

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Strategic Plan Update: Neighborhood Engagement



The Gospels are nearly a travel log of Jesus' journeys throughout Israel. When he said, in Matthew 8:20 that the Son of Man has no place to lay His head, he was quite serious. His ministry was in the homes of sinners, in small towns and the major cities, in synagogues and the temple, by the seashore, on the waters and all over the land. And he sent others out to do likewise. All Saints is called, like the whole body of Christ, to go out and make disciples. With that in mind, the Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET) was formed.

The NET began working together in May and has already been hard at work on the tasks and goals set by the strategic planning team last year. The primary goal of this team is to answer the question, "Who is our neighbor and what do they need?" Or, how can we serve our neighbor?

The church is called to go out into the world and build the kingdom of God, loving our neighbor with the good news of Jesus Christ. How do we do that here at All Saints in our surrounding area? For All Saints to grow and thrive in this mission, it is essential that we know what our neighbors are like and what they need. Rather than focus on ministries for ourselves, we are learning what ministries will meet people where they are at and demonstrate God's love for them.

The team is currently working on interpreting demographic information which is one predictor of what our community needs. We also began looking at all of our neighboring churches, to get a feel for what ministries are currently working, and what they may have already discovered about our shared neighbors. Similarly, we will soon begin reaching out to schools, services, retailers, community leaders, and others to further our understanding of the community. We hope to engage All Saints members in gaining insight into the nearby neighborhoods.

While our particular piece of the strategic plan is more advisory in nature, the team can't help but be excited about the ideas and possibilities for ministry that we are already discovering.



Team members include Rob Elzholz, Douglas Thoene, Marlene Olsen, Monica Rabb, Dave Gore, Bobbie Tomasek and Pastor Dan. We welcome input and questions.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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.

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| Tim/Jocelyn Gaffney | Aug 1 | 30th |
| Mike/Pat Anderson | Aug 5 | 28th |
| Van/Liz Bonnesen | Aug 6 | 39th |
| Ron/Lynn Gagliano | Aug 6 | 34th |
| Dick/Nancy O'Connor | Aug 6 | 46th |
| Brian/Katie Thatcher | Aug 6 | 18th |
| Alex/Diane Vrenios | Aug 6 | 34th |
| Kent/Susan LeFevre | Aug 8 | 35th |
| Kristin/Graham Boorse | Aug 9 | 25th |
| Blaine/Pat Johnson | Aug 11 | 56th |
| Richard/Kacey Haynes | Aug 14 | 1st |
| Casey/Carol Swenson | Aug 14 | 40th |
| Denny/Terri Reiman | Aug 15 | 52nd |
| John/Kathy Jakob | Aug 17 | 54th |
| Gustavo/Shayne Portuondo | Aug 18 | 40th |
| Deris/Kristin Rice | Aug 18 | 15th |
| Roger/Gloria Livingood | Aug 21 | 51st |
| Donald/Joyce Bruhn | Aug 23 | 64th |
| Jerry/Ginny Olsen | Aug 24 | 54th |
| Tony/Marne Kostelac | Aug 25 | 32nd |
| Andy/Linda Anderson | Aug 26 | 44th |
| Lincoln Green/ Jennifer Guenther-Green | Aug 26 | 15th |
| Mark/Erica Lange | Aug 26 | 28th |
| Curt/Elizabeth Mills | Aug 29 | 30th |
| Daniel/Ann Nass | Aug 31 | 59th |
| Marvin/Stacey Palmer | Aug 31 | 36th |
| Jerry/Penny Zaddack | Aug 31 | 20th |



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.



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 Worship

NEW ACOLYTES, COMMUNION
ASSISTANTS, USHERS, AND
WORSHIP COORDINATORS NEEDED



Sign up to become a volunteer on the Worship Volunteer Sign Up Board or by scanning the QR code. Group trainings are being scheduled now, keep an eye out for upcoming dates.

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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

FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

**1st Sunday of the Month:
August 7th**

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.

**Collection Update:
June - 327 lbs
Way to go All Saints!**



Book Club

The Book Club will not be
meeting in August. They will
resume in September.



Meets every
Wednesday
morning at
7:00am in the
Fellowship Hall.



We are holding a drive to collect
new twin sheet sets August 28th
through September 11th. Please
deposit in the donation bin in the
narthex or to the church office
during the week.

We also have an opportunity to participate in a **Build Day** in
September where the beds are made. It will be Saturday,
September 10 and hosted by Scottsdale Bible
Church in Fountain Hills. Normal hours are 7am to
mid-day.

For more information, contact Ron Aspaas or
Ginny Alexander. You can also scan the QR code
for more information on the organization.



