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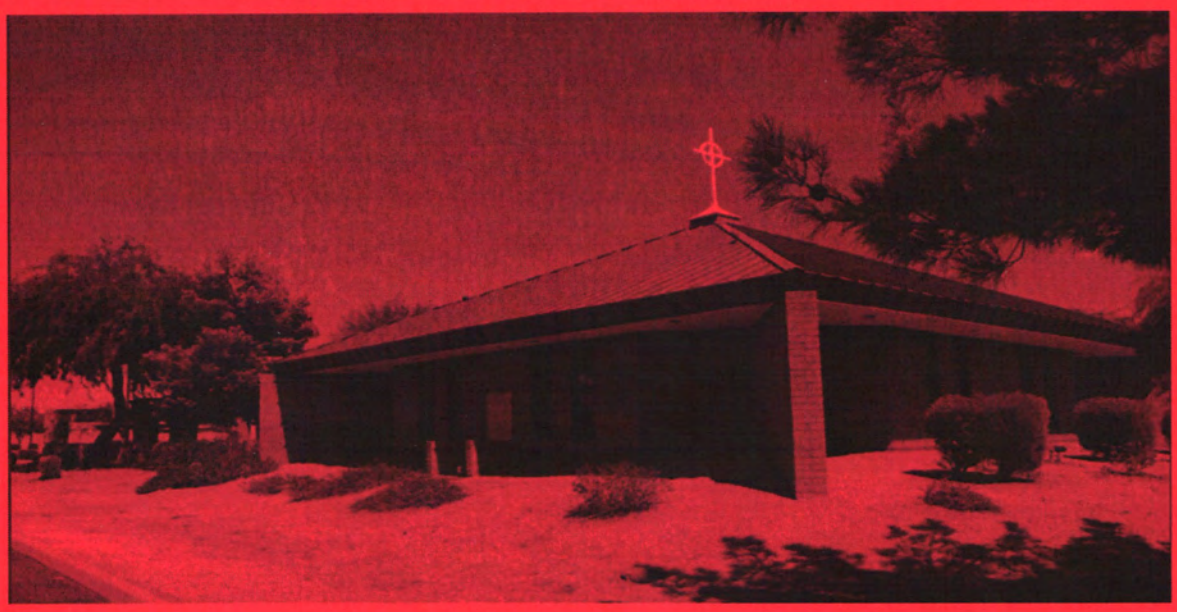
ALLELUIA HERALD



Church Hours

- **Worship Service —Sundays 9am**
- **Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday**
- **Office Hours—Mon thru Wed 9A to 12P**

The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all, is the privilege of ...living in His presence every day of my life.

Psalm 27:4

Adult Bible Study

Please join us every Tuesday 10—11am for study of God's word and fellowship.

ATTENDENCE FOR LAST MONTH

August 7	**17**
August 14	**17**
August 21	**15**
August 28	**15**

Please continue to attend services regularly, and don't forgot to invite your friends and neighbors.

All God's words are right, and everything He does is worthy of our trust.
Psalm 33:4

Diaper Distribution

Diaper Distribution will be held on

Saturday, September 17

from 10a to noon.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with packaging, check in, distributing to each family, and anything else that is needed during this hectic time.

See Anne Rains for more details and to sign up to help.

Everyone needs a neighbor like us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALLELUIA?

Lay Speakers for our Services

As you know, it's becoming increasingly difficult to find pulpit supply pastors to help with our Sunday morning worship services. On the Sundays when we can't find clergy support, perhaps God has laid something on your heart to share with our congregation. If you would like to present a homily or short sermon, please talk to any one of the Council members and we will get you scheduled for a Sunday service. Your subject matter can be your experience with God or a testimony as to how God has worked in your life. It's not as scary as it looks, and you will be a blessing to everyone who hears what God wants to say through you and your unique perspective. Nothing is impossible through God, and that includes sharing your heart with others.

Sunday Servants

We need your help on Sunday mornings to help enhance our worship experience. Please consider signing up as a Sunday Servant. Options include readers, greeters, worship leaders and providing refreshments for our Fellowship Time after service. Sign up sheet on the back table.

Let's Celebrate

September Birthdays

Verna Marvets	6th
Joanne Mueske	7th
Jordan Bryant	14th
Laura Krueger	28th

September Anniversaries

Don and Verna Marvets	23rd
Shawn and Laura Hagen	23rd
Gene and Anne Rains	29th

God's blessings on your special day!

