

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints

I want to thank all the people of All Saints for my recent four-month sabbatical. It was everything I could have hoped for and more. Starting with the basics, it was a good chance to recharge my body. As part of my sabbatical, I worked with a running coach. I told him that I still wanted to be able to run with Team World Vision ten years from now. I am not going to break any speed records, but he helped me to build up better habits that will protect my body from the wear and tear of time.

Secondly, it was a joy to continue to work with the All Saints' Neighborhood Engagement Team. My task was to visit with other Moon Valley pastors and worship with them on Sundays. I had

many amazing conversations and a feeling that Christ wants us pastors to look beyond our divisions and see how we can support each other. From these conversations, it also became apparent that in the last few years, North Phoenix has seen a great influx of homelessness. I am excited about the opportunity we have with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest to become an I-HELP site. I think in a few years, this will become one of the key ways we can serve our neighbors.

Lastly, I had some wonderful "Jesus" time. In June, I spent a week up at the Lutheran Mission at Rock Point in the Navajo Nation. I helped delivering food, painting classrooms, and helping to install solar panels on homes, and took long walks in the beautiful high plains desert. Getting out of my comfort zone opened me up to hear God's voice. Then in August, I was able to spend a week with Christians from all around the world at the Iona Abbey in Scotland. Iona is where Christianity was first introduced to Scotland. For over a thousand years Iona has been a pilgrimage site. Within the abbey's ancient walls, we worshipped and discussed how the church of today can overcome divisions between people and how we can take better care of creation.

Now I am back and have a renewed sense of calling as to what we can be as a congregation. I am excited to return to my ministry here. Special thanks to my Sabbatical Planning Team – Pat Reed, Diane Vrenios and Doug Thoene. And thanks to the wonderful staff and volunteers who kept mission and ministry moving forward while I was away.



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

These couples will be celebrating their marriage in October. We send our prayers, blessings, and thanks for setting wonderful examples of Christian marriage.

Russ/Barb Gunther	Oct 2	58th
Jay Fix/Jackie Gibbs	Oct 5	32nd
Chuck/Donna Tomasi	Oct 8	35th
Eric/Marsha Jones	Oct 9	19th
Jim/Monica Rabb	Oct 10	31st
Justin/Mikaela Stannard	Oct 13	5th
Aaron Davis/Elisabeth Hagen-Davis	Oct 15	6th
Byron/Konnie Bass	Oct 18	59th
Mitch/Sarah Erkert	Oct 18	9th
Vincent/Amy Funari	Oct 18	20th
Daniel/Staci Shaw	Oct 18	21st
Frank/Louanne Brown	Oct 19	38th
Juergen/Debbie Erkert	Oct 19	39th
Anthony/Julia Austin	Oct 20	5th
Bill Dunlop/Kirstin Jones	Oct 20	22nd
Tom/Linda Polcha	Oct 20	39th
Owen/Barb Swenson	Oct 21	28th
Jason/Valeri Berg	Oct 23	19th
Mike/Tammy Follensbee	Oct 23	19th
David Cech/John Weaver	Oct 24	9th
Don/Nancy Ekstrom	Oct 24	59th
Greg/Gayle Fraker	Oct 24	14th
Charles/Deanna Stewart	Oct 24	53rd
Dave/Jamie Gore	Oct 25	21st
Vaughn/Valerie Hollman	Oct 27	39th
Warren/Vivi French	Oct 29	29th

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR ETERNAL LIGHT

Honor a special occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring the sanctuary altar flowers or eternal light.

- \$45 to donate flowers
- \$10 for the eternal light

Sign up and pay in the church office.

2024 dates are now available.

All Saints Budget Actual Year-to-Date Through August 31, 2023

Income:	\$690,002
Expenses:	\$756,527
Loss:	\$ 66,525

HOLY BAPTISM

If you would like to have a baptism at All Saints, please schedule a meeting with a pastor.



Contact Shari Clark in the church office to process the information that the pastor will need before your scheduled meeting.

PRAYER REQUESTS

LET US PRAY
FOR YOU



WE WELCOME REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS OF NEED AS WELL AS PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING OR PRAISE.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS ON THE PRAYER TEAM WILL PRAY FOR YOUR REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 602-866-9191 OR YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST.



<https://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/care-support>



Christmas Eve Worship Services

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm & 9:00pm

ALL services with Holy Communion, carol singing, candlelight, and beautiful vocal & instrumental music.