MISSION SUPPORT RELIEF OFFERING

**August 28th:
Lutheran Social Services
of the Southwest**

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 \$801 for
ELCA World Hunger in May!**

**We raised \$1,364 for Grace Lutheran
Respite Relief in June!**

Heavenly Hikers are still on break for
the summer but will return this fall.



JOY CIRCLE

**Will resume TUESDAY,
September 6th at 9:30am**

Join us as we begin a study on "Esther: The
Hidden Hand of God" by Lydia Brownback
led by Pastor Kristin. For more information
contact Pastor Kristin @ 602 866-9191.



**NEW
DIRECTORY
COMING SOON!**

**GET YOUR PHOTO
UPDATED SUNDAY,
AUGUST 28TH**

Participate in renewing your photo by gathering your family and let us take your photo during our Fall Homecoming celebration!

Navajo Lutheran Mission Trip



Lutheran Mission

August 12th - 14th

Come join us for a weekend of Community Service and Fellowship at the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ.

Leaving Phoenix - Noon Friday, Aug. 12th

Return after NELM Church Service - Sunday, Aug. 14th

(Expect to arrive in Phoenix at 7pm)

Sign up in the Narthex by July 31st, or contact Tim Gaffney.

Join us Sunday, August 28th for:

FALL HOMECOMING & MINISTRY FAIR

Connect with all of your All Saints family and friends:

Want to reconnect with your favorite church ministry? As we come out of the pandemic the church invites you to an opportunity to connect as a body of Christ and get to know *your neighbors* here at All Saints! This is a multi-generational event, and all ages of Saints are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Ministry Fair 2022

- Gather and join in fellowship
- Connect with our ministry groups
- Learn about service opportunities
- Meet with members of the Strategic Planning Task Force to hear about our progress and how you can get involved
- Take a new family photo for the upcoming church directory

FALL CRAFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

9:00am - 2:00pm

Invite family, friends, and neighbors!

Proceeds raised will go towards our Youth Scholarship Fund & MOPS Group.

Interested in being a vendor for this event? Contact Courtney Krueger in the church office or Marsha Jones.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CONFIRMATION



Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Direct me in the paths of your commands, for there I find delight. Psalm 119:33-35

The purpose of the All Saints Lutheran Confirmation Program is to...

Immerse youth in grades six through nine in the Bible, the Church, and what it means to be a disciple of Christ, as part of the fulfillment of the promises made by their parents, sponsors and congregation on the day of their baptism. At the end of this three-year program, youth are given the opportunity to affirm their baptism at the completion of their studies, and to be accepted as a confirmed voting member of the congregation.

After affirming their baptism, youth are eligible to serve on ministry teams (committees), be elected to council, represent the congregation at synod gatherings, and to vote at congregational meetings.

1st Year of Confirmation: THE BIBLE

A one-year review of both the Old Testament and New Testament. Confirmands will become familiar with the Bible, and how to find their way around it. Confirmands will experience a more in-depth study of the Bible than they have experienced in Sunday School, along with other fun and engaging activities.

2nd Year of Confirmation: LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Second Year Confirmands will explore Luther's Small Catechism, including Creeds, Ten Commandments, Baptism, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion, Worship, and the Reformation. 2nd Year students will also develop and fill the worship roles for two worship services on a Sunday in late April or early May.

3rd Year of Confirmation: PERSONAL FAITH

Confirmands will explore their own personal faith.

Third Year Confirmands will learn what it means to be a Christian, a Lutheran, and a member of the ELCA within the context of learning about their own denomination and other Christian denominations. Confirmands will learn some practical tools for Christian living and making life decisions. 3rd Year Confirmands will develop a personal commitment to God and their faith through writing a Faith Paper, completing a Faith Interview, and ultimately completing their three years of study with the Affirmation of Baptism (Rite of Confirmation).

In addition, during each of the three years of the All Saints Lutheran Confirmation Program, Confirmands are expected to participate in youth events / fundraisers, lock-ins and retreats, attend worship services and submit ten Sermon Notes and perform 24 Hours of Volunteer Service each year at church, school, in their neighborhood, or at community organizations / events.

For more information regarding our Confirmation program, please contact Pastor Kristin Rice at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org or Donald Wade (Director of Faith Formation) at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.

**Confirmation and High School
Bible Study Begin:
Sunday, September 11th @ 10:15am.**



Students in Grades 6 through 9

participate in our **Lutheran Confirmation** program.

Students in Grades 10 through 12

participate in our **High School Bible Study** program.

Please sign up at www.allsaintsphoenix.org.

