



In John's Gospel, on the night before Jesus was betrayed and arrested, he gathered with the disciples, taught them, and then prayed for them. It is easy to get lost in this prayer (John 17). But Jesus invites followers, which includes you, to dwell with these words - to live with them. For the disciples and for you, they can be a way to live a life that is Christ-centered. In a recent sermon, I referenced these four points from the prayer:

1. Jesus makes a clear claim about the relationship between God and Jesus: you are one with God and Jesus through the Spirit.
2. Jesus gives a specific definition of eternal life: eternal life is relationship with God and Jesus.
3. Jesus commissions those who follow to become his body in the world: you are part of the body of Christ.
4. Jesus prays for what we need: God provides protection and healing for you and for all creation.

You are forgiven and freed to live the transforming way of Christ-centered life.

What does this mean for your life? Does it change anything for you? Where and with whom can you show up as the body and presence of Christ?

Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus tells those who place their trust in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). These days, we need truthful signs of God's presence. Through the Spirit, we are the voice and presence of Christ for one another. Where will you share this good news today?

Ministry Milestones

On Sunday, June 7, we will have a "trptych" of ministers in worship. Melanie Bowman, Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament, will be our preacher. John Indermark will co-lead worship with Pastor Amalia. Mel will begin her internship at Grace Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon, in mid-July. John is celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry this year. This will be a special service as we send Mel off with a blessing and give thanks for John's years of ordained ministry.

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The Council meeting devotion focused on 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and the message to encourage and build up each other and the community. This encouragement engenders confidence and lets each person know that they are valued so that they can bring their best effort to doing the work that Christ has commanded.

As summer approaches, our finances continue to be healthy because of your generosity and faithfulness. We give thanks for your continued support of our ministries and needs. The Property Committee keeps the Council apprised of future maintenance concerns. The proposal from the Finance Committee that would add social responsibility to our investment policy and make better use of ELCA financial ministries, including the ELCA Foundation and Mission Investment Fund, was discussed at the May meeting. We determined that the Congregation should have the opportunity to learn more about this proposal so that we would match the investments with our Mission, and so do double good for ourselves and the community.

In accordance with the Policy approved at the March meeting, the Council has given its consent to allow the Immigration Team of Our Saviour's to have a table on the Patio after worship to collect signatures for the Pima County Justice for All Campaign. The table would be on the patio for two Sundays in June. The team would not be able to leave the table to solicit signatures. The petition concerns the rights of Pima County residents facing removal or deportation to have a provided attorney with them through the process. This aligns with the mission of Our Saviour's of being a Christ entered community through faith and action and the ELCA's goal of becoming a more inclusive and living God's call to diversity and justice. For more detailed information on the petition, please talk to team members at the table or go online.

A new partner will be joining us! Last month, Desert Voices, Tucson's LGBTQ & Allies chorus, approached us about becoming their rehearsal space this fall. It is a large choir of 125 people that performs around Tucson, including at the Fox this month. They would rehearse on Sundays in the Activity Building from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. It was determined that we do have the space for this choir. It is a wonderful opportunity to live into two of our areas of focus: Music & Art and Expansive Welcome.

An architecture class from the University of Arizona was given permission to use our South Parking lot to design a possible senior living center. They designed a center that included two and three story buildings with 53 units and community space. They took into account all of the practical and social needs of older residents. The estimated cost was approximately \$25,000,000 a portion of which could be covered by loans. The professor asked if they can use the same space for next year's class. We look forward to seeing what design next year brings.



Welcoming Dawn Hartley This June

Our Saviour's is pleased to welcome Dawn Hartley this June as a collaborative musician in our worship community. Dawn brings extensive experience in church music, collaborative piano, and choral accompaniment.

She currently serves as a choir accompanist in TUSD schools, where she enjoys supporting both teachers and students through music.

Her background in music ministry includes leading worship music, accompanying services in several congregations and directing choirs including Desert Dove Christian Church and Eastwood Christian Church in Nashville. She brings warmth, sensitivity, and thoughtful musicianship to her work.

Dawn also has a distinguished orchestral background, having served for many years as assistant principal bassoonist with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. Her lifelong dedication to music and worship ministry brings a depth of artistry and experience to our congregation.

We are excited to have her join our music ministry this June and look forward to the gifts she will share with our church community.



YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™

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It is wonderful that Our Saviour's has the generosity and will to support Youth On Their Own through in-kind gifts. Thank you! It is important to note that YOTO's activity goes well beyond simple distribution of the gifts provided by OSLC and others. YOTO has an entire team devoted to advocacy who has made the following statement.

"Nonprofits can be persuasive advocates because we know firsthand how public policy decisions directly impact the communities we serve. YOTO uses its organizational influence to amplify the voices of our youth and advocate for changes that will improve their opportunities for long-term success."

YOTO's advocacy activities are driven by a list of priorities it has created, one of which is access to basic needs, like those provided by OSLC. Thank you so much for your interest and generosity!

YOTO Advocacy Priorities:

Funding for K-12 Public Education: YOTO advocates for a strong, equitable, and fully funded public schools, including the wrap-around services youth need to thrive.

Access to Postsecondary Education: YOTO advocates for policies and programs that remove barriers and expand access to affordable higher education and career pathways for all youth.

Affordable Housing: YOTO supports policies and investments that expand access to stable and affordable housing for all youth.

Access to Basic Needs: YOTO advocates for consistent access to basic needs so all youth can thrive.

Tax Incentives for YOTO Donors: YOTO advocates for state and federal policies that make charitable giving more accessible and help sustain vital services for youth experiencing homelessness.



The Gift of Presence

The season of Pentecost begins 50 days after Easter or in the Jewish faith 50 days after Passover. In Judaism it coincides with Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks. This festival celebrates the time when Jewish people received the word of God

through the Torah. The Torah is God's instructions to the people to show mercy and compassion and do justice in the world. The disciples hearing these stories during the festival feel the presence of God's spirit and begin to speak in the languages of those gathered from every nation. They begin preaching God's word in Jerusalem – spreading a message that breaks down cultural, racial, gender and class walls. They have recommitted themselves to the way of Jesus and the movement he started through the Holy Spirit.

This Pentecost I am filled with awe at the Holy Spirit's presence at OSLC. Members of the church have shown up to pray for and protect our immigrant neighbors and made flowers for our vigils. They called our representatives to say no to anti-Trans legislation. They lent their musical instruments so our unhoused neighbors can feed their spirits. They collected signatures so all people can have representation in court. They visit those detained at the Eloy Detention Center. They listened to the stories of people who grow and roast the coffee we drink every Sunday and then purchased more coffee! They make sandwiches every Sunday for our neighbors at Grace St. Paul's. They show up for the marginalized and vulnerable throughout Tucson with a love on fire with the Spirit. The gift of presence whether it's a physical presence with our bodies or a spiritual presence through prayer is The Way we embody God's beloved community. Thank you for your presence.

Ways to engage in community

- *Help make sandwiches on Sunday mornings
- *June 13 - Prayer Vigil for immigrants - talk to Paula
- *Join our Caring Ministry - talk to Pastor Amalia

Prayer Requests: Our Saviour's Community: Family and Friends of Schatzi Taylor; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Fred Alvord; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Geoff and Suzy Swann and the family and friends of David Swann; Family and Friends of Virginia Hecht (former member of Our Saviour's) and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Family: Friends and Family of Kathy Gregory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney): Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Barbara (sister-in-law of Kenith Ijams); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Sally, and Ashley, (friends of Kathy DeVinney); Grant and Shirley (brother and sister-in-law of Theda Doak); John (son of Martha Neff Stum and Paul Stum); Daniel (neighbor's son of Gloria Schmidt); Rich (cousin-in-law of Jennifer Strand); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Ann (friend of Suzanne Hesh.

Names will generally remain on the list for three weeks, unless requested for renewal. Please contact the church office for corrections, updates, and additions.



Happy June, beloved of Our Saviour's!

The classes at University of Arizona and Pima Community College have officially ended for this Spring semester. Graduations have taken place, and the worship services at LCM have ended for the 2025/2026 academic year. And what a year it has been! From our standing Wednesday night dinner and worship, to meals and worship with Our Saviour's during Advent and Lent, to our Spring Break trip to Sedona and the Grand Canyon, we packed in so much! We gathered around the dinner table and gathered in worship. We sang together, laughed together, learned together, and spent time in conversation and reflection over Scripture. We spend time in service to Grace St Paul's feeding ministry, the ECO farm in Cottonwood, and Project Linus here in Tucson. Justified through Christ, we are all freed to love and serve our neighbor, and the students and I were honored to serve!