There will not be morning worship services on Sunday, December 24th. There will only be one service at 10am on Sunday December 31st.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday,
November 22nd
@ 6:30pm

PET BLESSING:

Wednesday October 4th @ 7:00pm

*Join us in the courtyard with your pet (or a photo of your pet) for a celebration of God's creation. **All animals must be on leashes or in crates.**



Update from the ELCA on *Living Lutheran*

Living Lutheran will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. This does not mean, however, that we will stop telling stories of this church when the print magazine ends. Throughout the past several years, *Living Lutheran.org* has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the

ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you, our most loyal readers.

The ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have been printing periodicals since 1831, when *The Lutheran Observer* began. Spreading the gospel and sharing the stories of our church have always been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. As many of you probably know, the cost of printing a magazine—including paper, ink and postage prices—has steadily increased, especially during the pandemic, making it difficult to financially support a print edition. Being good stewards of the generous support given to the church is of the utmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day.

By focusing on creating more online content and new channels for distribution, we will have more flexibility and options for how we tell the stories of this church. Storytelling will still be at the core of this work. We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

We are excited about what is ahead for the ministry of *Living Lutheran* and the future possibilities of reaching even more people about the great work people are doing in God's name.

-Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop ELCA

Special Congregational Meeting Results

On Sunday, September 17th we held a Congregational Meeting for members to vote on adopting changes to the Endowment By-Laws governing the Endowment as proposed by the Endowment Committee and approved by Council. This change was approved during the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the approved changes, please contact a member of the Endowment Committee or a member of Council.

SENIOR MINISTRY

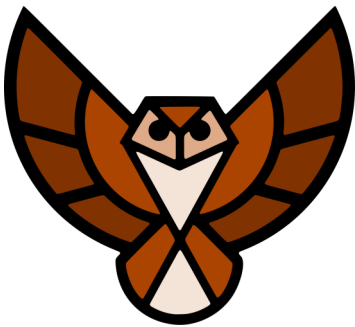


Senior Ministries

Team Members:

Denny Reiman
Terri Reiman
Nancy O'Connor
Barb Swenson
Owen Swenson
Tammy Follensbee

Join our Team!



Director of Senior Ministries:

Tammy Follensbee
602.866.9191 ext. 110,
tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org

Mark Your Calendars!

November 17th— Friday Friendly Field Trip to the AZ State Capitol
December 8th—Friday Friendly Christmas with Cimarron Sidekicks

Look for more details coming soon!



Friday Friendly October 13th

Willow Creek Band will start off the Friday Friendly season on Friday, October 13th.

Musicians John and Karen Harris, Dane Stone, and Jerry Dunaway will play a variety of country, folk, and gospel music. Lunch starts at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for lunch is \$15 (pay at the door). Music program starts at 1:00pm in the sanctuary. Sign up for lunch at the Senior Ministry cart in the Narthex or by calling the church office at (602) 866-9191. All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary for our music entertainment (no need to sign up).



Family and friends are always welcome!!

JOIN OUR FRIDAY FRIENDLY TEAM!!

Friday Friendly needs volunteers for a variety of positions to make this event a success. If you have the second Friday of the month available in October, December, February, and April (or just one month or a couple) to assist or want to know more, please contact Tammy Follensbee at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org or call the church office at (602) 866-9191.



CANTO VIVO CHORALE IN CONCERT

Presenting the Arizona Premiere of Joby Talbot's "Path of Miracles"

Sunday, October 22nd, 3:00pm
All Saints Episcopal Church (6300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix)
Suggested donation: \$15

Led by Dr. Craig Peterson, the Canto Vivo Chorale begins its 2023-24 concert season with the *Arizona premiere* of Joby Talbot's magnificent choral composition, "*Path of Miracles*," an inspiring musical portrayal of the epic Camino de Santiago pilgrimage to Spain's Santiago de Compostela, the resting place of St. James. Through music and movement, the work portrays the poignant, transformative experiences of those who have walked the Path, and listeners can expect a profoundly beautiful musical journey filled with glorious choral singing.



Fall Festival at Moon Valley Bible Church

Saturday, October 28th
5:00pm to 8:00pm

For the second year, All Saints Lutheran Church is partnering with our friends across the street at Moon Valley Bible Church to present a Fall Festival. The event will take place at Moon Valley Bible Church - 15602 N 7th St Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Join us for games and activities, family fun and a Trunk or Treat. The event is FREE and food will be available for purchase. Plus, individuals and families can volunteer to help out during the festival at the activity, snack, and game stations by using the QR code to the Fall Festival Sign Up Genius. We hope to see lots of All Saints folks volunteering and enjoying the Fall Festival with our Moon Valley friends and neighbors.



