

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints: Becky Biciolis

Becky and her husband, Ron, have been members of All Saints since 2013.

Becky, tell me about your experience volunteering here at All Saints.

There are many ways to give, and the gift of your time can be very rewarding. I began as a Shepherd in November of 2013 and transitioned to teaching. Volunteering my time to teach Sunday School has been a true joy. And the learning goes both ways, as young minds share a unique perspective on God's word.



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

During our membership class we completed a questionnaire to help us understand spiritual gifts. Soon after, my husband and I began volunteering. I enjoy teaching, and the need for Sunday School volunteers was shared during a service, so I signed up to teach the 4–5-year-olds for Sunday School.

How do you believe your volunteer work has impacted the community?

I believe the church impacts the community and so, I try to do my part to help the church. I hope that my service is of value to the children I teach as well as my fellow parishioners.

How do you balance your volunteer commitments with other aspects of your life?

I'm still working full-time, but Donald Wade has allowed me flexibility if I'm unable to teach on a Sunday. I feel overall the church is flexible and understanding and will work with whatever time you're able to give. A willingness to serve is the only skill you need.

On behalf of all of us at All Saints, we say thank you to Becky for her dedication to our faith community and for her leadership by example.



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Back To School Drive 2024

While students and teachers rest this summer, help us make sure that all of the students can go back to the classroom equipped with everything they need to start the year off right. Your generosity can change that and ensure their school year is one of success. Your gift will be shared across all Lutheran Social Services programs - including refugee youth, foster youth, and families struggling to make ends meet.

Please bring your items you wish to donate to the office by Sunday July 28th. Thank you for your help.

Supply list:

- Backpacks for all grade levels
- Filler paper (wide & college rule)
- Dividers for 3-ring binders
- Spiral notebooks (wide & college rule)
- Composition books (wide & college rule)
- Index card packs
- Colored pencils & crayons
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue sticks, liquid glue
- Black, Red, & Blue pens
- 3-ring binders
- Pocket folders
- Lunch boxes
- Washable markers
- Pencil pouch
- Pencils
- Pink eraser
- Safety scissors
- Highlighters

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Pat Reed has volunteered to lead the Joy Circle beginning in the Fall!

She is excited for the opportunity to continue traveling alongside all of you on this journey of faith and discovery.

We are looking for feedback from you on:

- Study Subject Matter
- Meeting Dates & Times
 - Meeting Format

Please contact Pat Reed or Donald Wade (at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) with your feedback or questions.

SENIOR MINISTRY



Update from Pastor Dan Hoeger

I am glad to tell you that plans are underway for Senior Ministry in the Fall. I have been having wonderful conversations with many of you and found a lot of passion for ministry with our older members. I have also been having deep dive conversations with our two former Senior Ministry Directors, Tammy Follensbee and Maritta Fink. They are both gems.

We are currently holding off hiring a new director. We want the space to map out new goals and priorities, before we find a good person to lead us. We have formed a new Senior Ministry Steering Committee to guide us. Joining me on this team are Owen Swenson, Barb Swenson, Margie Olsen, Warren Mitch, and Scott Hagen. One of our first tasks is planning senior fellowship events for September and October. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for upcoming events.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Tim/Jocelyn Gaffney	Aug 1	32nd
Van/Liz Bonnesen	Aug 6	41st
Ron/Lynn Gagliano	Aug 6	36th
Brian/Katie Thatcher	Aug 6	20th
Alex/Diane Vrenios	Aug 6	36th
Kent/Susan LeFevre	Aug 8	37th
Graham/Kristin Boorse	Aug 9	27th
Richard Haynes/Kacey Lawson-Haynes	Aug 14	3rd
Casey/Carol Swenson	Aug 14	42nd
Denny/Terri Reiman	Aug 15	54th
John/Kathy Jakob	Aug 17	56th
Reilly/Jordan Placek	Aug 20	4th
Roger/Gloria Livingood	Aug 21	53rd
Tony/Marne Kostelac	Aug 25	34th
Andy/Linda Anderson	Aug 26	46th
Curt/Elizabeth Mills	Aug 29	32nd
Daniel/Ann Nass	Aug 31	61st
Jerry/Penny Zaddack	Aug 31	22nd

HOLY BAPTISM

If you would like to have a baptism here at All Saints, please call the office to schedule a meeting with a pastor.

Shari Clark in the church office will collect the information that the pastor will need before your scheduled meeting.

