



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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We begin this month with Pentecost, celebrating the way the Holy Spirit is with us, as we are. From *Sundays and Seasons*, “Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ’s love and the freedom of God’s grace with all the world.” Where is God leading you to live out your faith?

While the daily pattern of life may slow this month, we are already preparing for the fall. I’m delighted to share we are rebuilding our music ministry with the arrival of Gréta Pásztor as the Director of Music Ministry. Gréta will be with us Sunday mornings as our primary accompanist (piano and organ) and directing the choir. We’re excited about Gréta’s experience, energy, and vision for music ministry as we seek to combine a broad range of music styles in worship. Strengthening our ministry programs was part of our congregation’s ministry initiatives for this year. This is a very exciting step as we build upon and expand the wonderful music tradition at Our Saviour’s.

I’m also beginning conversations about educational and faith formation activities for all ages this fall. Do you have gifts and interest in teaching and sharing your faith with young humans? Please reach out for a conversation with me if you feel called to teaching, especially with young people.

We continue to enrich our partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry. LCM recently held a very successful Arizona Gives day, raising funds to update the kitchen in the Campus House. The endowment fund at Our Saviour’s is also providing funds for this project. We’ll hear more from Pastor Rebecca this summer about their growing ministry plans. We hold in prayer Pastor Rebecca, the Board, and students of Campus Ministry as they grieve the death of beloved board member and LCM alum, Heidi Gerrish (more info inside). We pray with the Gerrish family, and the many communities in grief.

Thank you for the many ways you serve the congregation and grow alongside one another. Our country continues to experience awakening and pain through horrific events such as the shooting in Buffalo on May 14. May Christ be present in our words and actions with love, listening, confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Pastor Amalia

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



Council Corner

May 17, 2022

Hi OSLC!

An exciting council meeting in May, as we gathered together in person for a council meeting for the first time since forever! Secretary Kathy was out of town, but was able to join via zoom. Technology is great for this!



Hopefully by now, you have read the email or heard the announcement in services that we have hired a new director of music ministry, Gréta Pásztor. Exciting times coming! Stay tuned for details!

Also new member classes have been happening and new members will be received on Pentecost Sunday.

Council heard from the property committee concerning the roof issues and have decided to proceed with some of the repairs. For now, we will be having the flat roofs resurfaced and will address the issue of the leak over the sound booth in the sanctuary. We will then be prepared for the monsoons and be able to decide what further roof items need to be addressed.

We received a very nice bequest from the Jo Musser-Krauss estate which Jo had designated for the endowment fund and the outreach programs it supports. What a wonderful gift and continuing support from our dear Jo.

The sale of the Olsrud condo is progressing and will hopefully close in the next few weeks. As many hoped, the prospective buyer plans to live in the condo himself (not an investment/rental). Lois, also, continues to bless us through her bequest.

We plan to maintain the current Covid protocol and will monitor and adjust as needed.

Exciting news, right??? Your continuing financial support is enabling us to move into the future with confidence. Thank you!

Blessings to you all!
Your OSLC Church Council



ICS Food Bank needs to stock the shelves for the upcoming summer months. Families are still facing many challenges especially with children out of school. Canned and packaged non-perishable food items such as canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, beans and personal hygiene items are needed. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.





Diakonia Retreat: Life of Faith Initiative

June 25 – 26, 2022

Presenter: Rev Dr. Craig Nesson
Academic Dean, Professor of Theology and
Ethics Wartburg Theological Seminary

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ
1212 E Glendale Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Saturday, 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Sunday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

You will join in several interactive presentations that will help you enhance your church community by offering a substantial encounter with God. You will leave with ideas on how serve our neighbors, where ever you encounter them and to make positive changes in your life and your church.

Cost: \$60.00 – Includes Dinner on June 25th and Breakfast & Lunch on June 26th

Register at: <https://www.diakonia.education/> > Events/Retreat

More information on Life of Faith Initiative here: <https://lifeoffaith.info/>

Everyone is welcome! You need not be a Diakonia student or graduate to attend.

Questions? Contact admin@diakonia.education

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June Birthdays

- 6/1 - Monica Cook
6/6 - Gloria Schmidt, Joseph Sierra, Richard Sierra
6/8 - Joyce Gillespie
6/9 - Willem Moss
6/10 - Otto Krueger
6/11 - Patricia Alvord
6/13 - Marilyn Blankenship
6/15 - Matthew Krueger, Gail Stern
6/19 - Eric Ebert 6/22 - Sara Jones 6/23 - Rick Walter, Sarah Walter
6/24 - Michael Hellon 6/25 - Daniel Witten
6/26 - Jerry Larsen, Sally Ryan 6/28 - Nancy Redman, Ralph Saxlund
6/30 - Jessica Lamberton



June Wedding Anniversaries

- Jerry & Dolores Cannon - 6/6/1953
Alan & Cindy Bales - 6/17-1989
Donny & Christine Newman - 6/20/1992
Richard & Catherine Steffel - 6/20/1998
Rickie & Ellie Thornhill - 6/29/1985

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In Memoriam: Heidi Gerrish

We lift up in prayer the friends and family of Heidi Gerrish. Heidi died at the scene of an automobile accident Saturday morning, May 21, 2022, while traveling to her sister Julie's graduation from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Also in the car were her friend Justin, and her brother and sister-in-law, Stephen and Katherine, who were all injured in the head-on collision with a driver going the wrong way on the freeway. Those three have varying severe injuries requiring surgeries and extensive care. The family requests prayers for everyone involved in the accident, as their outcomes become clearer.

Heidi was a board member of the University of Arizona Lutheran Campus Ministry, and worked with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest as Communications Coordinator in the Fund Department. She and her family are well-known to many in the synod and very active in congregation, synod, and churchwide ministries.

- *Grand Canyon Synod, In Memoriam, News*

From Psalm 46 -

*"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble...
...the Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge"*



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