



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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This past Sunday, I joined about 20 others from our congregation for an afternoon of roller skating at Skate Country on 22nd Street. I really didn't know what to expect. But when I noticed that the group included one of the youngest and some of the elders and some of our long-time and several of our newest members – I felt a deep sense of joy about what's happening at Our Saviour's. Can I say things seem to be rolling along?

By the time you receive this, we will have hosted the Spring Conference Gathering (an event that brings together our Grand Canyon Synod and congregations across the Tucson area). We also will have hosted the world-class Luther College Nordic Choir. The fact that we can host these events speaks to the sense of faithfulness and imagination at Our Saviour's. I'm moved by the way so many are jumping in to help open our doors to the community and beyond.

This month, we'll hold our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 5 to reflect on our past and upcoming year together as a congregation. We will have one worship service at 9:00, followed immediately by the annual meeting. On Saturday, February 11 from 1-3 pm you are invited to join a large-group conversation as part of our strategic planning process. This will be led by Evan Moilan from GSB Consulting and the strategic planning team – Tracy Ratliff, Kris Sanchez, Paige Marty, Mary Lou Forier, Scott Koenig, and me. There will also be many other ways to contribute to the process over the next few months.

During the season of Lent, we will again collaborate with Lutheran Campus Ministry for Lent and Holy Week. Our theme will be Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith.

Ash Wednesday is February 22. We will offer two services that day – one at 12:15 in the Sanctuary and one at 6:15 in the Chapel. Both will offer prayer and ashes. **We will offer midweek services at 12:15 and 6:15 in the Chapel on Wednesdays during March.**

I had another thought while skating last weekend – gratitude to my parents and childhood congregation for afternoons at another Skate Country (in Minnesota). Though it had been a few years, my body remembered what to do from my earlier practice. It was a great reminder that at any age we learn the practices and lessons that we can return to throughout our lives. Worship is the central practice of our life together, renewing us again each week to love and serve (and skate!).

In Christ,

Pastor Amalia

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (Romans 14:19)



Council Corner

January 17, 2022

Greetings to our family in Christ!

The January council meeting centered on the 2023 Mission Spending Plan (budget) as we discern the direction God is leading us to serve our church, our community, and beyond. We ended 2022 in the “black” and will be presenting a balanced Mission Spending Plan for 2023 at the annual meeting for consideration. (Thank you to those who attended the workshop on Sunday, 1-22-23 for a chance to view and discuss this important plan.) We noted that there was a huge income increase in 2022, mainly due to the generous bequests we received from the estates of Lois Olsrud and Jo Musser-Krauss that more than offset the slight decrease in expected weekly offerings.



A reminder that on Sunday, February 5th, we will worship together at a single service at 9AM and then meet afterwards for our annual meeting. Please make plans to attend. Your input is valued.

Another important meeting will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 1-3 pm. This will be the first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee and all are welcome to attend. The steering committee for the “SPC” will be Tracy Ratliff, Kris Sanchez, Paige Marty, Mary Lou Forier, and Scott Koenig. Please join us if possible to look towards the future of Our Saviour’s.

This month, we are saying thank you to our president, Amy Fatzinger, who has been a wonderful leader and council member for 6 years. We are grateful to Amy for her leadership.

Blessings to all!

Your OSLC Church Council



Lutheran Campus Ministry
at University of Arizona

For Spring Break we're traveling to Corrymeela in N. Ireland to learn about borders, religious tolerance, and peacemaking. Students will be coming to Our Saviour's February 5 to share more about the pilgrimage and ask for support!

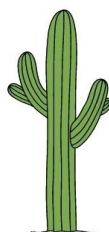
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Thanks for generously supporting the holiday food drive. Together with our Church family, a Thrivent grant and other partners we donated 1114 pounds of food so needy families could enjoy their holiday. The food bank has ongoing need for canned, packaged and in-date non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



**Sophia's Section - by Sophia Rankin,
Minister of Community Engagement**

Happy New Year to all! We kickstarted this year with some wonderful events, one of which being our all-congregation skate gathering at Skate Country. We had a wonderful group join our youth as we laughed, skated, and tumbled around the skate floor. Thank you to the brave souls who donned skates and for those who kept us smiling and laughing on the sidelines. On February 1st, we will be having a Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) cross-over with our youth and middle school students from across Tucson. In this "Confirmation Comes to Campus" event, we will have dinner and worship together from 6-8 PM. Dinner will be hosted on the basketball courts outside the LCM house, with games and conversations welcomed within the LCM household and our Youth Center. At 7 PM we will migrate to Koch chapel for casual worship and discussion. Please contact me if any OSLC Youth cannot be in attendance. Thank you.



With joy,
Sophia



Schedule for Lent

Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Wednesdays in March:

12:15 - Sanctuary
6:16 - Chapel

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Sunday Schedule

7:30am	Worship in Chapel
8:30am	Workshop
9:45am	Worship in Sanctuary

Greta's Gracings - by **Gréta Pásztor**, Director of Music Ministry

You will see a couple of new and old faces on the music scene in February: the OSLC Chancel Band is back! You can hear them on February 19th at the 9:45am service, and in the upcoming months. Local members Nancy Rude, Jennifer Strand, Sophia Rankin, the OSLC Chancel Choir, and your very own music director will continue to serve as well.



Best,
Greta Pasztor