



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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A pastor's thoughts on the kingdom of God.

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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, the Holy Spirit, and our Lord Jesus the Christ.

I am writing you with some exciting news, although I understand your excitement may be different than mine as I share this with you. I have been offered a Call to be the senior pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools in North Hollywood California. After a purposeful discernment process, I have chosen to accept this new Call.

Together we have shared the ministry of Our Saviour's for five and a half years, you and I, and it has been an amazing ride. Thank you for sharing yourselves with me, and my family, so generously.

As I move into a new season of my ministry, you now do the same. What comes next in the ministry of OSLC is up to you. I am confident you have the tools you need for the journey ahead. The Apostle Paul's words are my words for you today...

"[I am] confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6)

Thank you for your faithful ministry of the Gospel and your partnership in the work we have done together.

I am working with the Church Council on the specifics of our transition and anticipate my final Sunday leading worship with you will be Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. During the time of interim ministry the synod staff will be great resource and walk along side you. Bishop Hutterer and her staff are wise and want what's best for you. I hope you will trust them as they go through this transition with you.

With any transition there will, of course, be many emotions that come along with it. As we make our way through those emotions, and as we seek closure, I ask your forgiveness for all the places I may have come up short in my ministry with you. And know that God's grace and forgiveness have always been abundant in our relationship.

In these weeks we have left I would like to say thank you and goodbye to each of you personally, but I know I may miss some of you. I want you each to know how much I care for you, and I thank you for caring for me. You mean so much to me, and I wish each of you the very best of God's blessing and peace.

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7)

Peaceinallplaces,<><
Pastor Jeff



Council Corner

February, 2020



February was the first meeting with the newly elected Council members for this year and our first order of business was to appoint Steve Goetting to the vacant Council position. Thank you Steve for your willingness to serve. Then we elected officers. Sheila Bustamante will be president, Bonnie Phelps will be vice president and Amy Fatzinger will be secretary. Thank you each for your willingness to serve.

The Council also heard of the progress being made to repair the plumbing at San Juan Bautista. Last month we gave them an emergency grant to fix their aged plumbing that had all gone bad at once. We also were reminded of the upcoming anniversary celebration that starts with our Beer & Brats event Saturday 2/29, 11:am-1:pm. Funds raised will also go to support San Juan Bautista.

In the next month you will hear about the timeline for the Council bringing a proposal to the congregation to address the loan from the Mission Investment Fund.

And finally, it is with mixed emotions that we received the notice that Pastor Jeff has accepted a new call and will be leaving us after Easter. While we are sad to see him go, we are also excited for him and the new challenge ahead. We will be consulting Bishop Hutterer about the interim process and will keep you all informed as we move forward. We trust God in all that lies ahead.

**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.

Music Ministry Continued

The music program here at OSLC has been very successful in expressing God's Love and Truth as we gradually head towards the Lenten season. Ever since the cries of Jesus's infancy during Christmas and Epiphany, to now the public ministry of his adulthood, there are a few points I wish everyone to ponder and think upon leading up to Lent.

1. What is the purpose of music at OSLC? If we were to lose it all tomorrow, what would we have lost?
2. What are we singing when we sing songs and hymns? Is it enough to have a melody, or do the words matter?
3. Why does it matter that we sing together? What is the purpose of our liturgy? Is there a thread of continuity throughout the service?

In cultures all over the world, a sign of unity and community is in the public singing of folk songs and treasured odes. In our Church culture, we nonetheless sing our songs as an expression of unity. However, our expression reaches beyond the created world, the political boundaries of our land, and the epochs of people. Our song unifies our spirits in the divine church, an eternal church, of both the saints of old, those alive now, and the ones not yet to be seen. We proclaim the spiritual heritage of our God and creator of the universe. We sing boldly and profess the goodness, grace, and love of God. We herald the triumphant message that "God's Love always wins."

Whether we are singing on Sundays in the choir, singing in the congregation, ringing bells, nurturing our children through music, standing to meet our God and creator through the liturgy, or resting in the grace God provides in our meditations and prayers, we profess through our actions and voices what we believe about God and the great news of Jesus: His love conquers all. Oh, what a peace and assurance that is! I encourage you to look to this Sunday and our activities during the worship service as a reminder of our spiritual bonds and our love for one another, for God, and for our neighbor.

- Josh Nichols
Music Leader



Community Outreach Events / Announcements

Primavera Cooks

This OSLC men's ministry, meets **March 11, 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 Matthew Krueger at matthewkrueger@yahoo.com or 520-241-4182 .



