

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints: Pastor Kristin Rice

Pastor Kristin came to All Saints in 2015 after relocating to the Phoenix area following her husband's call to chaplaincy position at the Federal Correctional Institution.

Pastor Kristin first became involved with our MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program as Harlow and Boesen were ages 5 and 3 respectively when they relocated to Phoenix. It was through her regular participation in MOPS that she became aware of the pastoral need we had after Pastor Shari Bernau took another call. Pastor Kristin accepted an interim call in June of 2017 and the congregation voted to offer her a permanent placement in November of 2017.

Over the course of her 7+ years serving as our Pastor for Intergenerational Ministries Pastor Kristin has been responsible for helping our members learn, grow, and experience fellowship through the various ages and stages of life.

Within her call at this church she will have confirmed 82 young members into the congregation, directed 6 VBS programs, officiated 4 weddings, 34 funerals and baptized 39 individuals at All Saints. Outside of All Saints she has impacted us in more ways than we can count.

While we will miss her dearly, we wish her and her family success and peace as they move forward in Texas. We are so grateful for the time we had with them and the ways in which she has shaped our ministry and changed our lives.



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FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

**1st Sunday of the Month:
May 5th**

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

May 26th

Lutheran Disaster Response

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!

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.

Jerry/Karin Gunderson	May 1	42nd
Don/Marjorie Knutson	May 5	62nd
Matthew Robers/Carrie Cummings-Roberts	May 7	20th
Bill/Betty Pecha	May 7	36th
Cyril/Tracie Petrie	May 8	25th
Brian/Samantha Coyne	May 13	8th
David/Julie Dion	May 14	19th
Ron Pace/Becky Biciolis	May 16	9th
Alan/Denise Johnson	May 16	54th
Rand/Susan Hinrichs	May 17	38th
Ed/Annette Johnson	May 19	40th
Gale/Holly Bohling	May 20	52nd
Russell/Carin Aronson	May 21	36th
Matt/Tanna Puleo	May 27	24th
Matthew/Marissa Miller	May 29	2nd
Kevin/Sarah Smith	May 29	15th
Steven/Constance Tatge	May 29	52nd
Barney/Kris Rouse	May 29	53rd

All Saints Budget Through March 31, 2024

Income:	\$ 232,040
Expenses:	\$ 285,081
Deficit	\$ 53,041



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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

Beyond This Life:

Join an Interfaith Discussion on the Afterlife

Dive into an enlightening virtual conversation on "Living Our Faith - A Tri-Faith Discussion" about the afterlife, a subject that intrigues and unites people across different faiths. Scheduled for **Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00pm MST** (Arizona Time), this free event brings together Rabbi John Linder, Deacon Philip LoCascio, and Imam Shahir Safi to explore diverse religious perspectives on what lies beyond this life. For more information and to register scan the QR Code.



Hosted by the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Arizona (ISBA), a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering understanding and dialogue, this discussion promises to offer a rich tapestry of beliefs and insights. Register now to secure your spot in this unique interfaith dialogue, where learning, respect, and shared curiosity pave the way for deeper understanding. A **Zoom link** will be emailed to participants a day before the event, ensuring easy access to this significant conversation.

Servant Leader: Present, Equipped, Here Saturday, May 4th 11am – 3:30pm

Including worship, Bible study, speakers and breakout sessions, this year's leadership event will reintroduce the servant leader concept and its connection to relationships and community while acknowledging the many challenges facing organizations like ours in our current context. Participants will explore the leader-full community that is Women of the ELCA. To register and receive the **Zoom link** scan the QR code.



This event is open to all, whether involved in Women of the ELCA or not.

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

Weekly Inspiration from the ELCA: Sign Up Today!

We live in a time where staying informed and connected is more important than ever, especially within our faith community. That's why we're reaching out to encourage you to sign up for our weekly newsletter. It's not just about staying updated; it's about strengthening our community bonds and sharing in the joy and challenges we face together.

Our newsletter offers a wealth of stories from congregations and ministries within our synod, uplifting tales of faith in action, and insights into the work being done at the ground level to make our world a better place. But it doesn't stop there. We also bring you news from our partner ministries and organizations at the synod level, Region 2, the wider ELCA, and even updates from the global church, including the Lutheran World Federation.

But we want to make this as easy as possible for you and your congregation or ministry. If you're a leader, we can import your existing email list to ensure that your entire community receives our newsletter, keeping everyone in the loop with minimal effort on your part.

This is an invitation to deepen our connection, to be inspired by the work of others, and to find ways we can contribute to our collective mission. Let's share these stories far and wide. Invite your congregation, your ministry teams, and anyone who would benefit from a weekly dose of inspiration and faith-filled news.

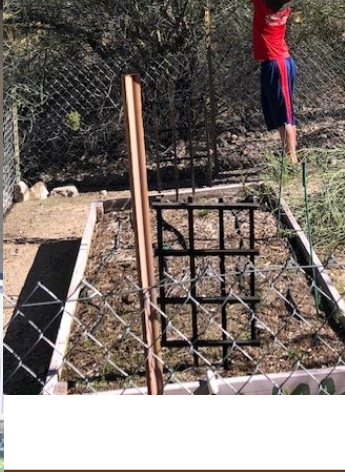


Sign up today and help us weave a tighter fabric of community across our synod and beyond.

