



The Roadrunner

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WAITING WITH HOPE AND EXPECTATION

In most years Advent often is only a countdown to Christmas. It counts down the shopping days until Christmas. For some people it means going from holiday party to holiday party wishing each other good cheer. For others it is a time of extra giving and volunteering for favorite charities. These are the normal activities of Advent and we give little, if any, notice to real meaning of Advent.

The church's approach to Advent is a focus the preparation of our hearts and minds for the celebration of Christ's birth. It is a time of reflection and contemplation. It is a time of watching and waiting. It is a time of hope and expectation.

During this Advent (2020) we are experiencing both waiting and hoping. We are waiting for some normalcy. We are waiting for relief the Covid-19 virus. We are waiting for more opportunities to gather more widely with family and friends. We wait for the day when we will meet in our sanctuary for worship.

While we wait, we do so with hope and expectation. We live in hope that we will see an end to the virus. We have expectation that there will be both an effective treatment and eventually a vaccine. We live with hope and expectation of being together again with family, friends and fellow members of OSLC.

While we wait and hope we have faith and trust in our God who holds the future and who was made known to us in Jesus. The same Jesus who waits with us, walks with and, loves us with never failing love. Jesus provides us with hope and fulfills our expectations.

So, continue to be church together while we are apart. Continue worshipping on Sundays and Wednesdays with special musical elements during this Advent season. Continue to reflect on your gift-giving, remembering our ministry to you, our community and world.

O, Come! O, Come! Emmanuel!

Pastor Len
Interim Pastor



COUNCIL CORNER

December, 2020



If you haven't done so lately, you might want to take a look at OSLC's website (lutherantucson.org); it's an excellent place to find out about all the things that are still going on at OSLC even while we're worshipping from afar. On OSLC's website you'll find links to worship services and bulletins, daily devotional videos, information about our ongoing ministries and activities, Pastor Martha's interactive videos for children, our policies for both indoor and outdoor worship during Covid-19 (ready to implement when conditions are safe to do so in our community), a survey regarding your worship preferences, and more.

It's clear from our website that OSLC remains a busy place, and the Council has been busy, too. This month we approved an updated Personnel Policy for our employees, and it's the time of year when we devote even more time than usual to examining OSLC's finances. As 2020 draws to a close, our overall financial picture remains strong. Although our offering income is still a little below what we had budgeted for the year, some of our expenses throughout this unusual year have also been a bit below budget. Thank you for giving so faithfully and generously throughout the year. If you'd like to give a gratitude gift during the holiday season, or complete a Stewardship Pledge card (which would help the Council with planning the 2021 budget), you'll find convenient ways to do so on OSLC's website—and of course offerings, special gifts, and pledges mailed to the church office are always welcome, too.

Please join the Council in giving thanks for our abundant blessings. May God continue to keep you in His loving care.

**Report respectfully submitted,
OSLC Church Council**



SPECIAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SPECIAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

This year we will celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas in a special way that although we are apart we will celebrate hope and joy with special worship and music opportunities.

Weekly special Advent worship will be available on YouTube as we move through the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Our Sundays in Advent will include special music and the weekly lighting of the Advent wreath.

Josh Nichols, our music leader, is directing a special Lessons and Carols service featuring vocalists and instrumentalists to prepare in a special way for the celebration of Christ's birth.

This leads us to a special Christmas worship for December 24-25.

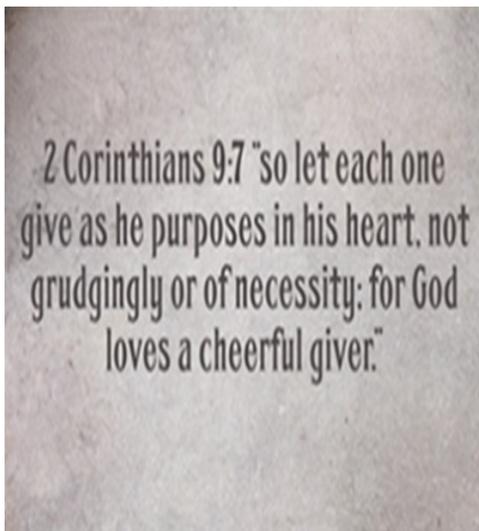
Please join us for these Advent/Christmas celebrations and invite your family and friends to join us!



ADVENT ALERT

The longer the Phillips crew (Hank, Tom and Ginny) work together to help us as a congregation give in BIG ways, the more blessed we are becoming.

Our new theme is GIVE A LITTLE TO GIVE A LOT. As we as individuals give a little as individuals, we are able to give a lot as a congregation. (see article about the food drive). For the Advent Season we are asking our individual congregants to donate money so we can make ADVENT Bags for the homeless. You can give on line or send a check to our church office. Then the Phillips crew will purchase items to go into the bags and fill the bags. The recipients will be homeless in Tucson. How they are chosen will be decided. Maybe the Tucson Police will hand out bags to the homeless or maybe we can find an organization that will hand out the bags. Send suggestions to hanknginny@cox.net or text Ginny at 520-955-2487. Thanks so much for your support in donations or your support in prayer. Both will work wonders!! Thanks be to God. Collections will start on Dec 1st and end on Dec 10th.



REMEMBER TO RETURN
YOUR 2021
ESTIMATE OF GIVING
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or
COMPLETE THE ONLINE
VERSION
by
DECEMBER 15, 2020

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

By Kathryn Barrera,
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone!

What a month it has been. We lost power on campus for a few days due to a short in the breaker and then our website did an upgrade and crashed on us. After scrambling around a bit we were able to resolve both of those issues and we are still in the process of updating the website so we really appreciate your patience with that. Graham has been working on upgrading our bathrooms outside of Koch Chapel and in the Sanctuary. He is laying new flooring and repainting them and we are very excited for those to be finished. As the end of the year rushes towards us we ask that you turn in any Annual Report submissions by Dec 15th and also your pledge cards so we can project our 2021 budget and make sure our records are as accurate as possible. Thank you all for your continued donations to the church so we can keep running and participating in outreach programs even though our participation is in different ways due to Covid.

Total Income & Expense through October, 2020	
Income	\$469,663
Expense	\$477,461

That's all for now. Have a wonderful month!

- Kathryn

