

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints: Karen Rasmussen & Nance Wabshaw

I wish I had known Karen Rasmussen when I was in any of my math classes! Although Karen has tried to convince me that she was actually awful at math, it is hard to believe. If she was, she has shown a remarkable learning curve!

Karen is a lifelong Lutheran who has been a member of All Saints since 2002. She served as a church organist for nearly three decades prior to moving to Phoenix in 2001. She joined the Sanctuary Choir in 2003 and has sung in it ever since.

Karen has twice been trained as a Stephen Minister, first in the early 1980s at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City and again at All Saints in the early 2000s. She served a three-year term on the Church Council over a decade ago, was elected again to the Council in 2018 and is completing the sixth and final year of her term.

Karen has been a mainstay on Council, the Finance Committee, and the Endowment Committee. For the past six years, when she was not President, she has served as All Saints' Treasurer, guiding us through the rocky road of COVID-era funding and uncertainties. Her financial acumen, attention to detail, and articulate explanations of all things 'finance' have helped all of us to more fully understand the financial state of the congregation at any chosen moment. Her foresight has allowed us to make decisions around the details of ministries that can involve our insurance policies, navigated the best options for our various investments, and has shared important insights into a variety of financial products and institutions for our consideration as our financial needs adjust to the realities of economic life.

Karen is multi-talented beyond her role in keeping us financially in-the-know. She has made a number of contributions to this congregation that most of us will never know about due to her sense of the meaning of stewardship and the importance of community.

As Karen leaves her Treasurer position on Council, let us all pray as we seek her successor, knowing that she leaves this dimension of our church life well organized and ready for whomever takes up this mantle. Karen is a prime example of someone who has used her talents for the Lord.

"Let me read with open eyes the book my days are writing-and learn."

"Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars."

"The world says, the more you take, the more you have. Christ says, the more you give, the more you are."



If you like inspirational quotations about faith, you need to know Nance Wabshaw! The quotes above are recent examples of the type of tag lines she frequently uses in her emails. They have the intended effect on me, causing me to stop and think about my daily life and what is meaningful to me.

Nance confesses to being "a walking ecumenical movement!" She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, christened a Methodist, reared in several varieties of Baptist churches, and was an "Orthodox Presbyterian with a sprinkling of Bible Church and charismatic Lutheran" during college. When she graduated Nance discovered the Episcopal Church and remained in that faith until well after moving from Chicago to Phoenix in 1991.

All Saints had been on her radar for several years until she decided to quit driving by and actually visit! Nance says the warmth and commitment of the people she met, along with the music, made joining inevitable. She became a member in 2011.

I first met Nance when she joined the Sanctuary Choir, where she is a soprano. We were both elected to the Church Council in 2018 and have served together since. Her excellent writing skills have made her the perfect secretary to the Council. By the way, she also writes e-devotionals for All Saints. She has also been active on the Personnel Committee and the Executive Council. Nance is a woman who lives her faith and I am blessed to know her!

On a final note, Nance is truly the All Saints fashionista! Check her out sometime: the earrings go with the sweater, the scarf goes with the earrings and the sweater which perfectly match or complement the slacks and the shoes match everything! Rest assured Nance is as put together on the inside as she is on the outside. She is a blessing to All Saints.

Written by Nance Wabshaw and Karen Rasmussen

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Lutheran Thrift Shop
10737 West Peoria Ave, Sun City
www.wvlutheranthrift.com

We've come a long way, baby!
After 30 years, we've now settled in to 2024! It's always fun to look back at some of the accomplishments of the past year and of the last thirty years!

Who could have imagined? We started with one suite in the Sun Bowl Plaza for the purpose of "extending" American Lutheran's annual yard sale to benefit more people throughout the year. Now we occupy more than 35,000 sq. ft. and are the largest shop in the plaza.

We've come a long way since 1994! We're definitely not your grandma's thrift shop anymore! This past year we welcomed more new volunteers who generously worked more than 33,000 hours.

Come by and visit soon. While you're here, check out our large selection of Valentine's Day items. If you think you would like to be a part of the Lutheran Thrift Shop, ask for a tour and a volunteer application. We look forward to seeing you. 623-815-7061

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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| Mike/Sue Krzyston | Feb 1 | 55th |
| Bill/Carol Lewis | Feb 2 | 62nd |
| Jerry/Pat Dilk | Feb 5 | 16th |
| Patrick/Margie Cochran | Feb 5 | 52nd |
| Lalo/Lee Rios | Feb 7 | 26th |
| Stephen/Sierra Harris | Feb 17 | 5th |
| Mike/Pat Reed | Feb 19 | 19th |
| Duane Loranger/ Jamey Schultz | Feb 23 | 31st |
| Arlin/Jan Snedrud | Feb 28 | 62nd |

All Saints Budget Through December 31, 2023

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Income: | \$1,134,250 |
| Expenses: | \$1,142,954 |
| Deficit | \$ 7,704 |

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 a 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>





Friends,

Thank you for the special quilt with all my favorite colors. Thank you to the congregation in general and especially to the Cut Ups for their work of love - a cherished gift.