We want to take a moment and ask for prayers for our graduates we celebrated this year. Anna, Athena, Carly, and Grace have all brought so much to our time together at LCM, and our prayer for them all, as they embark on their next chapters of education and life, is that their time at LCM has helped to shape their prayer life, worship life, and life in discipleship to the world that God so loves.

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

God's Peace,

Deacon Wendi Van Beek
Interim Director



Lutheran Campus Ministry
at University of Arizona



WHERE HELP BRINGS HOPE

FOOD BANK DONATIONS



The ICS Food Bank has increased need for donations as more people in our community are experiencing food insecurity due to job cuts or loss of health and SNAP benefits. Canned, packaged and in-date non-perishable items including pasta, peanut butter, pasta sauce, canned meats, rice, beans, cereal and personal hygiene items are needed. No opened packages or bottled items please. Please put donations in the shopping cart that is on the patio every Sunday.



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network

Helping People with HIV to Live Well

TIHAN News: Poz Café is coming in June!

As many of you know, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church supports Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS through TIHAN (the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network). Monthly Poz Cafes provide CarePartners with a hot lunch, an opportunity to socialize in a safe and accepting setting, play bingo to win prizes, and receive a care package containing necessities they might not otherwise afford. Most of the people served by TIHAN (referred to as CarePartners) are socially isolated due to the stigma of HIV/AIDS and disability, and many have low income and qualify for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as "food stamps". Many CarePartners struggle to afford personal hygiene and household products which cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help! We now have all the volunteers we need, although you can add your name to the list in case more volunteers are needed as we get closer to June 19th. Please contact Mary Pflibsen at marypflib@hotmail.com, call her at 520-622-1983 or speak with her any Sunday morning.

We still need items for the care packages! Because we are partnered with just one co-sponsor this year, so more items are needed than prior years. Please note that only new, full-size items are needed:

***180 Shampoo in 12-32 oz bottles (no conditioner please)**

***180 Deodorant/Antiperspirant**

***90 shaving cream cans**

***180 liquid household cleaner or bleach (up to 35 oz) or disinfecting wipes**

The brand isn't important. Dollar store or house brands are fine, and you can find great deals on multi-packs at Costco, Sam's Club, etc. No time to shop? We will gladly accept cash gifts to purchase needed items!

There will be a table on the patio on Sundays to collect your donations, or you can bring them to the church office Monday through Thursday during normal business hours. All items are needed by Monday, June 15th.

Thanks for supporting TIHAN's Poz Café! We can't do it without you, and the CarePartners are so grateful!

Mary Durham- Pflibsen

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church June 2026

For a complete listing of all campus events, please visit our website: www.lutherantucson.org

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1 1:30 PM Mindful Meditation - Ramada Room	2 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	3 10:30AM *Bible Study - Pocket Room	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanctuary 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 AM Sandwich Making	8 1:30 PM Mindful Meditation - Ramada Room 5:30 PM RLC - Patio Room	9 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	10 9:00 AM Property 10:30AM *Bible Study - Pocket Room 6:30 PM Good Neighbor Coalition - AB Main	11	12 Office Closed	13 10:00 AM Grief Support - Ramada Room
14 9:00 AM Sunday Worship - Sanctuary 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 AM Sandwich Making	15 1:30 PM Mindful Meditation - Ramada Room 1:30 PM Finance Team	16 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 9:00 AM Quilters - AB 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	17 10:30AM *Bible Study - Pocket Room	18 11:00 AM POZ Cafe Juneteenth	19 Office Closed	20 1:00 PM Street Studio - Chapel
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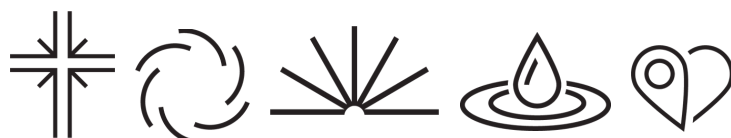
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Your presence builds up the body of Christ. We welcome and affirm God's diversity, including all ethnicities, cultures, races, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, abilities, ages, and life experiences. You are invited to full participation in our congregation because of who you are. We lament and confess how the Christian Church has withheld Christ's love by misusing the power of institution. We commit to advocating for God's justice and mercy for all of creation, including humans. We commit to anti-racism and other ways of ending systems that cause harm. Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us. Our communion table is Christ's table. You and all people are welcome without exception.



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