Saints Alive

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Our Focus Word for the Month is:

Remembering

Developing Daily Disciples



Each October, we **remember** and commemorate another anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation (October 31, 1517) - the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

In that vein, this month, we want to have an intentional focus on **remembering** the promises that were made at our baptisms.

On that day, when we were washed clean, made new, and claimed into the family of God, our parents (or you, if you were old enough) made some very specific promises:

- to live among God's faithful people
- to bring us to the word of God and the holy supper
- to teach us the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- to place in our hands the Holy Scriptures
- to nurture us in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made.

And as we **remember** these promises, we encourage you to reinvigorate your life of faith to help continue those promises, as they are never completed, but lived into more fully.

Come to worship. If you normally attend twice a month, try to make it three.

Take the Eucharist. Commune and be fed by Christ's Body and Blood, where we are **remembered** into the body of Christ as we **remember** the night in which he was betrayed.

Pray the Lord's Prayer, Creed (pick one!) and the Ten Commandments daily. If you don't always pray them without the words in front of you, try to learn to do so.

Read your Bible daily. We have resources and devotionals available for you to aid in your understanding of God's Word.

We, as a church, made a promise to support you in these promises, and we do our best to live into that promise as well, creating space for you to learn and grow in your faith and **Develop** (as a) **Daily Disciple**.

God's peace and presence be with you as you **remember** your baptism and the new life you have been given in Jesus Christ.

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SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Ministry Steering Team Members:

Margie Olsen
Scott Hagen
Karen McLaughlin
Judy Sutter
CC Tomasi
Pastor Deb
Hippen Schultz

"Enable seniors to experience the promise of being part of God's family."

Fall Friday Friendly

- 35 of us enjoyed the music on 9/11 by Jan Sandwich. She does other programs as well, so we'll invite her back sometime. My prayer is that America can be the country it was on 9/12 – willing to help others and show kindness, love and mercy.

- October 9th – our beloved Nicole Pesce – catered meal at noon, concert at 1 pm. Invite your friends. Suggested donation is $20.

- November 13th –Sahuaro Park in Glendale for noon picnic with Sean Mireau and the Volcano Island Band (steel drums). Sub sandwiches for a suggested donation of $15.

- December 11th – Annual Christmas party/potluck (meat provided) and have invited our own choir to join us – there will be carols and a gift exchange.

Thank you for your prayers for my recent knee surgery. The knee is doing fine, but I had an allergic reaction to something – rash on my back and swollen face. Will do allergy testing to see if anything shows up. I highly recommend the Jiffy knee – they go in through the side, and the recovery has been great. Thank God for the wonders of modern medicine. Stay well my friends!

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 visit our church website to submit your request.

https://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/care-support



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Russ and Barb Gunther	61st	Oct 2
Jeff and Kara Jordahl	4th	Oct 5
Jay Fix and Jackie Gibbs	35th	Oct 5
John and Betsy Ingram	32nd	Oct 8
Chuck and Donna Tomasi	38th	Oct 8
Eric and Marsha Jones	22nd	Oct 8
John and Sandy Bartilomo	33rd	Oct 9
Jim and Monica Rabb	34th	Oct 9
Justin and Mikaela Stannard	8th	Oct 10
Scott and Pamela Miller	32nd	Oct 13
Aaron and Elisabeth Davis	9th	Oct 14
Mitch and Sarah Erkert	12th	Oct 15
Byron and Konnie Bass	62nd	Oct 18
Juergen and Debbie Erkert	42nd	Oct 18
Tom and Linda Polcha	42nd	Oct 19
Owen and Barb Swenson	31st	Oct 20
Jason and Valeri Berg	22nd	Oct 21
Mike and Tammy Follensbee	22nd	Oct 23
David Cech and John Weaver	12th	Oct 23
Greg and Gayle Fraker	17th	Oct 24
Charles and Deanna Stewart	56th	Oct 24
Don and Nancy Ekstrom	62nd	Oct 24
Dave and Jamie Gore	24th	Oct 24
Levi and Ashley Knutson	2nd	Oct 27
Vaughn and Valerie Hollman	42nd	Oct 27
Nels and Jessie Van Peursem	15th	Oct 29
Warren and Vivi French	32nd	Oct 29

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR ETERNAL LIGHT

Honor a special occasion, acknowledge a loved one, or remember a loved one by sponsoring the sanctuary altar flowers or eternal light.

