

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Strategic Plan Update: Sustainability

The Strategic Plan encourages us to ensure that “the ASLC campus maximizes appeal and efficiency while meeting the current and future congregational, community and environmental needs.”

I wanted to take this time to inform you how some of these objectives are being met and what I would hope to see in the next 3 years.



- Campus Appeal: Joshua Kennedy Eagle Scout Project-Troop 323 & 3323. On Saturday, April 30, 2022 Joshua lead his team of volunteer scouts and painted railings and light post around the campus. (See page 6 for more information)
- Campus Appeal: Outside Front Office Tree/Landscape and the Worship and Upper Courtyard were spruced up with a Cactus Memorial Garden. These areas were able to be updated from the Max & Elsie Vollmann’s Memorial Funds. A dedication service was held on Sunday, May 22.
- Environmental: I have started to order Recycled plates/cups/silverware/napkins for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen for use in events on campus. No more foam products!

Some items that I would like to see accomplished in the next 3 years:

- Painting Entire Campus Buildings—Inside and Out
- Replace the Fellowship Hall Flooring
- Purchase New Trash Cans that state and are color coded for:

- * TRASH
- * PAPER RECYCLE
- * CAN RECYCLE
- * GLASS RECYCLE



We look forward to working with you and sharing more of these changes as they continue to happen over the next few years.

Shari Clark

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Overview of ASLC Financial Status as of April 30, 2022

Category	April 2022 YTD	Budget 2022	Over/Under Budget	April 2021 YTD
Total Income	\$324,200	\$361,600	(\$37,399)	\$284,713
Total Expenses	\$372,070*	\$360,622	\$11,447	\$313,984
Net Income (loss)	(\$47,869)	\$977	(\$48,847)	(\$29,271)



Summer is quickly approaching. As many of us look forward to vacations and a slower pace of life during these months, your All Saints Finance Advisory Committee and Congregational Council have been carefully monitoring our giving during the first few months of the year. It is not unusual for giving to drop off during summer months; however, we are entering Summer 2022 further behind than we would like.

On the other hand, coming out of the two-year pandemic has made it more challenging for us to be able to compare giving this year to that of pandemic years, when we went for months without in-person worship and giving was lower for several reasons, including the economic challenges faced by some in our congregation. The pandemic also hastened changes in how people worshipped, even pushing All Saints more quickly into the new frontier of providing online services, a goal of the Council at least a year prior to the pandemic.

While some members still prefer to worship online, it has been gratifying to All Saints elected leaders to see more members attending worship in person, and we were extremely blessed to have strong attendance for Easter 2022! Remember Easter 2021: socially distanced outdoor worship with attendance limits?? We were also pleased to welcome a number of new members who joined as we were coming out of the pandemic!

So, as we enter summer, we ask that you to remember your church while you are away. We urge you to start giving online as many are now doing. You will find simple online giving signup instructions on our website (www.allsaintsphoenix.org) and our terrific Parish Administrator Shari Clark is always willing to help members get started. If you are behind on your pledge, please try to catch it up before you take off for cooler climates. Lastly, keep All Saints in your prayers until we are all together again.

In God's love,

Karen Rasmussen
Congregational Treasurer

*Notes:

- Overdue retirement accounts payments from late 2021 paid in February and March
- Overdue benevolence payments caught up
- Unscheduled maintenance (water main break)
- Inflationary cost increases

COMING SOON

FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

**1st Sunday of the Month:
June 5th and July 3rd**

**Bring your offering of non-perishable
food to stock our campus food
cupboard for those in need and to
contribute to the
Desert Mission Food Bank.**

**Donation carts will be located
by the outside elevator
and office doors.**

MISSION SUPPORT RELIEF OFFERING

**June 25th:
Grace Lutheran Respite Relief**

**July 24th:
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
donations also welcome!**

**We raised \$933 for the
Good Samaritan Fund in April!**

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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



Book Club

The Book Club will not be meeting over the summer. They will resume in September.



