

CELEBRATING Grandparents Day

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

Every September, churches across the country have an opportunity to recognize one of God's greatest gifts to the next generation—grandparents. Grandparents Day is more than a celebration; it is an opportunity to encourage grandparents to embrace their God-given calling to intentionally influence their grandchildren for Christ.



Paul writes: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Timothy 1:5)

This is one of the clearest biblical examples of a grandmother's spiritual influence. Timothy's faith did not begin with him. Paul specifically points to his grandmother Lois, then his mother Eunice, as people who passed their sincere faith down to him.

What makes this especially powerful is that Timothy eventually became a trusted ministry partner of Paul and a leader in the early Christian church. The faith Lois planted in her grandson became part of the foundation for his life and ministry.

Grandparents are part of God's design for passing faith from one generation to another. Psalm 78:4 says, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Scripture repeatedly encourages one generation to tell the next about God's faithfulness. Grandparents have unique opportunities to share their life experiences, pray faithfully for their grandchildren, model authentic faith, and intentionally point younger generations toward Christ. Their influence often extends far beyond childhood and can shape families for generations.

my
GRANDKIDS
might be out of my
SIGHT
but they will never
be out of my
HEART



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The Season Ahead

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." —Romans 12:11

As we move into the final third of the year, summer is beginning to wind down—but ministry at Victory is winding up!

Paul encourages us, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." That does not mean wearing ourselves out or trying to do everything. It means remaining open and responsive to however God may be calling us to take part in His work.

As you look through these pages, I encourage you to prayerfully consider where God may be inviting you to step in. Perhaps it is returning to something you have missed, trying something new, serving alongside others, or simply encouraging someone who needs a friend.

Summer may be winding down, but God is not finished with what He wants to do among us. I am grateful to share this next season of ministry with you—and excited to see where He leads us together.

Grateful in Christ Jesus,

Pastor Todd Mathison

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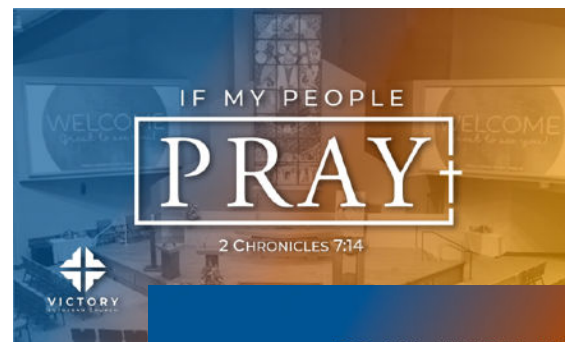


An Update from the Associate Pastor Call Committee

Many people have been asking, "So, do we have a new Associate Pastor yet?" Not yet—but the search is moving forward.

We have prayerfully explored 12 potential candidates through our pastoral networks. Most are not presently open to a new call, which is common in a pastoral search. This process is not about assembling a slate of applicants and choosing the best among them. It is about carefully discerning whether God is calling a particular pastor to serve at Victory.

Earlier this month, the Call Committee conducted an initial interview with a promising candidate, and the process is now moving to a second interview. This kind of careful discernment takes time. Please continue to hold the entire process in prayer, asking God to guide every conversation and decision—and, in His timing, to provide the right person to serve as Victory's next Associate Pastor.



PRAY WITH US
ALMIGHTY GOD, GIVER OF ALL GOOD GIFTS:
LOOK ON VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH WITH
GRACE AND GUIDE US AND THE CALL COMMITTEE
AS WE SEEK A NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR,
THAT WE MAY RECEIVE A GODLY AND FAITHFUL
SERVANT WHO WILL CARE FOR YOUR PEOPLE
AND EQUIP US FOR OUR MINISTRIES, THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. AMEN.

We Count People Because People Count

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." —1 Corinthians 12:27

	2026	2025
Average Weekly Attendance (for month of July)	254	272
YTD Average Weekly Offerings (as of August 23, 2026)	\$20,269.00	\$18,134.00





SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES:

Game Plan: Faith for the Field of Life

Are you ready for some football? Using the language of the game, this four-week series looks at what it means to belong to Christ, be equipped by God and take your place on His team. Faith isn't a spectator sport, and none of us was meant to go it alone—we play from the victory Jesus has already won for us through His death and resurrection.

September 5 & 6, 2026 — Whose Team Are You On?

