



THE PULSE

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Our Ash Wednesday Gospel text ends with the words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

One of my mentors points out that we often get these words from Jesus mixed up — we think that give to things we care about. But Jesus makes a different point — we care about what we give our time and resources too. We'll be exploring this journey of the heart in the coming 40 days of Lent. I wonder what we could learn together by placing some of our treasure — imagination, passion, financial and human resources — towards

learning about and working to end hunger in our neighborhood in central Tucson.

As we journey together this Lent, we take up practices of praying, giving, and fasting from excess as make our way in the wilderness of our lives. We'll be using resources from ELCA World Hunger to journey with others toward a world where all are fed. I encourage you to check out our Midweek services this month – we'll be joining in singing Holden Prayer over the noon hour in Koch Chapel on Wednesdays. In the evenings, Lutheran Campus Ministry will be leading a service with song and prayer stations.

I invite you to slow down this Lent, to breathe deeply, to see the world around you. God is present in your wandering, leading towards the day when all who hunger will be fed.

Peace & joy,

Paster Amalia

Pastor Amalia Vagts
"Let all that you do be done in love."
(1 Corinthians 14:16)



Lent Worship with Our Saviour's and Lutheran Campus Ministry

Ash Wednesday – Noon and 6:15 pm - Sanctuary Joint Service: Our Saviour's & Lutheran Campus Ministry

> Mid-Week Services 12 & 6:15 – Koch Chapel

Palm Sunday & Holy Week
Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 10, 9:00 am
Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 15, 6:30 pm
Good Friday: Friday, April 16, Noon & 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 17, 7:30am and 9:00 am

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COUNCIL CORNER

February 15, 2022

Greetings from your OSLC Church Council

Sincere thanks to our outgoing council members, Bonnie Phelps and Michael Marty. Their dedicated service to OSLC is appreciated. Welcome to the new officers: Amy Fatzinger, president; Tracy Ratliff, vice president; Pam Hardman, treasurer; and Kathy DeVinney, secretary. Also welcome to our new council members: Angie Grandison and Patty Sirls and our returning members: Dave Johnson, Kris Sanchez, and Ginny Phillips. Please continue your support through your prayers as we chart the course forward.

As you may know, our handyman, Graham Sims, resigned for personal reasons. Until we hire a replacement, what can you do to help us out on our campus? Sunday morning help includes sweeping the patio prior to service and hospitality (preparing the coffee, tea, and water for after the service and cleaning up afterwards). During the week, there are many tasks that currently need volunteers to complete. Please contact the church office and/or Pastor Amalia if you can be of service or are curious about the tasks.

The memorial garden markers have been cleaned (Thank you Graham and volunteer Clare Johnson) and we will soon be ready to reattach them to the wall in the garden. We want to be diligent in grouping family members, etc...so if you would like to come into the office and check out the diagrams and assist with this, please contact the office.

We are also looking for additional help with the property and roofing committees---you do not need to have expertise in these areas, just an interest in our church and preserving it.

The attendance numbers, both in person and on-line, are increasing. Wonderful! We are currently still maintaining Covid protocols and we review at each council meeting, utilizing the current best information, to keep everyone safe during this time.

We were so blessed to have Lois Olsrud as a faithful member here at Our Saviour's for so many years. Her devotion continues, through her bequest to OSLC of her home, which the council has voted to gratefully accept on behalf of the congregation. We are currently determining how best to move forward with this wonderful gift.

Blessings, Your OSLC Church Council

TIHAN NEWS: Poz Café is coming in April
As in years past, OSLC will serve as a host congregation for TIHAN's
(Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) April Poz Café. The Poz Café is a

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· Weds, April 20: 8:30-10:30 am-to help prepare the care packages

· Weds, April 21: 9-10 am: Box up to-go meals

· Weds, April 21: 10 am-1 pm: distribute the meals and care packages

Note that volunteers must be covid vaccinated and boosted. Please contact Mary Durham-Pflibsen at marypflib@hotmail.com or 520-622-1983 if you can help or would like more information.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of TIHAN!



The Pflibsen family would like to thank the members of Our Saviour's for the outpouring of prayers and support during Betty Pflibsen's recent hospitalization and your comforting words and cards upon her passing. We are blessed to be part of such a caring faith community.



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Canned and packaged non-perishable food items such as canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, pasta and community pasta sauce, rice, beans and personal hygiene items services are needed. Please put items in the shopping cart

WHERE HELP BRINGS HOPE that is on the patio on Sundays.

ICS is now featuring a Mobile Food Bank to assist struggling families and individuals with transportation issues. The addition of the Mobile Food Bank makes it easier for individuals who are limited by their lack of available transportation to get to either site to pick up food. With the new Mobile Food Bank, ICS hopes to help rectify that problem. The

truck is custom built to distribute frozen meats and refrigerated items such as diary and produce. With new truck, ICS will be able to bring a full-fledged food bank experience directly to our clients in the areas where they live.



OSLC CHURCH COUNCIL 2022~2023
The Congregational Council met Tuesday, Feb 15 to begin their work for the coming year. The following people were elected to leadership roles: Amy Fatzinger (President), Tracy Ratliff (Vice-President), Kathy DeVinney (Secretary), Pam Hardman (Treasurer). Other Council members are: Angie Grandison, David Johnson, Ginny Phillips, Kris Sanchez, Patty Sirls.







March Birthdays 3/2: Carol Gerrard, Melyin Khan 3/6: Karen Struck

3/8: Pam Hardman, Ruth Strand 3/9: Isobel Barnhill, Janet Mattson, Alexis Mohler

r 3/12: Kristjian Anderson, Lauren Griggs, Kristine Rees, Nancy Rude yllis Mosley 3/15: James Hughes 3/10: Kathie Miller

3/14: Phyllis Mosley

Major 3/19: Deanna Bates, Edith Dunnigan, Charlotte Major, Brian Tagalog Jr. 3/18: Lilly Major

3/24: Betty Skudder 3/26: Evan Bizik, Kenneth Kohler,

Suzanne Swann, Zackery Wiegand 3/27: Patty Sirls 3/28: Natalia Hoerig

3/29: Martin Ďowayee 3/30: William Hewlett

3/31: Bettylou Gelt, Hannah Saunders

March Wedding Anniversaries Jason & Jolene Hepler - 3/2/1996

Bonnie Phelps & Cece Putman - 3/14/2014

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Lenten Wednesday Nights 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 6:15 pm Koch Chapel

The prophet Joel wrote: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young will see visions, your old will dream dreams." What a captivating image this paints! Alas, why must we wait until the "last days" to share our visions and dreams together? This Lent, we invite you to join in a mid-week Čampus worship with Lutheran intergenerational our student community. The service may be both familiar and different for you as it follows a contemplative style. We gather to sing Taize chants, reflect on Bible passages, and use prayer stations to connect with God through our senses. We will be using the ELCA World Hunger "A Way in the Wilderness" resource as our guide. You are invited to wander with our ancestors, longing for new life in a land of promise and opportunity. an outward expression of our faith, we are collecting food for University of Arizona **Food Pantry,** https://campuspantry.arizona.edu/ AND raising money to sponsor animals through ELCA Good Gifts/God's Global Barnyard. We hope you can join us this Lenten season to find hope in the Wilderness and share dreams of a more just world.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Rebecca Boardman pastor.lcmuofa@gmail.com



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