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Meets Wednesday mornings at 7:00am.
They will continue through June 8th and
then take a short break until July 13th.



Summer Singers

Sundays, June 12, 19 & 26
Rehearsal will be at
10:15am in the Sanctuary,
They will sing for 11am services.
All teen and adult
singers are welcome!

For more info, contact Jerry Gunderson at
jgunderson@allsaintsphoenix.org

QUARTERLY BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, May 29, 2022 8:00am–12:00pm



Our 30th year of donating
blood at All Saints!

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

Lutheran Campformation

July 3-8th, 2022

Camp Pinerock in Prescott, AZ

Applications now open for

Campers grades 5-9

www.lutherancampformation.com

LUTHERAN
CAMPFORMATION



Lutheran Campformation's mission is faith formation for 6th-12th grade youth in an outdoor setting.



Sunday School / Confirmation / High School Bible Study

will resume on

Sunday, September 11th.

Thank you to all of the volunteer Teachers and Shepherds who made Sunday School, Confirmation, and High School Bible Study possible this past school year! Your dedication to the faith formation of the children and youth at All Saints is truly inspirational. Thank you for sharing the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with our next generation of believers.

*ASLC High School
Summer Sunday Fun*

FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN TO OUTGOING SENIORS!

Sundays from 4-6 pm

June 5th - Pool Party @ The Gaffneys' House

June 12th - VBS Set Up @ ASLC

June 26th - Wacky Games @ ASLC

July 10th - Movie Night @ ASLC

July 24th - Constructing & Crafting with Nick @ ASLC

July 31st - Pool Party @ TBA

Bring some friends! See you there!

*ASLC Junior High
Summer Friday Fun*

Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm

June 3rd - Pool Party @ The Elzholtz' House

June 24th - Wacky Games @ ASLC

July 15th - Movie Night @ ASLC

July 29th - Constructing & Crafting with Nick @ ASLC

NURSE(S) NEEDED at Lutheran Campformation

If you are a nurse, certified nursing assistant or have other medical/first aid background, consider spending a fun week of recreation, worship, and fellowship in the cool pines of Prescott with some amazing youth on July 3-8 at Camp Pinerock.

Even if you can only be at camp for a portion of the time, we'd love to have your help! Chief duties include tracking and dispensing prescribed medication to campers and "on call" for situations requiring basic first aid and/or evaluation of mild illness or injury.

If interested, please reach out to Pastor Kristin: krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.

To learn more about camp, visit www.lutherancampformation.org.

Vacation Bible School: June 13-17 9:00am to 12:00pm

Participant registration for kids Pre-K (age 3) through completing 5th grade NOW OPEN!

<https://allsaintsphx.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

To find out how you can be involved, contact Pastor Kristin krice@allsaintsphoenix.org.



THANK YOU

WORLD VISION

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$150.00. 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 not" (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

WHEAT: Ending Hunger and Poverty at the Root

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your ongoing support of WHEAT and its efforts to end hunger and poverty at the root. **Your gift of \$185.00 for your January Mission Support will help us in that quest.**

Whether it is providing training for living wage employment, SNAP outreach services throughout the State, outfitting men and women with free workwear, advocating for changes to the root causes of hunger and poverty or making fair trade a part of our community's buying option for gifts and goods helping artisans and farmers feed and clothe their families, WHEAT will continue to strive for the elimination of hunger. WHEAT has never stopped serving, even at the height of the coronavirus COVID-19 spread.

Through its education, empowerment, and advocacy efforts WHEAT is making a difference and you are part of that difference!

Thank you for joining us on this mission to make hunger and poverty a thing of the past!!

Sincerely,
Tamera Zivic, Ph.D., Executive Director/CEO

Spring Festival



Thank you to every one who made All Saints' 1st Annual Spring Festival a huge success. Due to the

generosity of our members and visitors we raised \$7600 for the Good Samaritan Fund.



eMBRY COVID
Testing Site



Since February 21st
All Saints has
partnered with eMBRY
health to host a
COVID testing site in
our parking lot.



