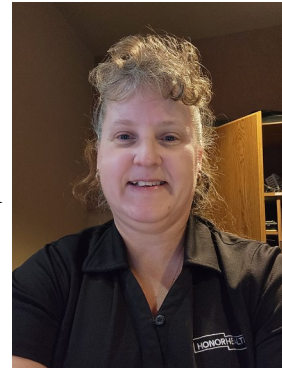


Saints Alive Newsletter

April 2024 - Year XLVI - Issue #515

Living Saints: Susan Corbin

I was born in Southern California in 1975. We lived in Santa Ana until the summer of 1990, just shortly after I turned 15 years old. I attended church and elementary school at Grace Lutheran Church in Anaheim. After I graduated from California State University, Chico (CSUC) my first husband and I moved to Phoenix. Within a few months, I decided to start looking for a church, and at the time, All Saints was the closest Lutheran church to us.



I started attending church services in the old sanctuary. I immediately joined the choir and I played percussion and alto saxophone quite often in the beginning of my church life at All Saints. Unfortunately, I did stop attending church for quite some time due to me and my second husband moving out west to a small town called Harquahala Valley (Tonopah), but the move did not stop me from worshiping at home after changing jobs in 2017, I started attending church again on Saturday nights. Then COVID hit, shutting down everything. Once everything opened back up, I was able to start attending again. I rejoined the choir a year and a half ago, and also started playing percussion instruments again.

Two years ago, I approached Pastor Dan asking if the church had an Adult Confirmation class, because I had never participated in Confirmation. He told me, “Unfortunately no, but I have something just as good for you”. This is when I was offered to be a Shepherd for the 7th/8th Grade (now 8th/9th Grade) confirmation class. I have been volunteering my time with them, and have loved every minute of it. I consider them “my kids”. In May, I will be participating in the Confirmation ceremony with them to confirm my baptism.

In the fall of 2023 while talking to Jerry about my past education, I mentioned my Bachelors in Music in Recording Arts. Shortly after our conversation, Jerry got me “hooked up” with Doug with whom I now volunteer my time using the degree I never thought I would use running the sound system for our worship services.

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SENIOR MINISTRY



Senior Ministries

Team Members:

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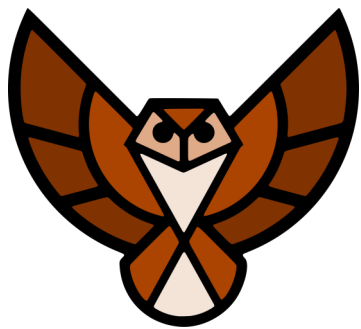
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Join our Team!



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April Friday Friendly Friday, April 12th

Our musical guests are Mike Krzyston and Deanie Balke. They will play and sing a variety of your favorite western tunes!

We will be saying “so-long partner” to Pastor Kristin Rice as she “rides into the sunset”. This is her last luncheon with Friday Friendly before she heads to Texas in May. (There are plans in the works for a congregation wide “goodbye,” see page 5).

So, put on your cowboy hats and boots for April’s Friday Friendly. We will have grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the ‘fixins and an ice cream sundae bar for dessert.



**So head on out to our April Friday
Friendly...western style!**

COMMITTEE FORMED TO SEEK NEW PASTOR



A committee has been established to begin the process of calling a new “Pastor for Intergenerational Ministry.” The church council has selected: Bobbie Tomasek (Committee Chair), Carrie Cummings-Roberts, Brandon Elzholz, Dennis Haugan, Karen McLaughlin, Katie Thatcher, and Pastor Dan Hoeger.

All Saints members will have opportunities in March and April to talk with the Call Committee about what they are looking for in a new pastor. The office of the Bishop is helping assemble candidates. We also are asking for your personal recommendations of candidates to consider for the position.

The Committee hopes to begin interviewing candidates soon. After their search is completed, the Call Committee will make their recommendations to the Congregational Council. If the council concurs, then arrangements will be made for the candidate to meet with the congregation.

A call to a pastor requires at least a two-thirds majority of voters at a congregational meeting. We are hopeful that all this can be accomplished in 2024. Please add our Call Committee to your prayers.

