

Saints Alive Newsletter

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Living Saints: Leo & Bonnie Arthur

Have you ever received a greeting card from your All Saints family and staff? Did you wonder who performed that labor of love? For the last 11 years, it has been Bonnie Arthur. She has been honored with the title of "Sunshine Lady." It's a decades long traditional nickname for the greeting card ministry volunteer.

Bonnie has been picking out the cards, addressing the envelopes and recording the number of cards mailed. Her husband, Leo Arthur assisted her. She has tallied up 6,601 cards sent over the years.

Bonnie and Leo are retiring from their volunteer jobs after many years of service. Both of them would gladly do any odd job that Parish Administrator, Shari Clark, would ask of them. This included assisting in the kitchen for Memorial and Funeral receptions, stuffing envelopes for large mailings, collating worship bulletins and newsletters and shredding mounds of discarded church records.

Bonnie was also a founding member of the Senior Ministry Team and served on that team for almost 20 years. She was in charge of the food and kitchen for Friday Friendly and kept that large event running smoothly. Her organizational skills were exceptional. She created a detailed binder of records and instructions. The binder was jokingly called Bonnie's "Friday Friendly Bible." She painstakingly kept details on food orders and expenses which greatly helped with the planning from year to year. Leo joined in for the last few years and they also shopped for groceries and helped decorate the Fellowship Hall on the Thursdays before Friday Friendly.

Leo sang in the choir, volunteered in the preschool for MOPS and assisted with Angel Tree. He also served as an acolyte for Saturday night worship services.

Bonnie and Leo have truly been good and faithful servants for all the saints.



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SENIOR MINISTRY



Senior Ministries

Team Members:

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

Join our Team!



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Thank you!

Senior Ministry Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who provided their time and class materials for Senior Ministry events in 2023. It is because of volunteers that events such as Friday Friendly, Friday Friendly Bus Trips, Angel Tree Jewelry Making, and Care Card Class are a success. I appreciate all the volunteers!

THANK YOU!!

Tammy Follensbee, Director of Senior Ministries

ORGAN STOP PIZZA: Waiting List

The annual bus trip to Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa is **Friday, January 26th, 2024**. We have started taking names for a waiting list if you want a seat on the bus only. You are welcome to meet us at Organ Stop Pizza at 10:45am (doors open at 11:00am). The cost remains \$20 as this is a group rate. The majority of the bus cost is covered by your generous donations to Senior Ministry.

If you plan to meet us at OSP it is **IMPORTANT** to let Tammy know how many in your group will be meeting us at OSP. This is so we can provide OSP with an accurate count of people attending so there is plenty of yummy pizza, salad, and ice cream for all of us to enjoy.

The address for Organ Stop Pizza is 1149 East Southern Avenue in Mesa.

Contact Tammy for questions.



Friday Friendly Valentine's Day Friday, February 9th



Cindy Rupp and Danny Hunkin

Cindy Rupp on piano, Danny Hunkin on guitar and vocals along with **SURPRISE** guests promises to be a fun and exciting show. We will also recognize AZ as we celebrate our states 112th birthday.

Family and friends are always welcome!!

Lunch starts at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall. Music program starts 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 coming soon! Or call the church office at (602) 866-9191 to sign up for the fun.

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

Note: No need to sign up if you want to enjoy the entertainment only.

Thank You

ANGEL TREE 2023

-WOW- This year started so simple, only 241 Angels and 47 bike requests, that was August. Come December 12th - Delivery Day - at 7:30am we totaled in at 339 Angels, 9 agencies and over 140 bikes. There was a bike for every child that asked for one.

We received donations of new helmets for each bike, (from Children's Hospital) a couple small Christmas trees, a TV, many beautiful sets of earrings, (made by our churches jewelry making group) and so many other fantastic EXTRAS.

All Saints, we are called by God to minister to others, Angel Tree, shows we listen.

This is one of our largest outreach programs. It is so inclusive, unselfish, and loving each and every year.

Thank you to ALL, for your generosity, your time, and for not telling me NO.

Merry Christmas, Pat Dilk, your Angel Tree Lady



Please and Thank You From MOPS and MOMSnext

Our Mothers of Preschoolers and MOMS next groups wish to thank All Saints for all the support given to our ministry throughout the year. From mentor moms and childcare volunteers to your generous participation in our fundraisers, you have blessed the families of our community in many ways!

We are still looking for a few volunteers who could help with our childcare program on Thursday mornings when we reconvene in the fall—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.



Hi All,

In 2023 All Saints donated 121 food bags, 103 gift cards, and \$70 in cash for the Thanksgiving Food Bag Drive. We even surpassed last year's totals. God is so good!! What a gift to be living as stewards with Joyful Generosity!