- Go to the Ministries Tab > Youth Ministry
- Fill out the online registration form for either **Confirmation** or **High School Bible Study** > Click Submit

We are also always looking for caring adults to volunteer as Confirmation or High School Bible Study Shepherds.

Contact Donald Wade (Director of Faith Formation) at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org
or Pastor Kristin Rice at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org for questions or info.

Back to School Blessing

Sunday, July 31st at the
9am service.

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

Bring your backpack or
school bag that day for a
Blessing of the Backpacks!



Thank you to all of our VBS
participants, volunteers and
families who made our Food
Truck Party such a success!

We had 60 participants and
50 volunteers this year. We
also took the opportunity to
pair our study of Matthew
6:11 with mission work in
collaboration with Grace
Lutheran Respite Relief.
Over the course of the week
students collected \$263.52
in change and in one day
packed 100 lunches to feed
the homeless.



Sunday School Begins: **Sunday, September 11th @ 9:00am**

All kids ages 3 years old through 5th Grade are welcome!

Please sign up at www.allsaintsphoenix.org.

- Go to the Ministries Tab > Sunday School
- Scroll toward the middle of the page > Fill out the online registration form > Click Submit

And, we are always looking for caring adults to volunteer to serve as Sunday School Teachers and youth (6th Grade & up) to serve as Shepherds.

There will be a Sunday School Orientation Meeting for
students and parents on Sunday August 31st.

Contact Donald Wade (Director of Faith Formation)
at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org or Pastor Kristin Rice at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org for questions or info.



MOPS and MOMSnext invite you
to our **Splash Pad Kickoff!**

Desert Ridge Splash Pad
(Tatum and 101)
Thursday, August 25th, 2022
9:00am to 11:00am

Moms of preschoolers, elementary-age kids and
teens are welcome! Come meet with other moms
and find out if this group is where you belong.
To find out more or register for the coming year,
visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/mops.



Living Lutheran Staff Highlight:

“A New Thing”

by Angela T. !Khabebe

This month’s selection by Barney Rouse.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:18-19).

Recently I learned about a church fire where, due to the combination of fire, smoke and water damage, most of the building was destroyed. The congregation was understandably traumatized. Their beloved place of worship, fellowship, learning and service had been annihilated, reduced to charred remains. Over the weeks and months that followed, they worked through the immediate logistical steps. What irreplaceable items were lost? Where do we worship now? How does our insurance policy cover this loss?

As this congregation moved toward the hopeful steps of rebuilding, the time came for the leaders to decide what the new worship space would look like. This congregation faced an opportunity to renovate and step into new beginnings for their worship life together. What happened? They chose to use the exact same layout of the previous sanctuary for the new construction, despite knowing its shortcomings.



Beloveds, I hope you never face the tragedy of losing your building to a fire. But perhaps this situation provides us with a way to think about how we’re all being called to rebuild. Our congregations have been through a destructive force—not a literal fire for most of us but the rubble of more than two years of dealing with the pandemic. Some of us are yearning to get back to business as usual as we work through the trauma of COVID-19 and the political issues surrounding it.

We may feel the deep pull to return to what is most familiar, most known, most comfortable. But instead of following the impulse to do everything like we did before, what if we opened our imaginations to what God might be calling us to do, even if it’s unfamiliar or uncomfortable?

If we make the decision to just rebuild like we were before, we might miss opportunities to venture into new ministries, new worship forms, new relationships and new avenues of faith formation. All the while we can hope and trust that God is calling us to a new thing. These changes won’t be easy, especially given the many challenges we have all faced during this time.

We can choose to embark upon these new beginnings with hope and trust that God is calling us to something new, or we can return to what we know and try holding fast to our nostalgia that tempts us to keep our eyes focused on the past—the way things were before, the proverbial good ol’ days.

Beloveds, we all deal with ashes. Painful as it is, they are an inevitable part of the human condition. “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust . . .” has been spoken at countless gravesites. Are we ready to ask the difficult questions? What should be left in our congregational ashes? What should be left in our personal ashes? What can we leave behind? What should we leave behind? What must we leave behind?



It’s understandable if we aren’t ready to leave our precious mementos in the ashes. However, when we refuse to leave the ashes, we run the risk of preventing a deep connection with the “new thing” that God has promised to do. Be encouraged. You’re created in God’s image to dream, explore and try new things.

I found inspiration in the hymn “When It Seems the Day Will End” from All Creation Sings (1034), and I pray you do too:

*When it seems the day will end, and all light gives way to fear,
we will speak your name again to remind us you are here.
New life rising (new life rising), ashes falling (ashes falling),
joy and weeping (joy and weeping), in your calling (in your calling).*

Lutheran theology offers a “both/and” approach. We can simultaneously mourn what was lost and be hopeful of what can be. We can always carry our memories while also looking forward to God’s promised future—the future from holy ashes. As we hold these feelings in tension, we can rest assured that God holds us always and grace abounds for us all. Hallelujah!

