

# American Lutheran Church of Sun City



## Wednesday Night Alive!

**2023-2024 Season**



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# *Welcome to Wednesday Night Alive!*

***Wednesday Night Alive!*** has been an integral part of American Lutheran Church of Sun City for over 25 years. The goal of WNA is to combine fellowship with outreach in a way that inspires, educates, entertains and enriches our lives and as well as strengthening our social connections. All WNA programs and meals are open to church members, non-members, and the general community.

The WNA season begins on the first Wednesday in November with a special Gala kickoff program and continues weekly until Holy Week. Each WNA event consists of a program at 4:00 p.m. followed by a dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m., and then another program (usually a musical performance) at 6:00 p.m. Most programs are held in the Sanctuary. During Advent and Lent, the 6:00 p.m. program is replaced by a church service. Attending the 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. programs is free and open to the public. There is a cost for the dinner and advance reservations must be made. See the back page of this brochure for the cost of the dinners and how to make reservations.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. WNA is a great way to introduce others to our spirit-led congregation, American Lutheran Church of Sun City!

## *Join us for Worship*

**Saturdays at 4:00 pm**

**Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**November 1, 2023**

**WNA Gala Event**

**4:00 pm**

**Arizona Swing Kings**

The Arizona Swing Kings featuring vocalist Cheri Seith will kick off the 2023-2024 season of Wednesday Night Alive with a toe-tapping concert of American popular music. The Big-Band era music of this lively concert will start our WNA season on a high note!



**Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, glazed carrots, Gala cheesecake. [Dinner tickets: \$15]**



**6:00 pm**

**“Piano Extravaganza” with Nicole Pesce**

Pianist, composer, and arranger Nicole Pesce is a favorite throughout the Phoenix area. This dazzling pianist returns to ALC to entertain us with her virtuosity and humor.

**November 8, 2023**

**Veterans Day Celebration**



**4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**American Lutheran Church celebrates Veterans Day**

This patriotic Veterans Day program will include the Luke Air Force Base Color Guard and speaker, and music to commemorate those who served our country. The program will be held in the ALC Courtyard surrounded by a circle of flags. Seating will be provided.

*This program will last a little longer than usual, followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. There will be no 6:00 program.*

**Fried Chicken, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, apple crisp** [Dinner tickets: \$12] **Dinner Served at 5:30.**





**November 15, 2023**

**4:00 pm**

**Presentation: “*This is What We Do*”**

**Annette DeJesus, ALC Resource Minister**

Annette De Jesus is a Case Manager with Lutheran Social Services (LSS), and through a partnership with ALC, also serves as the ALC resource minister. Annette will describe what she does at ALC and the many services that are available to our community through the resource ministry office at ALC.



**Roast Turkey**, savory stuffing, cranberry Jell-O salad, festive peas & carrots, pumpkin pie. [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]

**6:00 pm**

**Desert Rose String Quartet**

A string quartet is both a piece of music written for an ensemble of four string instruments and the name given to the ensemble itself – two violins, a viola, and cello. Under the direction of Claire Gordon, the Desert Rose String Quartet is a vibrant group of professional musicians playing a diverse repertoire of classical favorites.



**November 29, 2023**

**4:00 pm**

**The Rat Pack**

This audio-visual presentation by Dulais Rhys, Ph.D., begins with how the Rat Pack came to be, the varied background of these controversial and talented individuals, and how together, they became one of the hottest acts to hit Las Vegas. Woven into the presentation are the great songs of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis, Jr.



**Lasagna**, garden salad, California blend vegetables, garlic bread, pleasing pudding. [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]

**6:00 pm**

**West Valley Wind Ensemble**

This 50+ concert band is comprised of adults in the West Valley who enjoy making music long past their high school and college years. Under the baton of Sun City West's Clark Chaffee, they will perform an enjoyable selection of light classical and popular tunes.



**December 6, 2023**

**4:00 pm**

***“Carols for the Harp” with Paula Provo***

Paula Provo has been enchanting audiences for over 25 years with her lovely harp music. She is currently the principal harpist with the Phoenix Symphony and Phoenix Opera Orchestras. Also, she has accompanied numerous entertainers including Tony Bennett, Ray Charles, Olivia Newton - John and Doc Severinsen. For this concert, she will perform a selection of Christmas carols that brings out the beauty of this exquisite instrument.



**Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, Caesar salad, country style green beans, lemon bars [Dinner tickets: \$12]**

**6:00 pm Advent Mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer**

**December 13, 2023**

**4:00 pm**

***Christmas Carol Sing-along with Janet MacDonald and James Gerber***

Join us as we celebrate the Advent season with an old-fashioned sing-along of our favorite Christmas carols. This festive event will be led by ALC Choir Director Janet MacDonald and accompanied by ALC organist James Gerber.



