Saints Alive

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Our Focus Word for the Month is:

Thanks

Developing Daily Disciples

From Pastor Daniel

As we get into another holiday season, I always love getting to hear people's favorite holiday memories and traditions. And these one-time events that we love so much about the holidays are rooted in a few simple things we do very often without thinking, but when we name them, they become even more special. Think about it. There are so many times in our lives when we get together and eat with one another. And nothing is stopping us from having a turkey and pumpkin pie any other time of the year! Yet something about this meal sticks out to us. There is nothing stopping us from having a standing family meeting time every month. But yet, something about this meeting time sticks out to us.

But we, as people of faith, know that these simple things we do are special because we gather over a plain meal, not on the third Thursday of each November, but each and every time we gather around Christ's table during Holy Communion. Each and every week, we gather around this simple meal of bread and wine, elements we wouldn't expect anything special to be found in, yet this is one of the cornerstones we have built our faith on.

This is where we most intimately meet the risen Christ. When we gather around to share this meal, we call it Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word for Thanksgiving. Each week, for us as people of faith, is a Thanksgiving meal. It is a day full of tradition, remembrance, and coming together over a meal that unites us in a common language and meaning. We come to the table, and we say and remember again where we came from, but we are also re-membered with those who have gone before us – we profess the faith we received from God, and we gather around the table as a foretaste of the feast to come with those loved ones.

Each Sunday, we lift our hearts to God in thanks and praise in the sursum corda, and we remember and vocalize a history of God's saving acts on our behalf. And it is through our own participation in that meal that we find ourselves mystically invited to the table with Jesus' disciples and all the saints who have gone before us. When we share in the Eucharist, we are saying and experiencing what we believe and profess – that we have been saved, and that God's presence is in this place.

And it is in these stories that we tell that give our lives meaning. Our lives are not separate, disjointed events; we experience them as a narrative.

And when we are able to frame our lives as the story of redemption, rooted in the saving grace of God who has saved us from generation to generation, we come to realize the nature of the God we commune with in Thanksgiving - A God who is found in the simple, the mundane, and the nitty-gritty of the world. In this holiday season, we give back to God our praise and Thanksgiving, for God has been with us, and is continuing to write our story.

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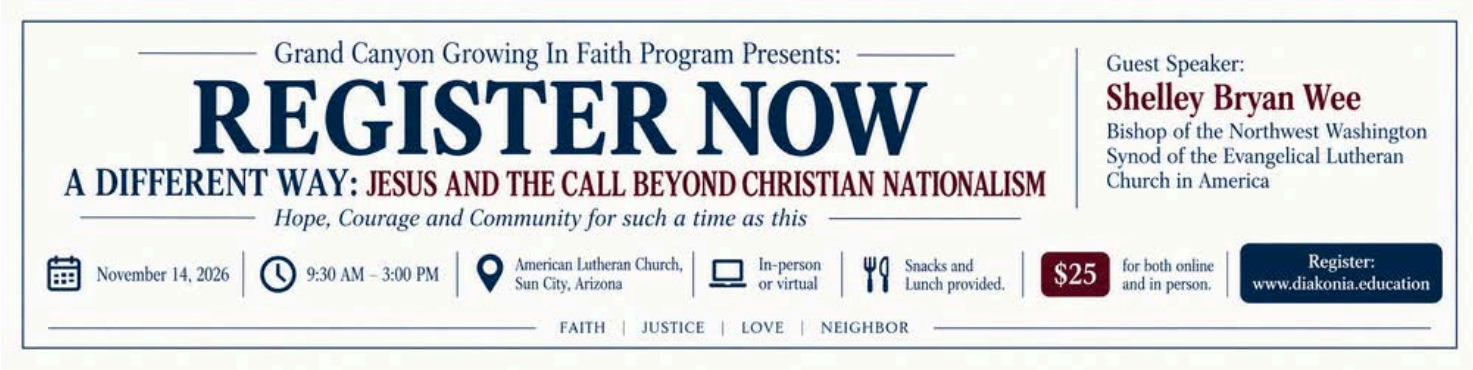
Upcoming Synod Events



Cursillo Annual Meeting and Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14th, at 10 am All Saints will host the Annual Meeting of Lutheran Cursillo of Arizona. All are welcome and you can see what Cursillo is about if you are interested. Then at noon, there will be a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. Help support this wonderful ministry.

