



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



## DESERT REIGN

*A pastor's thoughts on the kingdom of God.*

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It is natural at this time of the year to reflect on the year just gone, and plot for the year to come. What will the new year hold? What will 2020 look like when we look back at it like we are now on 2019? What things will change? What things will not? Where are we going? Could we imagine the things that have happened in 2019, as we looked ahead just 12 months ago? The same will be said for the year to come.

From technology to politics (especially politics) to the economy to global warming, there will be much that changes in our world in 2020. There will also be much that stays the same. The dynamic tension between humans and the natural world, the difficulty humans have getting along, the soaring population, racial conflict and religious unrest, the need we all have to be in relationship, and human nature in general will not change in the year ahead. Neither will God, or God's love for us. When we meet the changes the new year will bring, let's not forget.

Saint Paul writes in his letter to the Hebrew church,

***"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."***

(Hebrews 13:8)

This was great comfort to them, as it is for us. In the midst of a world that changes dramatically, even chaotically, God's expression of love in the person of Jesus does not change. Our understanding of God's love changes constantly, or at least it should. As we grow in our experience as followers of God we grow in our understanding of God's love. In the same way that I have grown from the person I was in high school, I have grown in my relationship with God and my understanding of his love for me and the world. In a world that seems to grow more chaotic, or even dangerous, we need to hold tight to the reality of God's constant love. While the wind blows and the sea churns, there are some solid anchor points for our lives. Like this one;

***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that anyone who believes in him will not die but have eternal life."*** (John 3:16)

In a world that can be so unloving, God is constantly showing us love and drawing us closer. As you reflect on the year past, and look to the year ahead, may you be comforted in knowing that God's love for you, and the world, and Jesus' constant action in our world, and in our lives, will not change, no matter what else does. Thanks be to God.

In the midst of storms and chaos, moor your boat to this, God is Good, All the Time.

Peaceinallplaces,<><  
Pastor Jeff



## Council Corner

**December, 2019**



The council reviewed the financial reports at its meeting and found that 2019 will end well for our congregation. While we saw additional expenses due to upgrading the three houses for LSS to move into, repairing the west AC unit for the sanctuary and tithing \$45,000 from its bequests, unplanned income exceeded these expenses for the year. The council met an extra time this month to work on and approve a proposed budget for 2020. We wish to invite members of OSLC to attend an adult forum on Jan 19th at 10:15 to review the proposed 2020 budget and for further dialog on OSLC's path forward.

Based on the feedback from its two meetings with members the council has developed a staffing plan. A part-time music director, a part-time director of youth and a part-time visitation pastor are being considered and work is beginning to fill those positions.

This year's Angel Tree gift campaign was very successful with OSLC completing its gift delivery and supporting additional requests. Thanks to Laurie Emery for leading the charge!

The council wishes OSLC members a Blessed Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

**Report respectfully submitted,  
OLSC Church Council**

### *Music Ministry*

### *The program year continues!*



- The choir is rehearsing Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.
- The handbell choir, led by Kathie Miller, is rehearsing Mondays at 6:30pm.
- For now our plans for youth handbells and children's choir are on hold, but they will be back soon.

Thank you to all our musicians for using your gifts in our community. And thank you to the community for your prayers and support during this time of transition.

*Community Outreach Events / Announcements*

**Thank you!** *From Club Colombia*

Thank you to all for allowing us to use the kitchen again this year. We did really well at Tucson Meet Yourself which means we will be helping more people here and abroad.

Most of the money we raise is for charity; a small portion is to keep the “Club” going.

**Regular beneficiaries:**

Salvation Army, Food Bank, Rescue Mission - Holiday Meals, a school for underprivileged children in Bogota, Colombia, an orphanage in Nogales, Sonora, Smile Train - surgeries for children with cleft palate/lip around the world.

**Others 2019:**

Two senior centers for low income seniors in Colombia.  
Shelter for abandoned girls in Medellin, Colombia.  
Youth group/family center in Cali, Colombia.

Sincerely,

**Angela Roll**

President Club Colombia de Tucson



**Fifth Sunday Fundays - Mark your calendars!**

Coming **March 29!** On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, (except when it is a holiday weekend), we will have one service combining elements of both services. The service will be at 8:30 AM, followed by a potluck brunch/lunch. Some getting to know you activities will happen, as the main focus will be getting to know one another. You are invited to sit with people you either don't know or want to get to know better! Looking forward to seeing you!



## Community Outreach Events / Announcements Continued

### Primavera Cooks

This OSLC men's ministry, meets **January 8, at 2 p.m.** to cook in the Activity Building kitchen. The cooks then go to the Primavera Men's Shelter to serve the dinner. Women from the church are asked to bake bundt cakes to be served for dessert. If you can help cook the meal or bake a bundt cake, please contact Mike Bonura at [bostmike37@yahoo.com](mailto:bostmike37@yahoo.com) or 520-907-9464.



