

# Saints Alive Newsletter

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## Living Saints: Suzanne Carlisle

I grew up attending the local Lutheran church in my Upper Peninsula of Michigan hometown and enjoyed all the Sunday School, Confirmation, VBS, and youth group experiences that were available to me.

In 2009 I attended a very fun Trunk-or-Treat event here at All Saints with my son, Duncan, then 4-years-old. The following spring and summer I signed Duncan up to attend VBS and volunteered to be a Crew Chief in his class, because that's what helicopter parents do. We continued this tradition through 2017, when Duncan became a Crew Chief too.



In fall of 2010, I became an official member of the church, and joined the MOPS group. This also began my Busy Bag adventures (featuring the ever-popular Busy Bag Buffalo) in early 2012 and is something I still enjoy doing to this day.



In fall of 2013 I was recruited as Sunday School Shepherd for the third grade class and continued to shepherd this class through all of Duncan's Sunday School and Confirmation years, until he was confirmed in our pandemic-Zoom ceremony in May of 2020.

In 2014 I also decided it would be interesting to take over the vacant church Librarian position and soon realized that this job is more involved than I originally thought, as book donations increase and the bookcases fill up. I did feel some relief when the church staff decided to downsize the library in 2022, bringing an end to my Librarian career.

And lastly, for many years I have helped out at the Receptionist desk a couple of times a month. Eventually, this expanded to every Tuesday morning.

– Suzanne Carlisle

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**COMING SOON**

Visit [www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events](http://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events)

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

**2<sup>th</sup> Grade Holy Communion Milestone & Baking of the Bread**

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall and Life Building Café

2<sup>nd</sup> Graders & their Parents / Caring Adults attend together.

2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will receive Holy Communion **during the Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

RSVP to Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) to attend.

**All Ages  
Sunday School**

Sunday School kids and their parents / guardians will gather together on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Heavenly Hikers: March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Brown's Ranch Trailhead – McDowell Sonoran Preserve - 30301 N. Alma School Pkwy, Scottsdale.

We will make a loop out of Cone Mountain and Hackamore in a portion of the preserve that we have not done before. This is fairly flat and easy and will total about 5 miles.

We will meet at the trailhead at 9:00am.

As always, bring plenty of water and let Dan Nelson know if you plan to join.

Questions? Contact Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org).



**JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

will meet again on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:00am in room 201.

Returning participants and newcomers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at [krice@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:krice@allsaintsphoenix.org)

**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
AND BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 7:00am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

**NEW MEMBERS**



Please join us in receiving new members at the 9:00am service on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Adult Sunday School**

Meets at 10:30am  
in the Life Building Café.

**LESSONS  
in  
CHEMISTRY**



**Book Club**

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30am in Room 201

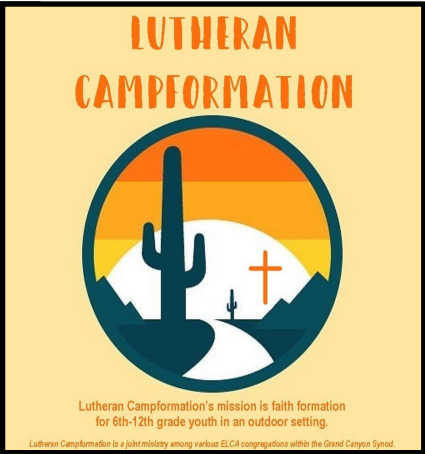
This month's selection:  
**Lessons in Chemistry**  
by Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, Lessons in Chemistry is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

Questions? Contact Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org).

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 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  
[www.lutherancampformation.com](http://www.lutherancampformation.com)

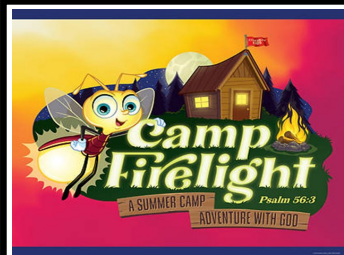


**Love little ones? MOPS could use your help!**

We are still looking for a few volunteers who could help with our childcare program on Thursday mornings from now through May - including folks who might be able to "fill in" on an occasional basis.

**Paid positions are also available.**

Please contact Pastor Kristin if you are interested.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
 2024 VBS  
 Camp Firelight**

**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00am to 12:00pm each day**

**Registration Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Volunteer Leaders and Shepherds  
 are always needed.

Contact Pastor Kristin or Donald Wade for details.

**All Saints Worship  
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Where Can YOU Help?**

**Greeters Ushers**

**Lectors Acolytes**

**Communion Assistants**

Trained volunteers can now visit [allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer](http://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](mailto:ochaparro@allsaintsphoenix.org) or call 602.866.9191 ext. 105 for more info.