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

To the fabulous folks at All Saints,

We, at Trinity Lutheran Church, are so appreciative of your efforts in helping to provide for our Food Pantry. This partnership has been going on for sometime;and we have been blessed to share with you in thei important ministry. Blessings to you, and thank you.

Trinity Food Pantry

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

Your church is truly a blessing and so amazing to think of Desert Mission Food Bank once again. Your gift ensures that we will continue to have food and small packs going out the foor to our community and schools.

We truly appreciate you,
Desert Mission Administration

Thank you for your congregation's generous gift. Churches like yours are empowering kids and families to rise above poverty and build futures once thought unreachable-even in the places where it's hardest to be a child.

As we work together to follow Jesus' example of serving vulnerable children and families, please know your church is essential. I'm praying for you with the words Paul wrote to the Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV).

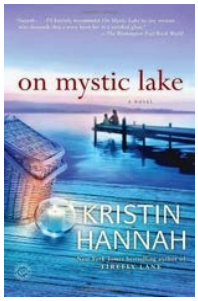
World Vision is truly blessed by your partnership. Thank you for your gift and compassion for others.

In Christ,

Edgar Sandoval Sr., President and CEO Team World Vision

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events for a full calendar and updated list of future events at All Saints



Book Club:
October 13th at 9:30am in Room 201

Selection: On Mystic Lake by Kristin Hannah

Annie Colwater's husband has just confessed that he's in love with a younger woman. Devastated, Annie retreats to the small town where she grew up. But just when Annie believes she's been given a second chance at happiness, her world is turned upside down again, and she is forced to make a choice that no woman in love should ever have to make.

Contact Donald Wade (dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) for more information.

MOMCO BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Many many thanks to All Saints for your generous support of our fall bake sale. We are so very grateful for your donations that will help support member scholarships, guest speakers, retreats and craft activities for our moms and their little ones.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

meets Wednesdays at 7:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Card & Jewelry Making Class

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am - 2pm in Room 201.

Individuals are welcome to come and go as they please and to work on one or both of the projects. You are always welcome to invite others. All materials are furnished and there is no charge.

However, we do ask that you make your first project for the church, your second is yours to keep or share with others.

Sign up in the church office or in the Narthex.

Joy Circle Bible Study: Psalms

Tuesday October 6th, 9:30am-11:00am in Room 201

The Joy Circle Bible Study led by Pastor Pat Reed meets Tuesday, November 3, from 9:30 - 11am in Room 201. This month's lesson focuses on "The heavens declare the glory of God…" and how our lives are meant to join nature's song of praise. We will read and discuss Psalm 19 and Psalm 119: 105 - 112.

The Joy Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month (September through May) for study, discussion, and prayer. All women are welcome. No previous bible study experience is necessary. Coffee is provided. If you have questions, contact Pastor Pat through the church office.

Bring Fruit for Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Every year, the altar guild makes a beautiful cornucopia on the altar for Thanksgiving Eve Worship. This year, we're asking you, the congregation, to bring fruit for the display! Bring a few pieces of any fresh fruit you'd like to the office on 11/22-11/24, and it will be displayed during worship. Then, you get to take home any fruit that's there after worship!

Sunday Education Hour:

Children 3 years old through 6th Grade
participate in our Sunday School Godly Play program.

Students in Grades 7 and 8
participate in our Lutheran Confirmation program.

Students in Grades 9 through 12
participate in our High School & Beyond Bible Study program.

Adults of any age **are welcome to join any of the adult courses throughout the year.**
Each Sunday a minimum of 2 different adult education sessions will be offered.

Contact Donald Wade (dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) or
Pastor Daniel (dvolkmann@allstaintsphoenix.org) for questions or info.

Adult Education Class: Living Beyond Fear

This 4 week class, led by Karin Gunderson, begins after the 9:00am service on Sunday, November 1st in Room 203.

No Education Hour on Sunday, November 22nd (Thanksgiving Break)

ALL classes will resume on Sunday, November 29th between services.

Compline: Evening Prayer & Silence

Wednesdays beginning October 6th
Dessert at 6:30pm; Compline service at 7pm

We will gather each Wednesday evening through November 18, beginning with a shared dessert - BYOD: Bring Your Own Dessert! - and time to enjoy one another's company. From there, we will enter into silence and pray Compline.

