



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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There is a growing weariness in the world. Surely much of it has to do with the pandemic and the many ways it has affected (and infected) the entire world. In the last week, I've read a newspaper column, an internet blog, and heard a radio program about the rising number of acts of cruelty and violence between strangers and family. This is playing out in grocery stores, classrooms, on airplanes, and in hospital waiting rooms. I've certainly had my fair share of "irritable" moments lately and have had to take a deep breath, apologize, and start over. You may have felt or experienced this in your own workplace, home, school, or other places as

you go about your daily life. Our sense of uncertainty, fatigue, and fear are real stresses to our ability to simply be kind towards friends and strangers. Each of us has our own way of coping with stress in our lives. As a community of faith we also have resources to turn to in times like this. **Developing faith through worship and study of God's word** - is part of our mission at Our Saviour's as we seek to be a loving, inclusive, and inviting community in Christ. .

You're invited into these practices of worship and study in new ways through the season of Lent which begins on March 2 with our Ash Wednesday Service. This Lent we will be collaborating with Lutheran Campus Ministry. Our theme is "A Way in the Wilderness," and we will join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors toward a just world where all are fed. In a world of heightened tension, we seek to respond with **respect, compassion, and kindness**, especially towards those suffering from hunger. We will explore themes of journey, wandering, vulnerability, and transformation, and the way in worship and during the week. You're invited to attend either or both mid-week services. Our Saviour's will lead a service at noon and Lutheran Campus Ministry will lead one at 6:15. Both services will be held in Koch Chapel and will use simple singing, prayer and reflection.

You are never alone in the wilderness - God makes a way (Isaiah 43).

Pastor Amalia

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



Lent at Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Ash Wednesday - 6:15 pm (March 2, 2022)
Service with Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
Joint Service: Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry

Mid-Week Services (Wednesdays)
12 - 12:30 pm - Koch Chapel
Led by Our Saviour's: Holden Prayer
(Tentative: Simple soup lunch following)

6:15 - 6:45 pm - Koch Chapel
A Lenten service of simple chants, prayer and reflection.

Council Corner

January 23, 2022



Thank you to everyone who attended the Sunday Forum on January 23 to meet this year's Council nominees and discuss the 2022 budget in detail. Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 30 at which we'll elect new leaders and approve OSLC's 2022 budget. We hope you'll attend and take part in the conversation as we make plans together for this year.

We appreciate your faithful commitment to giving generously at OSLC; your weekly offerings as well as your Statements of Intent for giving in 2022 helped us to prepare a balanced budget for the coming year. If you have not yet submitted your Statement of Intent, you may still do so; please leave it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or take a moment to submit it through our church website.

During the past month or so Lutheran Campus Ministries (LCM) has been settling into their new home with us here at OSLC. LCM will be leading our evening Lenten services this spring, and we look forward to finding additional ways to collaborate in our ministries and community outreach. If you are interested in helping with preparing dinner for LCM students or otherwise connecting with LCM, please contact Pastor Rebecca Boardman.

We remain in Phase 1 of our plans for gathering during Covid-19: masks are required regardless of vaccination status, and we will continue to maintain physical distancing when gathering together. Thank you for your help in caring for all of the members of our church community during these challenging times.

We invite you to join us in continuing to pray for our church and community.

**In Christ—
OSLC Church Council**

Thank you for all the ways you supported Our Saviour's this past year through your financial resources, creativity, and gifts of time and service. Our congregation brings together many gifts of the Spirit for the good of all. Thank you for all you have done. A special word of thanks for year end Gratitude Gifts. Together, we are creating a loving, inclusive, and inviting community in Christ.



Please accept my sincere thanks for all your sympathy prayers, calls, cards and flowers at my dear mother's passing. What an incredible privilege it is to belong to such a loving church. Blessings to all of you.

Gloria Alvillar



Thanks for your donations for the Holiday Food Drive. With a grant from Thrivent, our Congregation and all our generous partners we donated 1815 pounds of food and hygiene items to the food bank. Donations are needed every day for struggling families. Canned and packaged non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items are needed. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



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February Birthdays

- 2/1: Daniel Bish, Ann Hastings
2/2: Quentin Peterson
2/5: Kailey Anderson 2/6: Geoffrey Swann
2/9: Habib Khan, Jerah Tyree
2/10: Katherine Kent, Cameron Riley,
Charles Sierra, John Wahl, LaVerne Wash
2/11: Robert Downing, Carol Emmerich, Tina Wesanen-Neil
2/13: Nathan Pupach 2/14: Inga Davidson
2/15: Matthew Thornhill 2/20: Richard Steffel
2/21: David Major, James Phillips, Donna Spencer
2/22: Donna Lounsbury 2/24: Shayla Cajero, Mary Hewlett
2/25: Ashley Fenbert, Jonathan Freeman
2/26: Geneva Shisler, Shannon Thomas
2/27: Patricia Orr-Bonura, Hunter Rios, Catherine Witten
2/28: Gerard Cook



February Wedding Anniversaries

Eric & Sherry Cross - 2/10/1990
Roger & Barbara Wheeler - 2/27/1965

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Save the Date!
Sunday, February 27th
10 am

Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting the OSLC Coffee/
Fellowship Time....at our new space! Please stroll over to the
Campus/Youth Center to enjoy coffee & treats, mingle with LCM
students, and see the updates to the Center!

Peace in Christ,
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