



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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This will arrive in your mailboxes as we are turning the corner from being in the midst of Lent to preparing for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The earth is turning right along with us as flowers are beginning to peek out in the desert and the mornings are warming up.

During the third week of Lent, we heard Jesus' story about a fig tree that was not producing fruit (Luke 13:6-9). The vineyard owner wanted to cut the tree down, but the gardener suggested creating some space around the trunk and adding nutrients. In my sermon that week, I invited our congregation to consider some questions:

- In what ways is our congregation a tree that is not bearing fruit?*
- Who do we need to ask for help in order to produce fruit?*
- What kinds of new relationships do we need to form with unexpected people?*
- What transformation or changes might result in a flourishing tree?*
- What would that look like for the community around us?*

Even as we look for ways to grow and transform, it is also good to remember the ways we are hearing and responding to God's call. At the beginning of Lent, we set a goal of \$400 in special offerings to ELCA World Hunger and 40 pounds of food for the UA Campus Food Pantry. Just halfway through Lent, Our Saviour's members have given over \$1,500 to ELCA World Hunger. The altar in Koch Chapel is surrounded by gifts of food. Amazing! Additionally, we support many local food ministries through our Endowment Fund, annual mission support, and weekly food donations.

May we continue to work for a world where all have the nutrients they need to thrive and bear fruit. God continue to bless you in this season of Lent as we prepare for the journey to the cross and new life in Christ.

*Pastor Amalia*

Pastor Amalia Vagts

*"Let all that you do be done in love."*

### Lent Worship with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Joint Service: Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry

Mid-Week Services  
12 & 6:15 – Koch Chapel

Palm Sunday & Holy Week

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 10, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 15, 6:30 pm

Good Friday: Friday, April 16, Noon & 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 17, 7:30am and 9:00 am



## Council Corner

March 15, 2022

**VERY IMPORTANT SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!** On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> -immediately following the service there will be a short congregational meeting to secure your permission to sell the recently bequeathed townhouse which belonged to Lois Olsrud. As per our constitution, any property owned by the church needs approval of a quorum of the congregation before it can be sold. We need all of you to attend this special meeting!



In keeping the health and safety of our more vulnerable parishioners in mind, after reviewing the current Covid information for our county, council voted to move to Phase II of our Covid guidelines. We will maintain spacing and sanitation protocols and encourage wearing facemasks, but will leave it to your personal discretion. We will continue to monitor and readjust our level of care as appropriate.

We are also going to return to using “pew cards” as a way of taking attendance rather than the sign-in sheets. Please fill out these cards so we have your information in case we need to contact you. It also gives you a place to request information, pastoral call, etc.

We ask that you remember the people of Ukraine as they endure the invasion of Russia and the atrocities of war. There will be a concert in our sanctuary of Friday, April 1 at 7 pm (flute, piano, and classical guitar) to benefit the humanitarian needs of the people of Ukraine. This will be open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors to attend. Proceeds will be directed to the ELCA Disaster Response Fund/Ukrainian refugee assistance.

And finally, thank you for your faithful support of our mission here at Our Saviour's. Our budget line looks “healthy” at this point in the year.

**Blessings,  
Your OSLC Church Council**



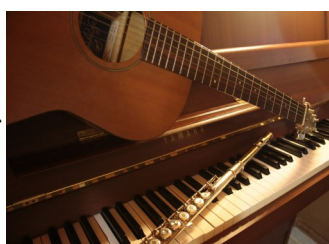
### Joy Neverman Celebration of Life

The family of Joy Neverman will hold a **celebration of her life** at Our Saviour's on Saturday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to the service and a brief coffee reception following.



### Refugee Fundraising Concert at Our Saviour's

On Friday, April 1 at 7:00 pm, we will host a Fundraising Concert for Ukrainian refugees with Ji Sun Lee (piano), Deena Reedy (flute), and Michael Lich (classical guitar). All donations will benefit the Eastern European Crisis Response through ELCA Disaster Response. 100% of donations will provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.



**Special Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Worship at 9:00 am

**Special Meeting Follows Immediately.**

**Topic: Sale of Gifted Property and Permission  
to Consider Using Proceeds for Roof Repairs.**



## Emergency Assistance

Interfaith Community Services assist individuals and families with Emergency Financial Aid for housing, utilities, medications and other living necessities, along with short-term case management. Call ICS at 520-297-6049 for more information.

The food bank has ongoing need for canned and packaged non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



## TIHAN News: Poz Café is coming in April

Thank you for a positive response to providing care package items and volunteer help for the TIHAN's (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) April Poz Café. The Poz Café is a monthly luncheon for TIHAN CarePartners to share a meal and receive a care package with personal hygiene and household items. Due to covid, the Poz Café is currently a drive-through event. OSLC is a host congregation for the April event and items are needed by Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We still need 2-ply toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, shampoo, laundry detergent, and bottled bleach or other household disinfecting cleaner. We also need few bingo prizes valued at \$10-\$15 each. Suggested Bingo prizes are gift cards for Fry's, Target or Walmart stores, kitchen or home items, and wet or dry dog and cat food or treats. Please bring items to the patio Sunday mornings or you can take them to the church office during the week. We also welcome volunteers as follows (you can volunteer for 1, 2 or all 3):

- Weds, April 20: 8:30-10:30 am-to help prepare the care packages
  - Weds, April 21: 9-10 am: Box up to-go meals
  - Weds, April 21: 10 am-1 pm: distribute the meals and care packages
- Note that volunteers must be covid vaccinated and boosted. Please contact Mary Durham-Pflibsen at [marypflib@hotmail.com](mailto:marypflib@hotmail.com) or 520-622-1983 if you can help or would like more information.

Please watch the Sunday bulletin for updates on most-needed items. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of TIHAN!

## March Birthdays

- 4/1: Darlene Butchart, Abigail Porter, Matthew Thornhill Jr.  
 4/2: Tammie Anderson, Jolene Hepler    4/3: Dennis Walter  
 4/4: Frank Hughes    4/5: Edward Butchart, Herbert Sautter  
       4/6: Martin Anderson, Harold Phillips  
       4/9: Cindy Bales, Fred Hudson, Frederick Reitschel  
 4/10: Kathryn Lopez, Jennifer Strand    4/12: Frederick Cross  
       4/13: David Harper, Kathryn Saunders, Jaxson Walter  
 4/14: Mark Borchers, Carl Harper    4/15: Donna Johnson, William Yee  
       4/17: Erich Saphir    4/18: Brad Skattum  
       4/19: Ethan Ebert, Nordhilt Graham  
       4/22: Jacqueline Franks, Ryan Walter  
       4/23: Karl Hoerig, Dagny Phillips  
       4/26: Amy Fatzinger  
 4/30: Athena Saphir



## March Wedding Anniversaries

- John & Karen Heidel - 4/3/1971  
 Cory & Sarah Walter - 4/3/2009  
 Matthew & Debbie Krueger - 4/1/1999  
 John & Mary Lou Wahl - 4/21/2001



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Lutheran Campus Ministry is joining the statewide non-profit fundraising blitz on **Arizona Gives Day!** While you can donate anytime (on their platform or directly to LCM) noon-noon on **April 5-6** is the event with special incentives for you and us. **OUR GOAL is \$3500** to buy a larger refrigerator and a dishwasher for the Campus House!! We're enjoying sharing meals with students and the broader community and these appliances will help us expand our hospitality. Our Board of Directors has

committed a \$1100 matching grant once the first \$1100 is raised!

Peace in Christ,  
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