- $50 to donate flowers
- $10 for the eternal light

Sign up and pay in the church office.
2027 dates are now available.

All Saints Budget

Through **August 31, 2026**

	Actual	Budgeted
Income: Offering	$720,181	$757,177
Income: Other	$40,994	$38,120
Total Expense	$796,760	$805,739
Surplus/Deficit	($35,586)	($10,442)



Visit www.allsaintsphoenix.org/coming-events for a full calendar and updated list of future events at All Saints

Card & Jewelry Making Class

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10am - 2pm 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 Education Hour:

Children 3 years old through 6th Grade
participate in our Sunday School Godly Play program.

Students in Grades 7 and 8
participate in our Lutheran Confirmation program.

Students in Grades 9 through 12
participate in our High School & Beyond Bible Study program.

Adults of any age **are welcome to join any of the adult courses throughout the year.**
Each Sunday a minimum of 2 different adult education sessions will be offered.

Contact Donald Wade (dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) or
Pastor Daniel (dvolkmann@allstaintsphoenix.org) for questions or info.

Joy Circle Bible Study: Psalms

Tuesday October 6th, 9:30am-11:00am in Room 201

This year's Joy Circle Bible Study led by Rev. Pat Reed will focus on the Book of Psalms. The Psalms invite us into honest conversation with God through the heart-felt prayers of God's faithful people. Our first lesson will be on October 6th from 9:30-11am in Room 201. We begin our study with two Psalms of Praise: Psalm 1 and Psalm 150, the first and last psalms in the book.

If you would like a study guide for this series, the *Rose Visuals Bible Study, The Psalms*, is available through the church office. The study guide costs $5.00. Study guides are optional.

The Joy Circle includes time for study, discussion, and prayer. All women are welcome. No previous bible study experience is necessary. The Joy Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month (September through May). This year each month's lesson is independent so come to any or all sessions as you are able. Coffee is provided. If you have questions, contact Pastor Pat through the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

meets Wednesdays at
7:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Book Club:
October 13th at 9:30am
in Room 201
Selection: The Alice Network
by Kate Quinn

Contact Donald Wade (dwade@allsaintsphoenix.org) for more information.



Grief Support Group

Starting October 6th

Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00pm in the Life Building Cafe. There is no cost and it is facilitated by Pastor Deb Hippen Schultz. A ride can be provided if needed. Tell others about it and come to learn and grow in your grief journey. Register by calling the office.



Sunday School Kids sing in worship with the Adult Sanctuary Choir on Reformation Sunday (October 25th)

All Sunday School students are to arrive in the Sanctuary at 8:30am that day for a final rehearsal prior to the 9:00am worship service. The kids will also sing with the Sanctuary Choir at the beginning of the 11:00am service and may leave after singing during the Prelude.

Holy Yoga

Tuesdays 9:30am-10:30am

Begin your journey to better health!
Join Haley Cloud for Holy Yoga, a beginner restorative yoga class. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. Teens - Adults. All levels welcome, especially beginners!

MOMCO FALL BAKE SALE

We are offering a variety of baked goods, including gluten and nut free before and after both church services on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4. Please support our mom's group, come browse the bake sale tables, and take home some tasty treats.

Individually wrapped items make delicious, delightful gifts for family, friends and neighbors as well.

Cash, checks and on-line donations to MOMCO (via the church giving website) are all appreciated.



Compline: Evening Prayer & Silence

Wednesdays beginning October 6th

Dessert at 6:30pm; Compline service at 7pm

We will gather each Wednesday evening through November 18, beginning with a shared dessert - BYOD: Bring Your Own Dessert! - and time to enjoy one another's company. From there, we will enter into silence and pray Compline.

With its prayers of trust, rest and peace, Compline gives us space to lay down the burdens of the day, commend ourselves and those we love to God's keeping, and receive the quiet grace of evening together. Whether these prayers are familiar to you or entirely new, you are warmly welcome.