All Saints Budget Through February 29, 2024	
Income:	\$ 157,576
Expenses:	\$ 193,197
Deficit	\$ 35,621

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Craig/Erin Jellick	Apr 2	16th
Charles/Dawn Katek	Apr 6	33rd
Garrett/Christina Berlinger	Apr 9	14th
Richard Moeur/Suzanne Carlisle	Apr 10	25th
Scott/Joan Weyrauch	Apr 13	33rd
Dan/Debi Wall	Apr 15	18th
Dan/Yumiko Hoeger	Apr 15	35th
Matt/Katie Baker	Apr 16	13th
Clay/Carrie Templin	Apr 16	42nd
Kevin/Lou Ann Brennan	Apr 20	39th
Robert/Erin Mercer	Apr 26	5th
Ted/Sheila Nathan	Apr 26	55th
Daniel/Sarah Manzanares	Apr 28	34th
Ottis/Lynn Hess	Apr 28	41st
Truman/Irene Flynn	Apr 29	57th

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>

UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS

Sea of Galilee meets Silicon Valley: Artificial Intelligence, Faith Communities and Faith

The Cactus Conference Women's Gathering invites you to explore the dynamic intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI), faith communities, and personal belief. This engaging and thought-provoking event, "Sea of Galilee meets Silicon Valley: Artificial Intelligence, Faith Communities and Faith" will be held on **Saturday, April 13, 2024, 8:30am – 2:15pm**, at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church (13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West, AZ 85375)



Loneliness and Christianity



Join us at **Living Water Lutheran Church** in Scottsdale, AZ, on **April 13, 2024, 1pm - 4pm**, for a transformative seminar. Hosted by Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes, Associate Vice President for Mission and Identity at California Lutheran University, this event addresses loneliness as a public health crisis, akin to hunger or thirst, signaling our need for action.

Visit gcsynod.org/calendar for a full list of upcoming Synod events or to register for these events.



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your ongoing support of WHEAT and its efforts to end hunger and poverty at the root. Your gift of \$517.00 for your January 2024 Mission Support will help us in that quest.

Whether it is providing training for living wage employment, SNAP Outreach services throughout the State, outfitting men and women with free, workwear, advocating for changes to the root causes of hunger and poverty or making fair trade a part of our community's buying option for gifts and goods helping artisans and farmers feed and clothe their families, WHEAT will continue to strive for the elimination of hunger.

WHEAT continues to serve more and more in our communities, helping them to become self-sustaining! Through its education, empowerment and advocacy efforts WHEAT is making a difference and you are a part of that difference! Thank you for joining us on this mission to make hunger and poverty a thing of the past!

Sincerely,
Tamera Zivic, PhD, Executive Director/CEO

Dear All Saints,

Because of you, the vulnerable are made stronger. Hungry stomachs are silenced. Adults with needs have a safe space with daily enrichment. And young children learn and grow in a creative classroom where education helps them find their wings.

Thank you for your recent donations to Desert Mission. Because of compassionate and generous donors like you, HonorHealth Desert Mission remains a beacon of hope to the most vulnerable members of our community. Through your support, Desert Mission's critical community services continue to uplift our neighbors in need today and for generations to come.

You are changing lives -and we honor your generosity and kindness.!

With gratitude,
Jared A Langkilde, MBA, CFRE
President and CEO

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Desert Mission

SAVE THE DATE FAREWELL Pastor Kristin Rice's Farewell *to the Pastor*

Sunday, April 28, 2024

We will have lunch in Fellowship Hall at 12pm, following the 11am service. Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Culinary are providing the Brisket, Vegetarian dish, baked beans & peach cobbler. We are asking for folks to bring a potluck side dish or dessert. (Suggested sides are coleslaw, potato salad, or Texas-colored Jello salad. Suggested desserts are peach cobbler, pecan pie, or Texas sheet cake.) Please RSVP in office so that we can plan appropriately

Lunch will be followed by a presentation in the Sanctuary as we thank Pastor Kristin for her ministry at All Saints and wish her and her family well as they make the move to Texas.

For information on additional farewell opportunities please contact Shari Clark (sharic@allsaintsphoenix.org) in the church office.



COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

Heavenly Hikers: April 6th

The location of our hike is still to be determined.
Contact Donald Wade at
dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org with any questions.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
AND BIBLE STUDY**
Wednesdays at 7:00am
in the Fellowship Hall.

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will meet again on Tuesday, April 2nd
from 9:30am to 11:00am in room 201.

Returning participants and
newcomers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org



2024 VBS Camp Firelight

Monday, June 3rd to Friday, June 7th
9:00am to 12:00pm each day

Registration Opens April 1st
Volunteer Leaders and Shepherds are always needed.
Contact Pastor Kristin or Donald Wade for details.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, April 14th

is an All Saints Youth Sunday celebrating the achievements
of our Confirmation and High School students.

