



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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I have been told that July is the Sonoran Desert equivalent of deep winter in the Midwest. We hunker down into our places, then emerge blinking and stretching to renew connections as the weather breaks. Like deep winter in Iowa, this month has been a time of generative underground growth. One of the “deep summer” projects I’ve been working on this past month is preparing for the fall ahead. As part of that work, I’m delighted to announce that Sophia Rankin will begin serving in the new role of Minister of Community Engagement (10 hours/week) on Monday, August 15.

One of the goals we set for this year was to develop new initiatives through family and music ministries to provide comfort, support, and growth for the congregation and to serve the Tucson community. We began with the expansion of our music ministry through the hiring of our new music director, Greta Pasztor (who also begins August 15). Now, we’re looking to deepen our ministry with youth and young adults and engage in intergenerational projects to serve our neighborhood and Tucson. As Minister of Community Engagement, Sophia will engage the congregation in building long-term relationships with one another in ways that intersect with our neighbors' interests and needs. She will work across the generations, intentionally focusing some of her time on youth and young adults. She will also help explore and support regular all-ages activities that serve our neighboring communities. She will continue to be a regular presence in our music ministry. Sophia has been an important part of our worship life since 2016, stepping up this past year to serve as music ministry coordinator. I’ve come to appreciate the many gifts Sophia offers for leadership and community engagement. With some funds available due to Pastor Mateo stepping away as Visitation Pastor, we were able to envision a new role that fits Sophia's many gifts and serves the growing needs of our congregation. Our lay visitation ministers and I will continue and grow our visitation ministry.

Sophia writes,

"I have been blessed to have worked at Our Saviour's for the past six years and to have become a part of the beautiful community that fuels it. As we pushed through a global pandemic, I was able to see all the love and support within our staff and members that kept the wheels turning and doors open to our community. I am excited to take on the role of Minister of Community Engagement and deepen our bonds to one another through music, faith, and family. I look forward to seeing the ways we can reach out, connect with the world around us, and forge deeper connections with one another."



Please join me in giving thanks to God for our growing ministry together.

Pastor Amalia

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 14:16)

COUNCIL CORNER

July 19, 2022



Your council had a great July meeting, albeit somewhat less busy than the past few months. We again noted that we are appreciating the comfortable interactions and respect that our meetings are generating.

Some updates that we want to share with you all:

- 1) Finances continue to look healthy, thanks to your generosity. Summer is often "slow" with members on vacation and fewer visitors, so your continuing stewardship is appreciated.
- 2) We continue to monitor COVID, and in response to the new variant which seems to be more resistant to the vaccines and more apt to hit even those who have previously had COVID, we are upping our mask guidance from "encouraging to wear" to "STRONGLY encouraging to wear." We will maintain our distancing by blocking every other pew.
- 3) In line with the COVID monitoring, we have postponed the brunch we were all anticipating from our original July date to Aug. 21.
- 4) We are moving Sunday coffee time from the area immediately outside the sanctuary doors to the less congested area off the patio by the office doors. This will allow those wanting to go from the sanctuary to the north parking lot to do so more easily and will give those who wish to socialize a more open air area to do so.
- 5) A generous anonymous donation has been made to cover the costs involved in renovating the memorial garden and the upkeep of that area. This is so appreciated. A church of our size and age has many areas that need updating, and those expenses often are not covered by our yearly budget. Thank you to our donor who recognized this need and stepped forward.
- 6) We are excited to announce a new staff position of Minister of Community Engagement. This position was visualized by Pastor following the resignation of Pastor Mateo as visiting pastor and the objectives of the congregation. More information about this position has been shared during Sunday announcements and elsewhere in this Roadrunner. Check it out!
- 7) And finally, the congregation conversations time was postponed from July 17th to July 31st. Although the brunch part, as noted in #3 is postponed until August, the small group conversations are scheduled for July 31st following worship. This is very important as we visualize the future and anticipate our Fall ministry initiatives. Your input in person or via Zoom is valued!

Your OSLC Church Council



Thanks for your continued support the Food Bank. A survey revealed that 19% of children in Pima County experience food insecurity as households continue to struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic and job disruption.

In-date canned and packaged non-perishable food items such as canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, beans and personal hygiene items are needed. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 8/1 Riley Wesanen-Neil 8/2 Charles Josephson, Michael Jones
 8/3 Nancy Murray 8/4 Lisa Riley
 8/5 Gerry Fitzsimmons 8/6 Cynthia Freeman
 8/7 Ella Scott 8/8 Hannah Jones
 8/10 Sabrina Dowayee, Margaret Gotatha
 8/11 Dolores Reece
 8/15 Logan Tyree, Kari Isaacson, Evon Dowayee
 8/16 Carol Lange 8/18 Annette Firth
 8/19 Sherry Cross, Dennis Matson, Sara Lashbrook
 8/20 Rickie Thornhill 8/21 Mary Wedge, Ginny Mead
 8/24 John Enemark 8/25 Jacklyn Fahey
 8/26 Bobbie Cajero, Sharon Larson
 8/27 Hildi Williams, Thea Austin 8/28 Jill Hughes, Bill Ebert
 8/29 Steve VanMeter 8/30 Carla Mundt, Tom Tyree
 8/31 Ted Earle



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Gloria Alvillar & Ted Earle - 1984
 Quentin Peterson & Julia Olsen-Peterson - 2009
 Karl Hoerig & Nancy Davis - 1995
 Harold & Jessica Hahn - 1999

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS:
ELLA DELAOSSA, GRACE RYAN, AND ATHENA SAPHIR.**

They were celebrated at July 17th's Sunday service and each given a special quilt made by our own Quilters ministry. We wish them all the very best. Pictures provided by Jack Wahl.

