will take seriously those things that are basic beliefs for our life together and we will work together to make them a reality in our ministry at Living Water.



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Living Water is a Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Grand Canyon Synod.

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

ADULT:

(Check one) Full Membership___ OR Seasonal Membership___(for those who wish to keep their membership at a home church).

If transferring from another Lutheran Congregation, what church?_____

Address of church:_____

Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Address: a. Main Address_____

b. Alternative Address:_____

c. PO Box:_____

Phone: Home ()_____ Cell ()_____ Email:_____

Birthdate: _____ Gender:_____ Marital Status:_____ Marriage Date:_____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

Optional: Employer:_____ Occupation:_____

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Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

Optional: Employer:_____ Occupation:_____

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CHILDREN:

1. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

2. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

3. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

4. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

5. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

6. Last Name:_____ First Name:_____

Cell ()_____ Birthdate:_____ Gender:_____ Grade in school : _____

Baptism: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____ Confirmation: Yes_____ No_____ Date:_____

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time & Talents

PLEASE PRINT. Check and/or list all of your current activities as well as those you are interested in at Living Water. Please have each person complete a form. Additional copies are available at the Church. Thank you for your participation!

Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Alternate Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please check one: ____ Year-round member ____ Associate member/List months in AZ _____

Marital Status (optional): ____ Married(date _____) ____ Widowed ____ Divorced ____ Separated ____ Single

Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

Worship Time Preferred: ____ Sunday 8:30am ____ Sunday 10:45am

Employer/Retired from: _____

Current/Former Occupation: _____

School and Grade: _____

Hobbies and Special Interests: _____

Ministry areas you are involved in or would like to be involved in: _____

Additional Information you'd like us to know about you: _____

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRY TEAMS

• **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

- ___ Worship and Music Planning Team
- ___ Choir Member
- ___ Instrumentalist (_____)
- ___ Drama

• **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

- ___ Sound tech during Worship
- ___ Sound tech on-call for special events

• **ALTAR GUILD & LITURGICAL ARTS**

- ___ Preparation/cleanup of communion
- ___ Maintain sacristy and altar area
- ___ Maintain banners and visual art
- ___ Plan and place seasonal decorations in worship area

• **SERVANT TEAM**

- ___ Greeter
- ___ Usher
- ___ Communion servers/runners
- ___ Basket Holders

• **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

- ___ Prayer Partner during Communion
- ___ Prayer Chain
- ___ Prepare Prayer Shawls

• **SPECIAL SERVICES**

- ___ Prepare church for special services
- ___ Wedding Coordinator
- ___ Funeral Coordinator

EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAMS

• **YOUTH EDUCATION**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Sunday School Teacher
- ___ Sunday School Sub Teacher
- ___ Confirmation Assistant
- ___ VBS Teacher/Helper
- ___ VBS Leader (crafts, music, etc)
- ___ Children's Fun Bags Coordinator

• **ADULT EDUCATION**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Adult Education Leader
- ___ Adult Education Participant (Sundays and/or Weekdays)
- ___ Tuesdays Bible Study
- ___ WELCA Bible Study
- ___ Men's Breakfast Bible Study

DISCIPLESHIP & GROWTH MINISTRY TEAMS

• **EVANGELISM**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Follow-up contact with visitors
- ___ New Member Sponsor
- ___ Ambassador

• **STEWARDSHIP**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Time & Talent Coordinator
- ___ Offering Counter

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAMS

• **CARING/SHARING MINISTRY**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Habitat for Humanity
- ___ Lunches for Learning
- ___ Feed My Starving Children
- ___ Alternative Giving
- ___ Reverse Tent Sale
- ___ Food Bank Collection & Distribution
- ___ Christmas Gift Collection & Distribution
- ___ Lutheran Social Services (SW Refugee Resettlement)
- ___ Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education Coordinator
- ___ Birthday & Anniversary Cards
- ___ Meals to Homebound

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY TEAMS

• **FELLOWSHIP**

- ___ Member of Planning Team
- ___ Sunday Morning Hospitality (picking up donuts, serving, and clean-up)
- ___ Large Congregation Gatherings Planning (Lenten Suppers, Potlucks, etc)
- ___ Special Events

• **SMALL GROUPS**

- ___ Bridge
- ___ Men's Retreat
- ___ Women's Retreat
- ___ Friday Morning Club

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- ___ Gardening
- ___ Painting Walls
- ___ Plumbing
- ___ Carpentry
- ___ Computer Graphics/Design
- ___ Electrical Work
- ___ Community Service
- ___ Marketing
- ___ Photography
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Sewing
- ___ Crafts
- ___ Baking/Preparing Food
- ___ Other: _____

VOLUNTEER

- ___ Phone Caller
- ___ Church Office
- ___ Emergency Meals/Transportation

TAKE ONE STEP UP...FOR CHRIST & HIS CHURCH

In response to God's love and as a concrete expression of my faith in and commitment to Christ and His church, I plan to TAKE ONE STEP UP in my giving for the GENERAL FUND.

☐**STEP UP BEYOND TITHING**

My desire is to do more than God's minimum.

☐**STEP UP TO TITHING**

I will give 1/10 of my income to God's work.

☐**STEP UP TOWARD TITHING**

I am not yet a tither, but I will move toward that goal.

MY COMMITMENT IS \$_____ per _____ (week, month or year)

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This represents an increase over last year.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

