



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Dear OSLC:

When I said “yes” to being your interim pastor for the summer, our world was in a different place. It never occurred to me that we would not have the opportunity to worship together in the sanctuary. <INSERT DEEP SIGH> For many of us, this may be the longest we have gone without communal worship in our lives. I encourage you to move beyond this grief and ask yourself, “Why do I miss worship/church? What meaning does it give to my life? What do we have to offer the world?” As the old adage says, sometimes we don’t know how much we miss something until it is gone!

Soon another interim pastor will come to Our Saviour’s and I pray this is a season you can further explore interim questions like these. As I have joked with many of you, I hope you remember me fondly as your “COVID pastor” :-). It wasn’t what we intended for the Summer of 2020---but alas the Holy Spirit does her incredible work of stirring, shaping and calling us back out into the world.

I am thankful for many of you that have stopped by the office, sent letters & emails and volunteered on teams during this transitional time. I pray your anxiety has reduced and you are now able to enter fully into a season of discernment, reflection, and exploration about the next chapter of Our Saviour’s journey in your 75th year.

Finally, I pray we could continue to deepen relationships between Our Saviour’s and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona. It has been a gift to hear so many of your stories of connection to U of A as alums, faculty, staff, music-lovers, sports or theatre fans. You are uniquely positioned as the closest ELCA church to the university therefore I pray it will always be a part of your identity. It is a holy calling of hospitality, curiosity, and accompanying young adults through a vital passageway. I plan to still be involved with OSLC in the coming years so hope this conversation continues.

Peace,  
Pastor Rebecca Boardman



## OSLC Worship Plan for Pandemic Times

### Goals:

- Resume worship services
- Celebrate communion
- Include those who cannot come to the campus
- Provide opportunities for fellowship, Christian study, and community service
- Reduce the chance of transmission of infection between church members and our guests

### Current capabilities:

- Koch Chapel can host up to 12 people with the patio doors open during services
- The main sanctuary can host at least 30 people with good spacing
- The AB building could host at least one circle of up to 8 people; we could consider having two places with two separate entries (off the east yard, and through the main west door).
- The youth center has shade, seating, and misters if some people prefer to participate in services outside.

**Welcoming:** We will designate adequately spaced seating with more of a “please sit here” than a “don’t sit there” message. Hymnals have already been safely stored away, and the bulletins include the entire service.

**Music:** We will continue to find accompaniment in ways that bless our space with sacred music, inspire our hearts, and lift praise to God. We may be practicing some new percussion skills with our hands and feet!

**Communion:** We have been able to purchase individually packaged sets of grape juice with a wafer, even some that are gluten free. These can be placed at the entry way to the sanctuary as worshippers enter the sanctuary. We will strategically place lined trash bins for easy disposal.

**Tithing:** We will have baskets at the rear of the sanctuaries to allow members to drop offering envelopes. Our ushers will bag the envelopes and place the bag into the safe at the end of the service according to the usual procedure. Online contributions are encouraged!

**Technology:** We are testing our IT capacity for live webcast and recording of a service from either Koch chapel (7:30 am service) or the main sanctuary (9 am service) in the last week of June. We will also test the capability to project the live broadcast into the AB building or opposite sanctuary with current assets on campus.

**Outreach:** We have been collecting the names and addresses of those members who wish to participate from home, and their access to internet and video. It is our sincere desire to include everyone who wishes to participate, even if that means sending an “ambassador” with IT capability, loaning out tablets with hotspots, or relying on written communication and dvd recordings. We have rather good historical examples of St. Paul, the disciples and the early church managing physical distance!

**Cleaning:** We have a contracted cleaning service that cleans on Saturdays. The supplies they use meet CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfection. We will provide a checklist and gloves, cloths, and disinfectant for volunteers to use to wipe down commonly touched surfaces after group use (including worship or small group meetings).

**Volunteerism:** We will continue to need lectors, ushers, sound booth operators, and acolytes. Some volunteers may take up a little extra responsibility.

The altar guild will continue to prepare communion prior to the service. We can pre-position communion in smaller numbers for each designated space (i.e. 10 for Koch chapel, 25 for sanctuary, 8 for the AB, etc.). Our flower artist can continue as per normal routine, as can those who make sure the seasonal banners and altar cloths are placed.

Acolytes should take home their robes to launder and use for the season.

Ushers will be asked to open the space, make sure seating is spaced appropriately, to place extra hand sanitizer, Kleenex, trash cans and extra masks out, to make sure the bulletins are easily picked up upon arrival, and to perform some sanitizing of door handles, etc. We have a checklist!

We will need a volunteer to make sure bathrooms are wiped down after services.

We will need a volunteer facilitator for any small groups to make sure this checklist is completed.

Our Youth Ministry team is looking for some new folks to volunteer! See the section below for children.

We will need a volunteer to make sure that the publications are stocked and easy to pick up in a sanitary fashion (i.e. The Word in Season).

**Bathrooms:** We may not have all bathroom areas open at the same time to make sure we can wipe down door handles, faucets etc. between use. If the two sanctuaries and the AB building are all simultaneously used (that is 50 worshippers, which would be GREAT!), each group will have a designated bathroom attendant and usher to make sure we can sanitize effectively. The bathrooms will have disposable paper towels that do not require touching of handles, buttons, or levers to dispense.

