

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints: Alan (AJ) Johnson



What motivated you to get involved in volunteer work at the church?

I learned the joy of volunteering from my dad Colonel Raymond Johnson who I affectionately call "the Colonel". He served on several community boards, built a library and was a Superintendent of our Sunday school. He taught me the value of contributing and giving back to my church and community. My brothers in Christ at All Saints Jay Rhoads and Tom Tomasi are the quintessential volunteers and George Humphrey's woodworking skills are all around this campus. It was Pastor Bill Bartlet that also motivated me when Denise and I became members in the early '80s.

What roles or responsibilities have you taken on?

Bike ministry: Many years ago, I was asked to build a few bicycles for the Angel Tree program. That transformed into a bike project that this year delivered 175 bikes to the Angel Tree program. It is part of a team effort with Patti Dilk, Jerry Hugo, other volunteers, and an outreach program that is one of All Saints' top programs. With outreach programs like Angel Tree and other social ministry events, the community benefits.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study: Bill Belton approached me to join a men's breakfast and Bible study. I was impressed with his hospitality and his dedication to the group. I made a commitment to him to keep the group going. Today we are 30-40 fellas that get together for food, fun, and fellowship. This also is a team effort of volunteers with chef Scott Hagen and his merry band of cooks.

Property maintenance: When I retired, I was looking for an opportunity to serve. Shari Clark gave me an opportunity to assist in facilities maintenance. My background in engineering and construction were gifts that I could share. It started by changing light bulbs for the Lord and it developed into other areas of property maintenance. As a facilities manager my contribution is to be a facilitator and provide an environment so that the staff and others can do their jobs more easily.

Campus growth: The biggest challenge was managing the construction of the last phase of the campus expansions and the building of the columbarium. It was again a team effort with a building team and a team that coordinated the construction of the columbarium, which was the vision of Oliver Gerland.

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Thank You!

To all the volunteers and members at All Saints,

Thank you for opening up your facilities for those in need to sleep and enjoy dinner. Your kindness in responding to me and other people in need is priceless. For you gave me hope and courage to continue on - even if life is challenging.

Thank you,
An I-HELP Participant

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

We want to thank you for your love, prayers, and financial commitment to Navajo Lutheran Mission. This is no small word of thanks because everything that happens here is the result of partnerships with the people and organizations that want to help us create lasting solutions to difficult cultural challenges and a healthy, sustainable lifestyle for our Navajo neighbors.

Every act of your generosity helps us further our mission. In fact, your gift has helped the parents of our students keep their children fed throughout the year. Your contributions make it possible to hire and retain qualified teachers, program staff, cooks, and maintenance personnel. Your gifts small and large support safe vehicles for student transportation and dependable refrigeration equipment for food service. Generous donors make possible the upkeep on 11 buildings and 5 acres where cultural exchange and new understanding can grow into justice and peace.

But, more than all of that, the richest blessing is watching happy kids playing on the playground or receiving a prayer and hug from an elderly grandparent. Or walking with a grieving family, knowing we can make a difference with comfort and resources. Nothing is more rewarding than sharing what you have given us. Because of you, we can be generous, too. We can hope, dream, and plan for a better tomorrow for our community.

There are many causes and concerns across the globe that compete for your support. Those of us here at Navajo Lutheran Mission are focused on our commitment to this community made possible by enduring partnerships with loving people like you. We give thanks and pray that your heart and passion for Navajo Lutheran Mission will energize this 'holy ground' for 70 more productive years to come.

Pat Yazzie,
Executive Director of Navajo Lutheran Mission

To the All Saints congregation and the Marry Harris Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your renewal of my scholarship to help towards my college and faith-based journey. I appreciate your constant support and will make sure your efforts do not go to waste. Thank you once again.