Thank You! THANK YOU!

THANK YOU SCOUTS!

Scout troop 323 had their Spring work day at All Saints on Saturday March 30. Fourteen scouts led by **Andrew Eisenhut** and several adult volunteers spent the morning cleaning up the grounds and assisting All Saints Alter Guild team with prep work for Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary.



Dear All Saints,

I just want to thank you and God for this beautiful church. Thanks to the audio and visual volunteers who enable me to watch every Sunday on my computer. What a blessing that is. I so enjoy Jerry and Karin Gunderson - how blessed we are to have them, and the beautiful choir. How lucky I am!

-Donna Magnolo

SPRING FESTIVAL



Spring Festival - Thank you!!

**Thank you to everyone who helped make our
3rd Annual Spring Festival such a success!!**

**With the auction items, raffle tickets, and other donations
we were able to raise an astounding \$5,600 for the
Interfaith Homelessness Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP).**



I-HELP and I-HELP Donation Tree

All Saints next I-HELP host night is Sunday, May 26th. Sign up to volunteer at allsaintsphoenix.org/social-ministry or by scanning the QR code.

Providing shelter to I-HELP guests is important all year round but it is vitally important during our **HOT** summer months. I-HELP is a year-round community effort!

The I-HELP donation tree has been picked bare! A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to, volunteered for and helped to support I-HELP at All Saints. The donation tree will be back when donations need replenishing.

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.



Lutheran Thrift Shop
10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City

So much going on - So little time!

Once a month, on the **3rd Thursday**, all the thrifting establishments on the corner of 107th & Peoria in Sun City reopen at 5pm and stay open until 8pm with special deals. A good option for people who work (or golf) and cannot make it during our regular hours. This month, the 3rd Thursday experience is May 16th. We'd love to have you join us!

Did you know we pick up furniture donations? We send a truck and a few good men to come into your home and take out your donations which are too large for you to haul. Appointments are necessary for this service so call and get on our schedule. (On the 3rd Friday of each month we are exclusively in the Vistancia/Trilogy area) Items that fit in your car can be brought to the shop on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9-2pm. Come around back to the red door.

Have you heard about our ongoing Silent Auction? It's one of the shop's most popular draws and has attracted literally thousands of customers. Bidders have dozens of vintage, collectable and designer art, jewelry, handbags, furniture, clocks and clothing on which they can bid.

You can find out about our weekly sales, current raffles and special items for sale by following us on [Facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop](https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop).

We also have a website. www.lutheranthrift.com

So many ways to interact with us! Shop with us, donate your gently used goods or join us as a volunteer. Call us today to schedule a tour or a donation pick-up. 623.815.7061

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.

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.



AUDIO•VISUAL
TEAM

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will meet again on Tuesday, May 7th from
9:30am to 11:00am in the **Fellowship Hall**.

This will be our final meeting for the spring!
Please bring a brunch(ie) appetizer to share as
we celebrate the women of the Gospel of John.

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org

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.



Pastor Kristin's Last Sunday at All Saints

Will be Sunday May 12th

Please join us as we say a final farewell to
Pastor Kristin during the 9am and 11am worship services.

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.

Adult Sunday School

will finish their study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians on
Sunday May 5th and then break for the summer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00am
in the Fellowship Hall.

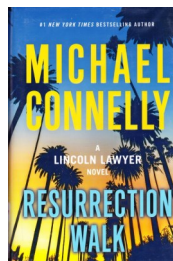
Book Club

Tuesday, May 14th at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:

Resurrection Walk by Michael Connelly

From No. 1 bestselling author Michael Connelly:
Lincoln Lawyer Mickey Haller is back, and he's
taken on another long-shot case. The chance of
winning is one in a million...



Defense attorney Mickey Haller has agreed to represent a woman
who is in prison for killing her husband, a sheriff's deputy. Even
after four years in prison, his new client maintains her innocence.
The path to true justice is, for both the lawyer and his investigator,
fraught with danger from those who don't want the case reopened.

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



Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation)

Sunday, May 5th at the
11:00am Worship Service.

FEELIN' GROOVY?

