

# Saints Alive Newsletter

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## Living Saints: ALL OF YOU!

As we conclude our series of highlighting members of the congregation, the staff would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of All Saints Lutheran Church - your contributions, whether in the spotlight or behind the scenes, are what truly enrich our community.

We recognize that some of you may not have had the opportunity (or the desire) to be featured, but please know that your efforts and presence are deeply valued. Each of you play a vital role in our mission *"to bring people the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ"*, and by fostering a warm and welcoming environment where all can feel at home.

Together, we create a tapestry of faith and support that empowers us all to grow closer to one another and to God. Your unique gifts and participation make a significant difference in our shared journey of faith.

Thank you ALL for being an essential part of All Saints!



Next month the newsletter cover will begin featuring letters from our pastors!

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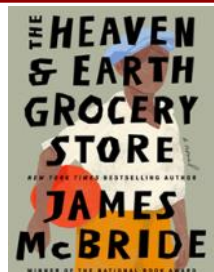
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**COMING SOON**

Visit [www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events](http://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events)

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



### **Book Club**

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:  
***The Heaven and Earth  
Grocery Store***  
by James McBride

When it becomes clear how much the people of Chicken Hill have to struggle to survive at the margins of white Christian America, how damaging bigotry, hypocrisy, and deceit can be to a community, and the part the town's establishment played in all of it, McBride shows that it is love and community - heaven and earth - that ultimately sustain us.

Questions? Contact Donald Wade at  
[dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org).

### **All Ages Sunday School**

Sunday School kids and their parents /  
guardians will gather together on  
Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am  
in the Fellowship Hall.

### **JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

#### **Women of the Old Testament**

The Joy Circle Bible Study meets on **Tuesday,  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 - 11:00am** in Room 201  
to continue our study of Old Testament Women.

This month's bible study takes us to the period  
of the Judges when Israel had no King.  
Our lesson centers on the Judge Deborah and the  
Warrior Jael (Judges 2:10-19 and 4:1-24).

The Joy Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month  
from 9:30-11am. The lessons are independent.

All women are invited to attend any or all of the  
sessions. The Joy Circle is led by Pastor Pat Reed.

**Thank you** to all who brought socks and treats to our  
Advent Christmas party in December.

The socks were a welcome winter gift for the Native  
American Urban Ministry in downtown Phoenix.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**8:00am—12:00pm**



To sign up VISIT [http://  
www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org)  
(Sponsor Code: allsaints) or  
call 602-866-9191.

**C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)**  
**Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**  
**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**  
1212 E. Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85020



Students (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and their parents / guardians are invited!

A collaboration of three ELCA congregations in the Phoenix area for all  
Confirmation Youth (Grades 6th-8th) and their parents / caring adults.

## Card & Jewelry Making Class

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 10:00am-2:00pm  
Both classes will run simultaneously in Room 201.

Individuals are welcome to come and go as they please and to work on one or both of the projects. You are always welcome to invite others.

**All materials are furnished and there is no charge.**

However, we do ask that you make your first project for the church, your second is yours to keep or share with others. Sign up in the church office or in the Narthex.

Sunday School  
Confirmation  
High School and  
Beyond Bible Study  
***All resume  
Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>.***

## 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 January 27<sup>th</sup>.**



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 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
You may sign up to attend online on the All Saints website or contact Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org).

## MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Returns on  
Wednesday January  
8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am  
in the Fellowship  
Hall.

# MOPS Pizza Fundraiser



MOPS



Order from Barro's Pizza at 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Coral Gables anytime during our fundraiser day - for **dine-in or carry-out** - and All Saints' Mothers of Preschoolers group will receive 25% of the proceeds!

**Simply mention the All Saints Mothers of Preschoolers fundraiser** when placing your order. This fundraiser will help us minister to moms and their families through special speakers, activities, and scholarships.

**Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024, 10:30am to 10pm**

**Barro's Pizza at 15440 N. 7th St. #13**

Call 602-863-3888 to order

## SAVE THE DATE:

**Confirmation Lock-In (Grades 6 thru 8) – Begins Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm until Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.** Join us for faith, food, friends, and fun! RSVP to Donald Wade at [dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org](mailto:dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org).

Please note: There will be **no** Confirmation classes on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

# SENIOR MINISTRY



## Senior Ministries Steering Team

### Members:

Owen Swenson

Barb Swenson

Margie Olsen

Warren Mitch

Scott Hagen

Pastor Deb

Hippen Schultz

## A blessed Happy New Year to all!

*May God bless and use us each day  
to make all things new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Our main activity this month is on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:45am and head to Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa. We are joining the moms and kids from MomCo that meets here on our campus.

It is a great opportunity to get to know the community and to fellowship with those precious young people! We will hear the beautiful music from the Wurlitzer organ and will enjoy the laughter and conversation between us.

The cost for adults is \$22

for ages 9 to 3 the cost is \$15

children 2 years and under are free.

Price includes all you can eat pizza buffet, all you can drink soft drinks, and a prepared salad. Ice cream will also be available but is not included in the price.

Our committee is working hard to plan for the rest of 2025. On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at noon will be our Friday Friendly event in the fellowship hall – Valentine's Day!! Come celebrate the gift of LOVE with us! Details are coming soon, but there will be chocolate!!

A reminder that we have the **Cut Ups** group that meets at 9am on Wednesdays in the fellowship hall and knits, crochets, quilts and sews many wonderful things to be shared with others.