Come as you are, bring something sweet if you wish, and join us as we end the day in prayer. We will gather weekly through November 18, before pausing for Advent Around the Fire.

MomCo - Mom Community



September was a great beginning for our All Saints Mom Community. Breakfast meetings, a Pop-Up Coffee Shop, Recipe Swap and activities that helped us connect, get acquainted and reacquainted made for a full and fun-filled month. Coming up in October:

- October 1 - Breakfast Meeting and Table Games in the fellowship hall
- October 4 - FALL BAKE SALE
- October 8 - Get It Done Meeting in the café
- October 15 - Breakfast Meeting, "Motherhood is Leadership" video, discussion groups in the fellowship hall
- October 22 - Talk, Learn, Connect Meeting in the Yo Zone- Mom University-cleaning tips & tricks
- October 29 - Pumpkin Patch Fall Play date off campus

We invite all moms with children of any age to join us. We meet every Thursday morning from 9:00-11:15am. If you or someone you know is interested in attending or learning more about us please use this link: www.allsaintsphoenix.org/momco or contact the church office and someone will contact you as soon as possible.

Please register in advance at https://www.allsaintsphoenix.org/momco for FREE child care if you have an infant, toddler or preschooler so that we can provide the appropriate number of adults (all child protection certified) as well as accommodate for any allergies your child may have. Children can be signed in as early as 9:00am and need to be signed out by 11:15am. Moms must remain on the church campus while your child is in our care.

God Is Not One: An 8-Week Adult Education Class

Tuesdays at 2:00pm October 6–November 24

Join Pastor Daniel and Courtney Krueger for an eight-week exploration of Stephen Prothero's God Is Not One and Diana Eck's Encountering God.

Together, we'll explore Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Yoruba religion, and atheism, asking what each tradition teaches about the human condition, the purpose of life, and the path toward wholeness or salvation.

Along the way, we'll consider what Christians can learn by taking other religious traditions seriously - recognizing both genuine similarities and important differences. No previous knowledge of world religions is necessary, and you don't need to have read the books before the class begins.

Come with your questions, curiosity, and willingness to learn about the faith of our neighbors - and perhaps discover something new about your own.

SMART Recovery: LIFE BEYOND ADDICION

SMART Recovery is a 4-Point Program Mutual Support Meeting in North Phoenix!

This meeting occurs every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 203.

The meeting is open to all adults who would like help with eliminating or reducing addictive behaviors. There is no charge to attend. See you there!

www.smartrecovery.org

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed!

We would like to add more volunteers to our AV Team, so if you have some interest in video, audio, and/or computer tech, let us know!

We will of course provide training, so if you are interested in this important ministry and would like to learn more, please contact Jerry Gunderson, jgunderson@allsaintsphoenix.org.

All Saints' Audio/Video Team handles all of the technical needs and tasks for our In-Person Worship and our Livestream Ministry.



Sign-Up to be a Worship Volunteer
Sign-Ups through NOVEMBER now open!

Trained volunteers can now visit allsaintsphoenix.org/volunteer to sign-up as a worship volunteer.

Please contact the office with any questions or to sign-up without using Sign-Up Genius.

Lutheran Thrift Shop

10615 West Peoria Ave, Sun City
Open Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm and the 3rd Thursday of the month 5pm-7pm

Summer's Finally Over!

According to the calendar it's finally Fall! Any day now the temperatures will catch up with that calendar and it's a darn good thing because, here at the Lutheran Thrift Shop, we're done with summer! Our snowbirds are returning – I think I heard it was snowing in Minnesota - and we're happy to see them!

Now is a great time to join the LTS nation! We are currently seeking people in all areas of the shop. However, cashiers, jewelry counter people, book department workers are an immediate need. Whatever your interest or talent, though, we have a place for you! Call us for a tour today and get a "behind the scenes look". We have 12 shifts every week so you can find a time that's right for you.

Right now, you'll be blown away by our huge selection of Halloween, Fall and Thanksgiving items in the Holiday House and, of course, our halls are always decked for Christmas!

