



The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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When I think about our life together as a community of faith, a grounding text comes from Ephesians: "The gifts Christ gave were...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..." (4:11-12).

Many in the congregation have been wondering when things will "return" to normal. Familiar patterns have changed during this time of Covid and pastoral transition. Rather than thinking about "returning," I encourage us to *rediscover* ways to **equip one another for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ.**

Over the past few months, I've been in conversation with the congregation, the Council, ministry partners, and God about our next steps, especially related to our Sunday morning worship and learning time. I have heard a hope to offer an early Chapel service again, a desire to hold learning and fellowship at a time that allows for us to all be together, and an openness to adjusting our schedule to offer a later service. With these things in mind, I propose we try this schedule as an experiment October – May.

Proposed Schedule:

7:30	Chapel Worship
8:30	Sunday <i>Workshop</i> – learning, service, and fellowship
9:45	Sanctuary Worship (and livestream)

Sunday Worship will continue to contain a mix of music and worship styles with Lutheran liturgy, songs and readings, a sermon, and communion. The 9:45 time may appeal to families and college students and 7:30 will work for those early to rise. Because our gathering time will be between services, we'll all get a chance to connect with one another. And everything will still end around 11 am in case you like to go out for brunch!

Sunday Workshop is a "workshop" where we put our faith into action. Each week we will offer ways to connect with our faith: speakers, projects, breakfast, music, faith formation, discussion groups, games, and more. I'm excited to create this with your help and ideas. I'll be building a core team to help lead this – so if this idea energizes you, please reach out.

I know that not everyone welcomes change. However, I am hopeful that as a community we can try this on and see how it suits us. We will launch in October. In June, we plan to return to one service and evaluate how it went. I invite you to explore with me how the Spirit is moving at Our Saviour's. Together, we trust God and engage with one another as we equip each other for ministry and build up the body of Christ.

While many have had a chance to weigh in, this may be news for some. Please reach out to me for conversation if you have questions.

Pastor Amalia

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



*Council Corner***August 16, 2022**

Wow! What a jam-packed council meeting we had on August 16th! We had many varied items to discuss and decide on your behalf.



Financially, we are in a very healthy place, thanks to your generosity and your vision for what Our Saviour's can do in Christian love and service. We are planning to hire a bookkeeping firm which deals with church accounts to handle our day to day financial business. In light of this, Kathryn, our former parish administrator who had agreed to serve as a temporary bookkeeper, will hand over the reins to Pinpoint. We are going to delay the financial review until Pinpoint has been with us a year, rather than to review practices which will be changing. We also plan to transfer monies from our general account into two additional accounts (to maintain FDIC insurance limits)...one to hold a 3-4 month reserve to cover expenditures if needed and one called "vision" to hold monies received when OSLC is the beneficiary in someone's will...monies that we can use in visionary projects in the future thanks to the foresighted bounty of some much loved members.

We also talked about the Manna Grant we have applied for through the Grand Canyon Synod, and, if we receive the grant, what plans we have to use it to the benefit of Our Saviour's and our community.

AirGarage, a company which will oversee the use of the south parking lot for parking income for events at the UofA, was approved. Proceeds will be 30% to AirGarage, 70% to OSLC. It will all be done using a computer program!

Resurfacing of the north parking lot was approved.

We continued to discuss and prayerfully discern moving forward with our Fall programming schedule.

Covid was also discussed. Although the numbers seem to be heading in the right directions, we decided to keep with our current protocols for distancing and encouraging masking, mindful of the return of the UofA students over the next weeks.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at worship in person or waving to you online!

Blessings to you all!
Your OSLC Church Council



The Food Bank Peanut Butter party in July was an overwhelming success. Faith Communities stepped up and donated 13,674 jars of peanut butter, more than the goal of 10,000. That will keep the shelves stocked for at least 5 months. In July our Congregation donated 384 pounds of food and hygiene products including 83 jars of peanut butter.



Donations are down and demand has increased over 50% from this time last year so please continue giving generously. The Food Bank accepts in-date, canned and packaged non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items. Please put donations in the shopping cart that is on the patio on Sundays.

ICS offers emergency assistance with rent and utilities. The new Mobile Bank went into service earlier this year and stops at several locations around Tucson. For further information call the Office at (520) 297-6049 Monday-Friday, 8am to 4pm.

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September Birthdays

9/2 Anna Phillips, Levi Khan, Robert Burke, Cece Putman, Elaine Bridgewater, Arch Brown

9/3 Cheryl Waesch, Rene Ground

9/5 Ann DeVinney, Noah Templin, William Alvord

9/7 Maritza Marquez 9/10 Ronald Dewarf, Desmond Dowayee

9/11 Elizabeth Freeman, Phyllis Smith, Kelly Meyer

9/12 Ariana Hahn, Theodore Adams, Ruth Hancock

9/13 Alan Bales 9/14 Ethan Jones 9/15 Bryana Foreman

9/16 Caitlyn Kowalewski, Jessica Hahn, Mary Enemark

9/17 Gavin Phillips, Barbara Bell-Taylor 9/19 Janice Johnson

9/20 Timothy Bustamante, Hannah Masangu, Frederick Alvord

9/21 Ario Babaeian 9/22 Mary Chrstensen,

9/23 Barb Wheeler, Sharon Pearson, Lydia Slipp

9/25 Wanda Hedding 9/26 Hunter Walter, Grace Ryan, William Kent, Erika Cook

9/27 Ms. Ellie Johnson, Audrey Sander

9/28 Ella Pupach, Corkey Ronstadt, Kirstin Neff, Warner Weingrad

9/29 John Boudreau

September Wedding Anniversaries

Bob & Connie Rietschel - 9/3/1966

Doug & Jo Goodman - 9/7/1975

Cliff & Phala Andressen - 9/8/1979



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

I am Gréta Pásztor, the new Director of Music Ministry. I am a second year DMA student in piano performance at the University of Arizona. I grew up in the heart of Transylvania (Romania), where I started my musical education in piano, organ, and conducting. I have been involved in church music since I was a

child - from singing in the children's choir, all the way to accompanying, and directing vocal and instrumental ensembles. I am thrilled to join the staff at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and to serve God with you through music! A very important announcement about our upcoming CHOIR season: our **FIRST REHEARSAL** is on Thursday, September 1st at 7pm in the choir room! If you like to sing, if you want to serve the Lord, if you want to be a part of a welcoming community - **YOU'RE INVITED** - let us make music together to the glory of our Saviour!

