



What Season Are We In?

Earlier this year, the ELCA launched a new initiative called the “Church Property Resource Hub.” Our Saviour’s is not the only congregation exploring new uses of property.

One of the resources included in the Resource Hub is a Bible study about faithful stewardship. A couple months back, I thought “well, this could be an interesting study” and emailed a few folks I thought might want to do this. I had no idea then that we’d be spending much of the summer asking many of the questions included in the study about transformation, stewardship, and faithfulness as we explored purchasing a property adjacent to the church.

In Matthew, Jesus tells a story about a farmer who sows seeds. Some fall on the path and are eaten up, some fall on rocky ground and spring up quickly but die, some fall among thorns and are choked by weeds, and some fall on good soil and grow to produce grain. The story helps us think about how things are planted, nurtured, and how they grow. A key part of the conversation is asking “what season are we in?”

I have to share that I was surprised by the conversations this summer. I didn’t think the congregation had the interest or energy to take on another property purchase – even though some felt it was an obvious decision. I was worried there would be a big divide between those in the congregation who had been part of property conversations in the past and those who have been more focused on outreach. What I’ve witnessed are new patterns of energy – people who haven’t otherwise connected have been newly engaged. As always, some old ideas have resurfaced, but new ones too – or seeds that may have fallen on the path last time are now making it to good soil.

My takeaway is that we are in a season of action and discernment. Because of the nature of a home purchase, we had to act quickly. I am grateful for the ways the Council and others prioritized conversations and planning to work together. Now that the first big decision is done, we want to let the season of discernment unfold. The Council will be creating a “Dream Team” to help us cast a clear vision. The Dream Team’s work will inform the Council, who will work closely with the congregation as we made decisions about property and land vision and stewardship. The only decision that has been made is the decision to buy the house and the decision to restart the conversation about property stewardship.

God’s transforming love seems to be unfolding in new ways – or maybe being renewed in ways we had forgotten. I invite members and friends of Our Saviour’s to engage this work faithfully, knowing as the prayer says, that God’s hand is leading us and God’s love is supporting us.

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**Council Corner** - Jennifer Strand**September 2026**

At the meeting of the Church Council on August 18 we discussed the results of the Special Congregational Meeting on August 9 regarding the purchase of the property at 1934 E Mabel Street. The congregation voted to proceed with the purchase of the property. Now we are looking forward to the actual purchase and the development of a property/stewardship plan.

The financing for the purchase is moving forward. The Endowment investment and the money from for Church's non-designated funds are available. On Sunday, we shared that we had received \$72,000 of our goal of \$80,000. By the end of coffee hour, we had received commitments that exceed our goal. What a generous and wonderful response! Any funds received that are beyond the goal means that we can decrease the amount we are using from non-designated bequests, freeing up those funds for other needs. Any who still wish to contribute may talk with Patty Sirls or Pastor Amalia. Everyone is invited to be part of the blessing of the house on September 6th after the 9 a.m. service.

The Council will be creating a "Dream Team" to help develop a property/stewardship plan. This team will be looking at short and long term goals for Our Saviour's community. If you want the Council to consider your name please talk to Patty Sirls, Pastor Amalia, or any member of Council.

Based on what is currently being displayed in the stores, Thanksgiving is coming up fast. This year we have agreed to fully sponsor the Thanksgiving meal for "Lot on 22." Mary and Asher Havenhill will be in charge. Keep your eyes open for further information.

**House Blessing**

1934 E Mabel St.

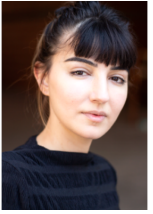
We will gather for a special coffee hour and house blessing on Sunday, September 6, following worship.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

From early in 2026 until June, my son Fred was a patient in the ICU at Banner UMC. He is now doing well and making a full recovery.

The prayers and support of the Our Saviour's Family have meant a great deal. Thank you for your caring love.

Pat Alvord
Fred's Mom

Music Notes - Dr. Aysen Millioğullari**September 2026**

I am very pleased to welcome our Chancel Choir and Bell Choir back after the summer break.

The Chancel Choir will begin singing on Sunday, September 13. We are looking forward to returning to regular rehearsals, preparing new anthems, and bringing music into our worship each Sunday. We are excited about the music we will

learn and share, and we look forward to the special moments throughout the year.

If you have been considering joining the Chancel Choir, I encourage you to come to a rehearsal and see if the choir is something you would enjoy being part of. No singing experience is needed—anyone who would like to sing is very welcome! Our first choir rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 3.

The Bell Choir will begin its season in October. We look forward to hearing the handbells again and to having our bell choir members back together.

There is a lot of music to look forward to this year, and I am grateful to everyone who gives their time and talent to our music ministry. I look forward to working with our choirs and sharing their music with the congregation throughout the coming year.

Chancel Choir begins Thursday September 3rd at 6:30 PM - Activity Building
Bell Choir begins Monday September 14th at 6:30 PM - Sanctuary

Minister of Community Engagement - Paula Miller**September 2026**

Recently I, along with millions of others, went to see the movie, The Odyssey. I have not thought about this story since my college humanities course many years ago. I probably learned about Zeus's law of hospitality whereby hosts must treat guests and strangers with respect, offering food, drink, and shelter before even asking their name. Over the years though I have come to understand this ancient tradition through the lens of Hebrews 13, "Keep on loving one another as brother and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so

doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" and in Matthew 25 where Jesus says when the works of mercy are done to our brothers and sisters they are done to me.