The 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services have been developed and will
be led by our Confirmation Students

High School Senior Recognition and the awarding of the 2024 Mary Harris
Academic Scholarships will take place at the 9:00am Worship Service.

2024 New Driver Milestone will take place at the 11:00am Worship Service.

Adult Sunday School

resumes on Sunday,
April 14th at 10:30am in the
Life Building Café with a study of
Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

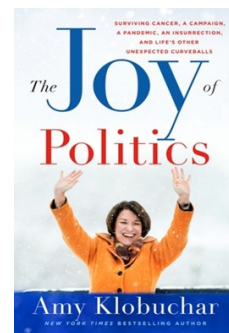
Book Club

Tuesday, April 9th at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:
The Joy of Politics
by Amy Klobuchar

An intimate and revelatory memoir - on
personal challenges, political turmoil, and
the state of American democracy - from one
of the most effective voices in politics, Amy
Klobuchar. At the crux of these stories is a
narrative of resilience - of personal
resilience and the resilience of a nation -
and, improbably, joy.

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



Save The Date: Rite of Confirmation

will take place on **Sunday, May 5th**
at the **11:00am Worship Service.**



8th/9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

April 19th – April 21st

Chapel Rock Retreat Center in Prescott, AZ

The 2024 8th & 9th Grade Confirmands will spend the weekend together to prepare for their upcoming Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation)

Lutherans on the Loose - LOL

We will have a wine tasting event that will be sponsored by Wines for Humanity.

This is a really fun and easy way to taste fine wines from around the world while enjoying some wine education while having fun and giving back to our community. Our wine advisor is Kelly Pile. We are planning this event for **Friday April 26th at 6pm. For this event to occur, we need a host who is willing to invite LOL guests into their home.** The wine, wine glasses, cheeses to compliment the wine, and chocolate are provided.



If you would like to host, contact Tammy Follensbee or Courtney Krueger in the church office.

Children & Youth Faith Formation Classes on Sundays:

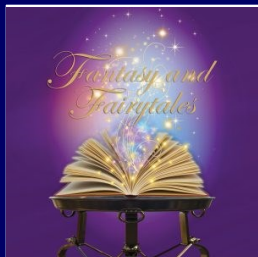
Sunday School: (Age 3 thru 5th Grade) meets at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

Confirmation: (Grades 6 thru 9) meets at 10:15am in the 200 Rooms and the YO-Zone

High School & Beyond Bible Study: (Grade 10 thru Young Adult) meets at 10:15am in YO 1 & 2



The final day of classes will be Sunday May 5th.



Fantasy and Fairytales

3:30pm on April 13, 2024, here at All Saints

3:30pm on April 14, 2024, at American Lutheran Church, Sun City, AZ

In *Fantasy and Fairytales*, renowned pianist and composer Deborah Offenhauser will be the piano soloist for our performance of Beethoven's "Choral Fantasy." Vocal soloists for the work will be members from the ProMusica Arizona Chorale. The April concerts will also include the premiere of "Argonautika Suite" by Thomas Hartwell, inspired by Jason and the Argonauts and the Greek epic poem *Argonautica*. Thomas has been with ProMusica Arizona for many years and creates the video presentations that enhance our concerts. Other fun features will be "Imaginary Creatures," with poems written by elementary school children and set to music by Andrea Ramsey; "The Tortoise and the Hare," set by Darmon Meador; and "Alice's Theme" from Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. In addition, the orchestra will play Mozart's "Overture to the Magic Flute." The Chorale will be featured on Morten Lauridsen's beautiful "Dirait-on", and "Nella Fantasia," made famous by the vocal sensation "Il Divo" from the film "The Mission."

Tickets can be purchased at pmaz.org

C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)

All Confirmation age students (6th - 9th Grade) are invited to COW on Wednesday **April 10th** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

We will be meeting at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,
1212 E. Glendale Avenue.

Join youth, parents, pastors, and youth leaders from All Saints, Our Saviour's and St. Andrew Lutheran churches for faith, fun and fellowship.





GOOD GRIEF

"The death of a beloved is an event that rings and rings through a life; bearing it is not a problem to be solved, but a long, slow piece of music to listen to. And mourning, like music, is best listened to with others." Sarah Miles, from her book, *Jesus Freak*

When attempting to describe the depth of emotion we experience when someone we love dies, we struggle to put our sorrow and pain into words and into a context we can understand. Whether you are recently bereaved or experiencing the pain of long-standing grief, the Good Grief Support Group at All Saints is provided to give you the encouragement needed to help you move forward with your changed lives in a safe place where you can share your story, your struggles, your concerns and begin to heal at your own pace.