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 **March 7** 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.



Fifth Sunday Fundays - Mark your calendars!

March is one of those months that have five Sundays---and you know what that means! Time for Sunday Funday! It will be on **Sunday, March 29th** after a single combined worship service at 8:30. A time to enjoy a brunch potluck and get to know other members of our church family! If you are interested in helping with the planning and/or set-up for this Funday (ideas or contributions to table decorations, help with set-up on Saturday, March 28th about 10 am, etc.) please contact Pam Hardman (520-326-7266) or Kathy DeVinney (520-419-4321).

Bring a dish to share and sit with someone you don't know or want to get to know better! Hoping to see our family members on March 29th!

SUNDAY
FUNDAY

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 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. This month's meeting date is **March 17**. 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 **March** item of the month is **canned meats** such as spam, tuna, canned chicken, etc. Our Congregation generously donated 1521 pounds of food and other items to the Food Bank in 2019. Hopefully we can top that in 2020. Please put donations including personal hygiene items in the shopping cart on the patio on Sundays. The Food Bank is also asking for bilingual English/Spanish children's books. Thanks for your support.



Women's Ministry

CRAFTS IN SERVICE OF OUR COMMUNITY!

Quilters will meet on **Tuesday, March 17** at 9 a.m. A time-honored tradition continues! Please contact Kathie Miller, at kmmmiller@hotmail.com for further information.



Knit & Crochet. Join us on **Wednesday, March 4 & March 18** 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 March, 2020

Please find the most recent calendar events by clicking on Calendar on our main page: www.lutherantucson.org



MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 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	2 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	3 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Patio Rm Ballet 4:30 pm AB8 Spanish Class 6:30 pm AB Cafe Diakonia 6:30 pm AB5	4 LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 9 am Pocket Rm Bible Study 10:30 am AB5 Knit & Crochet 1:30 pm AB SAA 12 Step Group 7pm AB5	5 JCCT Men's Bible Study 5pm Koch Nar Anon 6:00 pm AB5 Chancel Choir 7pm Sanctuary	6 LSS Refugee Employment Counseling 10 am Pocket Rm Mobile Meals 11 am Offsite 12 Step Group 5:30 pm AB5 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



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!



This year's Poz Café, held on February 20th, was co-sponsored by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and was a huge success! Thank you to all who attended and contributed.

Please check Ms. Ellie's TIHAN Table, located on the patio each Sunday in March, for information about TIHAN and needed care items. Thank you for your continued assistance!

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.



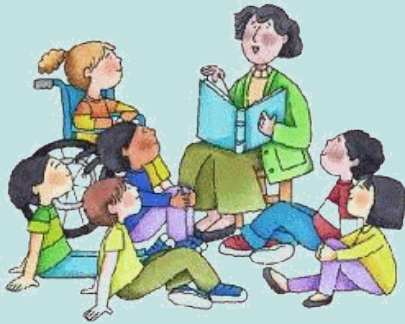
Nar-Anon Family And Friends Support Group: Nar-Anon is a support group for family and friends who know or have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone very near to you. Our program is based on the twelve steps of Nar-Anon. We work closely with Narcotics Anonymous. We 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

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.

***** Come One, Come All! *****



Sunday School - 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.

SR. LEAGUE high school

OUT TO LUNCH~ Sunday, March, 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.



FEELING LUCKY!

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8
Noon - KOCH CHAPEL



holy week



PALM SUNDAY 4/5
7:30 AM - KOCH CHAPEL
9:00 AM - SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY 4/9
6:30 PM - SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY 4/10
Noon, 6:30 PM - SANCTUARY

EASTER SUNDAY 4/12
7:30 AM - KOCH CHAPEL
9:00 AM - SANCTUARY

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News From the Office

By Kathryn Barrera,
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day surrounded by people you love. Thinking of things I love, Beers and Brats is almost here! Please come out and enjoy good food and good company. Proceeds are going toward San Juan Bautista Lutheran Church. Pastor Mateo and the rest of the church over there are very appreciative of all your efforts to help them out with their plumbing issues. Things here in the office are settling down to a nice routine. We are looking forward to a very fulfilling Lenten season and a glorious Easter. Keep an eye out for any announcements regarding special services or changes to the service times and don't miss out on another Sunday Funday at the end of March!

That's all for now.
Have a wonderful month!

- Kathryn

