



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Recently in worship, we heard the story of an unnamed rich person and a poor beggar named Lazarus. While their lives were starkly different, they intersected at this point in the story:

"The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried." (Luke 16:22)

During the month of October, we will explore topics related to living and dying well.

These are not conversations only for those who are older, or who feel closer to the end of their lives. All ages can benefit from honest and open-hearted conversation about how we live and how we prepare for death. We will explore these topics during Sunday Workshop – a new community time from 8:30 – 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

We will begin on **October 2** when we celebrate the growth of our living congregation and welcome newcomers to the community. We will be welcoming about a dozen people who wish to join our community of faith. Typically, this kind of welcome occurs in the context of worship. We'll be bringing this part of "worship" into our Workshop time. We will gather on the patio for coffee and treats from 8:30 – 9:30. There will be a brief welcome service around 9:00 am.

On October 9th, we will gather in the Activity Building to share in conversation about generosity and giving. We'll have small group conversations, led by me and members of the Generosity Team. Coffee and treats in AB Café.

We will welcome **Karen McDonald from Interfaith Community Services on October 16th** to lead a discussion about Advanced Care Directives. Do you have one? Do you know where it is? Do you know what it is? Do your parents have one? These are important conversations to have with your loved ones. This is a two-part workshop – we'll continue with part two in November. Coffee and treats in AB Café.

On October 23, you'll have the chance to start thinking and planning your own funeral. I will lead this workshop and I promise to keep it lively and engaging as you are invited to think about the songs, readings, and rituals that are important to you. Coffee and treats in AB Café.

At the end of the month, **on October 30th, our young people, led by Sophia Rankin, will lead a worship about the Mexican tradition of ofrenda** ("offering") and home altars. We will be creating a memory altar together in the Chapel. Members are encouraged to bring photos and small items to honor your loved ones who have died.

I hope you will join as we examine our lives and our deaths together, resting in the promise of God who is everlasting, who is present in all.

Pastor Amalia

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



Council Corner

September 20, 2022

Hello siblings in Christ!

Your council had another productive meeting on September 20, 2022. We would like to share some highlights with you.

Our financial picture remains strong, thanks to your faithfulness.

Committees are working incredibly hard. Stewardship for All Seasons will be sharing their visions with you with their kickoff on October 16th. Please look for their information. Property Committee has been scouting around our campus for areas that need to be updated and/or brought up to snuff in repair. Our campus custodian, John, is undertaking many of these projects and has been repairing stucco, painting etc. The roof repairs on both the sanctuary and office/annex/chapel have been completed. In mid-October, the north parking lot will be resurfaced. At their suggestion, the council voted to sell our two vans which do not meet our church needs at this time and are costing us substantially in upkeep. We anticipate purchasing a smaller van type vehicle in the future that be useful for picking up parishioners and transporting smaller cargo. **If anyone in the congregation has expertise in vehicle selling/buying or knows of someone who could help, please contact the office/pastor and volunteer to help with this!!!**

We continue to monitor the Covid and flu situation and will modify as necessary with the safety of all of you our primary focus.

Do you know the outreach your church supports in our community and beyond? We received letters thanking us for our support from the Grand Canyon Synod; from our Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona; and from local

Agencies: Youth on their Own, Our Family Services, and Interfaith Community Services. And that was just from this last month!

REMEMBER OUR NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY SERVICES BEGINS ON OCTOBER 2ND!

There will be a service in the chapel at 7:30 and one in the sanctuary at 9:45. In between the services will be workshop time, which will vary from week to week. The first one, on October 2nd, will be a social hour, welcoming our new members received that day! How exciting to see our faith community growing and to welcome our new "family" members!

Blessings to you all,
Your OSLC Church Council



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

Hello everyone! You may know me as a musician singing and playing at Sunday morning services. I am also the new Minister of Community Engagement – a position where I will share, create, and encourage community experiences for growth and bonding. (One of my favorite ways to connect with people is live music, which Tucson is in abundance of! Kathy Harris, local radio host on 91.3 KXCI and local musician, runs a biweekly email newsletter featuring all the live music happening around Tucson. If you would like to be added to her mailing list, please email me at srankin@lutherantucson.org.)

October will be an exciting month to try new things and grow as a community. If you would like to get involved in some charitable work, the 2022 Walk to End Alzheimer's is a good way to volunteer and show support for those affected by the disease. It takes place on October 22nd at Reid Park, beginning at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in starting your own team, having one large congregational team, or getting more information on how to donate/participate, please email me and we can brainstorm together!

Finally, Our Saviour's Youth will begin setting up a traditional ofrenda in honor of Día de Los Muertos during our October 26th Youth Night. During Workshop on October 30th, we will welcome the congregation to add to the ofrenda by placing memorabilia, favorite foods, and photos of departed loved ones on the ofrenda our youth create. We will display these offerings until after our All Souls Service on November 6th. OSLC Youth and I will also be teaching about this holiday and its traditions during the October 30th Workshop.



With kindness,
Sophia



Job Hunting?

The Workforce Development Center can help with online job search, submitting applications, resume and cover letter writing and interview skills training. To schedule an appointment call Interfaith Community Services at 520-297-6049, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

The ICS Food Bank accepts donations of in-date canned and packaged non-perishable food items such as canned meats, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, beans and personal hygiene items. Please put items in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.



Dear OSLC:



Lutheran Campus Ministry
at University of Arizona

Philippians 1:3-5:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Just a note to say **THANK YOU** for all the ways you've welcomed Lutheran Campus Ministry to the OSLC campus and helped update the Campus House this summer! Fueled by bagels and generosity (despite the heat!) the space is dramatically improved through volunteer sweat. We can't wait for you to see the updated kitchen, bathroom and 13 gallons of paint we've applied! We've had 40+ volunteers help this summer, and we're especially thankful to these OSLC folks: Fred & Donna Hudson, Ginny Phillips, David Lester, Ann Devinney, Tracy Ratliff, Kent & Mary Pflibsen, AND Pastor Amalia & the OSLC Endowment. We **truly** could not have done it without you! Loving an old house is a lifetime process and we promise to care for this property well as long as we are here together.

We will be hosting an **Open House November 13 @ 8:30 am** and hope you can pop by to chat with students and see the improvements!

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca & LCM Community



October Workshop Activities Chart – Sundays 8:30–9:30am



	Workshop Activity	Location
October		
2	Social - Welcome Newcomers!	Courtyard
9	Generosity Conversations	AB Main
16	Advanced Care Directives 101	AB Main
23	Planning Your Own Funeral	AB Main
30	Creating an Ofrenda	Chapel



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New Sunday Schedule

7:30am

Worship in Chapel

8:30am

Workshop

9:45am

Worship in Sanctuary



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

Choir is back in season! We will sing every second and fourth Sundays and rehearse every Thursday night. We are excited to serve God and the congregation with our voices. In addition, we will have several guest musicians from the U of A bless us with their talents through the month of October. If you would like to join choir, or to share your gifts through a special music, please reach out to me, Greta Pasztor, at gpasztor@lutherantucson.org.

Best,
Greta Pasztor
Director of Music Ministries



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