### Mobile Meals of Tucson:

Every Friday OSLC delivers meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. New volunteers are needed for the *second Friday of each month*. Training is supplied. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Patty Sirls at 520.235.3527. A great way to represent OSLC & our community!

### Casa Maria Soup Kitchen

Our next Casa Maria Soup Kitchen project begins **January 11th** around 8:00am in the Activity Building Kitchen and Cafe. Please join our bologna sandwich makers and cookie baggers as we get it put together and help feed Tucson's homeless and less well-off. We're typically finished by 11am.



Thank you so much for your Family Day gift giving. The Holidays were made brighter for our TIHAN care partners and their families due to your generosity. Thank you for to Outreach for the donation of \$200 - Total giving this year approximated at \$936 - God Bless You All!



## *Community Outreach Events / Announcements Continued*

### **Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group and Arts Program.**

The Arts Program for persons with dementia continues to meet at Our Saviour's in the Activity Building. The program will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. This month's meeting date is **December 21**. Our Alzheimer/Dementia Caregiver Support Group will continue to meet at that same time and date, also in the Activity Building. Questions about the Caregiver Support Group can be addressed by calling the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter at 800.272.3000.



*Since 1985 Interfaith Community Services has been creating connections between faith communities and volunteers to serve seniors, disabled persons and individuals in financial crisis.*

The January Item of the Month is **Meals in a**

**Can** such as ravioli, chili, spaghetti and

meatballs. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the ICS Holiday Food Drive. Your donations made the holidays more enjoyable for many needy families. The ICS Food Bank thanks you for your continued support for the many people in our Community who go hungry every day. Have a Blessed New Year.



## *Women's Ministry*

### **CRAFTS IN SERVICE OF OUR COMMUNITY!**

**Quilters** will meet on **Tuesday, December 17** at 9 a.m. A time-honored tradition continues! Please contact Kathie Miller, at [kmmmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:kmmmiller@hotmail.com) for further information.

**Knit & Crochet.** Join us on **Wednesday, December 1**

**& December 15** at 1:30 p.m. We have been making and delivering warm garments for the homeless and needy, and shawls for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will gladly share our skills with beginners. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 1:30 p.m. in Our Saviour's Activity Building. Newcomers are always welcome, and we always need more yarn!



# OSLC Church Calendar for January, 2020

Please find the most recent calendar events by clicking on Calendar on our main page: [www.lutherantucson.org](http://www.lutherantucson.org)



## JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1 New Year's Day</b> Office Closed LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 9 am Pocket Rm SAA 12 Step Group 7pm AB5	<b>2</b> Office Closed JCCT Men's Bible Study 5pm Koch Nar Anon 6:00 pm AB5	<b>3</b> LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 9 am Pocket Rm Mobile Meal Offsite 12 Step Group AB5 Tucson Dream Church 7 pm Koch
<b>5</b> Chapel Worship 7:30 am Traditions Worship 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am AB Japanese Christian Community of Tucson 11 am Koch Folk Dancers 2 pm AB Cafe Tucson Dream Church 2 pm Koch Midtown Presbyterian Church 4 pm Sanctuary Over-Eater Anon 5:30 pm AB7	<b>6</b> LSS Sewing Group 8 am AB Main LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 10 am Pocket Rm Mindfulness Meditation 1:30 pm AB4 Recorders 5 pm AB Via De Cristo 6:15 pm AB5 Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Sanctuary SLAA 7 pm AB5	<b>7</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Patio Rm Ballet 4:30 pm AB8 Spanish Class 6:30 pm AB Cafe	<b>8</b> LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 9 am Pocket Rm Bible Study 10:30 am AB5 Staff Mtg 10:30 am Pat Rm Music Library Work 11:30 am AB Cafe Primavera 2 pm AB Kitchen SAA 12 Step Group 7pm AB5	<b>9</b> ALS Mtg 12 pm Pocket Rm JCCT Men's Bible Study 5pm Koch Nar Anon 6:00 pm AB5 Chancel Choir 7pm Sanctuary	<b>10</b> LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 9 am Pocket Rm Mobile Meal Offsite 12 Step Group AB5 Chick Flick 6 pm Tucson Dream Church 7 pm Koch
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*In the Spirit of Jesus, we grow in faith through worship and education while nurturing and serving God's Community.*



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**OUR WORSHIP TIMES**

7:30am—Chapel Communion  
 9:00am—Traditions  
 10:15am—Education & Fellowship



— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

This newsletter is published by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Do you have some news you would like to share with the congregation? Don't keep it a secret! Call the office or drop us an email and room-permitting, we'll try to get it in The Roadrunner for all to share!