**Potluck Meal: Pork Tenderloin will be provided**

**6:00 pm Advent Mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer**

**January 10, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

***“Music that Soothes the Soul”***  
**with The Tender Crooners**

Come take a musical journey with TLC, the Tender Loving Crooners, three female vocalists specializing in the harmonic music of the 1940s, ‘50s, ‘60s, and ‘70s. This Phoenix-based trio will put a smile on your face and a song in your heart.



**Swedish Meatballs**, buttered noodles, glazed carrots, beet salad, tapioca pudding. [Dinner tickets: \$12]

**6:00 pm**

***Café Flutes***

The Café Flutes ensemble is made up of 8 flutists playing a variety of flute family instruments: alto, bass, C-Flute, piccolo, and a rare 10-foot contrabass flute. In this concert, they will perform a wide range of musical styles including show tunes, classical, oldies, folk, dance, and jazz.



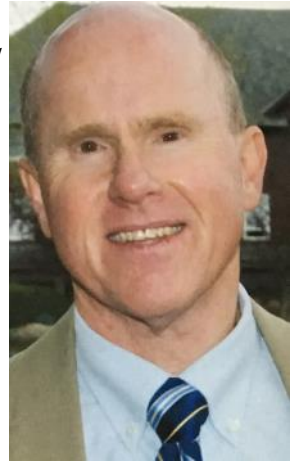


**January 17, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**Presentation: “*The Supreme Court and the ‘Shadow Docket’*” by Erl Hardy**

Erl Hardy has been teaching Sun City Life-Long Learning classes about the Supreme Court since 2012. In this talk he will look at the Supreme Court’s increasing use of its so-called “Shadow Docket” to issue immediate and unexplained orders, bypassing the normal process of appeal in controversial matters such as vaccine mandates, gun regulations, and voting rights. What’s behind this trend?



**Chicken Divan, rice, peas & mushrooms, spinach salad, brownies. [Dinner tickets: \$12]**

**6:00 pm**

**“*The Music of Judy Garland* “ with Cheri Sieth**

Cheri Sieth returns to ALC with a one-woman performance showcasing of the life and music of Judy Garland. Cheri is a former “Ms. Senior Arizona” and regularly performs throughout the Valley, and is also a featured vocalist with the Arizona Swing Kings.



**January 24, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

***“Glass Armonica”* with Lynn Drye**

The glass armonica is a strange and delicate instrument that only a handful of people in the world have mastered. Lynn Drye of Prescott, Arizona, is one of these people. In this concert, she will perform arrangements of folk, classical, and contemporary works as well as works written specifically for the instrument, including some of her own.



**Beef Stroganoff**, buttered noodles, broccoli salad, corn, cherry crisp. [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]

**6:00 pm**

**Grand Canyon University's  
Critical Mass Choir**

These young and talented college students return to ALC to share with us their amazing harmonies and beautiful voices. They will perform a wide range of music, including pop, jazz, gospel, and contemporary hymns.



**January 31, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**Presentation: “*The Latest in Arizona Climate and Weather*” with Dr. Erinanne Saffell Arizona State Climatologist**

Arizona State Climatologist, Dr. Erinanne Saffell, will share with us the most up-to-date information about Arizona’s weather and climate. Dr. Saffell is the Director of the Arizona State Climate Office, which provides climate data and scientific research on the climate of Arizona.



**Pork Loin**, cheesy potatoes, green beans almonndine, Caesar salad, sheet cake [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]

**6:00 pm**

**Sun City Orchestra**

Under the direction of ALC’s George Zoske, the Sun City Orchestra returns to perform a wide variety of musical selections from classical to contemporary. This wonderful orchestra is made up of musicians from the Sun City area.



**February 7, 2024**

**Mardi Gras**

**4:00 pm**

**The Steele Sound**

This small ensemble of steel drums led by Jerry Lopatin will put us in the mood for a fun Mardi Gras with a repertoire of upbeat Latin, pop, and island tunes.



**Shrove Meal:** Pancakes & sausage, apple sauce [*Dinner tickets: \$10; \$5 of ticket goes to Food Bank Ministry*]

**6:00 pm**

**Dan Reed & His Dixie Land Band**

Dan Reed is well known to ALC as a virtuoso performer of many musical styles and instruments. He returns to ALC lead his Dixieland band in a concert celebrating the glory days of Bourbon Street and capturing the excitement of the Mardi Gras.



**February 14, 2024**

**Ash Wednesday**

**4:00 pm**

**Allen Ames, violin & guitar.**

Allen Ames a member of a number of local groups including Lyra, Meadowlark, William Eaton Ensemble, Mosaico Flamenco, Zazu, and Vismaya. Mr. Ames will perform a solo concert of classical and soulful music written for violin and guitar as well as some of his own compositions.