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this food drive so successful. Many included individual cards for the recipients and even brought other extra food items. We were able to help meet a big need in the community again. **Thank you All Saints for your support!**

-Sarah Manzanares and West Valley Community Food Bank

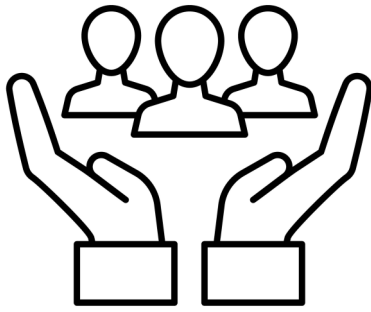


I-HELP Thank you!

I wish to thank everyone who has supported the I-HELP, Interfaith Homelessness Emergency Lodging Program at All Saints. The support and generosity of our church council, pastors, and members of our congregation have been overwhelming. Your donations of time, food, and other items have been greatly appreciated by the participants of I-HELP. One of the I-HELP guests said he is always anxious not knowing where he will sleep next, but he said he felt so welcome at All Saints. He appreciates the space we offer for sleeping, the wonderful meals, and the fellowship. He appreciates there are showers to use, which is not always available. He likes there is ping pong and air hockey to play to take his mind off the challenges he faces being homeless even for a brief period.

Thank you to everyone who expresses their love for our community by supporting I-HELP!!

My sincere gratitude...Tammy Follensbee



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.

All Saints Budget Through November 30, 2023

Income:	\$ 961,869
Expenses:	\$1,040,418
Deficit	\$ 78,549

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	21st
Dave/Peggy Atchison	Jan 12	44th
Gregory/Mary Norby	Jan 14	30th
Leo/Bonnie Arthur	Jan 25	10th
Sam Arthur/ Synthia Rajendran	Jan 28	11th
Peter/Shelbi Overland	Jan 31	20th

Our annual meeting will be held

**February 18th
at 12:00pm**

(following the 11am service)
in the Sanctuary.

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>

Welcome Talks



Welcome Talks by Pastor Dan Hoeger

The mission of All Saints is to bring people the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ. Over the last year, our welcome team has been working on ways to expand our welcome to all people. As a result, we now have a new, beautiful "Welcome Statement" on our website.

A good welcome statement specifically names groups of people who have experienced the pain of inhospitality. This mirrors Jesus' ministry in the Gospels. The Bible tells us that Jesus often intentionally connected with people who were normally left out. Those that were angry at him complained that Jesus was sitting down with the "wrong kinds" of people. But some of those "wrong types", were eventually called apostles, and the foundation of his church.

Welcoming is more than invitation. Welcoming includes listening and learning from experiences that may be different from our own. In 2024, All Saints will be offering a series of "Welcome Talks" with guest presenters to guide us of better understanding the life and experiences of people from diverse backgrounds.

We are looking for presenters who can speak to us on:

- **Being neurodiverse** - A neurodivergent person has one or more ways in which their brain functions outside the "typical" way. For example, neurodivergent people may be diagnosed with autism, ADHD, OCD, dyspraxia, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or Tourette's.
- **Being transgender** - Even though LGBT gets lumped together in one tagline, the T is quite different than the LG and B. "Lesbian," "gay" and "bisexual" describe sexual orientation. "Transgender" describes gender identity. These are not the same thing. Sexual orientation is about whom we feel an attraction to. Gender identity is about how we see our own selves.
- **Being disabled** - Most disabled people experience hardships directly and indirectly related to their disabilities. But many disabled people find that most of these hardships come from other people and the environment they live in, not their disabilities themselves.

Please help us out. I invite you to spend time with our welcome statement. Ask yourself: Who else needs to be heard from? Are there other groups of people that need to be named in our welcome statement as well? Do you know good presenters who can deepen mutual understanding and respect? Are you willing to help out with organizing and hosting these presentations? Please contact Pastor Kristin or me, as you find answers to these questions.

Someone once told me, that God went to a lot of trouble to make each of us unique. As followers of Christ, we believe God delights in the diversity of creation and so can we.

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.