CONSIDER YOUR WEEKLY GIFTS

Be sure to bring ***non-perishable food items*** on Sunday mornings to help those in need.

As you prayerfully discern your weekly offering, please consider contributing to various programs our church supports.

Your gifts towards ***diapers*** are always welcome. You can donate diapers, wipes and/or money which will be used to purchase necessary items .

Just make note on your envelope of your donation, what you're donating to and the amount. It's as simple as that!

Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later.
Ecclesiastes 11:1

Looking Ahead

The office will be closed Monday Sept 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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Council meets the 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following service. Watch your bulletin for specific dates.

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Complete **calendar** of upcoming events available on the church website—alleluiachurch.org

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Submissions for inclusion in the newsletter are due the 20th of the month.

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ALLELUIA

- Jesus is Lord!
- God welcomes everyone.
- Everything we have belongs to God.
- Everyone is on God's team.
- Everyone needs a neighbor like us.

How to Reach Us

Office—office@alleluia.org 602-849-4327

Website—Alleluiachurch.org

Council members:

President	Laura Krueger
Vice President	Paul Stithem
Secretary	Rose Anne Flores
Treasurer	Tina Knoell
Financial Secretary	Kevin Hokerk-Robinson
Member At Large	Anne Rains

Thank you for being a blessing to Alleluia

Thank you for your continued support of Alleluia. We appreciate seeing each and every one of you each week. We encourage you to continue to attend services regularly.

And remember, if you don't worship with us, please worship somewhere.

ALLELUIA AT A CROSSROADS

An update on our future

August Developments

After negotiations around the merger with Christ ELC broke down and concluded in April, God has been opening doors for us. We've been approached by two different worshipping groups who are interested in buying our building to further the ministry that Alleluia has established as well as pursue the ministries God is intending for them. Each group has come in with differing offers, financial backing, timelines and ideas for the space. Both groups are very interested in continuing the Diaper Closet, Scouts, current renters as well as the NA groups, all who utilize our building.

The Council has been in talks with these groups, and we are very encouraged that God's plan for His Kingdom here on Encanto Blvd will continue to flourish. Soon we will be working on a Letter of Intent, speaking with the Synod, consulting our Constitution, engaging with Real Estate attorneys, involving accountants- all necessary to make sure everything runs smoothly and the sale of the property is handled in the right way.

Keep watching the bulletin, listening for announcements and checking this newsletter for the latest updates. You can also freely talk with any of the Council members for updates and information.

This is a journey we are all taking together.

ONLY GOD CAN SEE EVERYTHING - Ecclesiastes 8:17

Lord, give us open hearts to hear your plan for Alleluia and willing hands to do the work needed to accomplish your design for us and to further your Kingdom.

Amen

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

A joyful heart is a good medicine." **Proverbs 17:22**

Careful what you wish for—

A man is looking for a parking space. Everywhere he looks, it seems as if every single space has been taken. Though never much of a church goer, the man looks up to the sky and says, "God, if you give me a parking space, I promise I'll stop sinning and go to church." Suddenly, a parking space opens up right in front of him.
"Never mind. I found one."

Critter Control

Three Lutheran pastors are out to lunch.
One pastor goes off about his problem with bats at his church,
"I've tried everything to get rid of them, they just won't leave."
The second pastor relates to the first,
"I know! I've tried everything! Cats, spray, noise, light. They just won't go away."
The third pastor says,
"Well, I baptized my bats; confirmed them and made them the newest members of my parish, haven't seen one since."

DIVINE ARCHITECT

A man lost at sea is found on an island 20 years later. The sailors that find him are surprised to see three large buildings on the island. They ask the man why he built the buildings. "This first building is my house" he says. "I was able to set up a crude aqueduct to create some form of indoor plumbing". The sailors are impressed and ask about the second building. "This second building is my church" he says "I am a Christian and my faith is very important to me". The sailors nod in understanding and ask about the third building. "Oh, that one" the man says. "That's the church I USED to go to".

HOLE IN ONE

This pastor decided to skip church one Sunday morning and go play golf.
He told his assistant that he wasn't feeling well. He drove to a golf course in another city, so nobody would know him.

He teed off on the first hole. A huge gust of wind caught his ball, carried is an extra hundred yards and dropped it right in the hole, for a 450 yard hole in one.

An angel looked at God and said "What'd you do that for?" God smiled and said "Who's he going to tell?"

Why do people say amen instead of awomen at church?

Because they sing hymns, not hers

Remember the good—let go of the rest.