



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Pulse

- by Rev Amalia Vagts, Pastor

We have entered the season of Lent – a time for slowing down, for paying attention, for reflection. We are again collaborating with Lutheran Campus Ministries for Midweek and Holy Week services. This year, we're using worship resources from A Sanctified Art – a group of pastors and worship leaders who create ministry resources for congregations and communities.

Our theme is: **Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith**

A few reflections on the theme from the Sanctified writers:

The lectionary for Year A offers us many stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking: Nicodemus comes to him in the veil of night, Jesus approaches a Samaritan woman at a well, Jesus heals a man born without sight.

In these stories, each person is seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows.

And so, our series will be founded on questions....

Some of our weekly questions feel restorative (“Can these bones live?”). Some feel like a charge or challenge (“Who will you listen to?”). Some questions are hopeful and curious (“How do we begin again?”).

Our questions won't necessarily lead to answers, but they can help us find clarity and a new perspective. Ultimately, we pray they lead to a new beginning, a restoration, a wider grace.

Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we humans today are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance.

Each Wednesday in March, we will gather for worship in our Chapel:

12:15 - a contemplative time of reading, poetry, Centering Prayer, a soup meal.

6:15 - led by Lutheran Campus Ministry - thoughtful worship, warm community, a simple meal.

You are welcome to attend either service - or both.

Our special Lent offering this year will support UA Campus Food Pantry (food), ELCA World Hunger, and Cruzando Fronteras (a collaborative Lutheran-Episcopal-United Church of Christ border ministry).

In Christ,

Pastor Amalia

Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

(Romans 14:19)



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Council Corner

February 21, 2023

Greetings to our church family!



Your council met on February 21st to conduct the business of the church. Our first task was to elect council officers for the upcoming year. President: Tracy Ratliff, Vice President: Kathy DeVinney, Secretary: Ginny Phillips, Treasurer: Pam Harman. Please keep the officers and the entire council in your prayers as we strive to do God's work at Our Saviour's.

Each month, we open our council meetings focused on a Bible passage. This year, our passage for reflection is 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21. It is interesting to note how a single passage changes for each of us over the year. We also engage in discussion of a book each year. This year our book is Clear, Calm, and Connected by Paul Walters and Robert Holley, dealing with leadership for healthy congregations.

We decided on the direction for the special offerings that we receive during Lent. Any contributions received at the mid-week services or labelled "special Lent" will be earmarked for hunger both locally and world-wide. Our goal for this year is 80 pounds of food for the Lutheran Campus Ministry pantry that services students experiencing food crisis. Items may be brought to the Wednesday services or dropped off in the office anytime. Please label so these donations are kept separate from the Interfaith Community food bank items. Our monetary goal is \$800 which will be sent on to the ELCA world hunger program and locally to Cruzando Fronteras, a border ministry that is a collaboration of our ELCA-Episcopal Church-United Church of Christ

We received a \$5000 grant from the Grand Canyon Synod that Pastor Amalia had applied for in support of our upcoming Strategic Planning and expenses incurred for promotion and advertising of OSLC. Way to go Pastor!

We also adopted a Renter/Housing philosophy to share with our new property management team that aligns more closely with our mission in Tucson.

We will be forming a "governance team" charged with looking at our constitution, by-laws, and continuing resolutions to make sure that they align with the ELCA constitution. If you have any interest in this, please let pastor know.

Just a reminder: all are welcome to attend council meetings and participate in discussion (with the exception of any confidential, personnel issues which may come up). We'd love to see you!

Blessings to all!

Your OSLC Church Council

Sunday WORKSHOP Learn + Engage + Serve

5	Social Time on the Patio
12	Eric Cross (Primavera)
19	Rev. Adele Resmer (La Casa de Misericordia-House of Mercy)
26	Solveig Muus - Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Arizona

The Food Bank has ongoing need for canned, packaged and in-date non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



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**Sophia's Section - by Sophia Rankin,
Minister of Community Engagement**



February has been a whirlwind of emotions and adjustments, so hopefully March is kinder to our schedules! Since our last youth night had to be cancelled due to COVID19, we are looking forward to hosting our next one on March 22nd. Stay tuned for details as this will be in conjunction with our joint evening Lenten services with Lutheran Campus Ministry. Parents of our middle school youth: our Loveland trip reservation deadline is March 15th, so please confirm your child's attendance with me if you have not already done so. Many exciting opportunities are headed our way this month, so keep an eye out for announcements in the coming weeks.

In peace
Sophia

**Large Group Planning -
Saturday, March 11**



On Saturday, March 11, we'll gather from 1 - 3 pm in the Activity Building (Main Room) for a large-group conversation about the mission and ministry of Our Saviour's. This is part of the strategic planning work that the Council and others are leading this year to help us shape our vision and focus our ministry. You are invited to be part of this interactive afternoon.

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

In March we are featuring the OSLC Bell Choir and Chancel Choir, the trombone duo Kent Pflibsen & Asher Havenhill, and more! Our musical selections will help guide you through this year's Lent season.

Best,
Greta Pasztor



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Lent Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS

7:30am
Chapel Worship

8:30am
Sunday Workshop

9:45am
Sanctuary Worship



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WEDNESDAYS

12:15
Chapel

6:15
Chapel