With its prayers of trust, rest and peace, Compline gives us space to lay down the burdens of the day, commend ourselves and those we love to God's keeping, and receive the quiet grace of evening together. Whether these prayers are familiar to you or entirely new, you are warmly welcome.

Come as you are, bring something sweet if you wish, and join us as we end the day in prayer.
We will gather weekly through November 18, before pausing for Advent Around the Fire.

SMART Recovery: LIFE BEYOND ADDICION

SMART Recovery is a 4-Point Program Mutual Support Meeting in North Phoenix!
This meeting occurs every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 203.
The meeting is open to all adults who would like help with eliminating or reducing addictive behaviors. There is no charge to attend. See you there!
www.smartrecovery.org

5th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Bag Food Drive

The Social Ministry Team is partnering once again with the West Valley Community Food Pantry to sponsor Thanksgiving meals for those with food insecurities. Each reusable bag provided comes with a list to fill your bag with foods to cook a traditional Thanksgiving meal for a family. We ask that a grocery gift card is included for the family to purchase a turkey.

We thank Thrivent for their help in providing the reusable bags and have provided a limited number of t-shirts to those who sponsor a meal bag.

Pick up your bag in the Narthex on Oct. 25 and Nov. 1st.

The meal bags are due back on Sunday, Nov. 8th.

Social Ministry is providing a trailer in the parking lot on Nov. 8th to turn in your bag.

Help us reach our goal of sponsoring 250 meals this year!

For further questions, please contact Sarah Manzanares through the Church Office.

Hanging of the Green

Saturday, November 28th at 9:00am

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help decorate our Sanctuary and Narthex in preparation for Christmas!

Advent Wreath Volunteers

We are looking for households or groups who are interested in lighting the Advent wreaths and reading the liturgy during worship services during the Christmas season.
If you are interested please contact Courtney Krueger at ckrueger@allsaintsphoenix.org.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

SAVE THE DATE:
Annual Nutcracker Sweets Bake Sale.

On December 13th the Culinary Team will once again hold their annual bake sale.
We will offer nicely wrapped cookies and candies ready for you to share with others for Christmas. Let us do the work and you enjoy presents for friends and family.

Save the Date: Advent Around the Fire Wednesdays During Advent from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Join us for the Prepare Ye series for Advent.
The theme verse for the entire series is: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3).
Dinner will be served at 6pm and we will close with dessert.
December 2nd, 9th, and 16th

SAVE THE DATE:
December 13th
Festival of Carols!
9:00am & 11:00am

Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir, Instrumentalists, and Guest String Quartet

A festive worship celebration filled with beautiful choral, instrumental and congregational music, meant to help us all experience anew the wonder of God's love being born among us. We invite you to save the dates and plan to invite others!

Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer
Sign-Ups through NOVEMBER now open!

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

Please contact the office with any questions or to sign-up without using Sign-Up Genius.

We are always looking for new volunteers and there is a role for everyone. Contact the Church Office to schedule training.

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.

Lutheran Thrift Shop

10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City
Open Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm and the 3rd Thursday of the month 5pm-7pm

Christmas is Coming!

Are you ready? Don't let the holidays sneak up on you.

At the Lutheran Thrift Shop, we're all geared up for the winter holidays. We've got Thanksgiving covered with fall decor and turkeys to hang on the door. You'll also find the best selection of china sets for all the entertaining you'll be doing this holiday season. We have Christmas trees in every size and variety! Tons of ornaments, oodles of crafted wreaths, stockings for your mantle and tablecloths for every shape table in your home! Christmas cards, music, candles, garland, lights, figurines, lawn décor, music boxes and Santas – of course, we have Santas!

We have gift wrap, centerpieces, wall hangings, Nativity sets, Christmas dishes and clothing and did I mention Christmas trees? A whole forest of Christmas trees! Shop early while the selection is best and get everything you need for the holidays at great prices.

Ho, Ho, Hope to see you soon.