*Updated program*

**Free Soup Supper:** crusty bread, fruit cup, cookie. ***Sponsored by ALC***

*[no charge, advance reservations required]*



Ash Wednesday  
— Lent Begins

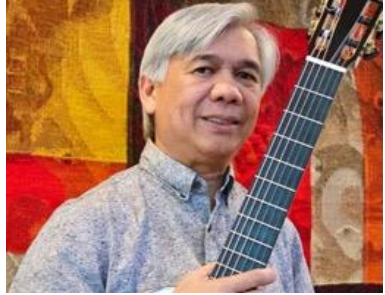
**6:00 pm** Ash Wednesday Service

**February 21, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**“Classical Guitar” with Dr.  
Angelito Agcaoili**

Dr. Angelito Agcaoili returns to ALC with his mesmerizing classical guitar. Dr Agcaoili began studying guitar in his native Philippines, refined his skills with classical guitar masters in Spain, and now is considered a master himself.



In addition to performing throughout the world, Dr. Agcaoili teaches classical guitar at Arizona State University. This concert will feature guitar music from Latin America, Spain and the Philippines.

**Chicken Alfredo, Caesar salad, peas & carrots, peach cobbler**  
*[Dinner tickets: \$12]*

**6:00 pm** Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer

**February 28, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**Glenn Henriksen on the piano**

Glenn returns to ALC to share his favorite piano tunes. Always popular here, Glenn’s engaging and accessible style and mastery of the keys results in this Iowan having a devoted following in the West Valley.



**Apricot Chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli salad, corn, chocolate pudding.** *[Dinner tickets: \$12]*

**6:00 pm** Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer



**March 6, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**AZ Trio**

Reviving the sounds of the folk tradition, the Arizona Trio's energetic music will take you back to the great era of Roy Rogers, Sons of the Pioneers, the Kingston Trio, and the Everly Brothers.



**Penne Pasta and Italian Sausage Bake, Caesar salad, California blend vegetables, pie. [Dinner tickets: \$12]**

**6:00 pm** Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer

**March 13, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

**"A Wee Bit O'Irish" with the SoSco Duo**

The SoSco Duo is made up of Alex Mack on the guitar and Laura Strickland on the flute. This award-winning music duo from Phoenix has become one of the preeminent ensembles in Arizona. Through music, stories, and passion for this unique style, SoSco Duo carries a bit of Ireland deep in their hearts. Nothing captures the magic of the Emerald Isle like a spirited jig or plaintive



Updated program

**Shepherd's Pie, country style green beans, St. Patrick's Jell-O, Shamrock Sheet Cake. [Dinner tickets: \$12]**

**6:00 pm** Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer

**March 20, 2024**

**4:00 pm**

***“Happy Birthday, Johann!”***

**Organ recital by ALC’s own James Gerber**

Celebrate the birth of Johann Sebastian Bach, one of western music’s the most influential composers. ALC Organist and Worship Coordinator, Dr. James Gerber, will present a variety of organ works composed by Bach as a finale to the 2023-2024 Wednesday Night Alive! season.



**Fried Chicken**, macaroni & cheese, creamy cucumber salad, spinach, ice cream. [*Dinner tickets: \$12*]

**6:00 pm** Lent mid-week service: Holden Evening Prayer

## American Lutheran Church of Sun City

***OUR MISSION IS:***

***To proclaim the love of Jesus Christ,  
invite others to participate in our  
faith community and be a  
blessing to all in word and deed.***



## Join us for dinner

Each week between programs at 5:00 p.m., a tasty and nutritious catered dinner is served in our Fellowship Hall. Each dinner includes an entrée and sides such as a salad and/or vegetable, a dinner roll, dessert, and coffee or tea. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advance, by noon the prior Monday. The cost for the dinner is \$12, with some exceptions – the Gala dinner (November 1, 2023) costs \$15; the Mardi Gras pancake dinner (February 7, 2024) costs \$10. The Christmas Potluck (December 13, 2023) and Ash Wednesday Soup dinner (February 14, 2024) are free, although advance reservations are still needed.

Tickets for the dinner may be purchased in person at the WNA table before the Saturday evening service, between Sunday services, or in the church office on Thursdays, Fridays, and Mondays (before noon). Cash or checks are the only form of payment accepted when purchasing tickets in person. Tickets may also be purchased online on the [alcsuncity.org](http://alcsuncity.org) website with a credit card – the cutoff for web purchases is the previous Sunday night at midnight.

*Please note: cash or checks are accepted when purchasing tickets in person; a credit card is necessary for purchase online.*

***Telephone reservations are not accepted and walk-ins for the dinner cannot be accommodated.***

## Committee Members

Donna Borden	Co-chair
Debra Hjortland	Co-chair
Jane Coughlin	Caterer
Steve Miedzybrocki	Council Liaison
Mike Graham	
Carol Torgerson	
Charlene Young	
Janet MacDonald	Choir Director
James Gerber	Organist & Worship Coordinator, Technology support