### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Sunday Worship November 9, 2025 Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost



#### **WELCOME**



Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in



our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.

**Newcomers and Visitors** + Newcomers and Visitors + We're glad you're here. Please fill out the green slip in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. You're welcome to share in Holy Communion. Families - we have a small play area up front.

**Nametags** + Nametags help us get to know and remember each other. Please let the ushers know if you need one made for you.

**Expansive Language** + As Lutherans, we teach that "God calls all creation into being and gives people language as a way of responding to God and forming community" (Principles for Worship, Principle L-1). In worship at Our Saviour's, we seek to use expansive language for God and people, sometimes changing or offering alternatives to the printed text.

**Current Liturgy Music** + liturgy is the flow of our worship service - working together as people to praise God. Currently our liturgy music is from Setting Three from Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**Prayer Requests** Mary, Tracy & Marty, Schatzi, Jackie, Paul, and those at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Friends & Family: Lia (granddaughter of Angie Grandison), Beverly (Mother of Hildi Williams), David (Son of Geoff and Suzy Swann); Jeanne (Cousin of Alan Bales); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Peggy (sister of Bonnie Phelps); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann, and Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sandy and Doug, Sally, Ashley, and Kamri (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in- law of Theda Doak; John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Sam; Eleanor (mother-in-law of Kris Sanchez; Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin- in-law of Jennifer Strand) Misty (friend of Shatzi Taylor)Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak)

Names will remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for longer.

#### Sunday Forum Today - "Letters to Mom" - by Roy Meyer and Tara Meyer Harper

Tara Meyer Harper, along with Eric Meyer and their mother Gerry Meyer, will share about the newly released collection of letters that their father Roy Meyer sent his mother while stationed in Italy during World War II. Tara and Eric will read excerpts from the book and share some of Roy's history. Roy was in the US Army Air Forces and Gerry was in the Women's Army Corp, both serving during World War II. The Meyer family is a 3-generation Our Saviour's family.

#### SUNDAY FORUM November 16, 2025 Generosity Appeal - Pie & Purpose

For over 80 years, Our Saviour's has been sharing God's love and mercy throughout Tucson and beyond. We will explore how we do that during our fall Generosity Appeal for 2026 - Pie & Purpose. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." When we invest in God's work, we express our love for Christ and for one another. As we enter this season of stewardship, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support our congregation's mission. On Sunday, November 16 following Worship, we will hold a congregational meal. We'll enjoy chicken pot pie and pumpkin pie as we talk about ministry and turn in our Statements of Intent. We hope as many of us as possible will gather that day to celebrate what we've done and look to the future together.

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\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand in body and/or spirit. Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font.

#### **WELCOME**

#### RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

**PRELUDE** Beautiful City by Stephen Schwartz

soloist- Ben Tully

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ± one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

#### Amen.

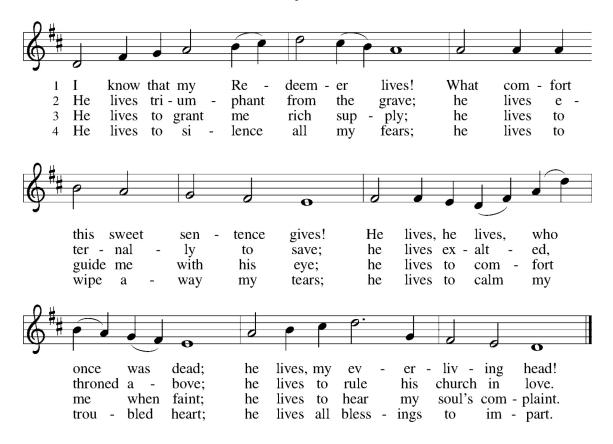
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

#### Blessed be God forever.

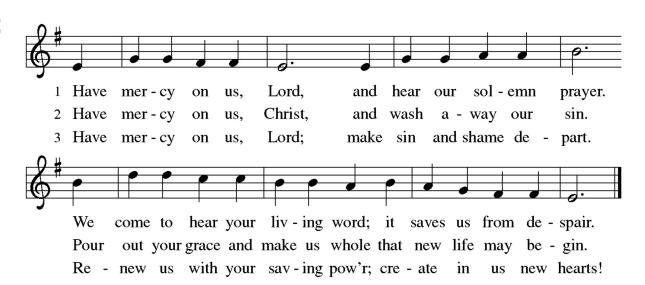
## \*GATHERING HYMN ELW #619 I Know My Redeemer Lives I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



#### \*GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

#### **KYRIE**



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### FIRST READING Job 19:23-27a

The book of Job is a challenging piece of wisdom literature. The opening two chapters narrate in prose a dramatic test involving God, Satan, and Job. The next forty chapters of poetry explore issues related to suffering and evil and "where is God." Three "friends" basically tell Job that all that has happened is because of Job's sin. Our reading is one of Job's responses to such a callous theology. In it, Job testifies not only to God as Redeemer but to the hope of life after death.

