

Alleluia Lutheran Church  
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Alleluiachurch.org

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# ALLELUIA HERALD



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## Church Hours

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- **Worship Service —Sundays 9am**
- **Holy Communion celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month**
- **Office Hours—Mon thru Wed 9A to 12P**
- **Intern Dan Office Hours— Thursdays 11:30A—2:30P**

## Adult Bible Study

Tuesday mornings—10 –11am  
“Study of the Gospel” led by  
Intern Dan



## ATTENDANCE FOR LAST MONTH

Sept 5	16
Sept 12	19
Sept 19	15
Sept 26	

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

*Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning, for I am trusting you. Show me where  
to walk, for I give myself to you.*

*Psalm 143:8*

## Diaper Distribution

Diaper Distribution for October will be held on **Saturday, the 16th** 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.

Come help this outreach program as you are available. See Anne Raines for more details and to sign up.

**Everyone needs a neighbor  
like us.**

## THIS 'N THAT

Cubs Scouts and Boy Scouts have been active again lately! Go to Page 7 to see pictures of their latest adventures and fun!

Plan to spend some time with the Martha Keene family on Saturday, October 2 at 11:00am as we celebrate her life, and thank her family for allowing us to have had the privilege of knowing her.

Donations to the Diaper bank in her name will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to sign up as a Sunday Servant—readers, greeters, teachers and treats are always welcome.

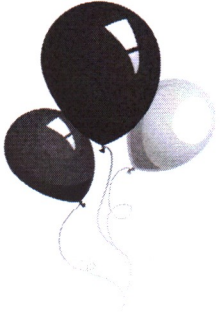
*Ordinary people, extraordinary God*



## Let's Celebrate

### October Birthdays

Maria Valenzuela	1st
Vicki Macke	5th
Gene Raines	29th



*Gods blessings on you and  
Your special day!*

### CONSIDER YOUR WEEKLY GIFTS

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

Your gifts towards **diapers** are always welcome.

**Grace Lutheran** in downtown Phoenix is always in need of water for their homeless outreach program.

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

Be sure to bring non-perishable food items on Sunday mornings to help replenish the Food Bank at Christ ELC in Goodyear.

Please remember those in need—

### Looking Ahead

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**Memorial Service for Martha Keene** will be held Saturday, **October 2 at 11am**. Mask protocol will be in place.

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**Boy Scouts** will be holding a rummage sale soon, so come find your treasures.

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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](http://alleluiachurch.org)

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Submissions for inclusion in the newsletter are due the 15th of the month.

## 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

**Intern Dan**—intern-dan@alleluia.org

### Council members:

Laura Krueger      President

Rose Anne Flores      Secretary

Tine Knoell      Treasurer

Kevin Hokerk-Robinson      Fin Sec

Paul Stithem

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October	Worship Leader	Reader	Childrens Sermon	Refreshments
3	Laura K		Laura K	
10	Laura H	Anne	Laura K	Rose Anne
17	Kevin	Carmel	Tina	
24	Laura K		Tina	
31	Kevin	Anne	Laura K	

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 think about helping out in a variety of ways on Sunday mornings.

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

## **Message from your Council**

Dear Alleluia Members and Friends:

With the desire to keep our congregation as safe as possible for everyone and to help our community stop the spread of the Delta variant of COVID-19, the council has decided to go back to requiring masks to be worn inside our building, regardless of vaccination status.

The Delta Variant is spreading like Chicken Pox in a classroom of children. Even people who have been vaccinated can be carriers of the variant and can spread it to others. And the youngest members of our community are the most vulnerable now since they are not able to be vaccinated at this time.

Although we may not have very many young people in the Alleluia Community, we do cross paths with the other two congregations using our building. And both congregations have a lot of young children.

In an effort to keep our small community safe and to help Maricopa County stop the spread of this Delta Variant, be prepared to wear a mask at worship on Sunday and also at any meetings, Bible Study sessions and diaper distributions.