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.

All Saints Budget Through June 30, 2024

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$ 558,990	\$ 556,799
Expenses	\$ 594,272	\$ 563,548
Deficit	\$ 35,282	\$ 6,749



CALL COMMITTEE

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has had in depth interviews with two candidates via Zoom. Each has had two interviews and provided sermon videos to us. We are currently preparing for an extensive in-person interview with one of the candidates. The committee asks for your prayers as we continue the interview process. We will update the congregation by late July and let you know whether we will be seeking additional candidates or recommending a call.

The members of the committee are: Pastor Dan Hoeger, Bobbie Tomasek, Dennis Haugen, Karen McLaughlin, Carrie Cummings-Roberts, Brandon Elzholz, Diane Lensch, and Shannon Monn.

Please keep the work of the Call Committee in your prayers as we seek our next Pastor for Intergenerational Ministry.



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>

Ways you can SERVE

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.



I-HELP Volunteers & I-HELP Donation Tree

All Saints next I-HELP host nights are July 28th and August 25th. Sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or at allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry.

The I-HELP donation tree has been picked bare but will be back when donations are needed.



Your generosity has been a blessing to so many of our I-HELP shelter guests.

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 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.

Lutheran Thrift Shop

Good People Always Needed!

Volunteer opportunities at the shop are as varied as the kinds of donations we receive. Many volunteers prefer to work behind the scenes accepting and processing donations. Small appliances need to be tested, cleaned, priced and shelved. Clothing is sorted by season, checked for cleanliness, sized, priced, steamed and put out on the racks. Sheets, towels, blankets and tablecloths are measured and marked as to size and stocked. Knick knacks, dishes, and kitchen things are cleaned and priced.

Some volunteers prefer to be more visible. Strolling the sales floor, interacting with customers and helping people find all the great bargains are great opportunities for them. Cashiers, with friendly smiles, welcome customers as they arrive and handle all the purchases. No matter what your style, the shop has something for you.

Volunteering at the LTS is as much a social opportunity as it is work time. Most days fresh baked goodies add a few yummy calories to break time where the coffee is always hot and fellowship is abundant. An added perk - 20% off purchases if you're a volunteer! Call to schedule a tour 623-815-7061. 10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City

Check out our website www.lutheranthrift.com for more shop info and pictures and follow us on [Facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop) for weekly sales and special events.

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

Registration NOW OPEN for
Sunday School,
Confirmation, &
High School Hangout

Register online using the QR code.
Contact Donald Wade
(Director of Faith Formation) at
dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org for
questions or info.



**ALL Faith Formation Classes
Return on September 8th**

Sunday School: Age 3 thru 5th Grade

Confirmation: Grades 6th thru 8th

High School & Beyond Hangout:

9th Grade thru Young Adult

All Ages Sunday School: Adults of any age

**Children's & Youth Ministry
Teacher and Shepherd Orientation**

Sunday, August 25th at 9:00am

All Sunday School, Lutheran Confirmation,
High School & Beyond Hangout Teachers
and Shepherds are asked to attend.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
AND BIBLE STUDY**

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

C.O.W.

(Church on
Wednesdays)



RETURNS on

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

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

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

There will also be a separate gathering
time for the adults to share and discuss
various faith formation topics.

**Heavenly
Hikers**



The Heavenly Hikers are on a break for the Summer.
BUT, they are looking for a **new leader** to help
coordinate hikes starting in the fall.

If you are interested or have any questions please
contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.



**All Ages
Sunday School**

will meet in Fellowship Hall
Sunday September 8th at 9:00am.
Sunday School kids and their families are
invited to attend together and join us for
fun, God's Word, music, and worship.



Back to School Blessing
Sunday, August 4th
at the 9am service.

Join us for a special prayer for
students and teachers as we start
a new school year.