Alice Paige

Thank you for all your amazing generosity and support. We cannot do it without you.

LSS-SW Team

All Saints Lutheran Church,

Merry Christmas from all of us at Navajo Lutheran Mission! As we express our gratitude for the accomplishments of the last year and the opportunities that await us in the next year. We want to say thank you for being a part of the Navajo Lutheran Mission family.

Here at the Mission, we understand that faith makes things possible, not easy. We believe vulnerability is a gift that keeps us open to what God is doing in this 'manger' we call Rock Point. We hope you see in our hard work the strength of our spirituality rooted in nature, prayer, and one another.

The commitment of our donors has made possible Navajo pastoral leadership for House of Prayer, qualified teachers and administrators at Navajo Mission Preparatory School, three 15-passenger heavy-duty student transportation vans, hundreds of Hozhó Cafe community meals, a growing food bank reaching households in a 50-mile radius, well maintenance and distribution of safe water, and so much more. Prioritizing the well-being of the entire community is something we cannot do on our own without your generous donations and prayers.

We want to thank you for the dollars, prayers, quilts, toys, school supplies, and hands-on labor that have made 2023 a very special year for everyone here.

With my deep gratitude,.

Pat Yazzie, Executive Director Navajo Lutheran Mission

Dear People of All Saints,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your thoughtful prayers and kindnesses. Please know how much I appreciate each of you and the support you have graciously given me and Nance.

Bobbie Miller

All Saints Lutheran Church,

I cannot express how deep of gratitude I feel for you for providing a magical holiday for our deserving Desert Views families.

They all wanted me to pass on a thank you for making their holidays extra merry. I look forward to our partnership in many years to come.

All my thanks,
Sydni Gist and Desert View Staff

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the West Valley Community Food Pantry we would like to thank the Social Ministries Team, and the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church for your very generous donations. A special thank you to Sarah Manzanares for coordinating the Thanksgiving donations. The 121 Thanksgiving food bags, the 103 gift cards, the many pounds of flour and sugar, and the \$240 made it possible for us to provide 286 people with a complete Thanksgiving meal and serve those in need. As grocery prices and needs rise, we depend even more from our sister congregations. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

Again this year, we continued to get many new clients each day. Please feel free to visit the pantry any time during our food pantry hours, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm.

It is gifts of food, funds, and other donations that make our emergency food pantry possible. We depend totally on donations. You have made a difference in the lives of many!.

Janet Bean

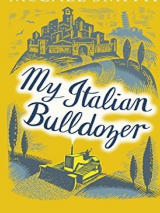
Treasurer, West Valley Community Food Pantry

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

ALEXANDER
McCALL SMITH



Book Club

Tuesday, February 13th
at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:
My Italian Bulldozer
by Alexander McCall Smith

When writer Paul Stuart heads to the idyllic Italian town of Montalcino to finish his already late book, it seems like the perfect escape from stressful city life. But, he gets stuck at the airport. That is, until an enterprising stranger offers him an unexpected alternative. While there may be no cars available there is something else on offer: a bulldozer. A story of unexpected circumstance and a lesson in making the best of what you have, "My Italian Bulldozer" is a warm holiday read guaranteed to put a smile on your face.

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



Sunday School
will be singing at the
9:00am service on
Sunday, February 11th.

**The kids will remain in the Sanctuary to
participate in the entire service that day.**

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will meet again on Tuesday, February 6th
from 9:30am to 11:00am in room 201.

Returning participants and newcomers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org

Heavenly Hikers



After many years of faithfully leading our Heavenly Hikers group, Dan Nelson will be stepping away following the hike in May. Thank you, Dan, for your service and for showing us the outdoor beauty of Arizona! We want to continue the group and are looking for an adventurous someone to take the reins from Dan. If, after prayerful consideration, this sounds like you, please contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.

5th Grade / 6th Grade Milestone: My Body, My Gift

Monday, February 5th & Monday, February 12th
6:30pm - 8:00pm in Room 201.

Parents / Caring Adults and kids attend BOTH sessions together.