Patrick Weyrauch

Democracy, Faith, and Peace-Building in 2024

Join best-selling author and pastor The Rev. Jim Wallis in reflections on the current state of our democracy, and his most recent book, *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*



Jim Wallis

Author of *The False White Gospel*

September 12th, 2024
7:00 PM

Trinity Cathedral
110 W. Roosevelt St.
Phoenix AZ 85003



Presented By:



2024

FALL HYMN SING

PRESENTED BY MOON VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

TAKE ME BACK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 6PM

A decorative poster for a "Fall Hymn Sing" event. The background is a textured reddish-brown color. It features illustrations of two gramophones and a record player. The text is in a mix of white and gold fonts, with "FALL HYMN SING" in large, ornate white letters and "TAKE ME BACK" on a gold banner.

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

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)

RETURNS on
Wednesday **September 11th** from
6:30pm to 8:00pm.

We will meet **here at All Saints.**



**6th Grade thru 8th Grade students and their
parents/caring adults are invited to join us
for faith, fellowship and fun!**

We are partnering once again with our neighboring
ELCA churches (Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
and St. Andrew Lutheran Church) for a gathering of
Confirmation age youth for faith building, snacks,
service, and games. There will also be a special time
of fellowship and support for the adults.

Get on the Mooove - Come join the herd!

Contact Donald Wade (dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org)
with any question or for more information.

Book Club

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

This month's selection:

The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

The New York Times and USA Today
bestselling author of "The Huntress" and
"The Alice Network" returns with another
heart-stopping World War II story of three
female code breakers at Bletchley Park
and the spy they must root out after the
war is over.



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

SANCTUARY CHOIR Adult and High School Singers

Rehearsal: Thursdays, 7:00–8:30pm, begins September 5th

Worship: 9:00 and/or 11:00 services, about 3 Sundays per month

BELL CHOIR Adult and High School Musicians (members must read music)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45pm, begins August 28th

Worship: 9:00 and/or 11:00 services, about once a month

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

BRASS, WOODWINDS, STRINGS, PERCUSSION, GUITARS, ETC...

Adults and Teens, intermediate to advanced musicians, flexible schedule

AUDIO & VIDEO MINISTRY:

Volunteers are needed to serve as Audio and/or Video Techs for worship. See page 7 for more information.

We will provide training and instructions, and you may serve as it fits your schedule

To learn more about any of these opportunities, contact Jerry Gunderson, at jgunderson@allsaintsphoenix.org, or 602-866-9191.



3rd Grade & 6th Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 15th at the 9:00am Worship Service

3rd Graders will receive a Contemporary English Version (CEV) Bible that they will use for the remainder of Sunday School through 5th Grade.

6th Graders will receive a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible that they will use throughout Lutheran Confirmation (6th Grade thru 8th Grade).

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Joy Circle Bible Study, which meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, will begin on **Tuesday, October 1st, from 9:30am-11:00am.**

Pastor Pat Reed will be leading this year's study which focuses on six women from the Old Testament from six different time periods. We will look at what life was like for them and what cultural expectations they either honored or challenged. We will also see how their lives and their relationships to God speak to our lives today.

Our first lesson will focus on Rebekah, who was the wife of Isaac and mother of Esau and Jacob. Our focus will be on the part of her story told in Genesis 24:1 - 67. We will be using the Women of the Bible: Old Testament Bible Study published by Rose Visuals Bible Study.

Each month's lesson is independent so come to any or all sessions as you are able.

All women are welcome to join Pastor Pat for a social gathering on **Tuesday, September 17, from 9:30-11:00am.**

This will be a time to catch up with one another, discuss expectations for our Old Testament women bible study and pray with one another. Coffee will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks or treats.

Please contact Pastor Pat Reed or Donald Wade (at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:d Wade@allsaintsphoenix.org)) with any questions.

Children & Youth Faith Formation Classes:

Sunday School / Lutheran Confirmation / High School & Beyond Hangout all resume on Sunday, September 8th

Sunday School for kids age 3 years old through 5th Grade meets Sundays at 9:00am starting in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, September 8th is All Ages Sunday School for Sunday School kids, parents / caring adults, siblings, and friends will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00am.

Regular Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 15th.