Luke 9:18-26

Following Jesus was never meant to be private or safe. Jesus has made you His own, and He calls you to say so—not just with your words, but with your life. No hiding and no shame; live humbly and faithfully as someone who belongs to Him.

September 12 & 13, 2026 — Equipped For Victory

Ephesians 6:10-20

God doesn't send you onto the field of life alone—or empty-handed. He gives you His truth, His promises, His Word, His Spirit and His strength so you can stand firm when the battle is real. You are equipped not just to hold your ground, but to carry the Gospel forward and serve faithfully wherever God puts you.

September 19 & 20, 2026 — Never Meant To Play Alone — 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 27

Following Jesus was never meant to be a solo mission. We are the body of Christ—many parts, each with a place, a purpose and gifts to share. You are not unnecessary; you belong, and someone needs the grace God intends to give through you.

September 26 & 27, 2026 — Playing For What Counts — 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Every season ends, and only one team walks away as champion. But everyone who belongs to Jesus shares in the victory He has already won through His death and resurrection. It will never fade, never be lost and never be taken away.

**GAME ON!
YOU'RE INVITED**

**"SHOW YOUR COLORS"
WEEKEND**

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2026
Wear your favorite team colors or attire!

TAILGATE POTLUCK
SEPTEMBER 6 @ 11:00AM
Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

MOVIE MATINEE
SEPTEMBER 7 @ 10:00AM
"Facing the Giants"
FREE movie & popcorn!

Mesa City Band

FACING THE GIANTS

Who Will You Invite? — September 5/6

The first weekend of September is more than the kickoff of a new sermon series—it is a wonderful opportunity to invite someone to Victory. Ask God to place one person on your heart, then simply say, "Would you come to Victory with me?" Pick up a "Game Plan" invitation card as you exit today, and use it to make that invitation personal.

Encourage your guest to sit with you and wear the colors of a favorite team. Then continue the fun at our **Tailgater Potluck on Sunday, September 6, at 11:00am**. Friendly rivalries are welcome—though Packers fans may require extra grace!

The invitation continues on **Monday, September 7**, with a free showing of the inspiring football movie **"Facing the Giants" at 9:30am**.

One invitation can open the door to faith, family, and a whole new season of life. Who will you invite?



Building Faith Across Generations

Each year in September we celebrate Grandparents' Day at Victory. We enjoy showing photos of members and their grandkids and grandkids during our weekend services! We have also offered grandparenting seminars because we know this ministry is important to those who attend Victory.

One opportunity that some of you may want to consider sharing with your grandkids is taking them to the **Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky** (about 50 miles south of the Cincinnati, Ohio airport). Some of our members have experienced The Ark Encounter and all said they wish they had brought their grandkids along! The Ark Encounter was actually created to reach kids. The creators wanted "To point kids toward the truth of God's Word and eternal salvation"; "To teach kids the Bible is the Word of God and can be trusted"; "To equip kids to defend their faith boldly, clearly, and logically, unashamed of the gospel of Christ"; "To glorify the Lord through quality educational resources that required critical analysis and enduring understanding"; "To provide supplementary material to enrich the understanding of key topics presented in the Ark Encounter"; "To ensure important exhibits are highlighted for their valuable information surrounding the controversy of global flood and other scientific topics, such as the ice age".



Pete and Jane Stenhjem went to The Ark Encounter this summer, and Pastor Larry and Judy Kassebaum, along with former members Doug and Katie Finnie, earlier this year and all highly recommend it as a place to visit. Here are some thoughts from Pete:



"Jane and I and a few other members of Victory have taken the step and encountered this spectacular experience. All of us give high reviews and recommend a visit of at least one day on-site touring the exhibits. You will find during your tour, that the Bible comes alive in more ways than just the story of Noah, the Ark, and the flood. There is



so much to see and take in during your visit that you will likely decide to make a second visit after you later review your 'encounter.' You will likely experience a visual and mental overload. You will feel you've missed something and want to dig farther. You will leave with a deeper belief in God's Word, not only about the story of Noah and the great Flood but, also an understanding that God's Word is not just a lot of individual stories but a path to your salvation through Christ. This is what the

experience was all about, this was their target, this was their goal, this is the objective. 'Get people to dig deeper into God's Word.'

Another pleasing observation was the number of parents/grandparents with their kids/grandkids walking with them. The kids' expressions of being in awe of what they were experiencing, seeing, reading, discussing, and hearing as it related to God's Word. This is when we realized that our kids/grandkids should have been with us. They should be experiencing the same thing as the ones in attendance. Place the Ark Encounter on your Bucket List and think of ways you might



encourage/enable your children/grandchildren and/or great grandchildren to experience it. It will not disappoint."