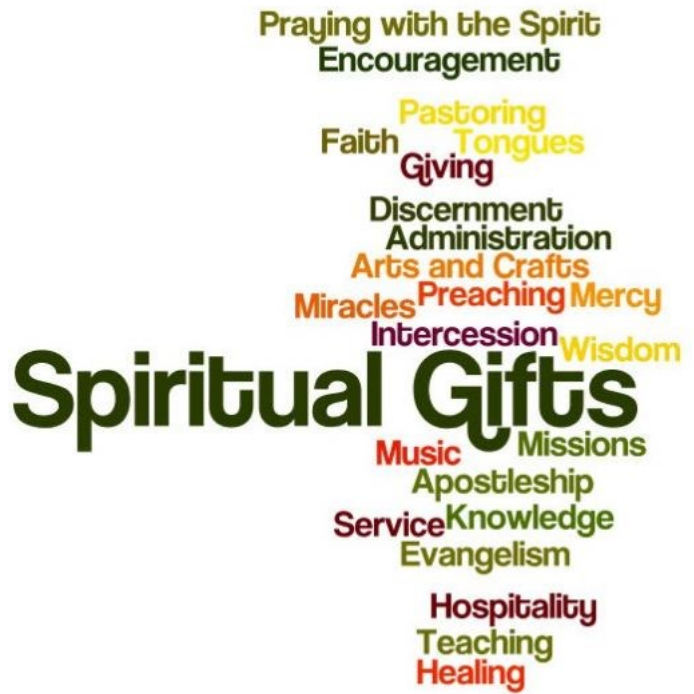
You are invited to bring your backpack
or school bag that day for the blessing!

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat

**Sponsored by
Grand Canyon Synod
Growing in Faith:
Diakonia Program**

**Saturdays
August 3rd, 10th, 17th
9am-12pm MST via Zoom**

\$35/student



Do I have a spiritual gift?
What does God want of me?
What kind of ministry is God calling me to?
How am I to serve God?
Do I have a spiritual gift? What is it? How am I to use it?

Perhaps you have asked yourself these questions.

To help you answer them we are sponsoring a retreat called Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts.

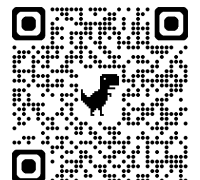
Through a series of exercises and conversations you will be guided in a process of discernment about your gifts. By the end of the retreat you should know the gifts God has given you and begin to understand how God wants you to use them.

Our retreat leader is Reverend Stewart McDonald.
A long-time Diakonia instructor, he is leader of
two of courses in the Tucson cohorts:
Images of the Church in the Bible and Beyond;
and Daily Life of a Christian.

He has led this Spiritual Gifts retreat any number of times over the
last 30 years with excellent results, including three times with Diakonia.

So come join us on this adventure of discernment and answer
the questions you have been asking yourself.

Registration can be completed online by scanning the QR code or visiting
www.diakonia.education and then selecting Events.





THE MOMCO

MOM COMMUNITY, internationally known as MomCO (formerly known as MOPS)

NOW SEEKING LOVING VOLUNTEERS - 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 our church and our community and have grown over the past 3 years from serving 22 moms to 36 moms this past spring. MomCo meets for fellowship, spiritual support and development, learning, organized & spontaneous discussions, service projects and creative activities.

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 offer childcare for four distinct groups of children: Babies-1-year olds; 1-2-year-olds; 3-year-olds; and 4-5-year-olds. This means we need a minimum of 8 volunteers on any given Thursday from 8:45am-11:15am.

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.



Dear All Saints,
You are stars! God has blessed you and you are a blessing to the community, the synod, and the larger church. Your mission support (and additional gifts along the way) allow the synod staff to equip and connect leaders to proclaim Jesus love for the world. God does good through you.
Bishop Deborah Hutterer

Dear Friends,
As we wrap up another school year here at NAU, we want to thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry Canterbury. Our faith community continues to grow, and we are already planning for fall semester. Your gifts help make all of it possible!
Peace,
Pastor Mike Girlinghouse

Dear All Saints,
Once again, you have been so kind to me. I was told there was a plant and card at the front desk for me. It was a beautiful plant in a lovely painted pot with a card that was made by the church. It was signed by MomCo. How kind. Thank you again for your kindness.
Gods love to you,
Donna Magnolo

Dear Church Partner,
Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$100.00. Churches like yours are empowering kids and families to rise above poverty and build futures once thought unreachable.
As we continue to see God's miraculous hand transforming lives, know that you are an essential part of this work. We all have a part to play, and your congregation is truly a champion in working alongside vulnerable children and families. In the words of Paul, 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 to have you as a church partner- and a champion for kids. Thank you for your gift and compassion for others.
In His Name,
Anthony Williams, senior director, Donor Contact Services

FOOD DRIVE **OFFERING**

**1st Sunday of the Month:
August 4th**

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**

**August 25th:
Lutheran
Navajo
Mission**

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 \$2,396 for Grace Lutheran Heat Respite in June!

Contact Us

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

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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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