



The Roadrunner



from Pastor Amalia:

Even in the quiet and heat of July, we are in the midst of some transitions at Our Saviour's. As shared in worship on Sunday, July 20th and on page 2 of this Road Runner, Pastor Glenn Schrader and Ted Adams are moving to Colorado and concluding their ministry with Our Saviour's. We have been richly blessed by Pastor Glenn's ministry of Word and Sacrament since October 2023 and his many years of ministry in the congregation prior to ordination. We have also been richly blessed by Ted's leadership on Council, Endowment Committee, and many other parts of the life of the congregation. They will be deeply missed. We look forward

to celebrating and honoring both Pastor Glenn and Ted on August 17 as we send them with prayers of blessing for their next chapter.

Pastor Glenn and Ted are not the only ones on the move, though David and I are only making an in-town one. We have been beyond grateful to live in a wonderful church-owned house near Our Saviour's for the past nearly 4 years. It is a beautiful house and has been so good for us to be close to the church building and to get to know our neighborhood. With the recent sale of our Iowa property, we decided we would like to create a place of our own here in Tucson. We have purchased a home about 10 minutes from Our Saviour's and are in the process of moving. The house we have been living in will be available for rent September 1. We are happy to have found a place that is still close to Our Saviour's and look forward to settling in.

God is present in the small and large transitions of life, thanks be to God! Whatever transitions you are facing, may you know God's presence through daily exchanges with neighbors and strangers. May you feel joy in new beginnings and find comfort in the sadness of goodbyes.

The beginning stanzas of Jan Richardson's poem "For Those Who Have Far to Travel" captures it well:

"If you could see
the journey whole,
you might never
undertake it,
might never dare
the first step
that propels you
from the place
you have known
toward the place
you know not.

Call it
one of the mercies
of the road:
that we see it
only by stages
as it opens
before us,
as it comes into
our keeping,
step by
single step..."

From "For Those Who Have Far to Travel" in *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* by Jan Richardson.

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**Council Corner - Ted Adams, Secretary August 2025**

We welcomed to the Council Shelly Adrian. Shelly will be filling the seat vacated by Paige Marty.

The Treasurer's report shows that we continue to be in good financial shape. As of the end of June our giving was slightly ahead of the proposed budget. Overall income and expenses are also tracking very closely to the budget with income slightly above expenses.

It appears to be our year for AC repairs. The units above the Annex apartment and the Ramada Room were leaking and doing damage to the roof. To repair the roof, the AC units must be disconnected and moved. After careful examination, it was recommended that due to the age of the units and the cost to repair, it would be more prudent to replace the units. We received a competitive quote for using heat pumps, which are more efficient and reduce energy use. The Council voted unanimously to approve the funds to replace rather than repair. We will explore to see if these more efficient units are eligible for an energy credit. The roof repairs will also be completed prior to placement of the new units.

Pastor Amalia reported that the outreach to gain more volunteers to support our altar care has been successful. Thanks to those who have stepped forward. More are encouraged to sign up on the sheet located in the narthex. There was also a very good response to both the Brunch Event and the Last Supper Club, which attracted 15 attendees.

Interviews for an accompanist have been concluded and a decision made. An offer letter has been sent and once formally accepted the candidate will be announced to Congregation. In the interim, music arrangements have been made through the end of August.

Planning for the 80th Anniversary event is pushing ahead. The committee is meeting weekly and the program for the day is shaping up nicely. In addition to the presentation portion of the program there will be a catered luncheon following. Anyone interested in assisting with the event planning should contact talk to Patty Sirls, Jennifer Strand, or Mary Lou Forier.

Pastor Glenn joined the Council meeting in person to share updates.

Message from Pastor Glenn and Ted Adams

After much prayer and careful discernment, we have decided to relocate to Colorado. We would like you to know that we haven't taken this decision lightly or without a lot of thought. There are always many good reasons for leaving or staying, and there is no single reason behind our decision. We have been blessed most recently as Glenn was called to be the Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Ted became involved in leadership on the church council and committees. We would like to celebrate our nearly 20 years of participation at Our Saviour's with a party on August 17 after the worship service. Please join us as we begin the new path God is leading us on!

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Discipleship at OSLC - Pastor Glenn Schrader

August 2025



What Dare We Hope? is the title of a book by German theologian Gerhard Sauter who is Professor of Systematic Theology and Director of the Ecumenical Institute at the University of

Bonn. Eternal life? Better times ahead economically? God's coming Kingdom on earth? Resolution of social injustices? Change in our political system? All of these may be at the forefront of our concerns right now, but Professor Sauter actually explores the broader, challenging (at least for most Christians, including myself) topic of eschatology. Often, discussions around this subject concern expectations of the end of the present age, human history, or the world itself. Almost entirely future directed – perhaps offering an escape from dwelling on our current circumstances.

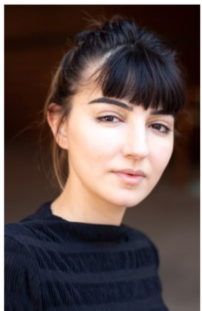
However, as Professor Sauter maintains in his book, eschatology cannot just look to “last things” or to better times to come.

Being entirely focused on what “comes afterwards” or trying to escape the present through spiritual visions of the future are not the point either. Rather, eschatology emphasizes the hope that is within Christians in the here and now. God surely has given us amazing promises, but God also calls us to live out our current lives even as we yearn for resolution of the tragedies, evil, and failures of this world.

