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OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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May marks six months in our life together as congregation and pastor. The time has flown! We've experienced Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Holy Week together. We've held a stewardship appeal, our annual meeting, elected a new Council, said goodbye and hello to staff. We've had memorials, celebrations of life, a baptism, and a wedding (non-member). We received a wonderful and meaningful legacy gift from former member Lois Olsrud. You've continued with many small group ministries. I've been able to visit in person and on the phone with some in our congregation who are unable to attend in person (and will be doing more of these visits in the coming months). We've even tried some new bulletin layouts! (Feel free to groan). Through all of it, I hope we have approached one another with God's love in Christ and a spirit of compassion, honesty, kindness, and courage.

I'm very grateful for all who were able to step into leadership roles during Lent and Holy Week – both in worship and behind the scenes. It was so meaningful to collaborate with Pastor Rebecca Boardman and Lutheran Campus Ministry for this season. I loved seeing the mix of our congregations in worship and around the Our Saviour's campus. Pastor Rebecca and the Campus Ministry congregation planned a deeply meaningful Maundy Thursday service where we gathered for food, readings, prayer, and conversation. It was also wonderful to have Campus Ministry students join us as worship leaders on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Our community is changing! We're welcoming more visitors and will begin new member conversations this month. We've already said goodbye to some seasonal members and visitors, and I've heard more of you may head out for parts of the coming months (did someone say it gets hot here in the summer?). We continue in the liturgical season of Easter until Pentecost Sunday (June 5). We'll be using the joyful "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy and exploring themes of being called and sent through the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles.

As things quiet down a bit, I'm looking to finding ways to engage in person with those I haven't yet had the chance to meet or spend much time with. You'll read more about that in upcoming communications. The Council and I will be talking about what fall may look like as we hopefully continue to open up more and find new ways to be together. I am so grateful to God and to you for this time of serving as your pastor.

Pastor Amalia

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



Council Corner

April 19, 2022



Hopeful! Energized! Joyful! Respected! Intentional! Thankful! These are some of the words that came up during our April Council meeting in response to how we were feeling about OSLC as we move on as a congregation. It is an exciting time as we look to the future and what it holds for us!

Between the 7:30 and 9:00 worship services on Easter Sunday, we had about 160 join in worship to celebrate our risen Lord and Savior! Thanks be to God! This was the culmination of our Lenten journey and Holy Week. Many thanks to Pastors Amalia and Rebecca for their leadership during these times as well as to the many volunteers who organized and made the time meaningful...those who organized and made the food for the Wednesday services, the LCM for the Maundy Thursday meal, the many who stepped up to serve as worship leaders, coffee makers, patio upkeep, etc. You are all so appreciated!

We have had inquiries from some staff, friends who attend support groups, and others about bringing their pets on campus. We have developed a pet policy that must be filled out, evaluated by council, and then on a case-by-case basis approved prior to any pets being allowed on campus.

Lois Olsrud continues to bless this congregation with her generous gift of her home as a bequest since her passing last year. Thank you to those of you who stayed for the special congregational meeting following the service on April 3rd that allows us to progress with selling the property and dispersing the proceeds as Lois wanted for the benefit of the congregation and the missions we support. What a wonderful legacy she has provided that will continue into the future.

Due to all of you, our financial picture is solidly healthy. We continue to watch expenditures to keep a balance between income and out. We also continue to monitor the Covid-19 information using the Covid Act Now site for guidance.

Just a reminder---council meetings are open to all members to attend as guests (except when we discuss personnel issues). Minutes of past meetings are available in a notebook housed in the library for anyone who is interested.

Blessings to you all!
Your OSLC Church Council



Gerry Meyer's 100th Birthday

All are invited to help celebrate Gerry Meyer's 100th birthday on **Sunday, May 22** immediately after the service in the Activity Building. Please join us for lunch.



Emergency Assistance

Interfaith Community Services assist individuals and families with Emergency Financial Aid for housing, utilities, medications and other living necessities, along with short-term case management. Call ICS at 520-297-6049 for more information.

The food bank has ongoing need for canned and packaged 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.



May Birthdays

- 5/3: Emily Lashbrook
 5/6: Gloria Alvillar
 5/7: Nicholi Anderson, Betsy Boorse, Jack Masangu
 5/8: Emily Davenport, Sean Davenport
 5/10: Celia Major, Ron Rude
 5/14: Rodney Boorse
 5/15: Donna Hudson, Scott Koenig, Stephen Larson
 5/17: Thomas Wulff
 5/19: Gloriana Davidson Moss, Bonnie Morehouse
 5/20: George Yee
 5/21: Linda Taraldson
 5/22: Teagan Tyree
 5/24: Dorothy Burke, Olivia Odell, Roberta Sautter
 5/25: Marie Boucher, Zachary Phillips
 5/26: Maria Armstrong, Evan Williams
 5/27: Nancy Davis, Maija Downing, Harold Hahn
 5/28: Douglas Goodman, Andrea Kent
 5/29: Clarice Bales, Gerry Meyer
 5/31: Delores Brown

May Wedding Anniversaries

- Nick & Roberta Cajero - 5/16/1987
 David & Tara Harper - 5/17/1986
 Matthew & Terri Pupach - 5/25/1996
 Jim & Kristine Stevenson - 5/29/2004



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Dear OSLC:

April has been a busy month for our campus ministry! We wandered in the Wilderness together with our "intergenerational Wednesday Lenten worship" experiment and re-told the Passion story through the Maundy Thursday Agape Feast, Good Friday & Easter celebrations. THANK YOU to those of you who joined the Wednesday 6:30 pm & Maundy Thursday service for holy conversation, interactive prayer stations, and dinner laughter. We pray both our communities will continue to learn and grow from one another into the future. Together, we raised over \$2100 for ELCA World Hunger and collected 20+ bags of food for the U of A Food Pantry!

Secondly, during April we also raised \$5365 with 35 donations through Arizona Gives Day! We surpassed our goal which will allow us to replace the old appliances in the Campus House this summer. In fact, we're still collecting donations since we also want to replace the old cabinetry. We take our calling of "holy hospitality" seriously and need a better kitchen to offer meals to our community. To quote Mother Theresa, "God moves amidst the pots and pans of life."

This month we celebrate the graduations of 3 students: India, Mayra & Annika. Please hold them in prayer as they commence into their callings!

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