

Saints Alive Newsletter

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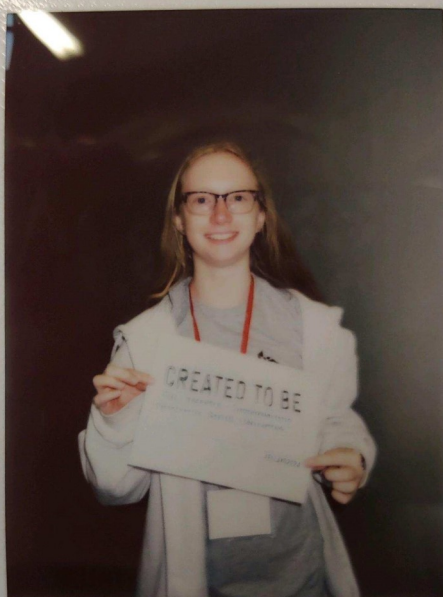
Living Saints: Sydney Williams

All Saints Delegate to the National Youth Leadership Summit

For three days in November, high school youth from around the country gathered at Carol Joy Holling Camp in Ashland, Nebraska for the annual ELCA Youth Leadership Summit. Youth identified for their leadership skills and

potential were chosen to represent each synod of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) at this annual gathering, where they received training in Peer Ministry Leadership as well as opportunities for worship, fellowship, affirmation and networking. Sydney Williams, a high school junior and member of All Saints, was excited to represent the Grand Canyon Synod at this event.

When Pastor Kristin Rice was asked by Pastor Jacqui Pagel, Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy and Faith Formation, to identify a few youth who might be good candidates for this event, several All Saints students came to mind. It was easy for those who knew her to see why Sydney would be among them. A student at Mountain Ridge High School with special interests in media production, and an accomplished gymnast, Sydney has also been an active leader at All Saints, assisting with Vacation Bible School, serving as a counselor at Lutheran Campformation, helping with Sunday School and our Children's Music Ministry, and participating as one of the founding members of All Saints' newly forming youth praise band. She jumped at the opportunity to apply for a spot at the National Youth Leadership Summit, despite not quite knowing what to expect.



free, gifted

"I didn't really know what I was getting into, so I just decided to go with the flow," Sydney said. It didn't take long before Sydney discovered the Summit to be a place of welcome, emotional safety and deep community. "It surprised me how open and vulnerable and inviting people were," Sydney reflected. "You could be yourself."

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Dave/Peggy Atchison	Jan 12	43rd
David/Barbara Schroder	Jan 13	61st
Steven/Diane Ardolino	Jan 17	9th
Frank/Laurie Schraml	Jan 17	42nd
Leo/Bonnie Arthur	Jan 25	9th
Peter/Shelbi Overland	Jan 31	19th

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR ETERNAL LIGHT

2023 dates are now available! 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.

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](https://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/care-support)



On behalf of your All Saints Lutheran Church Fire & Safety Committee, we would like to notify all members/ participants of All Saints that we will be conducting a

Fire Drill on:

Sunday, January 22, 2023
following both 9:00am & 11:00am
Worship Services



The safety of our members is very important to us and we feel it is necessary that we practice our emergency response plan by having a drill to exercise our procedures. This fire drill will consist of audible alarms and evacuation plans according to the Fire & Safety Packet. **(Pick up your Fire & Safety packet in the Narthex or Church office to become familiar with our exit plan.)**

If you have any questions regarding the fire drill, please contact Shari Clark at 602.866.9191 ext. 103.
Thank You – Fire & Safety Committee

Fire Drill training meeting - **Tuesday, January 17th at 1pm**

Ushers/Greeters/Worship Coordinators/Sunday School Teachers & Shepherds if you are available please attend the Fire Drill Training. If you are unable to attend please pick up a **Fire & Safety Packet** and go over it so you know where the exits will be for the Fire Drill after Worship on Sunday January 22nd.