23 "O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
 24 O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
 25 For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
 26 and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
 27a whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 



#### Psalm 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

### <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.

## <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

## <sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

#### <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

#### **SECOND READING** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Both letters to the Thessalonian church share several things in common. First is their attribution of Paul as author in their opening verses. Second is their concern over the day of Christ's return or Parousia. These letters are considered among if not the earliest New Testament writings. The early church clearly viewed Christ's coming as imminent. Today's reading urges the church to stand firm and keep faith in the interim, now 2000 years and counting.

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, [family,] <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, [family] beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, [family,] stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

 $^{16}$  Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,  $^{17}$  comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Word of God, word of life.

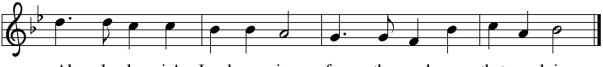
Thanks be to God.

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

#### \*Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 20:27-38

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus]<sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

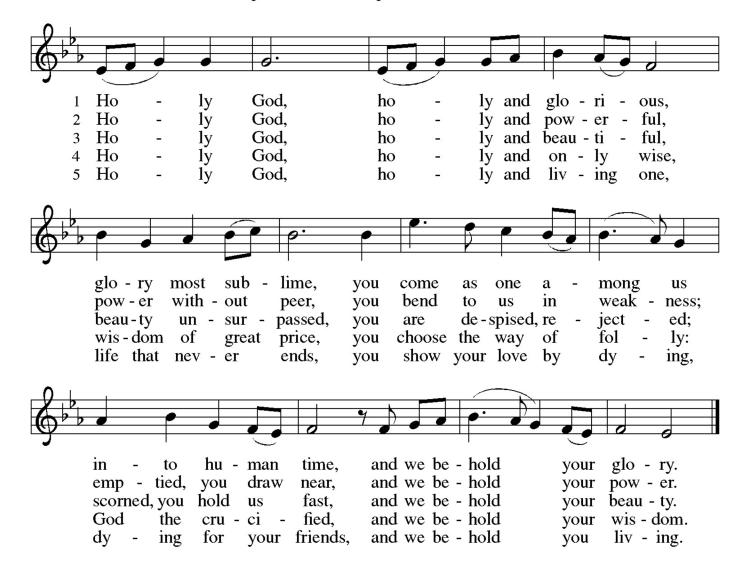
The gospel of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### **SERMON**

Silence for Reflection



#### Holy God, Holy and Glorious



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#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The assisting minister leads the prayers.

...God in your mercy, receive our prayer.

...We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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There Is No One Like Jesus Arranged by Joseph M.Martin

Chancel Choir

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



#### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Indeed, it is our joy to give thanks...

...Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God who is with us as Parent and Creator, let us pray as Jesus did:

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

#### COMMUNION

Come to this Table of mercy. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table. You and all are welcome, without exception. If you prefer a blessing only, cross your arms over your heart. Gluten free wafers available by request. The wine is red; grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.





ELW #494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW #625 Come, We That Love the Lord

#### SENDING PRAYER

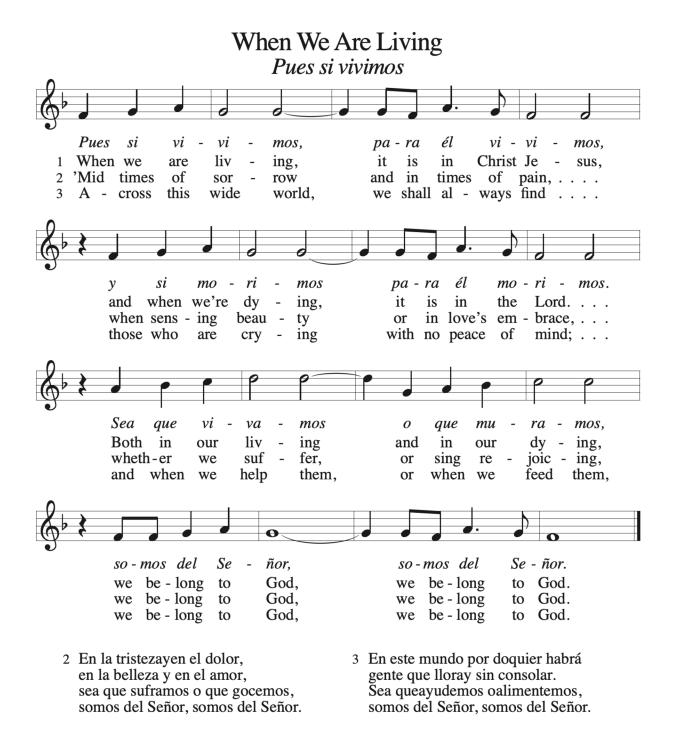
We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*BLESSING