Keep up with the LTS by following us on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop/
Or at our website: www.lutheranthrift.com

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 visit our church website to submit your request.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Steve/Jeannie Eastman	36th	Nov 3
Mark Starcevich/Kay Loga	3rd	Nov 3
Richard/Kitty Easton	29th	Nov 8
Stephen Taylor/Roberta Matern	21st	Nov 8
Mitchell/Katie Tay	13th	Nov 9
Larry Stern/Janice Woytko	2nd	Nov 11
John/Jan Lippert	43rd	Nov 12
Paul/Vicky Okamoto	38th	Nov 12
Bob/Mary Wennersten	38th	Nov 12
Jonathan/Jessica Jana	15th	Nov 19
Mark/Lori Riedel	29th	Nov 21
Cliff Schneider/Celia Stober	6th	Nov 21
Ron Schultz/Deb Hippen Schultz	15th	Nov 26
Brad/Kay Ames	34th	Nov 27
Benjamin/Lyn McClatchey	6th	Nov 28
Pat/Claire Cunningham	35th	Nov 30

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR ETERNAL LIGHT

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

- $50 to donate flowers
- $10 for the eternal light

Sign up and pay in the church office.
2027 dates are now available.

Upcoming Leadership Opportunities

We are currently looking for nominees to join the church Council, the Endowment Committee and to represent All Saints at the 2027 Synod Assembly.

Interested? Do you want to nominate a fellow member?
Or do you want to know more about council before deciding?
Please contact the church office at 602-866-9191 for more information.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Ministry Steering Team Members:

Margie Olsen
Scott Hagen
Karen McLaughlin
Judy Sutter
CC Tomasi
Pastor Deb Hippen Schultz

"Enable seniors to experience the promise of being part of God's family."

Fall Friday Friendly

- October 9th – our beloved Nicole Peschi outdid herself once again. She is amazing and we are so blessed to have her come every year.
- November 13th – Sahuaro Park in Glendale for noon picnic with Sean Mireau and the Volcano Island Band (steel drums). Sub sandwiches/chips/cookie for a suggested donation of $15. Bring your own drinks please.
- December 11th – Annual Christmas party/potluck (meat provided) and have invited our own choir to join us. There will be carols and a gift exchange. $25 for gift price. Ugly Christmas sweater contest too.
- January 8th, 2027 – bus to Organ Stop Pizza with MomCo

Something to be very thankful for - Understanding Your Identity in Christ:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17
"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10
"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power,
love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7
"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12
"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God,
that he has chosen you." 1 Thessalonians 1:4

No matter what anyone says, God gets the last word about you. You are loved and if God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it! Start each day with a thankful heart and have a blessed Thanksgiving! Gobble 'til you wobble.

MomCo - Mom Community

Meetings and activities happening this month:

- November 5 Breakfast Meeting and Service Projects
- November 12 GID and SWIP SWAP bring some things, take some things
    - items remaining are donated to Choices Pregnancy Center and St. Vincent de Paul
- November 19 Breakfast Meeting and "Discipline with Fun"
    - Guest Speaker from Raising Kids With A Purpose, Adrianne Peterson
- November 21 Friendsgiving-Mom's Night Out

Last month was full with games, our fall bake sale, small group discussions, learning tips and tricks of cleaning and a pumpkin patch playdate for all.

We welcome moms with children of ALL ages to join us on Thursday mornings for a time of fellowship, laughter, physical and spiritual nourishment, and support. Free childcare is provided for 0-5 year olds. Registration information is available at https://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/momco

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ALL SAINTS

With November upon us and the anticipation of the season where Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas approach in just a few weeks' time, memories and/or emotions can also increase and intensify. If you or someone you know are struggling currently, consider the possibility of meeting with a Stephen minister. Contact any of our Stephen leaders-Diane Lensch, Scott Hagen, or Tammy Follensbee-or the church office for more information.

The Stephen ministers at All Saints participate in continuing education after receiving 50 initial training hours. For the next several months we are reading and studying together, 12 Unexpected Ways to Care. Everyone can benefit from learning new and better ways to relate to and care for others in their lives. More information about this book and about Stephen ministry is available at https://www.stephenministries.org/default.cfm

Love endures.
So can your giving.

The All Saints Lutheran Endowment Fund helps continue our church legacy into the future, growing over time to support our mission and programs today, tomorrow and for the life of the church.

Please prayerfully consider a tax-deductible outright or estate gift to the All Saints Lutheran Endowment Fund.

You may contact the church office or Thrivent Charitable at thriventcharitablee@thrivent.com or 800-365-4172 for more information.

FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

1st Sunday of the Month: November 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 RELEIF OFFERING

November 29th: Envoy (Senior Transportation)

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

aslc@allsaintsphoenix.org

Visit us on the web at www.allsaintsphoenix.org

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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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