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

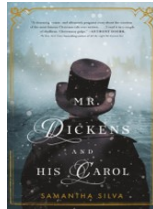
for a full calendar and updated list
of future events at All Saints

JOY CIRCLE

Will resume **TUESDAY,**
January 4th at 9:30am

New participants are welcome!

To RSVP for the class or
for more information, please
contact Pastor Kristin
at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org
or 602-866-9191.



Daytime Book Club

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

This month's selection:
Mr. Dickens and His Carol
by Samantha Silva

Charles Dickens should be looking forward to Christmas. But when his latest book, 'Martin Chuzzlewit', is a flop, his publishers give him an ultimatum. Either he writes a Christmas book in a month or they will call in his debts and he could lose everything. Dickens has no choice but to grudgingly accept . . .
Contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org for more information.



Meets every Wednesday
morning at 7:00am in the
Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School

meets in the Life Building Café at
10:30am with a 6 week study of the
Book of Acts. All are welcome.

Heavenly Hikers

Saturday, January 14th

Balanced Rock – Granite Mountain trailhead - Scottsdale McDowell Sonoran Preserve. This is a different balanced rock than our Prescott hike.

This interesting local balanced rock is in the Scottsdale preserve and is most easily reached from the Granite Mountain trailhead. This will be an in and out hike of around five miles with mild elevation gain.

We will plan to meet at the trailhead at 9:00am. The trailhead is on N 136th St. and is on both Goggle and Apple maps. Be sure you are looking at Scottsdale, since Arizona has multiple granite mountains.

Bring water. Even in winter you lose significant amounts of water while hiking in dry air from respiration that needs to be replaced.

Contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org for more information.

Care Card Project



Classes are **Tuesday, January 17th and Saturday, January 28th**. Classes are in room 201 from 10am to 12pm. We will begin making cards for Easter. Family and friends are welcome to join in the fun. For more information call the church office, or contact Tammy at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org.



Angel Tree Jewelry Making Group

Classes are **Saturday, January 21st and Tuesday, January 24th**. Classes are in Room 201 from 10am to 12pm. We will learn to make necklaces starting in January. Family and friends are welcome to join in the fun.

For more information call the church office or contact Tammy at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org.

All Ages Sunday School will meet in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 22nd at 9:00am. All Sunday School kids and their families and friends are invited to attend together.



LENTEN SEASON
begins Ash Wednesday
February 22nd

Children & Youth Faith Formation Classes
resume on **Sunday, January 8th**

Sunday School: (Age 3 thru 5th Grade) meets at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

Confirmation: (Grades 6 thru 9) meets at 10:05am in the 200 Rooms and the YO-Zone

High School & Beyond Bible Study: (Grade 10 thru Young Adult) meets at 10:05am in YO 1 & 2



**HELPING
HANDS
NEEDED
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 1st**

Help us put away our Christmas decorations! The more hands we have, the quicker the process. Please stay after the **10:00am** worship service!

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023

8:00am–12:00pm

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



Save the Date:

2023 Vacation Bible School
June 12th – June 16th
All Saints Lutheran Church

Lutheran Campformation 2023
July 3rd – July 7th
Camp Pinerock – Prescott, AZ

Celebrating 20 Years of Stephen Ministry

In January 2003 All Saints ventured into a New Outreach Ministry. This Ministry has helped members of the congregation and the community to work through life's challenges.

On January 8, 2023 please, join us during both services and between services in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate this awesome milestone of our ministry.

Let's give thanks to the Stephen Ministry Team (past and present members) for all their hard work here at All Saints and in the community!



FaithPT

Faith-Full Parenting of Tweens and Teens

Resumes Sunday January 15th at 10:15 am in Room 201

All parents or guardians of students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to join us. This is your space for mutual support, prayer, Q&A, spiritual growth and shared wisdom. We'll be pulling practical ideas from *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family*; however, no pre-reading is required. Facilitated by Pastor Kristin; for more info contact: krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Scout Sunday



will be
Sunday
February
5th

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank everyone who participated with Cut Ups, Angel Tree Jewelry Making, and Care Card Project in 2022.