You who are younger, older, in-between . . . *You are welcome here.*

You of all races and cultures . . . *You are welcome here.*

You who are immigrants, refugees, transplants, winter visitors, long-time Phoenicians . . . *You are welcome here.*

You who are poor, rich, in-between . . . *You are welcome here.*

You who are single, divorced, widowed, partnered, married . . . *You are welcome here.*

You who are LGBTQIA+, straight, cisgender . . . *You are welcome here.*

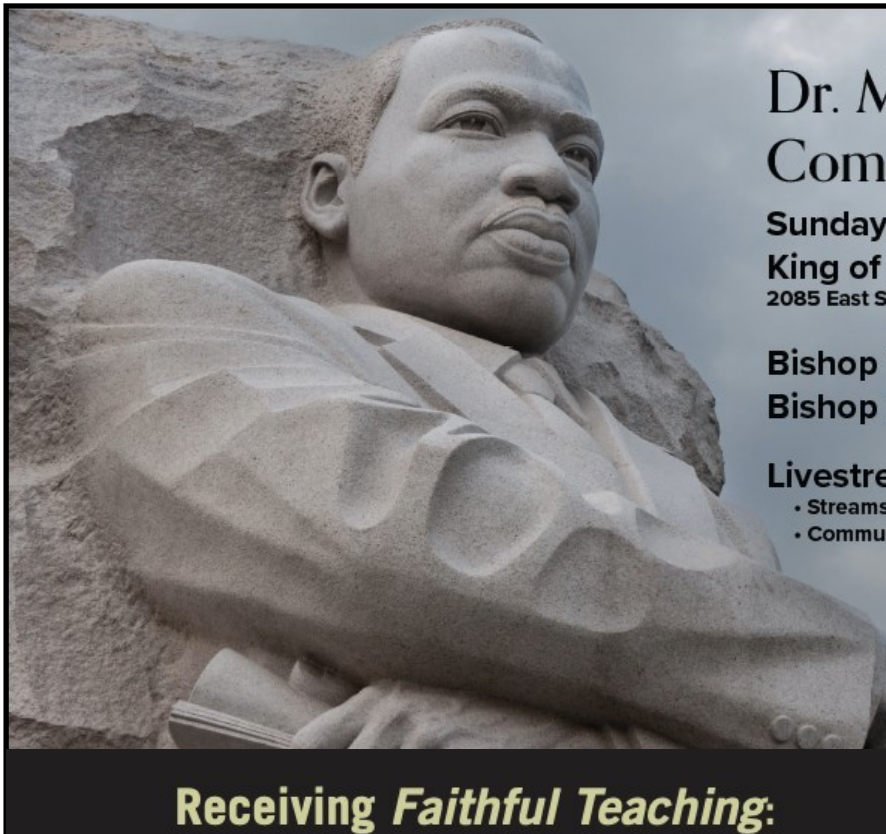
You who are disabled, neurodiverse, neurotypical . . . *You are welcome here.*

You who have felt unwelcome in a church setting, who are questioning faith, whose faith is firm
. . . *You are welcome here.*

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.


UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commemorative Service**
Sunday, January 14, 2024 • 2 - 4 pm
King of Glory Lutheran Church
2085 East Southern Avenue Tempe, AZ, 85282

Bishop Yehiel Curry • Metropolitan Chicago Synod
Bishop Deborah Hutterer • Grand Canyon Synod

Livestream events in Tucson & Las Vegas
• Streams in the Desert in Tucson, 2pm
• Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, 1pm PST
www.gcsynod.org/mlk



Grand Canyon Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Communicate Jesus
Connect People
Create Possibilities**

Receiving Faithful Teaching:

An ecumenical event
to celebrate the most recent report of
the US Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue

When:

January 20, 2024,
10 am – 1:30 pm

Where:

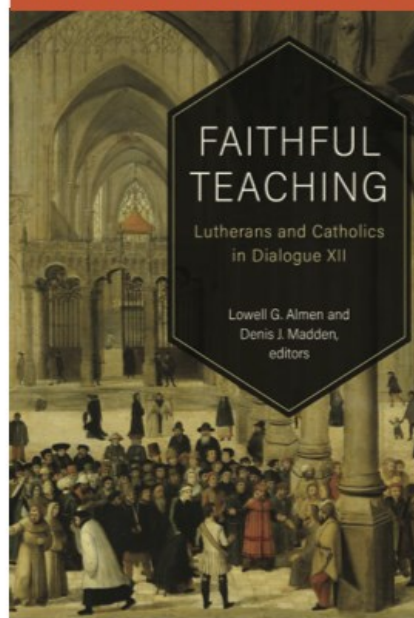
Faith Evangelical
Lutheran Church

801 East Camelback Rd
Phoenix, Arizona, 85014

All are welcome.

Please RSVP to
eirinfo@elca.org
by January 1, 2024

Available for pre-order from FortressPress.com



Save the date!
LUTHERAN DAY at the LEGISLATURE
ARIZONA CAPITOL, WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA
MONDAY, JAN. 30 @ 9:30

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

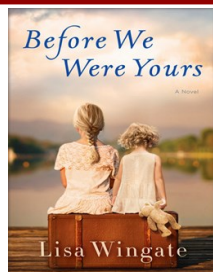
This ecumenical event will feature presentations on the Round XII report
by the co-chairs, **Rev. Lowell Almen (ELCA)** and **Bishop Denis Madden (USCCB)**,
followed by two respondents, a joint prayer service, and a celebratory reception.