#### \*SENDING HYMN ELW #639 When We Are Living

Turn to follow the cross as it passes.



Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

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#### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you! Thanks be to God.



## THOSE SERVING TODAY 11/09/2025

Presiding Minister Rev. Amalia Vagts

**Assisting Minister** Linda Zizka

Communion Assistants Mary Pflibsen, Hildi Williams

Acolyte Asher Havenhill Keyboard Betsy Dunlap Music Chancel Choir

Cantor Aysen Millioğulları

**Usher** Kathy DeVinney, Pam Hardman **Greeter** Donna Lounsbury, Daphne Myers

Cross Bearer Asher Havenhill
Coffee Host Sharon Reinbott
Treats Val and Jerry Vagts
Tech Team Pflibsen/Bustamante

Scripture Background John Indermark

### THOSE SERVING SUNDAY 11/16/2025

**Presiding Minister** Rev. Amalia Vagts **Assisting Minister** Jennifer Strand

Communion Assistants Bonnie Phelps, Linda Zizka

Acolyte Jennifer Strand

Music Chancel Band - Emma Mischel,

Liliana Peterson, Gavin Phillips, Diego Nava, Jeff Ladderud, David

Lester, Ron Rude

Usher Ginny Phillips, Angie Grandison

Greeter Diane Siefkes
Cross Bearer Mary Pflibsen
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#### Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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#### **Sunday Worship Times**

9:00 - Sanctuary Coffee following

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Ministry Team**

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Betsy Dunlap Interim Collaborative Musician

> John Perez Campus Caretaker

#### **Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Deacon Wendi Van Beek Interim Director wendi.lcmuofa@gmail.com www.lcmuofa.org 520-771-9742 (LCM Office)

**Online Offering** 

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering. Or, contact the church office to set up regular online giving.



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#### NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

#### Come & See - Tuesdays, 11 AM,

Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible our borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles. Led by Pastor Amalia.

#### Centering Prayer - Tuesdays, 12:15

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian contemplation that involves sitting in silence, focusing on a sacred word, consenting to God's presence and action within. We pray for 20 minutes. Held in Koch Chapel. Beginners welcome.

#### Our Saviour's Chancel Choir - Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to sing with the choir! Share the music. Talk to Aysen Millioğulları about joining: Aysen@lutherantucson.org

#### Our Saviour Bell Choir - Mondays at 6:30 PM

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions just ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie (kmmmiller@hotmail.com)

#### Pray Without Ceasing - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 PM - Chapel

Open prayer space on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30.

The service lasts about a half hour. Rooted in Christian tradition, open to Tucson community.

#### Gospel of Luke Book Study - Monday November 17 at 6:30PM

Ched Myers, *Healing Affluenza and Resisting Plutocracy - Luke's Jesus and Sabbath Economics.* Join us Monday Nov. 17 at 6:30pm to 8pm in the Ramada Room. This journey with Luke will challenge us personally, in our households, and our communities, both locally and globally. Contact: Paula Miller for more information.

#### SAVE THE DATE - Rain Garden Work Date - Saturday December 6.

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or email Michele at OSLC@lutherantucson.org







#### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

#### **November to December 31**

The ICS Food Bank gratefully accepts prepackaged, canned, non-perishable and in-date items.