So, Professor Sauter focuses on hope. But why are we encouraged to hope now? The title of the book suggests that we must even “dare” to hope. It reminds me of a famous letter that Martin Luther wrote to Philip Melancthon. Luther admitted to his own brokenness and his captivity to sin but then claimed that through the justifying grace given to us through Jesus Christ, we as Christians must learn to “sin boldly”. Through that same assurance of God's presence in our lives and in all creation, I believe that we can “dare to hope boldly” also.

Music Notes - Aysen Milliogullari

August 2025



Dear Our Saviour's Family,

I am so excited to be stepping into the role of Music Director this July! Many of you know me from my time here as a choral scholar and, more recently, as Assistant Music Director. It has been a joy to make music with you, and I am truly grateful for your support and encouragement as I begin this next chapter with our church.

Looking ahead, I am happy to share that our Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin again in September. If you have ever thought about singing with us, we would love to have you join. All levels of singers are welcome. We only care about coming together in faith and sharing beautiful music together. In addition, our Bell Choir is also planning to start up in September.

I am looking forward to a new season filled with music, community, and worship. Please keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to fall, and don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to get involved. You can always send me an email at aysen@lutherantucson.org or leave a note in the music director's mailbox at the church office. I would love to hear from you.

May this season be filled with joy, faithful music, and a shared sense of community. I am so grateful to be on this journey with all of you!



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Pray Without Ceasing

The first and third Monday of the month
at 5:30PM in Koch Chapel

Centering Prayer

Every Tuesday at 12:15PM in Koch Chapel



Save the date: Saturday October 25, 2025 80 years of Service & Love

We will hold a special day of events on Saturday, October 25, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM to celebrate the past, present, and future of Our Saviour's. The coordinating committee is: Mary Lou Forier, Patty Sirls, and Jennifer Strand.

Call for Actors! Help us bring our story to life.
Talk to the Coordinating Committee.

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Campus Ministry - Deacon Wendi Van Beek

August 2025



Grace and peace to you from your neighbors at LCM!



Lutheran Campus Ministry
at University of Arizona

As we wish Pr Rebecca Boardman well in her new call to chaplaincy, and her move to Texas, we also ask for prayers for LCM and the LCM Board as we let the Holy Spirit guide us in our next chapter of ministry! I will be serving as the interim director during this time of transition, and I would welcome your prayers as well.

As always, we are grateful for the ways that Our Saviour's has prayed for, worshiped with, fed, and supported LCM with financial donations this past year. Because of the ways that you, and other congregations, supported us, we have been able to continue our Wednesday night dinner and worship with anywhere from 15 – 25 Univ of Arizona and Pima Community College students. Our little house is full, and it is amazing to be able to worship with these students!

We were also able to spend time together on retreat and build a home for a family in Guatemala. We have also helped feed our neighbors, and expand our own food pantry at the LCM house. And those ways of service and feeding will be expanding this fall, and we are so grateful to you all for the support that makes that happen!

Summer Sammie Help Needed



Every Sunday after worship, we make about 100 sandwiches that will be served the next day at the welcome center at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church. We can often use an extra hand or two with sandwiches following worship.

ICS - Interfaith Community Services

The need for assistance is increasing as more people in our community are losing jobs, benefits and rising food insecurity. The Food Bank is on a mission to collect 10,000 jars of peanut butter in a month. Canned, packaged and in-date non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal, children and adult diapers and wipes are always needed. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.

Angie Grandison

Youth On Their Own

As Fall is upon us, school will be starting and students everywhere will be shopping with their parents for notebooks, pens, pencils, calculators, etc. for the upcoming academic year.

Sadly, there are many students who will not be able to shop for school supplies (or do anything else) with their parents. Thankfully, YOTO will be there for them to provide their academic needs this year, thanks to donations from people like you.

You may have noticed on the YOTO table at church that the Back-To-School Challenge at YOTO is in progress. While the food, hygiene, and household items are still needed as always, there is particular emphasis on school supplies for the next few months. The particular supplies of interest are listed on the poster in the narthex.

In 2024, Bishop Eaton stated (in defense of our homeless neighbors) after the Grants Pass vs. Johnson Supreme Court decision, "As a church, we are called by God's grace to love and serve the most vulnerable and marginalized neighbors in our communities." Support of Youth On Their Own is one of many ways we, at Our Saviour's, can love and serve those around us. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Asher Havenhill

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

August 2025 Calendar

For a complete listing of all campus events, please visit our website: www.lutherantucson.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
These are community organized events, held at Our Saviour's. More information can be found on our Events Page - https://lutherantucson.org/events-page						
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Quilt Ministry

The OSLC Quilt Ministry would love for anyone who wants to stitch at home to pick fabric from our "stash" and make a quilt top at home. You don't need to join us in person on our third Tuesday get-togethers to help. When your top is done just bring it back and the group will get it backed, batted, quilted, bound and delivered.

Spanish Class

Spanish Class will resume in the fall. Please contact Annette Chavez at amchavez111@yahoo.com for more information.

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Lay Shared Bible Study

Bible study group will resume in September. Contact Laretta Olson for more information - landjo@cox.net.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST - Melanie Bowman**August 2025**

The RIC committee celebrates our recent addition of RIC status! We plan to continue to work towards becoming welcoming for all God's people. We acknowledge that justice and inclusion for all God's people requires learning and hard work. We are meeting over the summer to determine next steps. We are working on a few things, like updating the church library, making our RIC logo more visible, and planning congregational events. We would like to have your input. If you have any observations, questions or ideas, please let us know.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer resumes on Tuesday August 5 at 12:15PM in Koch Chapel.

Pray Without Ceasing

The 1st and 3rd Monday at 5:30pm in Koch Chapel, a thirty minute service for prayers of lament and hope.