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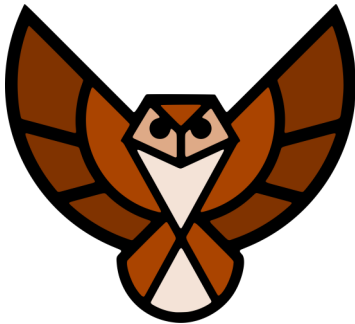
SENIOR MINISTRY



Senior Ministries Team Members:

Denny Reiman
Terri Reiman
Nancy O'Connor
Tammy Follensbee

Join our Team!



Director of
Senior Ministries:
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NEW!! Angel Tree Jewelry Making



will meet every 3rd Saturday and 4th Tuesday from 10:00am to 12pm in Room 201. The first class is Saturday, September 17th with an additional class on Tuesday, September 27th. No prior experience required! The jewelry pieces made will be donated to our Angel Tree Program.

Care Card Project

Care Card Project will begin Tuesday, September 20th and Saturday, September 24th at 10:00am in Room 201.



Friday Friendly:

Friday Friendly is on break and will resume in the fall. More information coming soon.

Senior Ministry Summer Break

Tammy will return to the office on Monday, August 1st.

Enjoy your summer!



Cut-Ups

Cut Ups resumes on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Sponsored by Grand Canyon Synod Growing in Faith:
The Diakonia Program
August 6th, 13th, and 20th 2022
9am-12pm via Zoom

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.

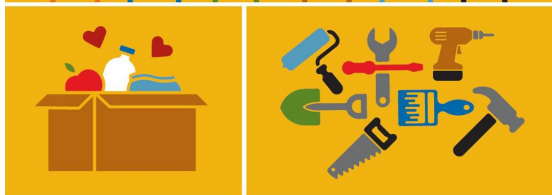
To help you answer them we are sponsoring a retreat called Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts. Through a series of exercises and conversations you will be guided in a process of discernment about your gifts. By the end of the retreat you should know the gifts God has given you and begin to understand how God wants you to use them.

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

Register at <https://www.diakonia.education> >Home
Page >Events/Retreats
Zoom Link will be provided

Questions - Contact: Kim@diakonia.education

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11, 2022

BUILDING YOUR ANTI-RACISM TEAM: NEXT FAITHFUL STEPS

HOSTED BY: THE ELCA
EUROPEAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION
FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (EDLARJ)

Session 1: Team Goals

Wed., Sept. 7

Time: 4:30-6 PST, 5:30-7 MT, 6:30-8 CST, 7:30-9 EST

Session 2: Congregation Goals

Wed., Oct. 5

Time: 4:30-6 PST, 5:30-7 MT, 6:30-8 CST, 7:30-9 EST

Session 3: Community Goals

Wed., Nov. 2

Time: 4:30-6 PST, 5:30-7 MT, 6:30-8 CST, 7:30-9 EST

ELCA folks interested in
connecting with others in
building a synod, campus
or congregational
anti-racist team.



SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP



Saturday, September 10, 2022

9:00am - 4:00pm

This full-day retreat will engage you in a thoughtful and inspiring look at the stories of how you came to be the person you are and the qualities of your life that can be a true legacy to future generations.

Join us for a soulful day of self-discovery and spiritual companionship that will renew and strengthen you for the journey ahead.

Price per person is \$120. Price includes Program and Lunch All are welcome to this Desert Sojourn Retreat at Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, Arizona!

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous gift. Your gift will support refugees who are hopeful for their new life in the United States. Your outpouring of love welcomes refugees with housing, food, education, and employment support so that they can live a life they have dreamed of. Thank you for giving hope to our newest neighbors.

In gratitude,
Connie Phillips, MSW
President and CEO of Lutheran Social
Services of the Southwest
(In response to funds gifted to them in
May of 2022 totaling \$2,919.)

Hello All Saints!

It is quiet here at our Campus Ministry as all of our students have gone home for the summer. We are so grateful to have met them this school year and for your support. Thank you for your care and donation.

Peace,
Lutheran Campus Ministry - NAU
(In response to Mission Support Relief Offering of
\$545 raised in February of 2021)

thank you

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church

Thank you for your donation of \$8,957 to the Lutheran Disaster Response—Eastern Europe Crisis.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,
The Rev. Robin Brown
Director, Congregational Generosity

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$2,605 to ELCA World Hunger.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,
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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.



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