Lutheran Confirmation for youth 6th Grade through 8th Grade. **Parents / Caring Adults attend this first introduction / information session along with their child(ren).**

6th Grade meets in Room 203

7th Grade meets in Room 202

8th Grade meets in the YO Zone

High School & Beyond Hangout for youth beginning in 9th Grade through young adult meets on **Sundays at 10:15am in YO 1 & 2.**

Heavenly Hikers

The Heavenly Hikers are still on a break.

They are looking for a **new leader** to help coordinate hikes.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:d Wade@allsaintsphoenix.org).



BAKE

SALE

MomCo
Bake Sale Fundraiser
Sunday, September 29th, 2024
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 the church office (602-866-9191).

Interested in becoming a member of All Saints Lutheran Church?

Join us for **New Member classes** for five consecutive Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard 6:00pm to 7:30pm **beginning Monday September 16th**.



Dinner is provided each week. Please let us know if you will require nursery care for any children under 5 years old.

Following the completion of the program, our New Members will be received at our 9:00am Worship Service on Sunday, October 20th.

You may sign up to attend online on the All Saints website or contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

8:00am–12:00pm

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

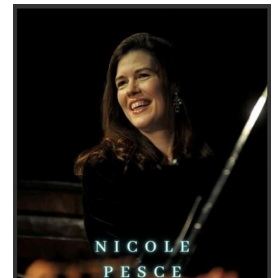
returns on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR MINISTRY



September Friday Friendly Nicole Pesce - Pianist Extraordinaire Friday, September 13th

The Senior Ministries Steering Committee is excited to welcome all back from the summer. What a great Friday Friendly fall kickoff with Nicole Pesce as our musical guest!



A wonderful performance, and lunch at noon.
You may also join us for just the performance at 1:00pm in the sanctuary, if you are not able to make lunch.

We will be catering a delicious baked chicken lunch with sides, and have our highly sought after fabulous deserts provided by attendees, all for just \$12 per person. Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office (602) 866-9191.

**All are welcome, those returning and first timers.
Bring friends too!**

Ways you can SERVE

I-HELP Volunteers

All Saints next I-HELP host nights are August 25th and September 22nd. Sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or at allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry.



Your generosity has been a blessing to so many of our I-HELP shelter guests. See page 2 for a special thank you from an I-HELP recipient.

Contact the office for information or questions about I-HELP.

All Saints Worship VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Where Can YOU Help?

Greeters

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Ushers

Acolytes

Worship Coordinators

Trained volunteers can visit

www.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.

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, jgunderson@allsaintsphoenix.org.

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



NOW SEEKING LOVING VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR MOM COMMUNITY Internationally known as MomCo (formerly known as MOPS) BENEFITS INCLUDE LOVE, JOY & SERVICE

All Saints is blessed to offer a gathering place for mothers and their children on Thursday mornings from September-May. We are meeting the needs of moms in both our church and our community. Because of this, we have grown over the past 3 years from serving 22 moms to 36 moms this past spring.

It is truly a gift to these women to have the opportunity to be with other mothers knowing there is a safe place for their little ones to be cared for and learn about God's love for them on the same campus.

We are seeking volunteers for anywhere between 1-4 Thursdays per month or as a "fill in" when one of our regulars is unavailable due to travel or illness. Paid positions are available.

If you are willing and able to help support these families, play with these adorable little ones, and experience the joy and wonder of childhood, please contact Diane Lensch or the church office.

A HEALTHY AND WELCOMING CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

To be more welcoming to those with chemical sensitivities and provide healthier indoor air for everyone, consider coming to church “*fragrance free*” (without perfume, scented lotions, . . .).

Thank you for helping to make All Saints a friendly and welcoming community of faith!

All Saints Budget Through July 31, 2024

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$ 666,132	\$ 622,511
Expenses	\$ 694,210	\$ 656,767
Deficit	\$ 28,078	\$ 34,256

Join Us for Online
Worship and Devotionals:



All Saints Lutheran Church

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All Saints Lutheran Church Phoenix

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

2025 dates now available.