**Save the Date:  
 8th/9th Grade  
 Confirmation Retreat  
 April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Chapel Rock Retreat Center  
 Prescott, AZ**

**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 10:05am in YO 1 & 2

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET ON PALM SUNDAY OR EASTER SUNDAY.**



# I-HELP

**We need your help!**

All Saints will host I-Help on the following Sundays:  
March 24<sup>th</sup>—April 28<sup>th</sup>—May 26<sup>th</sup>

We need volunteers for the following roles:

Volunteer Coordinator

Fellowship and Host Volunteers

Dinner Coordinator and Dinner Assistant

Dessert Coordinator

Breakfast Coordinator and Lunch Coordinator

Laundry Coordinators (3 volunteers)

For a description of each volunteer role and to access the link to sign up please go to our website at [allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry](http://allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry) or contact Tammy Follensbee.

**Thank you for your assistance with this important outreach!**

## Lutherans on the Loose - LOL



LOL will be headed to the Renaissance Festival in Gold Canyon on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church parking lot at 10:30am. You are responsible for your own transportation to the festival. For anyone who would like to carpool, sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at (602) 866-9191. Leave your name, phone number, and if you are willing to drive and number of seats available, or if you need a ride. Tammy will connect you with the appropriate person for transportation.

For more information about the festival, parking (free), directions, and to purchase tickets go to [arizona.renfestinfo.com](http://arizona.renfestinfo.com). General admission for ages 13 and up are \$34 (plus tax and service fee). Discounted tickets can be purchased at Bashas or Food City for \$33 (plus tax).

**Huzzah!**

### Lutheran Thrift Shop 10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City **Spring is in the air!**

We know when everything is blooming and beautifully green - and our allergies are out of control - that spring is here! Easter is right around the corner and soon many of our winter friends will be leaving for cooler summer climates.

The show must go on though and we need you to help us keep things rolling this summer! Most of our volunteers work a 3-hour shift but some work more than one shift or more than one day a week.

The jobs from which a volunteer may choose are as varied as the volunteers themselves. Some choose to hang, steam and price clothing. Others work with dishes and housewares or tools and appliances; pricing and putting them out on the shelves. We have an art department full of pictures and frames and we need people who like that kind of work. Our holiday department is a fun place to work and the craft department needs workers in the shop and working from home. Maybe a job with more "action" is more to your taste. How about being a trucker? We run the truck 3 days a week doing pick-ups and deliveries. **No** special driver's license required - and you get to meet a lot of interesting folks from all over. Are you a "people person"? Cashiers are the face of the shop having first-line contact with our customers.

Our "benefits package" includes fellowship, that '*great feeling you get when you do a good thing*', a 20% discount on Thrift Shop purchases and yummy snacks at break time! Sorry, no dental plan.

Join us, won't you? Shop with us, donate your gently used goods or come be a volunteer. Call us today to schedule a tour or a donation pick-up. 623-815-7061.



# God is Still With Us

From the foundations of the world, the Holy Spirit hovered over creation. The Spirit remains with us, even now. When God's people seemed abandoned in Egypt, God guided them into the Promised Land. God guides us, even now. In the birth of Jesus - Immanuel - God was with us. And God is still with us, even now.

Join us this Lent as we explore together Gospel passages that deepen our connections with God. At home you are invited to use the "God is Still With Us" devotional booklets that are available for you at the church. These devotions can be read alone or shared with loved ones of all ages.

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, you are invited to special meditative worship services where our pastors will further explore the themes of the week. Our hope is that both the "God is With Us" devotionals and the Wednesday night worship services will deepen your bond to our loving God.



**Come and share the journey!**  
Devotional booklets are available for pick-up in the narthex, library, or office.



**Wednesday Evenings  
beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>**

6:00pm Lenten Dinner  
in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

 **Palm Sunday**

March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am & 11:00am  
Sunday services begin in a triumphant  
Palm Procession into the Sanctuary

 **Maundy Thursday**

March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

 **Good Friday**

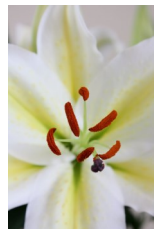
March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm & 6:30pm

 **Easter Sunday**

March 31<sup>st</sup>  
7:00am

Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion in the Courtyard

9:00 & 11:00am  
Festival Services of Holy Communion  
Sanctuary Choir and Brass Ensemble



**ORDER YOUR  
EASTER LILY  
TODAY**

EASTER LILY'S CAN BE ORDERED  
IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, IN  
HONOR OF A LOVED ONE,  
OR TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

ORDER FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP IN  
THE CHURCH OFFICE. THE LAST  
DAY TO ORDER WILL BE  
PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>.



