



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Happy New Year

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A congregation cannot function without engaged and connected leaders of all kinds. This past year, the Council and I have been reading and reflecting on the same passage from Romans 5 each month to begin our meeting. Many of us resonate especially with Romans 12:4-5... "For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

These verses speak to the variety of ways we engage as a community of faith – as leaders, followers, learners, teachers, and so many other ways. I'm especially grateful for all the ways the congregation leads throughout the year. Sometimes that is through the act of jumping in where needed – like the time I drove by late in the day and saw two members out front taking care of weeding in our parking lot. And sometimes it is the day in, day out work of making the congregation function smoothly. We're fortunate for office volunteers, a committed altar care team, and numerous worship and group leaders week in and week out.

As 2022 draws to a close, I want to especially thank two leaders who will be finishing significant roles with the congregation. In January, **Amy Fatzinger** will complete a year of serving as Council President and six years on Council (two three-year terms). Amy has been a profound gift to the congregation as she provides valuable insight, leadership, and care for our community. **Quentin Peterson** has also finished serving two three-year terms on the Endowment Committee, most recently as Committee Chair. Quentin has provided important leadership with our community outreach ministry work for many years. Please join me in thanking Amy and Quentin for taking on such significant leadership roles with the congregation. Our Constitution includes term limits for Council and the Endowment Committee to encourage new leadership and to avoid too much burden on any one person. We wish Amy and Quentin some holy rest before they discern new ways of serving Our Saviour's in the future.

As we look ahead to January, we will have many ways to engage in conversation about our life together. We will begin strategic planning led by a core planning team, with input from the Council and the congregation. We will discuss and approve our 2023 Mission Spending Plan (budget) as part of our Annual Meeting on February 5, 2023. I look forward to all the ways we will examine and grow as a community in this coming year as we seek to make this a place where all feel as welcome and comfortable as each of us has felt.

Finally, I am so grateful for the many ways you have supported David and me this year. We are truly grateful for all you do for us and one another.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Amalia

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

Council Corner

December 13, 2022



How fast 2022 has flown by! Wow! You may be reading this as the year draws to a close or as the new year begins. This is a good time to reflect on all of our blessings!

At our December council meeting, we continued working on developing the 2023 budget which we will ask the congregation to ratify at our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023 immediately following a single service set for 9 am. If this date hasn't made it to your 2023 calendar already, please make sure to enter it now!

Working on the budget is facilitated by your Statements of Intent. If you have not yet turned in your intentions for 2023, you can still do so. Just stop by the church office or call to find out how you can accomplish this online.

Our current financial situation remains strong for the end of the year. If you planned to make an end of year donation, make sure you get it to the church before the end of the year. (Hopefully you are reading this before Jan 1!!!!) Any contributions received on or after Jan 1, 2023 will be counted towards your taxes for NEXT year. We cannot postdate. We have had our two vans evaluated (thank you Adam Delaossa) and are looking at donating one for use by a sister congregation and/or Cruzando Fronteras for their border ministry, and selling one.

Important dates to add to your calendars:

- Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023: Workshop will be focused on the proposed budget for your consideration prior to the annual meeting
- Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023: Nordic Choir; housing needed for these students; sign up available in the church office
- Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023: Annual congregational meeting

Blessings to all!

Your OSLC Church Council



Thank you for the TIHAN gifts

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts, gift cards or cash donations to make Christmas brighter for people living with HIV or AIDS. Our Saviours Lutheran Church is a congregational partner for TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network.) TIHAN is a non-profit which provides support and resources for Care Partners, who are Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS and their families. With your help, our congregation contributed over \$2,000 worth of gifts for Care Partners. Most of these individuals live below the federal poverty line and are so appreciative of the help and care they receive. Your generosity is a blessing!



Thanks for supporting the holiday food drive. Many struggling families were able to enjoy the holidays because of your generous donations. The Food Bank is always in need of in-date, canned, packaged and 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.



Sophia's Section - by Sophia Rankin,

Minister of Community Engagement

December was jam-packed with activities, with opportunities every week to prep for the holiday season. On the 18th, some of our youth met at Pastor Rebecca's house in Winterhaven for some cocoa and treats before heading out together into the festive neighborhood. Our calendar will once again start to fill up as we enter the new year, beginning with our All-Congregation Skate Country excursion on January 22nd. We will meet there and enjoy some time together from 2-4 PM. All are welcome, even those who do not wish to skate but are looking for some quality community-bonding time. We will also host a meeting in January with parents of our youth to discuss our summer trip; details to be confirmed via email. Please continue to check the E-News for updates on all youth and congregational activities throughout this month. Happy New Year!



In peace,
Sophia

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Sunday WORKSHOP

Learn + Engage + Serve

Jan 1 - No Workshop

Jan 8 - Social Time & Tithely How-To (E-giving)

Jan 15 - Talking About Race - AB

Jan 22 - 2023 Mission Spending Plan (Budget) Discussion - AB

Jan 29 - Conversation with Rev. Jacqui Pagel - Assistant to the Bishop, Grand Canyon Synod

All Workshops take place in the Activity Building.

Online Offering

We have partnered with the ELCA and Tithely to offer secure online giving. Scan the image below using your smart phone to make your offering.



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Sunday Schedule

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

January Special Events

1/28 - **Conference Gathering 1-3:30p.m.**
1/29 - **Luther College Nordic Choir 4p.m.**
Want to help? Contact Steve

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

We hope you enjoyed our beautiful music in December! We are thankful for all the work our members and guests artists put into it to make our services memorable. In January we will have the opportunity to hear both the Chancel Choir and one of our guest sopranos, Olivia Blackman again, as well as violinist Daniel Worms.

We also look forward to hosting the Luther College Nordic Choir on Sunday, January 29th at 4:00PM. Stay tuned!



Best,
Greta Pasztor