#### **Holiday Items Needed:**

- Instant, canned, or fresh potatoes and yams
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned veggies especially green beans and corn
- Boxed and bagged stuffing mix
- Boxed baking mixes (Bisquick, Jiffy)
- Gravy mix or canned gravy
- Canned pumpkin
- Cream of mushroom soup

#### **Pantry Staples**

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats: tuna, chicken, Spam, etc.
- Meals in pop-top cans: chili, ravioli, etc.
- Pasta
- Canned fruits and vegetables

Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



## Thanksgiving dinner to be served to our homeless neighbors at The Lot on 22nd Street

Our Saviour's is responsible for supplying enough side dishes to feed around 350 people. At the time this article is being written, we are still needing what is listed below. These items should be given to Asher or Mary at the church on a Sunday or one of us can pick it up at your home. To make arrangements for a donation or if you would like to help us prepare food in the church kitchen on Thanksgiving Day, call or text us at 520-481-5684 (Mary), 520-771-5994 (Asher) or email us at maryandasher@msn.com. Thank you so much!

Mary & Asher Havenhill

- 80 Cans of Green Beans
- 350 Dinner Rolls
- 80-100 Boxes of Mashed Potatoes
- 80 Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- 100 Bags of Mixed Salad
- 80 Boxes of Butter
- 25 Gallons of Milk
- 25 Bottles of Dressing

# Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network Helping People with HIV to Live Well

#### TIHAN NEWS: SHARE WARMTH AND JOY THROUGH YOUR GIFTS

Each December, TIHAN has the opportunity to brighten the holidays for CarePartners living with HIV by sharing gifts and gift cards to let them know they are seen, valued, and not alone. For many CarePartners, this is the one gift they can count on receiving, and it means the world to them. Will you help us make this heartfelt tradition possible again in 2025? As you shop and help spread the word, please remember: Gifts must be new, unused and unwrapped. Because CarePartners belong to a variety of faith traditions, or may not identify with any faith, we ask that holiday gifts do not portray any religious images or messages.

To keep gifts equitable, please look for gifts with a value between \$15 and \$25.

The greatest need is for gifts that would be appropriate for older adult males, such as household items like towel sets, small kitchen appliances, cooking tools, bed pillows, etc.

Please try to avoid sized items like shoes or clothing.

We are also hoping to give a \$25 gift card to Target, Walmart, or Fry's to every CarePartner, so we gratefully accept donations of \$25 gift cards.

We will gladly accept cash if you don't have time to shop.

Please bring all donations to OSLC before or after worship on any Sunday in November, or to the church office during the week by Sunday November 30th. Any questions? Please see Mary Pflibsen at the TIHAN table on the patio Sunday mornings, or contact her at marypflib@hotmail.com, 520-622-1983.

#### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

**Centering Prayer** 

Meets weekly from 12:00 on Tuesdays in Koch Chapel. We begin at 12:15 with simple instruction, then 20 minutes of Centering (silent) prayer. No preparation or experience necessary.

#### Come and See

Meets weekly from 11:00 - 12:00 on Tuesdays in the Patio Room. Weekly faith formation conversations for everyone. This fall we will focus on the upcoming readings for the week. We'll spend time with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark, which will take us deeper into one of the texts. Held in the Patio Room. Bring your Bible our borrow one of our Lutheran Study Bibles. Please note the new day and time.

**Caring Ministry** 

This growing ministry is a group of people who visit, call, and send card to our members and friends at home. Talk with Bonnie Phelps if you are interested in getting involved.

**Quilting Group** 

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month in the Activity Building. You can also pick up fabric and stitch at home. Contact Kathie Miller.

**Knit and Crochet Group** 

This group makes prayer shawls, as well as hats and lap blankets for migrants and others. Anyone interested in joining please text Donna Lounsbury, 520-400-2514

#### **Chancel Choir**

Rehearses weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the Activity Building. All singers welcome. Loving and supportive community - no prior choral experience required. Contact Aysen at Aysen@lutherantucson.org.

#### **Bell Choir**

Rehearses weekly on Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Happy group that enjoys creating joyous, uplifting music. Learners welcome. Contact Kathie Miller (kmmmiller@hotmail.com) or any other Ringers.

**Spanish Class** 

¿Āprender español? Or do you want to learn? Join this free one-hour drop-in class for all levels. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Activity Building. Taught by Pastor Mateo and Annette Chavez. Email amchavez111@gmail.com to register.

Wednesday Bible Study

Meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the Pocket Room. Contact Lauretta Olson for more information - landjo@cox.net.

**Grief Group** 

Meets the second Saturday of each month in the Ramada Room at 10:00AM. Led by Pastor Ricki from Hospice of the Valley

#### Other Ways to Grow Your Faith:

Weekly events led by community and Our Saviour's members - open to anyone.

Mindfulness Meditation (Mondays, 1:30 - 2:30 PM); Men's Bible Study (Tuesdays, 7:00 AM)