



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Seventy-five years ago, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church was established to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Tucson. The mission began dependent on the promise of God that his love and Word would not return void.

Today, in there are many challenges not the least of which is a global pandemic the mission to share the love of Christ is still dependent on God who's promise is faithful. It is our trust in this promise gives us confidence and hope as we face uncertainty and fear.

As your interim and transitional pastor, it is my call to lead you into a conversation that will do the following:

1. Examine your history and help you to discover and affirm your roots.
2. Look into your congregational and community demographics.
3. Articulate a Vision and Mission for the future that are based on your Core Values.
4. Identify key leadership qualities and characteristics in the next pastoral leader.
5. Complete the congregational biography otherwise known and the Ministry Site Profile.

I will not be doing this work for you as a congregation, but with the assistance of a Transition Team appointed by the congregation council we will be doing this work with you. We want as many people as possible from the congregation to participate. The unfortunate challenge of this work is that it will be done remotely, because of the pandemic. However, you have stepped up to this challenge over the last months as your council and staff have continued to assist you to be church together while you are apart. Therefore, I have every confidence that we will be able to rise to this challenge and have meaningful conversations.

So, we rely on the one whose promise is faithful, and we trust God to keep those promises to bind us together and move us forward into the next 75 years of ministry in Christ's name.

May God bless our journey over these next months.

Pastor Len Hoffmann,  
Interim Pastor



## Council Corner

August 29, 2020



We're so pleased to share the good news that Pastor Len Hoffmann will be joining Our Saviour's (remotely) as our Interim Pastor on September 1. Pastor Len will lead us through this transitional time and guide us in the process of calling a new pastor to our congregation. Pastor Mateo, meanwhile, will continue as our Visitation Pastor, and he will also serve as needed when in-personal pastoral care is required in the congregation. During the past several weeks we've also been working to hire a new Facilities Technician, and anticipate that the position will be filled soon. We invite you to join us in sharing appreciation to all of our staff who have been going the extra mile behind the scenes to help OSLC navigate a pandemic and leadership changes as smoothly as possible, often while working from their own homes. They've been faced with some new tasks—and have had to find new ways to carry out their usual tasks—and they continue to meet each new challenge creatively and amiably. Some ways you can show your care and support for our staff include respecting their regular work hours, meeting deadlines, and as always, responding with patience.

As this long summer draws to a close, we're continuing to monitor OSLC's finances closely. As you might imagine both the pandemic and staff and leadership changes have affected a number of line items in OSLC's 2020 budget, but as a whole our financial picture remains strong. We've had some unexpected expenses, but also some unexpected savings, and so we remain approximately on budget for this point in the year. We did observe a dip in offering income during the summer months, though, and ask that you please remember to mail in your offerings or to arrange for online giving. Thank you for your continued generosity as we continue God's work.

Finally, we welcome Michael Marty to the Council; he has been appointed to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the year.

As we enter this new phase, welcome new leaders, and begin the exciting work of planning for our congregation's future, we remember God's blessings and trust Him to show us the way forward. Please join us in praying for our church and community.

**Report respectfully submitted,  
OSLC Church Council**

## Nursery Renovations Complete!



This was an exciting summer for the Our Saviour's nursery! Over the years, several layers of flooring had been added which ultimately caused ugly smells to linger. Thankfully, by removing several

layers of flooring and replacing it we fixed that pervasive problem. A fresh coat of paint (well, 5 gallons actually!) in a pale green with a dark blue accent wall brings the room together with custom Winnie the Pooh curtains. We have washable toys, books, a train table, a play kitchen, floor mats for play and a fun canopy play tent with cozy pillows. We also have an area for babies with a pack 'n play, changing pad station and other essential items. We hope to still add a kid-size table for crafts and snacks. We're delighted our OSLC quilters have some wall hangings to brighten up the walls with handprints from our Sunday School kids! We pray this is a safe, friendly space for kids visiting OSLC---either on Sundays, with the other churches or Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest. When the church building reopens we look forward to having an Open House!



Special thanks to MANY of you for your generous donations of volunteer labor, new cabinetry, toys and furnishings for the nursery. You have invested in a welcoming space for the youngest members of God's creation and for that we are forever grateful.



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# News From the Office

By Kathryn Barrera,  
Parish Administrator

Hello Everyone!

The nursery is finally finished!!! When I say finished, I mean that all the repairs and upgrades are finished. We still have a target registry and are still looking for some toys and things to furnish it with. Hopefully we can do a virtual unveiling for you all to see how it looks. The quilters have been generous enough to work on a few quilts that we can use as wall hangings and we have been blessed with so many wonderful people helping out with repairs as well as donations. We couldn't have done it without your help!

We are still in the process of interviewing people for the Facilities Technician position. If you know anyone who would be interested in this part time position to help out around the church please let us know. Finally, we are very excited to welcome Pastor Len to OSLC to help us out this next year to prepare for a new full time pastor. We look forward to working with him!

Total Income & Expense through July, 2020	
Income	\$371,012
Expense	\$353,884

I think that's all for now. Have a wonderful month!

- Kathryn