Joshua Kennedy BSA Troop 607 Eagle Project

Joshua Kennedy, a youth member of All Saints as part of earning his Eagle Scout rank led a project to refresh many areas of All Saints campus. Joshua (pictured left) with the assistance of several of his fellow scouts and scout leaders from Boy Scout Troop 607 (pictured below) sanded and painted several areas of our campus.

The areas include the stair rails leading from the parking lot to Fellowship Hall, railings on the set of stairs east of the YoZone, and lamp posts and canopy posts in our court yard and sanctuary level. It took two days of preparation and painting and the boys worked hard to get the job done.

Great job!!

Thank you Joshua and Troop 607!!

By Tammy Follensbee



Diakonia Retreat: Life of Faith Initiative

June 25 – 26, 2022

Presenter: Rev Dr. Craig Nesson
Academic Dean, Professor of Theology and
Ethics Wartburg Theological Seminary

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ
1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Saturday, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

You will join in several interactive presentations that will help you enhance your church community by offering a substantial encounter with God. You will leave with ideas on how serve our neighbors, where ever you encounter them and to make positive changes in your life and your church.

Cost: \$60.00 – Includes Dinner on June 25th and Breakfast & Lunch on June 26th

Register at: <https://www.diakonia.education/> > Events/Retreat

More information on Life of Faith Initiative here: <https://lifeoffaith.info/>

Everyone is welcome! You need not be a Diakonia student or graduate to attend.

Questions? Contact admin@diakonia.education

Living the Lectionary

by Pastor Dan Hoeger

If you grew up in a mainline Christian church, you probably are very familiar with that idea that there is a list of readings for each Sunday and each Holy Day of the year. What you may not realize is that this is a very ancient part of our worship life. The Talmud claims that the practice of reading appointed Scriptures on given days dates back to the time of Moses. The early Christian church developed lists that typically include an Old Testament lesson, a Psalm, an Epistle Lesson and a Gospel Lesson. Most mainline Christian churches today use what is known as the "Revised Common Lectionary." In its current form, the Revised Common Lectionary was compiled in 1992 by:

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- Christian Reformed Church in North America
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Free Methodist Church in Canada
- The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
- The Presbyterian Church in Canada
- Roman Catholic Church in the United States
- Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship
- United Church of Christ
- International Commission on English in the Liturgy
(an Agency of 26 Roman Catholic National or International Conferences of Bishops)
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- The Episcopal Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Polish National Catholic Church
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Reformed Church in America
- Roman Catholic Church in Canada
- The United Church of Canada
- The United Methodist Church

The lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings. The gospel readings for each year come from one of the three synoptic gospels: Year A – Matthew; Year B – Mark, Year C – Luke. (We are currently in Year C.) The most frequently read gospel is John, which is scattered over all three years.

Many people prepare for the coming Sundays worship by reading the lectionary lessons during the week before. I look up the readings at: lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu. In fact, the big blue book in our pulpit is not a complete Bible. It is a hard copy of the lectionary, that helps the readers see the lessons gathered in a couple of pages. You should go and take a peek at it before or after worship.

The lectionary also helps our church musicians to prepare music that speaks to the Scripture of that Sunday. If I get stuck on what I should preach, I can often find inspiration by looking at the hymns that Jerry Gunderson has picked for that Sunday. Many ancient and contemporary hymns were based on a particular reading from the lectionary. They dive deep into the Scripture with the heart of a poet.

Even with three years of Sunday readings, individuals are invited to read the Bible daily on their own. In fact, while the lectionary includes nearly all the four Gospels, it does not include about 80% of the Bible overall. To expand your Bible reading, you can look to page 1121 in the back of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal. There you will find a daily lectionary that can expand the breadth of your understanding of the Word of God.

