



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Dear Friends.

Our Saviour's is celebrating 75 years of glorious service this year. Who would have thought that we would be in the grips of a 100-year pandemic; forcing us into online communication, work and worship.

Our Saviour's started humbly in a small chapel and grew into an organization owning 7 rental homes and the majority of 2 city blocks in a historical, mid-town neighborhood. I had the opportunity to relive memories with a few people this morning:

- How many of you remember the Story of Ruth that was filmed on super 8 film by Heb Waesch in the 1970's? It was filmed in Sabino Canyon and Old Tucson. Many of the church's grandmothers were in the film.
- The choir's tour of Europe.
- The 1992, volume 2 OSCL cookbook produced by the choir.
- The Fall Festival to "christen" the Activity Building? When the children's choir performed at the opening. Many of those children have gone on to graduate from high school! How about the termites that had devoured the walls in the old building or the frightfully small Sunday School supply closet.
- More recently, housing refugees in the process of earning a new life and welcoming Lutheran Social Services to be neighbors on our campus.

In a month or so, we will begin the visioning process leading to the completion of our Ministry Site Profile and search for a permanent pastor. This is a process that affects each and every one of us. In some cases ... what we hold dear... I challenge you to think about what the vision of Our Saviour's means to you, your loved ones and the Tucson community. A few weeks ago, Pastor Rebecca left us with a thoughtful question: What hospitality will we provide on our busy Campbell/Speedway corner. My question today is: How will Our Saviour's spend the next 75 years?

Respectfully,

Sheila Bustamante  
OSLC Council President - 2020



## Announcements:

- Thank you to Pastor Rebecca who has fearlessly and faithfully led us through the past few months of this transitional period!
- Please Join us for the weekly coffee hour at 10:00 am on Sundays. The Zoom link is included with each week's worship materials. It's a wonderful time to get together, chat with friends and stay on top of the administrative business of the church.
- There are DECADES of paper records stored in the office. Kathryn would appreciate a committee of historians/archivists who would like to go through the records to decide what must be kept. The records can be catalogued and sent for digital record scanning.

## Council Corner

July 27, 2020



Although it has been awhile since we've been able to gather for worship and activities in the usual ways, OSLC remains a busy place. Many of our groups and committees have found creative ways to keep their activities going via Zoom or other strategies. If you're missing your friends at OSLC, please reach out and help each other stay informed about ongoing activities and online gatherings. Connecting will be even easier now thanks to the updated member directory that will be available the last week of July (thank you, Steve VanMeter!); hard copies may be picked up in the church office. And if you're looking for even more ways to serve the greater community, consider learning more about Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest and its impact during the pandemic. Visit (<https://www.lss-sw.org/>) to volunteer, to find out which resources are most needed right now, or to sign up for a fabulous virtual tour (click "Who We Are," then "Come and See").

Thanks to your generosity, our finances remain strong. In January the congregation approved a truly balanced budget for the first time in many years; we're now halfway through the year and so far have been able to keep our expenses at (or below) budget. Please remember to mail in your offerings or to arrange for online giving so we can keep our offering income on budget, too. Another way you can help our church finances is by spreading the word that several of our rental homes are vacant and ready to be leased.

We extend our gratitude to Pastor Rebecca for her faithful leadership this summer, and wish her well as she returns to her fulltime position at the University of Arizona. The Council is in conversation with another interim pastor who will see us through the transition and guide us as we call a new pastor during the coming year. We will keep you informed as more details become available. We also extend our gratitude and good wishes to Mark Valenzuela, who has decided to accept a new position after serving as our Facilities Technician for over five years.

As we sing together, "all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above"; please join us in giving thanks for all of the good gifts at OSLC, and in praying for our church and community. In Christ—

**Report respectfully submitted,  
OSLC Church Council**

## Memorial Service Notification

There will be a memorial service for Glen Marker:

Saturday, September 12th at 1:00PM.

It will be held at Desert Hope Lutheran Church, 7474 E. Speedway Blvd. This on the south side of the road between Kolb & Pantano. There is an apartment complex in the front, and the church is set on the property in the back (it used to be the Polish club).



Please wear a mask!

God bless,  
***Shirley Marker***  
(520) 296-9776



## Saying Goodbye

Dear OSLC Congregation,

I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to work for you over the years. It was a difficult decision to make, but I will always have a special place in my heart for the fair, kind, understanding people of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, and the church itself. Thank you again for all you have done for me.

Best regards and kindest emotions,

***Mark Valenzuela***

Your former Facilities Technician  
(and faithful handyman)



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# News From the Office

By Kathryn Barrera,  
Parish Administrator



Hello Everyone!

I'm sure you're all tired of my updates on the same thing each month but I am so very excited about our nursery! We have had amazing volunteers helping with painting, plumbing, installing cabinets, paying for the cabinets, and also toy donations. We are so so grateful for all your help! The nursery is about 90% done and should be ready to start moving toys and things back in starting the first week of August! I am hoping we can do some kind of virtual tour for you all to see the changes since we can't do an official dedication ceremony or anything like that in person yet. Stay tuned :-)

July brought some changes around the office. Pastor Rebecca and Mark Valenzuela are both moving on and that means some shuffling around of duties as well as a whole hiring process for Mark's position. Please keep us in your prayers that we are able to smoothly work through this transition and that we have an abundance of wisdom from the Lord to hire the correct candidates.

### Total Income & Expense through June, 2020

Income	\$321,081
Expense	\$304,925

I think that's all for now. Have a wonderful month!

- Kathryn