## 7 New Year's Resolutions for Seniors

- 1) Keep a Positive Mindset (prayer helps)
  - 2) Commit to 10 Minutes of Exercise Daily
  - 3) Make Better Dietary Choices
  - 4) Quit a Bad Habit
  - 5) Play With Your Grandkids (or other kids)
  - 6) Stimulate Your Mind (read or books on tape)
  - 7) Reach Out to Old Friends, and Make New Ones
- Enjoy each day that is a precious gift from God!!





# thank you

## ALL SAINTS ANGEL TREE 2024

All Saints Lutheran Church and Friends,

Every year at Angel Tree time, I ask you to reach beyond yourselves, to give with big hearts. The joy you bring to people you may never meet, melts my heart.

This year Angel Tree started in late August with 185 names. We closed December 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 delivering **gifts to over 300 kids, 224 bikes, 145 pairs of hand made earrings**, baked goods etc.

Did you notice I added the word friends? These friends are not All Saints members, but feel connected to us. Angels were adopted far and wide. California, Washington, New Mexico, New England, France, Nevada, Canada, all across Arizona, Mom Co, Valley View Bible Church in Paradise Valley etc. Our Angel Tree also helped friends/former members to start an Angel Tree program in their new church home in Michigan. How cool is that?!

To all who helped/adopted Angels, those who loaned us their garages, who went shopping for Emergency Angels, who built bikes, baked goodies for us to give away, cut out Angels, wrote on Angels, told friends, worked for hours with controlled chaos, helped with delivery, hung Angels on the tree, donated money for last minute shopping, donated extras - **You are the All Saints Angel Tree, and I say Thank you.**

One very happy All Saints Angel Tree Lady, Pat Dilk.

## All Saints Brunch

Thank you to everyone who attended the All Saints Brunch in November!

Save the date for our next brunch on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>!



Dear Friends:

On behalf of the West Valley Community Food Pantry, we would like to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1,020 on November 21, 2024. This donation will allow us to continue to serve those in need. As grocery prices and needs rise, we depend even more on donations from our sister congregations. Everyone at the food pantry is a volunteer so the money donated goes for food. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support!

During 2024, we continued to see a substantial increase in the number of individuals and families facing emergency situations and were in need of a food box. We served 29,788 clients in 2024 during our normal working hours which shows the constant need for service. This is an increase of 6,397 clients over last year. In November of 2024, we provided 54 families with food to prepare the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

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!

Blessings,  
Janet Bean, Treasurer



## New Church Council Members Needed:

**What does a Church Council Member do?**

The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Council Member description details are available in the church office.

## 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 January. We send our prayers, blessings, and thanks for setting wonderful examples of Christian marriage.

Patrick/Meredith Cox	Jan 4	22nd
Dave/Peggy Atchison	Jan 12	45th
Gregory/Mary Norby	Jan 14	31st
Sam Arthur/ Synthia Rajendran	Jan 28	12th
Peter/Shelbi Overland	Jan 31	21st

## All Saints Budget Through November 30, 2024

	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$ 1,033,366	\$ 976,853
Expenses	\$ 1,098,365	\$ 1,038,067
Deficit	\$ 64,999	\$ 61,214

Our annual meeting will be held

**February 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00pm**

(following the 11am service)  
in the Sanctuary.

## 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>

## Stephen Ministry Training

To continue offering care and support to church members and others in our community, our Stephen Ministry program needs congregation members who are willing to answer Jesus' call to be trained as lay caregivers, called Stephen ministers. This distinctively Christian training includes a variety of topics such as listening, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in caregiving, and grief, focusing on how to provide care while God cures. Most Stephen ministers affirm that this training benefits them greatly in their daily lives as well as in their care giving relationships.



Are you feeling called? For more information please contact the church office or one of our Stephen Leaders: Tammy Follensbee, Scott Hagen or Diane Lensch.



## Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer

Trained volunteers can now visit [allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer](http://allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer) to sign-up as a worship volunteer. Please contact the office with any questions or to schedule training.

### Lutheran Thrift Shop

10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City

Open Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 5pm-7pm

### Truckers - The MVPs of the Thrift Shop

When the Lutheran Thrift Shop first opened, donations were picked up and furniture purchases delivered by volunteers using their own pick-up trucks. Having the ability to pick up and deliver large items was crucial to the shop's initial success and continues to be a major component of our daily operation and very important to our customers.

Over the years, business has steadily increased and the shop kept up with a seven-passenger 14' box truck which is a major part of the shop's successful business plan. Picking up donations and delivering in the west valley keeps the truck rolling several days a week. The need for able-bodied men and women to help on the truck always exists and is a constant struggle for management.

Would you make a good trucker? Are you a friendly, outgoing person who would make a good impression for the shop with our donors and customers? No special driver's license required and we have all the necessary equipment to safely handle furniture. We have also implemented "volunteer friendly" expectations for our truck crew; no sofa-sleepers & no stairs!

The open road, a GPS and something different every time you work is what you can expect as a truck crew volunteer. Call the shop (623.815.7061) and schedule a "test ride" to see if trucking with us is right for you.

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

## **FOOD DRIVE OFFERING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month:  
January 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:  
WHEAT & Desert  
Mission Food Bank**

See page 9 for more information about this 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!

We raised \$1,075 for the ELCA Fund for Leaders in November!

## **Contact Us**

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

(602) 866-9191

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[www.allsaintsphoenix.org](http://www.allsaintsphoenix.org)

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*Our mission is ... "to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."*

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