As a pastor, sometimes I stray away from the lectionary, to preach on a theme that needs to be addressed. But overall, I find the lectionary forces me to start with the Bible first and not with my own thoughts about the world or the church. What is surprising to me is how often, reading the lectionary, gives me new insight into today's headlines and personal concerns of the people I meet. That a list of assigned readings can do that, speaks mostly to the power of the Word of God rather than to the lectionary itself.

To be honest when I started as a pastor, I sometimes thought that the lectionary was too limiting. Now after preaching from it for 33 years, I realize that I have only begun to scratch its surface.

For more lectionary readings check out the ASLC Instagram page every Tuesday for #lectionaryleftovers where we highlight a reading not used during worship. Our weekly e-Devotions also provide an additional focus on a reading from that weeks lectionary.

WE GO TOGETHER



this is motherhood

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
For MOPS and MOMSnext 2022-23**

<https://forms.gle/4agNGXyz69iivuYC8>



MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers.

MOPS International exists to meet the needs of moms with different lifestyles who all share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be! MOPS recognizes that the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and are filled with unique needs.

MOMSnext serves mothers of school-age kids, providing a community that grows with them as they mother. By building a safe and accepting community, MOMSnext seeks to deepen mothers who want to grow into the best moms they can be and influence others for good throughout a new phase of mothering.

Both groups meet at All Saints each Thursday from 9am - 11am September through May and for playdates throughout the summer PLUS Moms' Nights Out, Couples' Date Nights, Family Picnics, Holiday Celebrations and other special events throughout the year!

**To learn more contact Pastor Kristin:
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org or visit allsaintsphoenix.org/mops**

Living Lutheran Staff Highlight: “A Prayer for Guidance”

by Nancy L. Winder

This month’s selection by Shari Clark.

For 60 years the [Holden Village retreat center](#) in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state has welcomed people into the wilderness to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth and each other. Guests and staff in this remote, beautiful setting enjoy nature, community life, music, art and worship while engaging in conversations about life, faith and the world.

When people return from Holden to their homes, schools, and faith communities, they take their new discoveries with them. One treasure that guests have taken with them for all of Holden’s history is a prayer:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Written by Eric Milner-White, dean of the chapel at King’s College, Cambridge (and designer of its famous Christmas Eve service, “[A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols](#)”), the prayer, titled “The Call of Abraham,” was first published in 1941 in a little book titled *Daily Prayer*, compiled by Milner-White and G.W. Briggs.

Certainly the people of England, gathered in their churches and worried in their homes during World War II, could identify with “The Call of Abraham” and its sense of an uncertain future held in God’s guidance. The prayer offered hope for the future in a hopeless time.

“The Call of Abraham” first found a Lutheran readership in the 1958 Service Book and Hymnal (SBH). Luther Reed, chair of the joint commission for that hymnal and president of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, owned two prayer volumes by Milner-White, including *Daily Prayer*, and copied out petitions from those books for the “Collects and Prayers” section of the SBH. “The Call of Abraham” became No. 96, “For Guidance.”

The SBH was the worship book at Holden Village, and Carroll Hinderlie, named its first director in 1963, used “For Guidance” right away. Perhaps Hinderlie and his wife, Mary, first learned of the prayer from the Anglican missionaries with whom they were imprisoned by the Japanese in the Philippines during World War II. Or maybe they heard it when they studied in Norway in the 1950s.

Villagers at Holden in its first years might remember the invitation to turn to “prayer 96 on page 231.” As the prayer made its way from the village to countless other contexts, it became known as “The Holden Prayer.” In 1987 the prayer was published in the Lutheran Book of Worship under “Morning and Evening Prayer,” and in 2006 the prayer was included in Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

This prayer resonated in the hearts and minds of people of all faiths and vocations, who recite it at worship, weddings, ordinations and even funerals. [Valparaiso \(Ind.\) University](#) uses it at graduation every year. Lutheran congregations also use it as a template for their ministry, including [Westwood](#) in St. Louis Park, Minn., and [St. Mark](#) in Spokane, Wash. Many congregations, including Immanuel Lutheran in Pepin, Wis., recite it as their prayer of sending in every service.