Sign up and pay in the church office.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Walter Mikitowicz/ Marlene Olsen	Sept 2	46th
Fred/Anita Witte	Sept 2	63rd
Grant/Susan Hertel	Sept 4	53rd
Jim/Pam Hamilton	Sept 7	49th
Douglas/Kate Thoene	Sept 7	22nd
Ron Aspaas/Ginny Alexander	Sept 16	18th
Robin/Lisa Henderson	Sept 16	29th
Scott/Patricia Hagen	Sept 17	47th
Jarrett/Elaine Laurence	Sept 18	25th
Brett/Jackie Benton	Sept 20	33rd
Gene/Mary Phillips	Sept 24	58th
Rich Montoya/ Jennifer Overland	Sept 26	9th
George/Gail Humphrey	Sept 28	67th
Jim/Marian Maturro	Sept 29	34th
Tom/Gloria Cadden	Sept 30	29th
Brian Kloft/Lisa Jungman-Kloft	Sept 30	29th



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>

Living Saints

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What do you hope to achieve or contribute to continuing volunteer work?

Going forward, I would like to emphasize volunteering to others as a way of using your talents to accomplish our mission "to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ." I would like to train more folks on facilities maintenance and would

welcome any volunteers that can be a part of the facilities ministry. I will continue to serve as God directs me but hope to pass the torch along to others that have newer and better skills than me.

How has volunteering enriched your personal and spiritual life?

As I look at how our campus has grown and how so many people have been blessed by this church on the hill it makes me smile. I have come to admire the dedication and passion that the entire staff has for our congregation and for our faith journey. Volunteers are an integral part of why All Saints is successful. Use your talent and find your niche in the ongoing ministry of All Saints.

Service To Others Is the Rent You Pay for Your Room Here on Earth." -Muhammad Ali

Luke 12:48 "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

FIND YOUR MOM COMMUNITY



The Mom Community (MomCo) at All Saints invites moms with children of any age to:

- Come and meet together with fellow moms from varied backgrounds and churches
- Share in opportunities for fellowship, fun, support, and spiritual growth
- Benefit from having your babies and children, ages 0-5, cared for on-site at no cost



The MomCo meets every Thursday morning from 9:15-11:15am at All Saints. Meetings include speakers, discussion groups, videos and breakfasts. If you or someone you know is interested in attending or learning more about us please contact the church office or use the QR code.

**The first meeting of the new program year will be on
Thursday, September 5th (9:15-11:15am) in the Fellowship Hall.**

Growing in Faith: The Diakonia Program New 2024-2025 Foundation Year Courses Begin August 27th Register Now by scanning the QR code

Growing in Faith: The Diakonia Program is a 40+ year old ministry within the ELCA committed to fostering learning environments for followers of Jesus to grow in faith. The program has recently added new course curriculum and more flexibility with a Foundation Year and optional subsequent Practical Year tracks.

There are currently two Growing in Faith Diakonia communities in the Grand Canyon Synod with the Online cohort and hybrid communities in Metro Phoenix (which meets both in-person and online) offering classes, retreats, and mutual care to equip followers of Jesus to live out their faith. Students from all over the country are now enrolling in courses offered through our online communities.

A two-year curriculum allows folks to progress through foundational and practical learning. The program welcomes people where they are in their faith understanding and challenges them to grow to a deeper level. There is a one time \$25 Enrollment Fee and \$70 Tuition Fee per class.

Classes meet in person at two locations: Peace Lutheran in Phoenix or Spirit of Hope Lutheran in Mesa or join online using the Zoom option.

Questions? Email admin@diakonia.education



FOOD DRIVE **OFFERING**

1st Sunday of the Month:
September 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.

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**

September 29th:
ELCA
Disaster
Relief

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!

We raised \$860 for Reverend Kristin Engstrom in July!

Contact Us

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

(602) 866-9191

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Visit us on the web at
www.allsaintsphoenix.org

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Mon-Thur 9am-3pm

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