

Phoenix Fusion Newsletter

A Collaboration of Lutheran Congregations in Metro Phoenix



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Mount of Olives Lutheran Church
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St. Andrew Lutheran Church
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Trinity Lutheran Church

Spiritual Practices for Advent Wednesdays in December at 12:00 pm Via Zoom

Join Pastor Karn as we explore and practice four different spiritual practices this Advent. Lectio Divina, The Examen, Centering Prayer and Journaling will all be explained and then we will take the time to actually try them out!

To attend, please visit www.oslconline.org for more information and the link to join!

Feel free to attend once, twice, or each week. We meet at 12:00 pm on December 2, 9, 15, and 23.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Karn at: pastorkarn@oslconline.org.

Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book

In this COVID-time, our opportunities to volunteer and visit with those incarcerated in our local prisons and jails have come to a standstill. The prison ministries of our congregations need not stop. The ELCA has published a prayer book for God's people in prison: [Hear My Voice: A Prison Prayer Book](#). This book would make a marvelous Christmas gift not only for people in prison but also for your loved ones and friends. Read more about this resource, and how it has supported prisoners and their loved ones, on the [ELCA Worship Blog](#).



Dear Friends and supporters of Cruzando Fronteras,

This special time of year when many of us are preparing for Christmas and remembering the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus. Let us also remember Joseph and Marys’ journey to bring the King of Kings to a safe area for the Lord to be born. Fleeing certain death and, traveling a far distance to foreign lands for security and a safe life for their child and our Lord. Let us also remember our families here on our southern border fleeing in the same way, and for the same reason to save their children.

With remain in Mexico still in affect here on our Southern Borders and our families here in Nogales, Sonora waiting for either the Ninth Circuit Court to rule the illegality of MPP, or the change in our country’s leadership. We are asking for you to help us bring Christmas to our families, especially the children. Below is a list of items (generic) that will bring joy to our children this Christmas, and also to let them all know, **THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN!!!**

Our Posada this year will be December 19 at La Casa, where many of the families that reside with us have been with us for almost a year. We have had six children born to us in this time of the pandemic, with another 150+ children for whom we call our family that also reside on our property.

Please assist us in this endeavor. Donations and gifts may be mailed to the address below. Many blessings and a Merry Christmas to you all!

Boys	Girls	Families
Soccer balls	Baby dolls (of color)	Puzzles
Basketballs	pocketbooks and purses	Crafts
Toy cars and trucks	play toys	Games
<i>Toys that boys enjoy</i>	<i>toys that girls enjoy</i>	<i>Adult coloring books</i>

With much gratitude,

The Rev. Rodger A Babnew, Jr.
Cruzando Fronteras, Convener

In Ecumenical Partnership with
The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America – Grand Canyon Synod
United Church of Christ – Southwest Conference

A festive graphic for a holiday bazaar. It features a string of colorful bunting flags in red, green, and teal. To the right, three Christmas ornaments are hanging: a red one with a white snowflake, a teal one with white stars, and a green one with a white snowflake and a red dot. The word "Holiday" is written in a red cursive font, and "BAZAAR" is written in a large, green, blocky font below it.

Holiday BAZAAR

Sunday, December 6 @ 9:00 am to 11:00 am

All Saints Lutheran Church Parking Lot

15649 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85022

Shop one-of-a-kind handcrafted items, culinary specialties, books, gifts and more, all from the safety and comfort of your vehicle!

A portion of proceeds will support the MOPS/MOMS next ministry at All Saints.

Have questions? Interested in being a vendor at this event?

Contact Pastor Kristin at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org or

(602) 866-9191



Phoenix Fusion Hiking Group

Join us, dear Lutherans, for a hike! Our hope is to nurture our physical, emotional, and spiritual health by getting outdoors for exercise, conversation, and relationship with Earth.

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm

“Steppin’ It Up” Hike

2.5 miles

40th Street & south of Shea

Led by Pastor Sarah Stadler: pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com

Saturday, December 19, 9:00 am

“Takin’ It Easy” Hike on a paved surface

Flexible length based on participants’ needs

Meet at Dreamy Draw Recreation Area at Highway 51 & Northern

Drive into the park and go to the parking lot at the end of the long, curvy road.

Led by Pastor Sarah Stadler: pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com

Grace Lutheran Church



Advent Organ Recitals Fridays at noon

All recitals are given free of charge, but freewill donations are greatly appreciated to support the music ministry at Grace Lutheran Church.



Nov. 27 - Brandon Burns



Dec. 4 - Jeremy Peterman



Dec. 11 - Valerie Harris



Dec. 18 - Gordon Stevenson

We can welcome up to 15 people for live attendance, masks and social distancing required. Please reserve a spot in advance by email: officemanager@graceinthecity.com

Join us for live-stream on our Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/GraceInTheCity/live_videos/

Recordings will be available on our YouTube page within a few days for those who cannot make it to the live-stream or in person

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaKZYHTfWesmJc-I0sDKmWQ>



CONGREGATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Worship services available online on vimeo.

<https://vimeo.com/user53625047>

For other opportunities, please go to our website: www.OSLOnline.org.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Gloria Dei Zoom Bible Study

Sundays at 10:00 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87847939998?pwd=UldFcDRDSnUwTUxyakVaZExVc1ppUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 4793 9998

Password: 219267

If you're looking to dive deeper into scripture and you want to grow and strengthen your faith, then come spend some time with us each Thursday morning at 10:00 am.

We would love to see you!

We will be "live-streaming" on both Zoom and our Gloria Dei Facebook Page, so whichever site you feel most comfortable with log-on and join us! The service will start promptly @ 9:00 am and will include the readings and prayers of the day, a brief reflection, music shared by Karen Murphy our Music Minister, and, of course, an invitation to join us with "at home"

Communion.

Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89801375971?pwd=S1ZKMDUwV2hHVU82amJFcHhaUEc1QT09>

Meeting ID: 898 0137 5971

Passcode: 305970

Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 am on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityPhx/>

Trinity YouTube Channel

We post our live worship service on the Trinity YouTube page. Please check out the Trinity YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1Nb9mo9Mt3KKDCxU4k1_Xg

WebEx Weekly Devotional Check-in

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

We meet via WebEx on Wednesday evenings for a short devotional and check in. Please email Jeff Schultz at:

jschultz@castle-web.com to be receive the link to join.

added to the distribution list.

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Grace Worship

[www.facebook.com/Grace In The City: Grace Lutheran Church](http://www.facebook.com/GraceInTheCity:GraceLutheranChurch)

AND <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaKZYHTfWesmJc-I0sDKmWQ>

Sundays @ 11:00 am

Singing Hope

[www.facebook.com/Grace In The City: Grace Lutheran Church](http://www.facebook.com/GraceInTheCity:GraceLutheranChurch)

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 12:00 pm

Sunday Spirit

Sundays @ 9:35 am

Email Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com for the Zoom link.

The GLOW Show Podcast

Pastor Sarah is producing a podcast on a variety of spiritual topics. To find it, you can click on "blog" on the Grace [website](#), go to soundcloud.com, or subscribe on Apple podcasts.

All Saints Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 8:00 am

All Saints Lutheran Church has invited all of us to participate in their men's Wednesday morning Bible study, each Wednesday at 8:00 am via zoom.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kristin at krice@allsaintsphoenix.org to receive the Zoom link. This study follows the Revised Common Lectionary, the scripture passages read in worship, and includes time for prayer and connection.

All Saints is excited to welcome any and all who want to join!