It's also been set to music, and visual artists have rendered it in many mediums.

At Holden, the prayer is most often used as staff leave the village. Its strong sense of a foundation for life's journey, for God's calling to service and vocation, and its vision of new paths and even perils blesses each person for whatever might come next.

The phrase in this prayer that most seems to capture people's imagination and spirit is “good courage.” What strength and direction these words give, especially when sustained by God's guiding hand and supporting love! These are words for every season, every person, every community. Thanks is given for Milner-White and this treasure, which has gone out everywhere with “good courage.”

Learn more about [Holden Village](#).

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

John/Mary Schmelzeis	June 1	25th
Brian/Diane Lensch	June 2	49th
Jon/Sommar Nelson	June 2	10th
Mike/Christy Wirsig	June 2	38th
Jeff/Betty Paterson	June 3	44th
Barry/Pam Abbott	June 5	46th
Chad/Belinda Kirvan	June 5	26th
Jay/Evelyn Rhoads	June 5	13th
James/Maritta Fink	June 6	34th
Paul/Debbie Holland	June 7	42nd
Kevin/Roxana Lewis	June 8	20th
Terry/Teena Otterness	June 8	53rd
Bob/Barbara Eslinger	June 9	60th
John/Lynn Brennard	June 10	27th
Gary/Mary Berg	June 11	55th
Paul/Judy Buff	June 13	51st
Dan/Diana Nelson	June 13	36th
Richard/Gwen Ward	June 14	25th
Rick/Anne Gutekunst	June 15	48th
Dave/Laurie McCaleb	June 15	49th
Donald/Heather Wade	June 16	15th
Andrew/Kara Manuel	June 17	16th
Robert/Jennifer Elzholtz	June 18	17th
Don/Marie Isaacson	June 18	34th
Bruce/Chris Palmer	June 18	45th
Donald/Kellee Cole	June 19	22nd
Stan/Gayle Axthelm	June 20	42nd
Ken/Marianne Kennedy	June 20	30th
Gary/Cynthia King	June 20	41st
Loring/Margaret Kohrt	June 20	52nd
Greg/Peggy Strunk	June 20	44th
Gene/LaDonna Ashmore	June 21	52nd
Joe/Glenda Blegen	June 21	47th
Daniel/Joanne Christensen	June 21	42nd
Jerry/Amy Hugo	June 21	37th
Joe/Joslyn Causey	June 23	43rd
Charles/Julie Kerley	June 24	33rd
Eugene/Julie Kraus	June 25	34th
Mark/Allison Genrich	June 27	55th
Norm/Karen Johnson	June 29	54th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Peter/Becky James	July 3	17th
Bob/Kathy Naig	July 3	27th
Robert/Joanne Damman	July 4	38th
John/Gina Sheak	July 8	16th
Paul/Alice Paige	July 9	62nd
Richard Benson/ Shannon Mooring-Benson	July 10	20th
John/Ione Heffelfinger	July 15	57th
Kevin/Amanda Wright	July 20	31st
Bruce/Josey Nolte	July 22	44th
Perry/Shari Clark	July 24	40th
Al/Susan Kirchmeier	July 25	30th
Max/Jill Rowland	July 26	36th
William Army/Sergio Venzor	July 29	9th
Brad/Kristen Butler	July 29	22nd
Gregg Fiehler/Bonnie Barker	July 31	10th
Daniel/Carol Lippert	July 31	29th



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.

HOLY BAPTISM

If you would like to have a baptism at All Saints, please schedule a meeting with the Pastor.



Contact Shari Clark in the church office to process the information that the Pastor will need before your scheduled meeting.



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>



Contact Us

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

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