



### **Marlene Halden**

Marlene moved to Scottsdale from Tiburon, California in June of 2016. Born and raised in Chicago, Marlene is a life-long Missouri Synod Lutheran. She received her Bachelor degree from the University of Arizona and started teaching First Grade in Tucson upon her graduation. During that time, she also volunteered to teach Head Start to the children at San Xavier del Bac Mission during the summer. Marriage eventually took her to Northern California when her husband took a job at Wells Fargo Bank San Francisco and they settled in Marin County to raise their son. At that time, they became members of Peace Lutheran Church in Mill Valley, CA.

Life happens, and when her husband suffered massive injuries in an auto accident, Marlene started a new career journey first as an Office Manager for Lutheran Care for the Aging in San Francisco and then as an Office Coordinator for five years for a Management Consultant located in Tiburon and San Francisco. In the interim before starting her last career placement, Marlene briefly has her own company, trading properties world-wide. With her husband recovered and working, Marlene took a position with Arthur Andersen, LLP in a consulting division, eventually becoming a Senior Manager and the Operations Manager for this division. She held this position until she retired after twenty years with the firm.

Throughout these years and after her husband died in 1989, Marlene remained active in her church – singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, Bible Study, and serving on the Council for over 20 years in various capacities; secretary, treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair. She also served as a Lay Minister for over 10 years. Outside volunteer activities included Crittenton Services, docent for the Landmarks Society and as a Commissioner and Chair on the Tiburon Heritage and Arts Commission. Since settling in Scottsdale, Marlene has become a volunteer with Arizona Musicfest and is in charge of arranging housing with volunteer AZMF hosts for the many musicians who participate in Festival Orchestra Week.

“DFLC felt like home for the first time I attended services here. It has always been important to me to be part of a church family and to spend time with my sisters and brothers in Christ, supporting one another in Faith. I feel I have been blessed in my life and I live to serve my Lord.”