PRAYING WITH THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Global Week of Prayer: September 6-13, 2026

"Always pursue what is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice at all times. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in every circumstance, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:15b-18)

A CHANCE TO BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN OURSELVES

Every week at Victory, we recite the Apostles' Creed. We proclaim our belief in **"the holy Christian Church"**—the body of Christ that stretches across nations, cultures, languages, and denominations.

But what does it look like to actually **pray alongside the Church we believe in?**

The **Global Week of Prayer** gives us that opportunity.

From September 6–13, Christians around the world will join together in prayer, lifting up the name of Jesus and seeking God's heart for our communities, our nations, and our world.

And there is **so much to pray about.**

There is **so much to rejoice over.**

There is **so much to give the Lord thanks for.**

There are people, communities, and countries that need our prayers.

And there are places in our world that desperately need the hope, peace, and love of Jesus.

This special week is an invitation to pause, pray, and remember that we are part of something much larger than Victory Lutheran.

Let's take our place in that prayer.

Let's live out what we confess each week.

Let's rejoice. Let's pray. Let's give thanks. Let's pursue what is good for one another and for all people.



Victory Lutheran will participate in many different ways:

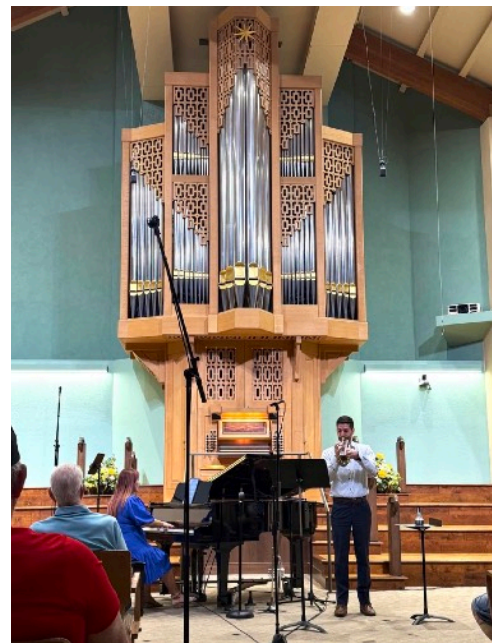
- **Interactive Prayer Room at the Church** — Sign up for a prayer slot or simply stop in and spend time in prayer.
- **Daily Prayer Focus** — Join Christians around the world through the *Lectio 365* app for a daily prayer focus.
- **Pray Every Day** — Sign up in the lobby to pray at a specific time each day between 6:00am and 11:00pm.
- **Special Prayer & Praise Gathering** — Wednesday, September 9, at 4:00pm. in the Chapel. Come gather with us as we pray, worship, and focus together on this year's global theme.

We may not be able to **pray without ceasing** for an entire week on our own—but **when we join with the global Church, we certainly can!**

Please plan to be part of this special week as we unite together in prayer, seeking God's will for His Church and His world.

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Music Ministry — Choir and Handbell Ensembles

As we begin the fall season of worship and fellowship, we are excited to announce that our Choir and Handbell Ensembles will be returning! Music is a vital part of our worship life, and these groups offer a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts, grow in community, and help lead our congregation in praise. Whether you are a seasoned musician or simply enjoy making music with others, we would love to welcome you.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, ringing with the handbells, or learning more about our music ministry opportunities, please contact Kristin Holton Prouty at kprouty@victorylutheran.com. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as we make joyful music together and enrich the worship life of our church. We look forward to sharing this new season with you!



Men's Breakfast Fellowship Men, Don't Do Life Alone Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00am

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

Men need other men—men who will listen, encourage, challenge and point one another back to Christ. Victory's Men's Breakfast Fellowship is a simple opportunity to connect, talk honestly about life and build friendships rooted in faith.

Our next breakfast is Thursday, September 24, from 7:00–8:30am in the meeting room at IHOP, 10662 E. Southern Avenue, near Signal Butte.

No sign-up. No program. Just show up, order whatever sounds good from the menu and take care of your own check.

Come hungry. Meet some good men. See what God can do when iron begins sharpening iron.



Women's Ministry Combined Bible Study Group Tuesday, September , 9:30am

During the summer months (May-September) Women's Ministry meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Victory as a combined group in courtyard Room C4. Pastor or Bible Study leader choses the study.