Cut Ups in 2022 have made and donated 179 quilts, 505 crocheted or knitted hats, mittens, and scarves, and 164 cardiac pillows, eye glass cases, walker bags, and fidget muffs. All items have been donated to local and nationwide community nonprofits, hospitals, and hospices.

Angel Tree Jewelry class made 148 pairs of earrings and Ginny Alexander made 40 children's beaded bracelets. Cut Ups made 190 decorative jewelry bags for the earrings and bracelets. The jewelry was given to our Angel Tree children as presents to bring a smile to a child on Christmas morning. Care Card Project made 48 Christmas cards for our community and All Saints homebound members.

A special **THANK YOU** to C.C. Tomasi for sharing her talents with Angel Tree Jewelry and Care Card Project. Her leadership, instruction, and guidance for both classes has been a joy for all.

Tammy Follensbee, Director of Senior Ministries

Thank you Friday Friendly Volunteers!!

Thank you to all Friday Friendly volunteers! It is because of your dedication, hard work, and service that Friday Friendly continues to be an enjoyable time for our guests. In 2022, we hosted over 500 guests for lunch and entertainment. Thank you to all of you from the bottom of my heart!!

**Tammy Follensbee, Director of
Senior Ministries**

It is our great pleasure to inform you that All Saints Lutheran Church's recent gift to HonorHealth Foundation moves your seat in the Foundation's Circle of Distinction Society from the Cornerstone level to the Keystone level.

Congratulations! Distinction suits you.

We are fortunate to have compassionate and generous donors like All Saints Lutheran Church who recognize the key role philanthropy plays in community health and well-being, today and into the future. Your commitment is helping to transform healthcare for everyone, even in uncertain times.

Thank you, again, from all of us at HonorHealth Foundation! It is always our patients and the people we serve who are the true beneficiaries of your kindness.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Chandra Stewart
Director, Donor Relations

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

Thank you for gifting resiliency to our most vulnerable community members. Because of your support - Desert Mission continues to help working poor families in our neighborhoods by providing a reliable food source and vital support services that elevate their quality of life.

Desert Mission's programs and services offer not only a helping hand but a light of hope during a time of need for working-poor families. Your generosity impacts the well-being of entire families right here in our community.

Whether providing an education for their young children, adult day care and support or nourishing food for a healthy diet, we are so grateful for your unwavering generosity to Desert Mission.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness-it is positively impacting future generations in more ways than you will ever know.

With gratitude,
Jared A. Langkilde, MBA, CFRE
President and CEO HonorHealth Foundation

Dear Friends at All Saints Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the West Valley Community Food Pantry we would like to thank the Social Ministries Team, and the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church for your very generous Thanksgiving donations. A special thank you to Sarah Manzanares for coordinating the donations. The 96 Thanksgiving food bags, the 78 gift cards, the 200 pounds of sugar, the 24 cans of corn, the 300 re-useable bags and the two Thrivent grants totaling \$500 made it possible for us to provide 177 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal and serve those in need. As grocery prices and needs rise, we depend even more from our sister congregations.

Additionally, we want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1,650 in October to help fill additional Thanksgiving Food Boxes and others in need.

Again in 2021, we continued to get many new clients each day due to the Covid 19 Pandemic and the economy. During 2021, we served 24,404 clients during our normal working hours which shows the constant need for service. In November of 2021, we provided 220 clients with food to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

It is gifts of food, funds, and other donations that make our emergency food pantry possible. We depend totally on donations. You have made a difference in the lives of many!

Please feel free to visit the pantry any time during our food pantry hours, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

Blessings,
Janet Bean, Treasurer



ANNUAL MEETING



Our annual meeting
will be held on
February 5th
at 12:00pm

(following the 11am service)
in the Sanctuary.