Time to do some fall cleaning and get rid of stuff you don't use or need anymore? Now that the weather is cooler, maybe clean out those closets and the garage and discover extra space you didn't know you had? Bring it to the backdoor of the LTS on Tuesday or Thursday from 9-2 and help us help others. We will gladly pick up furniture from your pet-free, smoke-free home that's too big for you to handle. Our courteous truckers still come inside to pick up your things. Give us a call today to schedule a pick up.

Keep up with the LTS by following us on Facebook.
https://www.facebook.com/westvalleylutheranthriftshop/
Or at our website: www.lutheranthrift.com

Upcoming Synod Events



Cursillo Annual Meeting and Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14th, at 10 am All Saints will host the Annual Meeting of Lutheran Cursillo of Arizona. All are welcome and you can see what Cursillo is about if you are interested. Then at noon, there will be a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. Help support this wonderful ministry.

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



Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

All Saints Congregation,

Thank you so much for your continued generous giving to the people we serve at LSS. We were so pleased to see the many school supplies and backpacks you collected this year. The kids were very excited to pick out their favorite bag and begin the school year, thanks to your kindness!

Jenny Tatum

All Saints,

Now that the chaos of summer is over, we just wanted to say a special thank you!! We are truly humbled by the generosity and love we saw during the summer walk-in refrigerator repair crisis! Thank you so much for hearing our call for help and making such a generous donation! We are so blessed to have such a faithful and wonderful community. Thank you for feeding God's kiddo's this summer!

CAMP ALOMA

Leah McKean

Love endures.
So can your giving.

The All Saints Lutheran Endowment Fund helps continue our church legacy into the future, growing over time to support our mission and programs today, tomorrow and for the life of the church.

Please prayerfully consider a tax-deductible outright or estate gift to the All Saints Lutheran Endowment Fund.

You may contact the church office or Thrivent Charitable at thriventcharitablee@thrivent.com or 800-365-4172 for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ALL SAINTS

STEPHEN MINISTRY is a team of lay members here at All Saints who are trained to provide one-to-one CONFIDENTIAL care to those experiencing a difficult time in life (grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation). Since 1975 there have been 14,000 congregations around the world offering this caring ministry.

Here at All Saints we have been blessed to provide this for over 20 years. Our team of Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, and all share a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV).

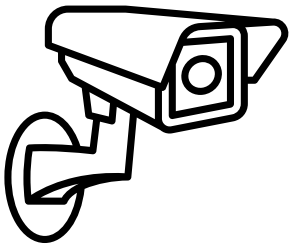
HOW TO REFER AN INDIVIDUAL OR YOURSELF Contact one of our Stephen Leaders (Diane Lensch, Scott Hagan or Tammy Follensbee), the church office or one of the pastors, if you or someone you know may be in need of a Stephen minister. When the referrals coordinator determines that the situation is appropriate for Stephen ministry, a Stephen minister will be assigned.

For more information about Stephen ministry check out :
https://www.stephenministries.org/default.cfm

PROPERTY UPDATE: UPGRADED CAMERAS

God's peace to you from the All Saints Property Manager,

To strengthen safety across our campus, All Saints has replaced the previous camera system with upgraded Ring security cameras.



Over the past several months there have been many discussions with Property Management, our Pastors, Administrator, and Finance Team regarding the safety and security of our campus and all who worship and participate in other activities across the campus. Due to incompatibility issues with the prior cameras and updates to web browsers, it was determined that we would remove the old camera system and replace it with upgraded Ring security cameras.

As you are walking around, you will see these cameras inside key entry points, areas for congregating, and around the exterior of the campus.

These cameras are monitored by Property and Facilities Management as well as our Parish Administrator. If you have any questions about this update, please feel free to contact myself (scorbin@allsaintsphoenix.org) or Courtney Krueger (ckrueger@allsaintsphoenix.org).

Susan Corbin, ASLC Property Manager

FOOD DRIVE OFFERING

1st Sunday of the Month: October 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 RELEIF OFFERING

October 25th: ELCA Fund For Leaders

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

aslc@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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