Quilters Group September 15 & 16 @ 8:30am

Hope everyone had a good summer, stayed well, kept cool and are now ready for another year of quilting. We welcome all to come and work with us. Making the quilts involves many steps so there will be a place for you in the process. We have the supplies and the tools: we need your hands!!

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday (8:30am-2:30pm) and Wednesday (8:30-11:30am) of the month in the Fellowship Hall. We have morning coffee breaks and on Tuesday we share lunch, so bring a salad, coffee cake, fruit, cheese and crackers (be creative). Come when you can, leave when you must. See you there?

Co-Chairmen:

Dottie Cisek 480-250-6668

Betty Swanson 480-234-4466



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY SEPTEMBER 12 & 13 Send us a photo of you with your grandkids to include in a slideshow presentation the weekend of September 12/13. Email: ehernandez@victorylutheran.com DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 6 (Include your first & last name)		1 6:30pm "Seekers" Small Group, B7 7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5	2 9-11:30am Food Pantry 10am Men's Bible Study, C1 12:30pm Al-Anon, C4
6 COMMUNION WEEKEND 8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH 8am Worship & Communion, WC 9:30am Worship, WC 11am Tailgate Potluck, FH 	7 9-11:30am Food Pantry 9am-12pm Interactive Prayer Room, B5 10am Movie Matinee, FH "Facing the Giants" 	8 8am-4pm Interactive Prayer Room, B5 9:30am Women's Ministry Combined Bible Study, C4 4:30pm Board & Batten Dinner (off-site) 7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5	9 8am-4pm Interactive Prayer Room, B5 9-11:30am Food Pantry 10am Men's Bible Study, C1 12:30pm Al-Anon, C4 2pm Sunshine Acres (off-site) Bus leaves @ 1:15pm 4pm Prayer & Praise Worship Service, CH
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OFFICE HOURS: MON-THURS, 8AM-4PM, 480-830-5024

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7

Prayer & Praise @ 4pm

October 11-18

Family Promise
Host Week

October 13

Women's Ministry
Individual Bible Studies

October 20 & 21

Quilters @ 8:30am

October 22

"Annie" at Hale Centre
Theatre (off-site)

October 24

Oktoberfest @ 5pm

October 25

Hymn Festival @ 3pm
with Devon Howard

October 27

Book Club @ 1:30pm

**DAILY
HOPE**
DEVOTIONAL

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Receive a short daily
devotional and
Bible verse directly to
your phone.

C1 = Luther Room
C4 = Community Room
CH = Chapel
CY = Courtyard
FH = Fellowship Hall
LB = Lobby
PC = Prayer Chapel
WC = Worship Center

What Are My Options to Hear Better at Victory?

For your convenience, all assistive hearing options are available at the Welcome Center near the TV.

Listening Devices

For those who would like amplified sound during worship, listening devices are available.

How to use them:

Ask an usher or someone at the Welcome Center, or simply pick one up before or during the service. The devices are in the cabinet next to the TV. You can use them with the church headphones or with a neck loop if your hearing aids are compatible.



Trouble hearing during worship?

Scan this QR code for closed captions.

Neckloops for Hearing Aids

Neckloops are available for people whose hearing aids or cochlear implants have telecoil (T-coil) technology.

How to use them:

Choose a device with a neckloop attached. Place the loop around your neck and switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to the telecoil or "T-coil" setting. If you are unsure whether your device has this feature, check with your hearing care provider.

Upgraded Headphones

New Sony headphones are available to use with the church listening devices.

How to use them:

You can find them on the cabinet as well. If you need help, ask someone at the Welcome Center. These headphones are available for anyone who would like clearer sound during worship.

Live Captions

Live captions are available for anyone who would like to read along during worship.

How to use them:

Scan the QR code on this page, on the back of The Pulse, or at the Welcome Center. Open the link on your phone or tablet and follow along during worship. No special device or app is needed.

Thank you for your encouragement and feedback as we continue to improve. If you have questions, concerns, or would like help using any of these options, please contact Alisson Unglaub, our Online Campus Director, who supervises the AVL team. Your feedback helps us serve our congregation better.





Discovering VICTORY

September 20 & 27
10:45am-12:45pm
(lunch included)

Learning about life at Victory



5946 E. University Drive
Mesa, AZ 85205
RSVP at VictoryLutheran.com
or stop by the Welcome Center

To REGISTER, sign up at
the Welcome Desk
or scan the QR code >



“What’s my next step at Victory?”