Donate for an exclusive T-shirt



Donate in Style with this '70s-Themed T-shirt

When you donate **May 24-31**, you'll receive this exclusive T-shirt in appreciation! This is the first in **Vitalant's 2024 "Decades" T-shirt series**. Embrace the groovy spirit and spread the message that giving blood to help patients is as cool and timeless as ever. Don't miss out! *While supplies last. Redeemable by email.*

Details at vitalant.org/groovy70sdonor | Schedule at vitalant.org

All Saints Lutheran Church

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 26

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bloodmobile in parking lot



To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code, or visit vitalant.org (Blood Drive Code: P1350) For questions contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

PROMO DISCLAIMER

*Terms and conditions apply; visit vitalant.org/groovy70sdonor

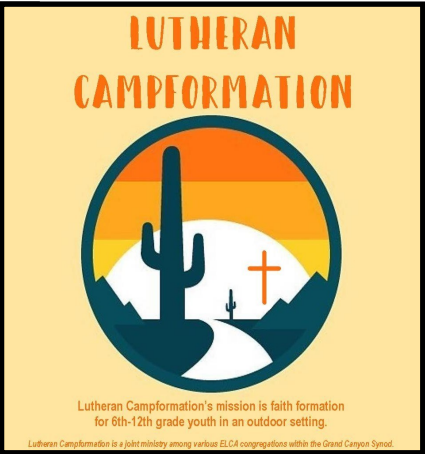
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June 23rd-28th, 2023
 Registration now open for Campers
 Applications now open for Counselors

Counselors: students completing grade 10 through age 24
Campers: completing grades 5-8 and
GAP Campers: completing grade 9


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Church Parking Lot

We will be resealing the church parking lot the week of June 10th. Be on the lookout for additional details in the June/July newsletter.


C.O.W.



(Church on Wednesdays)

All Confirmation age students (6th - 9th Grade) are invited to the last meeting of COW until the fall. We will meet **here at All Saints** on Wednesday **May 8th** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

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




INSIGHTS FOR THE CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee wants your prayerful insights into what we should seek in our next Pastor of Intergenerational Ministry. We hope that your insights will serve as an inspiration to the committee as they discern God's calling of a new pastor.

Zoom meetings will be on April 30th at 7pm and May 5th at 1pm.
 Please contact the office if you would like to attend one of the Zoom meetings and a link will be provided.

You can tell us your thoughts by answering the questions by the "Insights for the Call Committee" boxes in the Narthex and Office or by scanning the QR code to the right. If you are aware of a pastoral candidate that might be a good fit for All Saints, submit their name and your contact information on that same form.



Please keep our Call Committee in your prayers.



2024 VBS

**Monday, June 3rd to
Friday, June 7th**

**9:00am to 12:00pm
each day**

**Volunteer and participant registration is NOW OPEN
at <https://allsaintsphoenix.mycokesburyvbs.com/>**

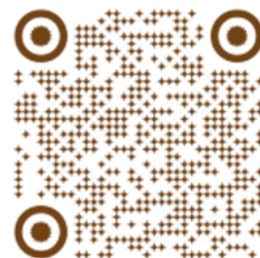
**Kids Pre-K (age 2) through completing
5th grade are invited to attend!**

**Adult and youth volunteers (6th grade and up)
are welcome and essential!**

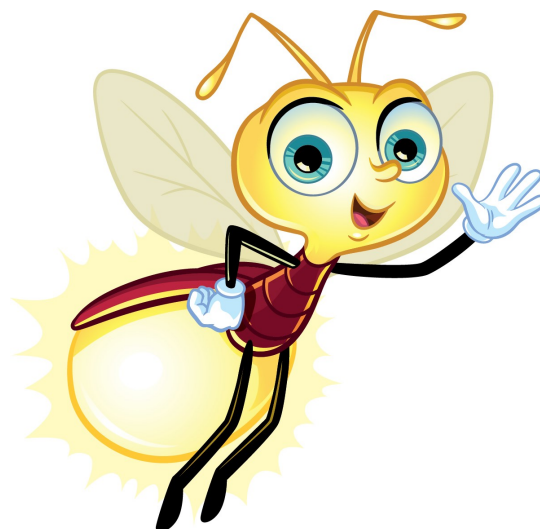
Right now our top needs are Station Leaders for:

- * Mission * Toddler/Twos * Pre-K Crafts ***
- * Pre-K Science * Pre-K Recreation ***

**We also need station helpers,
crew leaders and decorators!**



**To find out how you can be involved, contact Donald Wade:
dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org or 602-866-9191**



SENIOR MINISTRY



Senior Ministries Team Members:

Denny Reiman
Terri Reiman
Nancy O'Connor
Barb Swenson
Owen Swenson

Join our Team!

Senior Ministry Staffing Update

We wanted to keep you informed that Tammy Follensbee will be stepping down from her role as the Director of Senior Ministries.

Her last day will be Monday April 29th.

Her dedication and leadership have been instrumental in guiding us, and we are grateful for her service. We wish her all the best in as she moves to full-time work with Lutheran Social Services as their I-HELP Community Outreach Coordinator for Peoria. We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition within the ministry.

Tammy and her family will remain active members and volunteers at All Saints.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate this change together.



Interested in joining the Senior Ministry Team as a volunteer?

Know someone who would be a fit for Director of Senior Ministries?

Contact the office for more information.



You Are Welcome Here!

By God's grace, we have all been welcomed into God's family. By that same grace, we extend our welcome to you.

This welcome includes people who range in age, race, ability, and cultural background; who differ in economic and marital status; who vary in sexual orientation and gender identity; and who have an array of feelings about church and faith.

We confess that we are not a community already perfected in love, but we believe God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we.

We will be better because you are here.

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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