PROMUSICA ARIZONA

THE COMMUNITY CHORALE & ORCHESTRA OF NORTH PHOENIX

Musical Dreams - music that captures the imagination, including a stunning arrangement of "Over the Rainbow" by Mark Hayes for choir and orchestra, and Mendelssohn's "Overture to a Midsummer Night's Dream"

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21
3:30 PM**

All Saints Lutheran Church
15649 N. 7th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85022



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 22
3:30 PM**

American Lutheran Church
17200 N. Del Webb Blvd
Sun City, AZ 85373



Admission: \$28.50 adults, \$26.00 65+ and military, \$12.00 students 16-22.
Children 15 and under are FREE with paid adult.

For more information and tickets, visit <https://PMAZ.org>, or call (623) 920-1194.



Join Our Staff

Do you feel called to serve others in the following positions?

Nursery Attendant

This is a great part time job for someone who loves children. If you have children, they would be welcomed to 'come' to work with you and be included in all appropriate programming.

Hours: (varies – depends on monthly programs and position is shared with other nursery attendants.)

Sunday: 8:30am to 10:00am

Job Requirements:

- ♦ All Saints Child/Youth Protection certification (Online Training)
- ♦ CPR/First Aid certification (All Saints will pay for certification)
- ♦ Drug Test (All Saints will pay for testing)
- ♦ Back Ground Check (All Saints will have this done)
- ♦ 2 References

If you have questions or need more information please contact:

Pastor Kristin—602.866.9191 ext 109—krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.

Facility Manager

This is a CONTRACT-part time shared position (approximately 10-16 hours per week). The Facility Manager is someone who would be excited about serving in a Christian organization.

Some of the Facility Manager duties include:

- ♦ Open/Close rooms for Weekly Night time/Saturday-Sunday Mornings meetings/events
- ♦ Room Set Ups for meetings/events
- ♦ Greeting those who are on campus & direct them to location of meeting rooms
- ♦ Patrolling the campus during the meetings/church services
- ♦ Utilizing the golf cart to pick up and return visitors/parishioners in the parking lot on Sunday mornings
- ♦ Other duties as directed by the Parish Administrator/Director of Faith Formation

Pick up a Job Description and Application in the church office or request by email to ASLC@allsaintsphoenix.org.

If you have questions or need more information please contact Shari Clark in the church office.

Job descriptions and applications are available in the church office, the All Saints Website – allsaintsphoenix.org or request by email: aslc@allsaintsphoenix.org

TRAINING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Acolyte: October 1st between services

Lector: October 8th between services



If you are interested in attending any of the above sessions or in becoming a **Worship Coordinator** or **11am Usher**, please contact Courtney Krueger at ckrueger@allsaintsphoenix.org.

Already a volunteer? Trained volunteers can now visit allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer to sign-up as a worship volunteer.

COMING SOON

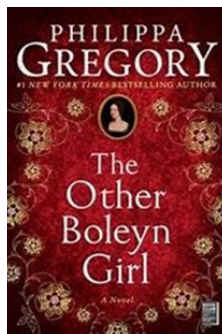
Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

for a full calendar and updated list
of future events at All Saints

Book Club

Tuesday, October 10th
at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:
The Other Boleyn Girl
by Philippa Gregory



A rich and compelling novel of love, ambition, and intrigue, *The Other Boleyn Girl* introduces a woman of extraordinary determination and desire who lived at the heart of the most exciting and glamorous court in Europe and survived by following her own heart.

Questions? Contact Donald Wade at
dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.



Sunday School
will be singing at the
9:00am service on
Sunday, October 22nd.

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will meet again on Tuesday, October. 3rd
from 9:30am to 11:00am in room 201.

Returning participants and newcomers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org

C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)

WHO: All Confirmation age students (6th - 9th Grade) are invited!

WHEN: Wednesday **October 11th** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**

WHERE: **St. Andrew Lutheran Church**
3101 W Cholla St, Phoenix, AZ 85029



Join us for friends, fellowship and fun with your peers not only from All Saints, but also from two other ELCA congregations here in Phoenix – Our Saviour's and St. Andrew. In addition, for any parents / caring adults that would like to stay on site instead of dropping off and picking up, there will be a time for the adults to gather together as well.

Please RSVP for this event so **that we can plan accordingly**

***C.O.W.=Church on Wednesdays.** (I know, right? Mind-blowing.)

Questions? Contact your pasture—sorry, *pastor*—or youth director.

NEW MEMBERS



Please join us in receiving new
members at the 9:00am service on
Sunday, October 22nd

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

8:00am–12:00pm

To sign up VISIT <http://www.donors.vitalant.org>
(Sponsor Code: *allsaints*) or
call 602-866-9191.



Angel Tree Jewelry Making

Angel Tree Jewelry Making is Saturday, October 21st at 10:00am in Room 201.

We are making earrings to be donated to All Saints Angel Tree Program.