If you have ever asked that question,
Discovering Victory is a wonderful place to begin.

Over two Sundays, you will have a meaningful opportunity to discover who we are—and where God may be leading you next. Whether you are new to Victory, considering membership, or have been part of our church family for years, Discovering Victory is for you.

Together, we will explore Victory's story, our Christian faith, our mission and vision, and the many ways you can grow, serve, and become more deeply connected.

This is more than a membership class—it is an invitation to better understand the heart of Victory and take your next step as we live out our mission: **to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

You will learn more about what we believe, why it matters, and how our grace-centered faith shapes our worship, relationships, service, and everyday lives. You will also have the opportunity to meet others, learn about meaningful ways Victory can be part of your Christian walk, and ask Pastor Todd your questions directly.

Whether you are discovering Victory for the first time or rediscovering your place within it, you are warmly invited. Come and see what God is doing among us—and prayerfully consider how He may be calling you to be part of it.

GriefShare Group

September 14-December 17, 2026

Griefshare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. Each session stands alone, so you may drop in anytime.

Through GriefShare, many grieving people find they are only just beginning the work of healing the death of a loved one when their family and friends return to their daily life routines. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, participating in GriefShare helps people learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability as they gain solid support each step of the way.

If you would like more information you can find more info about GriefShare on their website at griefshare.org or you may contact:

Suellen Palya 480-325-3410
suellenpalya@yahoo.com

GriefShare

Grief recovery support group



Hope, Healing, and Support.
You don't have to grieve alone.

Meets Mondays
12:30-2:30pm
September 14-December 7

www.griefshare.org



SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE Let's stock the shelves!

Victory Lutheran has partnered with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest for many years. The Food Pantry, which serves people in need on Monday and Wednesday mornings, is one way we are the hands and feet of Jesus. This year the need has been greater than ever! To help meet the need we are having a food drive in the month of September.

They are most in need of rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, and cereal. If you would like to participate, please put your items on the specially marked table during the month of September. We look forward to seeing our provisions grow! Thank you, in advance, for joining the cause!



A Burden Shared

Daily life can bring ongoing struggles that lead to a personal or spiritual crisis. If you are walking through a difficult season, you don't have to carry the burden by yourself. It can feel difficult to admit when we are struggling, and we may believe we should be able to handle things on our own. Yet Scripture reminds us that we were created for relationship—not isolation.

Common Struggles We Support

- Broken relationships and family conflicts
- The loss of a loved one
- A recent move or major life transition
- Chronic illness or a new medical diagnosis
- Other challenges that feel overwhelming

How Stephen Ministry Helps

- Christ-centered care: Ministers bring Christ's love directly into your life.
- Confidential care: Your conversations remain strictly private.
- One-to-one support: You are matched with a trained caregiver.
- Weekly meetings: Meet for about an hour each week.

The Role of Your Stephen Minister

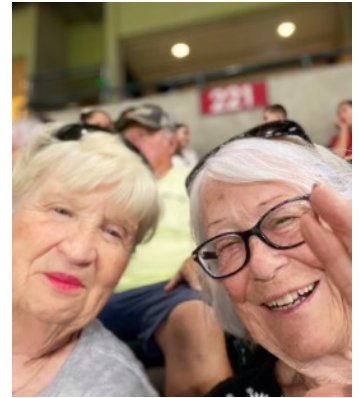
- Listening with compassion to your thoughts and feelings.
- Encouraging you through difficult and uncertain days.
- Praying with you and for you.
- Offering faithful presence as they walk alongside you.

Take the First Step

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to us today. You were never meant to walk this journey alone. Reach out to a pastor today or to:

Chaplain Dirk Duhlstine
dduhlstine@victorylutheran.com
 480-660-5231

Diamondbacks Faith & Family Night • August 21, 2026



Worship and Community: Hundreds of local Arizona churches, ministries, and groups (including Grand Canyon University alumni) gathered for a night of baseball and fellowship. A live postgame concert featuring award-winning Christian recording artist Matthew West.





Connecting People. Enjoying Life. Growing Faith.

CRAFTS WITH KIDS AT



EVERYONE WELCOME! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Victory Connections is sponsoring **Crafts with Kids** at Sunshine Acres Children's Home this fall on the second Wednesday afternoons of September, October and November. There will be different projects each month. The ages of the children will vary and be appropriate for the month's project. The projects and all supplies will be provided.