*This event is hosted by the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA, and co-sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat
for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and ELCA Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations*

COMING SOON

Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events

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



Book Club

Tuesday, January 9th
at 9:30am in Room 201

This month's selection:
Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

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

All Ages Sunday School

Sunday School kids and their parents /
guardians will gather together on
Sunday, January 21st at 9:00am
in the Fellowship Hall.

JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

will meet again on Tuesday, January 2nd
from 9:30am to 11:00am in room 201.

Returning participants and newcomers are welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Kristin at
krice@allsaintsphoenix.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

8:00am—12:00pm



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

SAVE THE DATE!!



Scout Sunday

**will be Sunday
February 5th**

C.O.W. (Church on Wednesdays)

WHO: All Confirmation age students (6th - 9th Grade) are invited!

WHEN: Wednesday **January 10th** from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**

WHERE: **St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

3101 W Cholla St, Phoenix, AZ 85029



Join us for friends, fellowship and fun with your peers not only from All Saints, but also from two other ELCA congregations here in Phoenix – Our Saviour's and St. Andrew. In addition, for any parents / caring adults that would like to stay on site instead of dropping off and picking up, there will be a time for the adults to gather together as well.

Please RSVP for this event so **that we can plan accordingly**

Care Card Project



Care Card Project is **Saturday, January 27th, 2024 at 10am** in Room 201. We are making a variety of handmade greeting cards to send to All Saints members who are homebound. You will have the opportunity to make a card for your loved ones too. No experience required. A sign up is available in the Narthex.

Join our class to make a card to brighten someone's day!

This is the last Care Card class until Fall, 2024.



HELPING HANDS NEEDED SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

Help us put away our Christmas decorations! The more hands we have, the quicker the process. Please stay after the **10:00am** worship service!



LENTEN SEASON

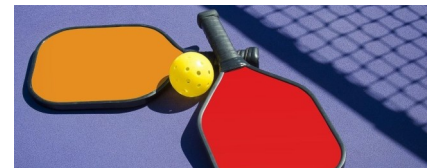
begins

Ash Wednesday
February 14th

Services will be held at 7:00am and 6:30pm

LOL— Lutherans on the Loose Pickleball Class

Special guest Jim Fink will be teaching a class on “how-to” play pickleball on **Saturday, January 20th at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall. Jim is an experienced pickleball player and he will be sharing the rules and scoring of the game along with various tips of how to get started playing. We will also be hitting the ball around in the court yard outside of Fellowship Hall. A sign up is available in the Narthex or sign up by calling the church office.



Come join the fun of pickleball!!

Sunday School
Confirmation
High School and Beyond Bible Study
Adult Sunday School
***All resume
Sunday January 7th.***

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

Returns on Wednesday
January 10th at 7:00am
in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer

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



I-HELP Volunteers Team Building Dinner

On **Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30pm** All Saints, with the cooperation of Lutheran Social Services, will be hosting a Team Building dinner for all I-HELP volunteers. This event is open to all current volunteers or for any one who wants to learn more about volunteering. Special guest speaker Angel George of LSS will be joining us to present updates about I-HELP and answer any questions. There will be a team building activity, an opportunity for current volunteers to speak about their experiences with I-HELP, and time to enjoy dinner provided by Lutheran Social Services.

Please, sign up in the Narthex, or call the church office, or email tfollensbee@allsaintsphoenix.org. so we can get an accurate count of participants.

MOPS Pizza Fundraiser



Order from Barro's Pizza at 7th 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 28th 2024, 10:30am to 10pm

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

Call 602-863-3888 to order

SAVE THE DATE:

5th Grade Milestone – “My Body, My Gift” 5th Graders and their parents / guardians will meet on two (2) consecutive Monday evenings at 6:30pm in Room 201 on the following dates:

Monday, February 5th and Monday, February 12th

Confirmation Lock-In (Grades 6 thru 9) – Begins Saturday, February 10th at 4:00pm until Sunday, February 11th at 9:00am. Join us for faith, food, friends, and fun! RSVP to Donald Wade at dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org.

Angel Tree Jewelry Making

Angel Tree Jewelry Making is **Saturday, January 20th at 10am in Room 201.**

We are making earrings to get an early start for the Christmas 2024 Angel Tree Program. No experience required. All supplies are provided.

This is the last class until Fall 2024.

Sign up in the Narthex at the Senior Ministry table.



FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

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

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.

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

MISSION SUPPORT RELIEF OFFERING

**January 28th:
WHEAYT & Desert
Mission Food Bank**

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

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www.allsaintsphoenix.org

Office Hours:
Mon-Thur 9am-3pm

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