No experience required - only a desire to make a child smile this Christmas!

Care Card Project

Care Card Project is Saturday, October 28th at 10:00am in Room 201.

We are making handmade Christmas cards to send to All Saints members who are homebound.

You will have the opportunity to make a card for your loved ones too.

No experience required - only a willingness to make a card to brighten someone's Christmas.

Tuesday classes for both have been cancelled due to low attendance.

For more information contact Tammy Follensbee at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org

or call the church office (602) 866-9191.



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Wednesday
mornings at 7:00am
in the Fellowship Hall.



MOPS/MOM\$next
Bake Sale Fundraiser
Sunday, Oct. 1st, 2023
8:30am to 12:30pm

We believe better moms make a better world, and baked goods do too!
Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry
to families in our community!

If you would like to donate baked items for the sale, contact Pastor Kristin in the church office at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org or 602-866-9191.

Special Sunday School Milestones for October 2023

Pre-K & Kindergarten Milestone – Grace & Forgiveness

Sunday, October 1st at 9:00am in Pre-School Rooms 102/103.
Parents / Caring Adults and kids attend this session together as we look at God's grace and forgiveness for us and how we can and should show grace and forgive others.

3rd Grade Milestone – Bible Adventure Classes (2 Sessions)

Sunday, October 8th at 9:00am in Room 201 (Session #1)
Sunday, October 15th at 9:00am in Room 201 (Session #2)
Parents / Caring Adults and kids attend both sessions.
This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about how to use the Bible together and what it means for us today.

FAITH FORMATION IS BACK

Sunday School:

Begins at 9:00am in the Sanctuary

Confirmation:

6th Grade meet Sundays at
10:15am in room 203

7th Grade meet Wednesdays at
6:30pm in room 202

8th and 9th Grades meet Sundays at
10:15am in the YO Zone

High School Hangout:

Meets Sundays at 10:15am in YO 1 & 2

High School Lock-In for Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, October 14th at 4:00pm to
Sunday, October 15th at 9:00am

This is an overnight event.

The Lock-In will consist of food, team building challenges, games, maybe some other surprises, and lots of fun for our High School students. As always, Child / Youth Protection Certified Adult Volunteers are welcome to join us and help out as well.

Adult Sunday School

Will not meet on Sunday,
October 1st or Sunday, October 8th.

Sessions will resume on Sunday,
October 15th at 10:30am
in the Life Building Café.

Troubling Biblical Texts and Gender Justice

October 18th and 25th

6:30pm - 8:00pm in room 201

"Let a woman learn in silence with full submission."—I Timothy 2:11.

Perhaps you've wondered about texts like this, and how we got from *there* to here: a denomination that has been ordaining women for over half a century. Perhaps you've grown up hearing that women were responsible for original sin, or have struggled with how to speak up for gender justice when someone counters "but the Bible says..." In this two part series, we will explore the texts most commonly (mis!)used to support women's subordination, and discover a more liberating lens with help from the ELCA Short Statement *Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action*.

Led by Pastor Kristin. All genders welcome. For more information: krice@allsaintsphoenix.org



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

9:00am - 2:00pm

Invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Proceeds raised will go towards ASLC programs.

Interested in being a vendor for this event? Go to allsaintsphoenix.org/fallbazaar or
contact Courtney Krueger in the church office.

Advent Around the Fire

Wednesdays 6:00pm - 7:30pm

November 29th,

December 6th, 13th, and 20th

**We will meet
in the Courtyard.**

Dinner and S'mores around the campfire included!

Everyone is welcome!

If you'd like to help with meals for this event, please
contact Donald Wade, dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org
or Pastor Kristin, krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.

Family Nativity Workshop

Saturday December 2nd 10am - 12pm

Create a Nativity set with your family/household
with precut wooden shapes that your family paints
together. Lunch will be served.

Free will offering accepted and/or turkey collection:
donate a frozen turkey, and we will donate it to
Phoenix Rescue Mission.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Space is limited:
PLEASE sign up
in the church office by
November 20th!**

FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

**1st Sunday of the Month:
October 1st**

Bring your offering of non-perishable food to stock our campus food cupboard for those in need and to contribute to other local food pantries.

Donation carts will be located by the outside elevator and office doors.

MISSION SUPPORT RELIEF OFFERING

**October 29th:
Good Samaritan Fund**

These offerings may be brought forward and placed in the baskets at the altar during the worship offering.

Mail-in, on-line, and text donations also welcome!

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and ministries.

(602) 866-9191

asl@allsaintsphoenix.org

Visit us on the web at
www.allsaintsphoenix.org

Office Hours:
Mon-Thur 9am-3pm

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Our mission is ... "to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."

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