



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE PULSE

- by Rev Amalia Vagts, Pastor



I am writing this during the final weeks of Lent, but you are reading these words as we begin Holy Week and celebrate Easter Sunday.

The witness of Easter comes after our weeks of wandering and wondering with questions during the season of Lent. We centered each week around questions like: Can these bones live? Who will you listen to? How do we begin again?

Questions help open our minds and hearts – but sometimes it feels good to land on answers too.

On Easter Sunday, we hear the definite answer that Christ is risen, and through Christ all creation is made new. This confession does not remove our questions but provides a grounding place for to return to as we explore and ponder the questions of faith in an evolving world.

In the same way, our congregation's vision and mission become a center from which we live out our faith, even as our community (inside and outside the walls) changes.

Community in Christ is the center of our life together. From this center we have identified these ways of living out that Christ-centered life: building authentic connections, developing faith, cultivating diversity, caring for others, and advocating for justice. As we ask questions in our vision and planning process, we will begin to find answers about how we live out God's mission in our congregation.

Like the wildflowers bursting forth on the trails surrounding Tucson, joy is emerging in our life together as we name and agree on the central answers for this moment's questions about God's mission through Our Saviour's.

We live in an increasingly divided world. We can silently stand to the side, or we can claim our voice and witness as Risen Community called to loving, inclusive, and inviting community in Christ.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! we proclaim Easter Sunday. With this definitive witness as our center, we joyfully head into the season ahead as we define the life and ministry of our congregation.

Pastor Amalia

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

(Romans 14:19)



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COUNCIL CORNER**March 21, 2023**

Greetings to Our Church Family!

With Lenten Services, Palm Sunday, Easter week and Easter Sunday Services just around the corner, we as a congregation have so many events to look forward to.

Our congregation responded wonderfully to our Special Lent Offering. Our goal was to collect \$800 to be split between ELCA World Hunger and Cruzando Fronteras and 80 pounds of food for UA Campus Food pantry. We have already collected \$1,510 and a good amount of food. Thank you. We are such a loving and generous congregation!

On March 19th, Pastor Adele Resmer gave a powerful summary about the mission of Cruzando Fronteras, which is a Lutheran/Episcopal/United Church of Christ ministry that was organized to support Casa de La Misericordia y de Todas las Naciones (House of Mercy for All Nations) in Nogales, Sonora. This mission provides a safe place until people can immigrate to the USA. We are in the process of donating one of our vans to the shelter. Members of Council (and others) were inspired to imagine filling the van with the most-needed items – such as diapers, baby wipes, beans, rice and flour. What a wonderful way to welcome others to our country and to help them feel our support and love. We will share more about this idea following Lent.

Other updates: We're continuing our strategic planning process. Our in-person listening session went well on Saturday, March 11th. We have received a good response to the emailed surveys. If you did not receive a survey invitation, you can contact the church office to have one sent to you. Painting the fence on our Northern property has begun. We will be hiring a fence painting company to continue these efforts so the project can be completed in a timely manner. We have changed our Covid prevention practices to include overall health and safety protocols. Masks will be worn by those who are serving communion. Handwashing and safe distances are encouraged. We're reviewing our financial accounts to make any adjustments needed to address current and future needs.

We have much to be proud of, many ways to grow and serve others. Let us all pray-fully support our missions. Our next Council Meeting will be at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 18 in the Patio Room. Our meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. Thank you for your prayers and support of our congregation.

Blessings to all!

Your OSLC Church Council

SOPHIA S SECTION

- by **Sophia Rankin,**
Minister of Community Engagement



This past month we opened discussions on engagement at Our Saviour's and the goals we have for our future together. We presented our middle school youth with their personal Lutheran study bibles and went deeper into planning our upcoming trip to Loveland. We made memories line dancing at the Maverick and singing together at service. For April, we are still collecting donations for our TIHAN Poz Café, about which you can email questions and inquiries to Mary Pflibsen or myself. We are thankful to have met our donation goals for toilet paper and decorated bags, and are still collecting laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, deodorant, dental floss, and paper towels. We are also still looking for volunteers on the day of Poz Café, April 20th. Please email either Mary or I if you are interested. Finally, spring in Tucson brings a plethora of music to enjoy and support! The 38th annual Tucson Folk Festival kicks off March 31st with the songwriter competition at night and runs all day beginning at noon both April 1st and 2nd. If you would like to stay updated on various musical happenings around Tucson, email me at srankin@lutherantucson.org. Happy Spring!

In kindness,
Sophia



GRÉTA S GRACINGS
- by **Gréta Pásztor,**
Director of Music Ministry

The month of April will be rich in music - featuring our local ensembles: the Bells, Choir, and the Chancel Band, as well as special guests such as Dianne Chua - voice, Jacob Dority -trombone, and Kylie Baird - viola!

Best,
Greta Pasztor

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK

**Palm/Passion Sunday (4/2):
ONE SERVICE, 9 am**

**Maundy Thursday (4/6):
6:15 Chapel**

**Good Friday (4/7):
5:15 Sanctuary**

**Easter Sunday (4/9):
7:30 Chapel
8:30-9:15 Coffee on the patio
9:45 Sanctuary**



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REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**7:30am
Chapel Worship**

**8:30am
Sunday Workshop**

**9:45am
Sanctuary Worship**

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