We will be holding open forum meeting the prior Sunday, January 29th after the 9am service in room 201.

This forum will allow time for in-depth discussion and / or questions. Please plan on joining us. The Annual Report will be made available prior to the open forum meeting for your review.



All Saints Budget Actual Year-to-Date Through November 30, 2022

Income:	\$ 914,537
Expenses:	\$ 969,848
Net Deficit:	\$ (55,311)

Sydney appreciated the atmosphere of welcome as well as the practical training about how to communicate care and inclusion to others, particularly when they may be having a hard time. Training included lessons on active listening-- "how to listen and how to show people that you're listening," as Sydney described it, with an emphasis on body language. There were also opportunities to reflect together on the mental and emotional challenges teens commonly face and how to show love to people in these circumstances. Sydney was particularly thankful for the adult ministry leaders who shared their wisdom throughout the summit and formed a panel one day so that participants could ask them questions. She was gratified that even these adults were willing to open up about some of their own struggles, and appreciated their perspective on topics such as the importance of rest.

One notion shared by an adult leader really stuck with Sydney: the idea that life is a "blank canvas that God sits with you and helps you paint." Sydney was really drawn to the idea of God as one who comes alongside us, and whose care and compassion can be made real when we come alongside one another. It was a concept made real by Sydney's experience at the summit, and reinforced in the training she received. "God was there. You could feel this overwhelming goodness," she observed. "We had a lot of fun while also learning and changing. You wouldn't expect a whole lot of teenagers to be this way," Sydney remarked. Noting the common stereotypes of teens as "snarky" and inclined toward apathy, Sydney said, "Everyone was the complete opposite."

Youth who attended the Leadership Summit were challenged to take home what they learned so they could share and apply these skills in their relationships with others; Sydney has found that she has already opportunity to put her newly acquired wisdom into practice in her own peer relationships. In addition, she finds ongoing support, camaraderie and encouragement in the relationships she formed during her time in Nebraska. This year's participants have formed a "giant group chat"



where they continue to check in with each other and share their day-to-day experiences with one another via social media. In just a few days together, lasting friendships were formed. Sydney would heartily recommend the Youth Leadership Summit to other eligible youth, with gratitude for the financial support from the All Saints Youth Scholarship fund that helped make this experience possible. "It's a really important opportunity for people to understand and connect with others and to feel God's love."

Thank you, Sydney for representing us well; thank you, All Saints for your support of our youth ministry; and thank you God for the gifts you have poured into youth like Sydney, who are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but are blessing their churches and communities as leaders today.

Living Saints!

We will be highlighting the living saints of our congregation on the newsletter cover this year.

If you would like to nominate someone for these articles please contact Courtney Krueger at ckrueger@allsaintsphoenix.org or Pastor Kristin at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.

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:

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Friday Friendly Field Trip and MOPS Bus Trip to ORGAN STOP PIZZA



Senior Ministries and MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) annual bus trip to Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa is on **Friday, January 13th, 2023**. We will enjoy good food and the music of the Mighty Wurlitzer. There will be dancing in the aisles and tapping toes!

The price for adults and children up to 10 years is \$20.00, for ages 9 to 3 years the price is \$14.50, and children 2 years and under are free. Price includes a pizza buffet, prepared salad, a scoop of ice cream, and refillable drinks. **Gluten free** pizza is available.

Payment is appreciated at the time of sign up and it will guarantee a seat on the bus. Payments can be dropped off at the church office or made online at allsaintsphoenix.org/giving.

The bus leaves at 9:30am, please be to church by 9:15am to begin loading the bus. We plan to return to church at approx. 2:00pm.

Everyone is welcome to invite their grandchildren, family, and friends to join in the fun.
The more the merrier!

Sign-up at the Senior Ministry cart in the Narthex, or by contacting Tammy Follensbee, Pastor Kristin Rice, or any MOPS leader.