Come to join us for

**SPRING**

**FESTIVAL**

*March 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm*

We will be gathering family and friends for an afternoon of free food, fun, music, games, bounce house, raffles, and silent auction.

All funds raised go to the Interfaith Homelessness Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP).

*Free entry*

allsaintsphoenix.org  
15649 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Contact Tim Gaffney for  
volunteer opportunities.

**REMINDER-MARCH 31  
DEADLINE TO DIRECT  
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

**Thrivent Choice Dollars  
can help All Saints**

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2024** to direct any remaining 2023 Choice Dollars.

Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to learn more or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice."

**All Saints Budget  
Through January 31, 2024**

Income:	\$ 69,898
Expenses:	\$ 96,199
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 26,301</b>

**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.

**Annual Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who made the Annual Congregational Meeting a success!

In addition to approving the 2024 Mission Plan the congregation also voted in three new members to our Council:

Ginny Alexander, Holly Bohling, and Monica Rabb

Thank you Karen Rasmussen, Bobbie Tomasek, and Nance Wabshaw for your service!

**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.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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

Randy/Sara Karg	Mar 4	24th
Bruce/Sherry Myers	Mar 5	19th
Eric/Katie Lewis	Mar 6	20th
Matthew/Christine Gerland	Mar 9	22nd
Scott/Sheri Orrahood	Mar 9	33rd
Michael Marion/ Miriam Schantz-Marion	Mar 11	35th
Shannon/Michael Monn	Mar 13	18th
Olivia Chaparro/Peter Clark	Mar 14	4th
Lloyd/Theresa Brown	Mar 15	33rd
Dennis Kaufman/ Cheryl Neils-Kaufman	Mar 17	12th
Thomas/Kathleen Payne	Mar 20	31st
Jonathan/Sarah Levine	Mar 23	5th
Loring/Lindsey Kohrt	Mar 27	25th
Chris/Kristina Shamy	Mar 30	3rd
J.W./Diana Henry	Mar 31	24th

**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>



## MOPS/MOMSnext THANK YOU!!




Thank you to all of the many of you who participated in the Barro's Pizza fundraiser in support of our MOPS and MOMSnext ministries.

Our percentage of proceeds from January 29<sup>th</sup> totaled \$222.74, which means over \$1000 of pizza and other goods were consumed! As always, we are grateful for the congregation's generous support.

## Pastor Kristin Engstrom

Check out Pastor Kristin Engstrom's latest newsletter from Zambia!

<https://bit.ly/Engstrom02-24>



**2024 LUTHER LECTURE**

**"When Ethics Kills: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Story of Us."**

**Wednesday, March 20th**  
10:00 AM

**Dr. Reggie Williams**

California Lutheran UNIVERSITY

plts PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## UPCOMING SYNOD EVENT

The real challenges we face in our work to cultivate healthy community and human flourishing are not the ones that typically catch our attention and focus our efforts. The problems are more than the overt injustices; they exist as unidentified, and thus, intractable, presumptions that animate our efforts towards the good. Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers an example of this challenge.

He offers a sincere and lasting Christian response to the crisis in Germany that was contrast to the near wholesale acquiescence that was common among the general protestant German population. Yet, he also struggled with a common presumption, the problem of the human, i.e. an ideal to which we aspire without question. In this lecture we will take a brief look at this problem by looking at Bonhoeffer's effort, with the help of the Black Radical Tradition as exemplified by Cedric Robinson.

Register on the synod website or by scanning the QR code.



Visit [gcsynod.org/calendar](https://gcsynod.org/calendar) for a full list of upcoming Synod events or to register for these events.



# **SENIOR MINISTRY**

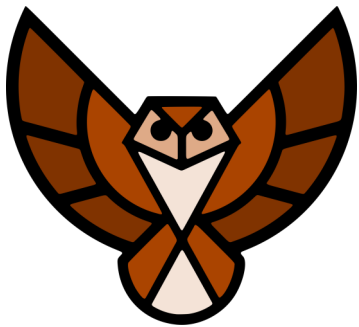


## **Senior Ministries**

### **Team Members:**

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

**Join our Team!**



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[@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org)**

## **April Friday Friendly Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**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” that will be announced soon).**



**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!**

## **FOOD DRIVE** **OFFERING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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**

**Date Change:  
March 17<sup>th</sup>:  
I-HELP**

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

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Mon-Thur 9am-3pm

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