Led by Pastor Kristin Rice and Donald Wade (Director of Faith Formation)

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:13-14a NRSV)

It's important that children understand that their bodies truly are a gift from God and should be respected and enjoyed as such. In this program, we strive to teach kids about their changing bodies while emphasizing how special each child is to God and the family and friends in their lives.

Parents sometimes need a helping hand in addressing the subjects of puberty and human sexuality, such as, how much to tell; when to talk about it, how to bring it up, etc. Children might be afraid or embarrassed to ask Mom and Dad, and instead learn about these things from peers, the media or experimentation. This workshop will help parents address these subjects with their children from a Christian perspective.

RSVP to Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org to attend.



Our annual meeting will be held **February 18th** at **12:00pm** (following the 11am service) in the Sanctuary.

The Annual Report will be made available prior to the meeting. If you would like a copy mailed to you please contact the church office.



Interested in becoming a member of All Saints Lutheran Church?

Join us for **New Member classes** for five consecutive Monday evenings in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard 6:00pm to 7:30pm **beginning Monday February 12th**.

Dinner is provided each week. Please let us know if you will require nursery care for any children under 5 years old.

Following the completion of the program, our New Members will be received at our 9:00am Worship Service on Sunday, March 17th.

You may sign up to attend online on the All Saints website or contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.



Confirmation Lock-In for Grades 6 - 9

Saturday, February 10th at 4:00pm to Sunday, February 11th at 9:00am

This is an overnight event.

Join us for food, fellowship and fun! RSVP to Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.

FAITH FORMATION IS BACK

Sunday School: Begins at 9:00am in the Sanctuary

Confirmation: 6th Grade meet Sundays at 10:15am in room 203

7th Grade meet Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 202

8th and 9th Grades meet Sundays at 10:15am in the YO Zone

High School Hangout: Meets Sundays at 10:15am in YO 1 & 2

Adult Sunday School

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Care Card Project and Angel Tree Jewelry Classes **CONTINUE!!**

Care Card and Angel Tree Jewelry will continue with the assistance of volunteers who want to keep the classes going. Angel Tree Jewelry will meet on Saturday, February 17th.

Care Card meets Saturday, February 24th. All classes begin at 10:00am and meet in Room 201.

Sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office.

All materials are provided and all skill levels are welcome!



ASH WEDNESDAY worship

Ash Wednesday Services ~ February 14th ~ 7:00am / 6:30pm

Lectors, communion assistants, and ushers are needed for both services. If you would like to share the gift of your service please contact Olivia Chaparro at ochaparro@allsaintsphoenix.org.

C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)

All Confirmation age students (6th - 9th Grade) are invited to COW on Wednesday February 7th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
We will be meeting here at All Saints.

Lenten Midweek Services



Wednesdays, February 21, 28,
March 6, 13, & 20
Dinner at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall
Worship at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary
All ages are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE: 2024 VBS Camp Firelight

Monday, June 3rd to Friday, June 7th
9:00am to 12:00pm each day

Registration Opens April 1st

Volunteer Leaders and Shepherds
are always needed.

Contact Pastor Kristin or Donald Wade for details.



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.

I-HELP Volunteers and NEW Donation Tree

All Saints is hosting I-HELP guests on the 4th Sunday of each month (see dates below). There are numerous volunteer opportunities available either interacting with guests or behind the scenes. A brief description of each volunteer role and a sign up can be found on All Saints website at allsaintsphoenix.org under Ministries -> Social Ministry -> I-HELP.

An I-HELP donation tree will be available soon in the Narthex with items that I-HELP needs to support this worthwhile outreach at All Saints. Look for the I-HELP table in the Narthex. Monetary donations to assist with expenses are welcomed and appreciated.

Sundays

January 28th - February 25th - March 24th - April 28th

For more information contact Tammy Follensbee at tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org

4th Grade Milestone: Apostle's Creed Sunday, February 18th at 9:00am in Room 201

All 4th Graders and their parents / caring adults are to attend together.

We will learn the Apostle's Creed and begin to understand its meaning and significance to our faith.

Then, the following Sunday, February 25th, the 4th Graders and their parents / caring adults will lead the congregation in the Apostle's Creed at the 9:00am worship service.

Please contact Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org with any questions.

SENIOR MINISTRY

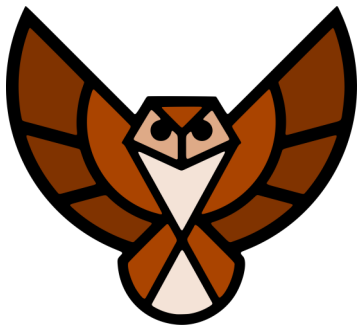


Senior Ministries

Team Members:

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

Join our Team!