September Project:
Paper Chain Snake

October & November Projects: TBD



Participation does not require standing. No experience or talent is necessary. There is no cost. **Please sign up – each month will be a separate sign up – you can do one, two or all three months** – we need enough adults to help all the kids who would like to participate. You'll have a great morning with friends, and be giving these kids a needed bit of extra love and attention.

Sunshine Acres – Crafts with Kids (Off Site – FREE Bus)

Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, & November 11, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

(Bus leaves at 1:15, back at 3:30 PM)

3405 N Higley Rd, Mesa

Sign up by the Sunday before each session.

Sunshine Acres provides long-term Christian family homes for children whose parents can't care for them. They have 10 homes, each with live-in "parents" and up to 10 children ages 4 to 18, who can stay through high school, and sometimes college. There are currently about 70 children in residence. It's a community neighborhood of homes, a chapel, a learning center (with a computer lab, library and craft room), medical clinic, livestock areas, a greenhouse, auto repair shop, an administration building, and of course, the Thrift Store and Boutique (which many of us patronize regularly!). Sunshine Acres relies entirely on voluntary donations of funds, goods and services – they receive no government money, and do not solicit.

If you have questions, please contact:

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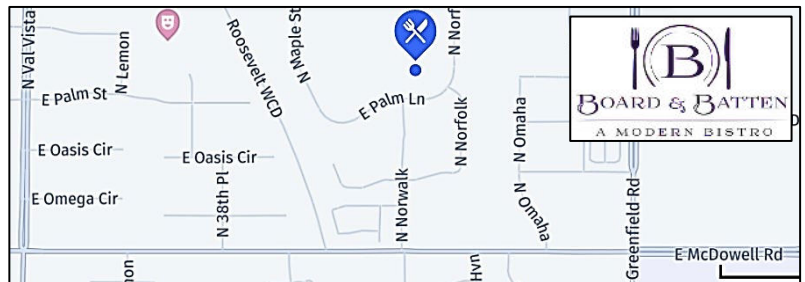
SINGLES & COUPLES WELCOME!
INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS TOO!

NOTE: Deadlines to sign up for theater events are typically a few weeks in advance in order to get group discounts and seating together. Theater tickets are handed out on the bus or in the lobby of the event site.

This Month:

Dinner at Board & Batten (Off Site – No Bus)
Tuesday, September 8, 4:30 pm
4012 E Palm St, Mesa.
Sign up by Sunday, September 6th

North off McDowell, between
Val Vista & Greenfield. **Take a copy
of this flyer so you have this map!**



Sunshine Acres – Crafts with Kids (Off Site – **FREE** Bus)
Wednesday, September 9, 2:00-3:00 pm (Bus leaves at 1:15 pm)
Sunshine Acres, 3405 N Higley, Mesa

No experience or talent necessary. No standing. No cost. All supplies provided. Please sign up – we need enough adults for all the kids who would like to participate. You'll have a great morning with friends, and be giving these kids some extra love and attention. **Sign up by Sunday, September 6th.**



Feed My Starving Children – Tempe Packing Facility (Off Site – **FREE** Bus)
Wednesday, September 23, Packing Session 9:00-11:00 am
(Bus leaves at 8:00 am), 1100 W Grove Parkway, Tempe
FMSC provides free meals for children around the world. You can stand and package food, or sit and label it. **Sign up by Sunday, September 20th.**



Come from Away (Off Site – Bus)
Friday, September 25, 7:30-9:00 pm (Bus leaves at 6:15 pm)
Fountain Hills Theater, 11445 N Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills

A musical based on the wonderful true story of what happened on 9/11 when 38 commercial airliners were diverted from the U.S. to an airstrip in the small Canadian town of Gander. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, residents rallied to house, feed and care for some 6,600 stranded people from around the globe.

Sign up and pay \$41 (\$35/ticket and \$6/bus) by Tuesday, September 8th.



Next Month:

Annie (Off Site – Bus Optional)
Thursday, October 22, 7:30 pm (Bus leaves at 6:30 pm)
Hale Centre Theatre, 50 W Page Ave, Gilbert

Leapin' Lizards! It's a hard-knock life for clever redheaded orphan Annie. A close escape and stroke of luck pairs her with billionaire Daddy Warbucks who pulls out all the stops to help Annie find her family. **Tickets are \$45; the bus (optional) is \$7.**

Sign up by Sunday October 4th. \$45 without the bus, or \$52 with the bus.



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