Thank you for understanding and working with us to ensure all are safe and healthy! If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to one of your council members.

Your Alleluia Church Council

Laura Krueger, Martha Keene, Tina Knoell, Rose Anne Flores, Paul Stithem, Kevin Hokerk-Robinson





## Choir News from your Director of Music Ministry

For many, many years, the Alleluia Choir has been a very integral part of our worship service. From the Sunday morning selections to Christmas and Easter cantatas performed by the Festival Choir, to performing for nursing homes, other church groups, holiday open houses, the list goes on and on.

As with anything in life, changes happen. Our choir groups, over the years, have increased and decreased in numbers, but always bolstered by the core group of dedicated, selfless, enthusiastic, steadfast, faithful musical servants. This group showed up each and every week to practice, to learn, to dedicate music to enhance our worship services, and to sing to God's glory for the sole purpose of magnifying the strength and love of our Lord with each selection.

Change happened as well with the pandemic, and curtailed not only our choir, but being able to gather together for worship services. As we have been able to come back to worshipping together, we've noticed our service attendance numbers declining, and that includes our choir. Couple that with different, and new, obligations by some of our members, and missing a few who have chosen to worship elsewhere, our core group has dwindled as well. With the reality in front of us all, it has been decided to disband the small remaining choir group at this time.

Each week has been pure joy to lead these mighty musicians in the next opportunity to Sing To The Lord a new song, whether anyone knew how to read music or not, they are always there willing to put forth their sacrifice of praise in the form of music.

I want to thank everyone for your untethered support of the choir over the years. I want to especially thank those who have participated in choir at one time or another. Your contribution is not forgotten and will always be treasured, as you are part of the Alleluia Choir, both past and present.

Always Sing To The Lord A New Song—Dance in His Presence  
Rose Anne



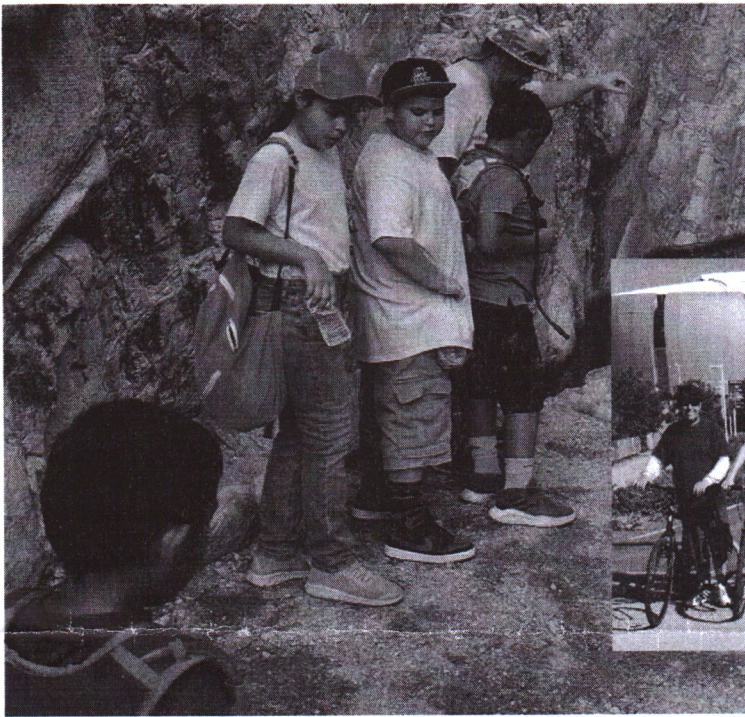


# What's up with the Scouts?

*The Scouts were busy last month—*



Birdhouses made by Lions and Tigers, Tues Sept 14



Pack 3 Hike Sat Sept 11



Troop 3 Bike Ride Sat Sept 11



Cub Camping—looks like fun!