Director of Senior Ministries:

Tammy Follensbee
602.866.9191 ext. 110,
tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org



A Friday Friendly Valentine

Friday, February 9th
Cindy Rupp and Danny Hunkin
with Special Guests

Cindy Rupp, and Danny Hunkin along with special guests Jenny Hunkin, Dan Reed, Jerry Gunderson, Jim Lahey, and Arlin Snesrud will perform for Friday Friendly in February. We will also recognize Arizona as we celebrate our states 112th birthday.

Family and friends are always welcome!!

Lunch begins at 12Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The music program begins at 1:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us for the entertainment. Look for the sign up at the Senior Ministry table in the Narthex. Or call the church office at (602) 866-9191 to sign up. It is not necessary to sign up if you want to enjoy the entertainment.

This is a Friday Friendly you do not want to miss!!

2024 Mohrenweiser Lecture

*"We Should Have Had a Plan!
Health Crisis and Life's
Ending: A Conversation"*

February 7th, 2024
9:00 am



Rev. Herbert
Anderson, Ph.D.



Margaret
McLean, Ph.D.

California Lutheran
UNIVERSITY

plts PACIFIC LUTHERAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PLTS invites you to the insightful 2024 Mohrenweiser Lecture, exploring the intersection of health crises and ethical decision-making. Join online as renowned speakers Rev. Herbert Anderson, PhD, and Margaret McLean, PhD, delve into these timely topics.

The event will be hosted in California but remote participation via Zoom is also available. Additional information is available at gcsynod.org/calendar.

UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS



Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley presents



An Interfaith Forum: "Ask the Clergy" A Path to Better Understanding in a Conflicted World



Sunday, February 4, 2024
From 2:00 to 4:00pm



Father David Halm, C.S.C.
St. John Vianney Catholic
Parish, Goodyear



Imam Didmar Faja
United Islamic Center of
Arizona, Glendale



Reverend Pam Reynolds
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Sun City West



Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan
Temple Beth Shalom of the
West Valley, Sun City

This program will bring together four religious leaders of the Catholic, Muslim, Protestant and Jewish faiths to respond to questions presented to them about topics of a religious nature related to being a member of the clergy, such as differing theological beliefs, how their religion interprets the Bible, what challenges they face as members of the clergy today, and many other subjects. Questions will be presented to them by a moderator and each panelist will be asked to respond to each question.

After the panel discussion, attendees are invited to gather in the Social Hall for light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the panelists. There is no charge for this event, but **reservations are REQUIRED** for security and space reasons. Persons who wish to attend this educational event should contact the office of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley at 623.977.3240 between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Mondays through Thursdays to register. Professional security will be provided.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 12:00 Noon - Thursday, February 1, 2024

In appreciation for these four clergy members giving their time for this program, "free will" donations to benefit the Valley View Community Food Bank located in Sun City, which serves about 500 persons a day, will be accepted after the panel discussion.

12202 N 101st Avenue - Sun City, AZ 85351 - 623.977.3240 - tbsaz.org

UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

ARIZONA STATEWIDE CELEBRATION

St. Apkar Armenian Apostolic Church

8849 East Cholla Street

Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

Wednesday

January 24th, 2024

6:30 p.m.

#WPCU2024



With immense joy and anticipation, we extend a heartfelt invitation to join us for the 2024 Statewide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service, graciously hosted by His Eminence Archbishop Hovnan Derderian of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church.

Please join Bishop Hutterer and other judicatory leaders from throughout Arizona at St. Apkar Armenian Apostolic Church, located at 8849 East Cholla Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85260, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 6:30pm. This prayer service will be an opportunity to join with others throughout the state to pray for the visible unity of all Christians.

Grand Canyon Synod-Growing In Faith/Diakonia Presents:



Fear and Power: Christian Nationalism in America

Saturday, February 17, 2024

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Light Breakfast and Lunch Provided for In-Person Attendees

Peace Lutheran Church, Peoria AZ (or Virtually)

\$20 Per Person Registration Fee

What is Christian Nationalism?

How does it affect me?

Was America founded on Christian Nationalism?

Register at <http://event.diakonia.education> or scan the QR Code
Questions? Email admin@diakonia.education



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

FOOD DRIVE **OFFERING**

**1st Sunday of the Month:
February 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**

**February 25th:
NAU College
Campus Ministry**

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

asl@allsaintsphoenix.org

Visit us on the web at
www.allsaintsphoenix.org

Office Hours:
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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