Wellspring in the Desert Retreat: A Call to Be Whole

Friday, February 10, 2023 5:30pm to
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 11:30am

Reflect, rest and renew, and connect with God, self and one another in this spiritual wholeness retreat focusing on the multi-dimensional elements of wellness: spiritual, vocational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and financial well-being.

We are called to live as whole and holy people of God. In this Desert Sojourn Retreat we will gather, form community, and grow in our continuous journey to live whole. Participants in this spiritual wholeness retreat will explore multiple dimensions of our being, create intentional space to reflect, rest and renew, and connect with God, self and one another. The rhythm of each day will offer time to learn together, reflect and explore. Each evening we will reconnect to review our day, name where God was present in both joy and challenge. Music will invite us to slow down, and prayer will tuck us in.

While the desert is a dry space, this wellspring seeks to create space to quench the thirst of our souls.

For more information or to register visit <https://www.gcsynod.org/calendar/wellspring-in-the-desert-retreat-a-call-to-be-whole>



2023 Lutheran Day at the Legislature

Monday, January 30th, 2023

9:30am to 11:30am

Wesley Bolin Plaza

Lutherans and friends of Lutherans from across the state will gather at the Arizona Capitol in Wesley Bolin Plaza for a day of advocacy on Monday, January 30, 2023 to learn, to witness, and voice our common needs in the public square, activating our faith in love. Register at <https://forms.gle/uCZTib3LH6zPmgcv6> for Lutheran Day at the Legislature.

Cultivating Climate Justice Retreat

Friday March 10th 3:00pm to

Sunday March 12th 1:00pm

Explore the economic, cultural, political, and ecological contours of the systemic crisis we face, and grow in the knowledge, skills, spiritual strength, and community that are so vital to forging the paths toward climate justice. Register at <https://www.gcsynod.org/calendar/cultivating-climate-justice-retreat-at-spirit-in-the-desert>.

Culture Matters: Seeing Worship Through Another's Eyes

Saturday, February 4, 2023

9:00am - 3:30pm

Join Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) at Ascension Lutheran in Paradise Valley, Arizona on February 4, 2023, 9am – 3:30pm for a workshop exploring music from a variety of cultures. Register on the ALCM website.

Using current worship resources, we will discuss cultural practices, theological ideas embedded in poetry and songs, and performance practice as we learn and sing church music from around the world. The day will include worship, presentations, communal singing, and discussion.

Register on the ALCM website. <https://alcm.org/event/paradise-valley-az/> Registration ends February 3rd

but walk-ins on the day of the event are welcome.

Regular registration (\$65)

Full-time student (\$30)



*No matter your age or stage in life,
the greatest task in life
is finding meaning
and living with purpose*

If you are ...

- ✕ Looking for a deeper understanding of the meaning and purpose of your life, and
- ✕ Ready to discover the sacred gift your life holds for others, the Legacy Workshop is for you!

On **Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00am – 2:30pm**, Mary Dunn will present the **Legacy Workshop**, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 15649 North 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

She will engage you in a thoughtful and inspiring look at the stories of how you came to be the person you are, and the qualities of your life that are your true legacy to future generations.

The workshop will be held in Room 201.

We will take a lunch break from 12pm to 1pm.

Price for the workshop that includes lunch is \$30. RSVP is required!

Sign up at the Senior Ministry cart in the Narthex, in the office, or contact Tammy at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org.

FOOD DRIVE **OFFERING**

**1st Sunday of the Month:
January 1st and 8th**

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.

**Collection Update:
December - 484 lbs
Way to go All Saints!**

MISSION SUPPORT **RELIEF OFFERING**

**January 29th
WHEAT /
Desert Mission Food Bank**

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

Mail-in & On-line
donations also welcome!

**We raised \$534 for the ELCA
Fund for Leaders in November!**

Contact Us

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

(602) 866-9191

aslc@allsaintsphoenix.org

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www.allsaintsphoenix.org

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Mon-Thur 9am-3pm**

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