Our spring session is scheduled as follows:

**8 important weeks - Thursdays
April 4th through May 23rd, 2024**

TO REGISTER: Call the church office at 602-866-9191 and leave your name and telephone number with the receptionist. The group facilitator, Carole Becker, will return your call and respond to any questions you might have. When registration is completed, participants will determine the most convenient 1-1/2-hour time frame in which to regularly meet each Thursday.

Regular attendance provides the best experience for the whole group.

**WE WELCOME THOSE WHO WORSHIP WITH US AT
ALL SAINTS AND OUR FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

There is no cost to participants.

June 23rd-28th, 2023

**Registration now open for Campers
Applications now open for Counselors**

Counselors: students completing
grade 10 through age 24

Campers: completing grades 5-8 and

GAP Campers: completing grade 9

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Lutheran Campformation's mission is faith formation for 6th-12th grade youth in an outdoor setting.

Lutheran Campformation is a joint ministry among various ELCA congregations within the Grand Canyon Synod.

Living Saints

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When I first started singing in the choir, I would tell people that God had given me the gift of music, vocal and instrumental, and it was my duty and His will for me to share it with others.

Singing and playing, working with the confirmation kids, and using my education for supporting my church family gives me pleasure and peace, and makes me happy that I am able to use all these gifts that were given to me. Performing in the choir and playing percussion, being in the spotlight, and working the sound system behind the scenes, I have given myself back to God and to the church using the talents and skills that He gave me; a way for me to worship and thank Him for all that I have been given. God knows, I have worked hard for everything I have. He has tested my faith on multiple occasions, but I am always drawn back to Him for comfort and support.

I hope to continue sharing my talents and skills with our All Saints family. I have been a member of this congregation longer than any other church in my life, and have no plans on leaving. I love living in the Phoenix area and I love All Saints Lutheran Church.

– Susan Corbin

we need VOLUNTEERS

Lutheran Thrift Shop
10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City

We love our volunteers!

Last month we celebrated our wonderful volunteers, who generously give thousands of hours every year, at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Last year our 200+ volunteers worked over 44,000 hours in the shop. According to the federal government, an hour of volunteer time in Arizona is worth \$25+. That means our volunteers saved the thrift shop more than a million dollars in payroll last year. Way to go volunteers – that's good business!

Our volunteers are awesome and without them we could never have donated over \$10 million dollars in grants over the past 30 years.

Right now we're looking for Cashiers; Men and women who are friendly and love interacting with others. These folks are the face of the shop!! With summer quickly approaching, getting more qualified cashiers trained and working is a priority. We are looking to fill morning and afternoon shifts – Monday thru Saturday.

Join us, won't you? Shop with us, donate your gently used goods or join us as a volunteer. Call us today to schedule a tour or a pick-up. 623.815.7061

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed!

We would like to add more volunteers to our AV Team, so if you have some interest in video, audio, and/or computer tech, let us know!



We will of course provide training, so if you are interested in this important ministry and would like to learn more, please contact Jerry Gunderson, igunderson@allsaintsphoenix.org.

All Saints' Audio/Video Team handles all of the technical needs and tasks for our In-Person Worship and our LiveStream Ministry.

And we are thankful for all our current and past AV volunteers, you are greatly appreciated!

All Saints Worship VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Where Can YOU Help?

Greeters Ushers

Lectors Acolytes

Communion Assistants

Worship Coordinators

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

Please contact the office with any questions or to schedule training.

Contact: Olivia Chaparro at ochaparro@allsaintsphoenix.org or call 602.866.9191 ext. 101 for more info.

I-HELP and I-HELP Donation Tree

We need your help!

All Saints next I-Help host night is Sunday, April 28th. Sign up to volunteer at allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry.

Now available in the Narthex is an I-Help donation tree.

Pick a leaf off the tree that has an item listed that will benefit our I-Help guests. Donations of non-perishable items such as granola bars, cereal bars, and hygiene items, socks, flip flops and more are greatly appreciated.

For questions or information about I-Help or about how you can volunteer contact Tammy Follensbee at

tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org.

Thank you for your assistance with this important outreach!



FOOD DRIVE **OFFERING**

**1st Sunday of the Month:
April 7th**

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.

We are in need of cereal, pasta, canned goods, peanut butter, canned fruit, crackers, and canned tuna

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

MISSION SUPPORT **RELIEF OFFERING**

**April 28th:
Community Integration
Fund (Refugees)**

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.

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