Please read this edition of The Roadrunner and pass it on to someone you think might be interested in attending one of our many activities or joining us for worship.

Deadline for submission of articles or other information is the 15th of next month. For the Sunday Announcement page, the deadline is 5pm Tuesday prior to Sunday.

## *Community Outreach Events / Announcements Continued*

### *Experience "Ballet Plus"*

Are you thinking of doing something new and fun in 2020? Join Ms. Ellie's "Ballet Plus" Class and explore the World of Dance! Although the format is Senior-Focused, all are welcome. No experience necessary. Class is held 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesdays in AB8. To register and/or get more information, call: 520-310-9871. Thank you!



### *Annual Meeting on January 26!*



Mark your calendars!  
A single joint worship will take place on Sunday, January 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary with Annual Meeting to follow!

### *Additional Opportunities*

**7 AM - Tuesday Men's Bible Study** meets weekly in the Patio Room. All men of Our Saviour's - please come join us for a spiritual lift! Please contact Dean Bell at 520.850.4135 for more information and any questions you may have.

**10:30 AM - Wednesday Bible Study** meets weekly in the AB8. Please come!





*Community Outreach Events / Announcements Continued  
For Life-Long Learning Experiences and Fellowship Fun*



**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION**

**Probing Paul's Peace** - "... the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding..." (Phil 4:7 NRSV). Join us in seeking both inner and world peacefulness every **Monday at 1:30 PM** in the Activity Building, Room AB4. Call Kevin 520-290-6949 for more information. Namaste.

**Nar-Anon Family And Friends Support Group:**

Nar-Anon is a support group for family and friends who know or have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone very near to you. Our program is based on the twelve steps of Nar-Anon. We work closely with Narcotics Anonymous. We will respect your confidence and anonymity as we know you will respect ours. We hope to give you the assurance that no situation is too difficult and no unhappiness is too great to overcome. Meets **weekly on Thursdays at**

**6:00 p.m.** in the Activity Building. Please contact Mary at 520.237.1799 or Vicki at 520.668.9040 for information.



**SPANISH CLASS**

Starting **January 7**, weekly on Tuesdays, 6:30 PM in the AB, led by Pastor Mateo Chavez. Please contact the church office for any questions: 520-327-6521.



### U OF A FOOTBALL PARKING!

GOING TO A U of A GAME? Park at church and help our youth!

### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST!



On Sunday, December 8, Pastor Jeff Kallevig and his wife, Karin, served up an amazing pancake Christmas breakfast for the OSLC congregation. Thank you to everyone who came and made this special event a success! Merry Christmas, OSLC!



A huge thanks to our own Facilities Technician, Mark Valenzuela, and Steve VanMeter, Publications Coordinator, for the amazing Christmas Curio Cabinet display in the church office. We hope you all enjoyed it this holiday season!

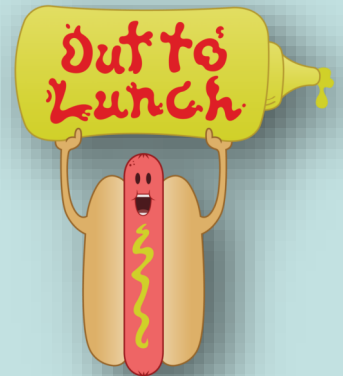




# SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday School returns January 5 - 10:15 am!** 1yr olds thru 4 yr. olds accompanied with a parent or guardian meets in AB1. Kindergarteners – 8th graders meet today after worship in the Activity Building for opening prayer! High School youth meet in the Youth Center. Parents may pick up youth in the AB Sunday School hallway. No Sunday School January 26.

**SR. LEAGUE** high school  
**OUT TO LUNCH~** Sunday, January 19, 11:15 a.m.  
We'll decide where to go when we meet! Bring money for lunch! Let JJ Ryan know if you plan to attend.



Happy New Year!



Happy New Year &  
Here's to new beginnings!  
The best is yet to come!



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## News From the Office

By Kathryn Barrera,  
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone!

Happy New Year! Christmastime is over which is always bittersweet. We had a large pile of beautifully wrapped gifts for the Angel Tree children that I loved seeing outside my office each day. I'm definitely sad that the holidays are over but I am very excited to see what's in store for 2020! My hope is that you make your New Years' resolution really meaningful this year. Challenge yourself to do random acts of kindness. Whether that means paying for someone's coffee in the drive-thru behind you, or purchasing fast food gift cards to give to the homeless, or taking the time to visit with someone in a nursing care facility. There are countless things that take very little effort on your part but can completely brighten someone else's day. We never truly know what others are dealing with in their lives and how one small act of kindness can change them for the better.

Always strive to be a better person than you were yesterday.

- Kathryn