**Children:** will be welcomed but expected to stay with their adult chaperones during the service. Nursery and Sunday School will be opened when the time is right.

We can offer items that can go home with the child (i.e. crayons and the children’s bulletin) but will not maintain the loaner cloth play bags during this time. We have a curriculum with weekly lessons and craft ideas, and lots of supplies in a beautifully organized supply room. We would love to build some “activity bags to go” that are developmentally appropriate to give to children who come to church.

**Sunday School/Adult Forum:** There is not a current plan for resuming fellowship and Christian study outside of worship. We have been talking about forming a number of small study groups who can take up an issue of the day (racism, prison reform, grief, parenting, marriage, there are so many!) and study that issue with a biblical perspective over several weeks. The idea is to create a “pod” of fellow Christians that convene regularly but limit any individual’s exposure to 6 -8 people. If you have an interest in leading a small group, please contact us.

Prepared by Olga Ryan, Gloria Schmidt, Bonnie Phelps, Sheila Bustamante, Pastor Rebecca Boardman

## Council Corner

June 28, 2020



While we've all been worshipping from home and joining together for fellowship through Zoom Coffee Hours, much work has been going on around the OSLC campus. When you return to Our Saviour's you'll find an updated nursery, new security cameras, freshly painted lines on the north parking lot, freshly painted AB hallways, and some electrical upgrades in spaces in our rental houses. Our finances have been holding steady and continue to look strong in the big picture; for this reason, the Council determined that it was not necessary for the church to accept an Economic Injury Disaster Loan available through the U.S. Small Business Administration. We are, however, pursuing an opportunity for a tax credit of \$15,518 for the second quarter of 2020. Still, we're monitoring both our expenses and income carefully, and we're deferring some additional maintenance projects around OSLC for the time being. We also wanted to let the congregation know that we were invited to consider purchasing the property at 1934 Mabel for \$454,000, but the Council felt the congregation was not in a position to make such a purchase during this time. Thank you so much for remembering to give online or by checks mailed to the church office.

We were glad to see that so many of you have taken the time to update your contact information with the church, and to complete the survey for the congregation. Thank you! (If you haven't completed the survey yet, you'll find a copy of it right here in the newsletter.) We understand that many members are looking forward to worshipping together again. A committee is in place that is working on plans for safely resuming in-person worship when the time is right (unfortunately, given the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in our community, the time isn't quite right yet). In the meantime, we also wanted to share an update regarding next steps during this transitional time between pastors at OSLC. As you may recall, Pastor Rebecca will need to return to her full-time position at the University of Arizona when the semester begins. The Council, therefore, is presently in conversation with another interim pastor who would be able to see us through the transition and guide us as we call a new pastor during the coming year. We will keep you informed as more details become available.

Especially during this time of so many changes and transitions, it is good to remember the words we've all said together so many times: "God is good all the time. And all the time, God is good." Please join us in continuing to pray for our church and community. In Christ—

**Report respectfully submitted,  
OSLC Church Council**

## LSS News



Thank you so much for your support of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, especially during this tumultuous time. When the COVID-19 pandemic started, we knew that we would have to quickly adapt to meet emergency needs for our clients. You have responded in a big way, providing donations that have been distributed to over 200 people in need so far. Here are some updates on LSS-SW programs during COVID-19:

The pandemic caused 45% of our refugee clients lost their jobs. LSS-SW has helped 76 adults in Tucson apply for unemployment support, as well as SNAP (food stamps), rental and utility support. We've also received support to provide technology for refugee students navigating online school for the first time. Our refugee women's sewing program started making masks and this provides sustainable income for 30 people in Tucson. Masks from the Women's Empowerment Program can be purchased here: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/refugeemade/>

We continue providing essential care to older adults through meal deliveries, grocery shopping, and in-home personal care to over 1,000 individuals in Southern Arizona. The need for Meals on Wheels and shopping services has increased dramatically, with a 41% increase in meals delivered in March alone. Older adults have reported increased feelings of isolation over the past few months. You can make a difference by writing a handwritten note to a client and by praying for the people we serve.

For more information about LSS-SW and ways to get involved, reach out to Heidi Urbina at 520-668-4916 or [hurbina@lss-sw.org](mailto:hurbina@lss-sw.org). You can also visit our website at [www.lss-sw.org/for-churches](http://www.lss-sw.org/for-churches). Thank you for your continued support, and for showing Christ's love to our neighbors. You make this work happen!

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# News From the Office

By Kathryn Barrera,  
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone!

Hope you all are doing well and had a nice Father's Day. Things here at the office are moving forward. Our nursery project has been a big focus lately and we are so grateful for the volunteers who have helped us clean it out and paint the walls! We have also installed security cameras throughout the campus to hopefully help with vandalism. So far they have been working great and when I come in to review them each morning I get to see lots of bugs that set off the motion sensors and a few cats that hang around the memorial garden.

I think that's all for now.  
Stay safe and have a wonderful 4th of July!

- Kathryn

Total Income & Expense through May, 2020	
Income	\$279,383
Expense	\$260,982