Since June I have been honored to work at the Ward 6 Chill Space, a cooling center offering relief from the summer heat and hospitality to our vulnerable neighbors. In a little over 2 months, we have had over 1000 visits by our neighbors. Some are regulars and come every day and some come only once to get what they need and go on their way. This small space in midtown Tucson has become for me a sacred space where the tradition of Zeus, the Jewish and Christian faiths are lived out every day. I know we have been entertaining angels in our space.

If you are interested in learning how you can incorporate the sacred tradition of hospitality into your daily and community life, consider joining our Public Faith Team. We meet on Monday, September 28th at 6pm in the Patio Room. Feel free to email me at paula@lutherantucson.org for more information or questions.

Public Faith Team - Monday September 28th at 6:00 PM - Patio Room



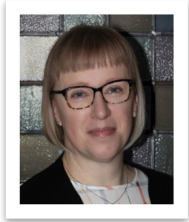
I am so grateful for the opportunity to transition from part-time Caretaker to the Facilities Director for OSLC. It is a blessing to be able to share my skills and talents in helping with improvements around our campus!

My focus has been on landscaping and some emergency repairs to help keep the buildings safe and functional along with doing my best to beautify the grounds. I try my best to ensure the buildings are set up and clean for all the different activities happening throughout the week.

Here are a few of the past projects I have completed recently: Installed new irrigation for the Campbell side water reclaim project, sealed the cracks in the A/B entryway, replaced light bulbs, and finished drywall repairs near the fire panel. Installed the new ice machine and repaired the Koch Chapel restroom door. I was able to adjust the sanctuary doors and floor plate, along with many other small fixes to make this place more inviting and functional.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

David Zezulka



Dear friends,

By the time the Roadrunner arrives in your mailbox, the University of Arizona and Pima Community College students will have all returned to Tucson, and our dinner and worship on Wednesday nights for LCM will be in full swing.

And while our date and time, Wednesday night at 6 pm, remains the same as in years past, we welcome Pr Jenn Luong as our new Director this year, and have the joy of letting the Holy Spirit guide us as we imagine what might be the next exciting chapter in life of campus ministry!

You all will have an opportunity to meet Pr Jenn as Our Saviour's guest preacher at the September 13th worship service. At the same service, we will say a prayer of blessing for the LCM students, and for all students, teachers, and those involved in the holy work of education.

And we'll have a celebration of installation for Pr Jenn on October 4th in Our Saviour's chapel at 4 pm. It will be an evening to give thanks to God for guiding Pr Jenn to the Director position at LCM, and an evening to thank God for guiding LCM to do ministry along side the good people at Our Saviour's. What an evening of thanks it will be!

God's Peace,

Deacon Wendi



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.



YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™

As the new school year is upon us, the number of students at Youth On Their Own is about to increase. The back-to-school items needed most by YOTO students are listed in the graphic below. For the most part, this list is same as the list you see in the narthex with the exception of the school supplies. Support of YOTO is a great way to attack adult homelessness before it happens.

According to the 2024-2025 YOTO annual report, 25% of the students served identify as LGBTQ. The LGBTQ population in Tucson is about 10%. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, it is most definitely appropriate that we at Our Saviour's support this organization.

The collection bin is at your left as you walk through the narthex entering the church and will be delivered to YOTO as it is filled. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Asher Havenhill

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Help YOTO youth walk into the school year confident, prepared, and empowered!

Your support fuels their journey toward graduation!

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- 3-ring binders
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- Mechanical pencils

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- Full sized shampoo & conditioner
- Full sized body wash & body lotion
- Dish soap
- Full sized toothpaste
- New bath towels

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- Shelf-stable milk (dairy & non-dairy)
- Ramen
- Mac & cheese
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Toaster pastries
- Soup

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Prayer Requests

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Prayer Requests: Alecia Chrin; Justin Schneider; Gerry Meyer; Corky Ronstadt; Mary Neff; Lydia Slipp; the Hughes Family; and all at home and in care facilities.

Our Extended Community: Friends and Family of John Shelton upon his death (former member); Friends and Family of Kathy Greggory upon the death of her husband Gary (friends of Ann and Bill DeVinney); Liz (friend of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Sarah (great niece of Donna Lounsbury); Becky (Daughter of Mary Wildner-Bassett); Josh, Melissa, Mary Ann Libby (friends of Chris and Theda Doak); Megan (niece of Chris and Theda Doak); Jennifer, 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); Will (nephew of Chris and Theda Doak); Leaticia, Azogan, Sidibe, and Zinsou, (friends of Rachel Starner); Mary Etta (friend of Suzanne Hesh); Rita (friend of John and Judy Indermark)

Creation in Christ Sunday - Sunday, Sept 6

September 2026

Since the seventh century, September 1 has symbolized the day of the creation of the world in the Byzantine tradition and has been the opening feast of its liturgical year (known as the Feast of the Indiction), in a parallel with the feast of Rosh Hashanah marking the Jewish New Year. Creation in Christ celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites, and holds all created things. On this day, we will hear of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation (from ELCA Creation in Christ Worship Resources).

Many congregations have been recognizing a Season of Creation as a way to turn our focus toward creation, the cosmos, and caring for God's Earth. Some congregations spend 4-5 weeks each fall in this season. This year at Our Saviour's, we'll be dipping our toe in the water.

We'll hold "Creation in Christ" Sunday on September 6. Throughout the month of September and through October 4 (a day when St. Francis of Assisi is honored by many congregations) we will use language, music and themes that are creation focused. The framing verse will be from Ezekiel 47, which was selected by the global movement for the Season of Creation. They describe the theme this way: "This year we will be guided by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel (47:1-12): a river flowing from the temple of God, which grows without stopping and brings life where everything seems barren. Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish. But it also challenges us: to recognize ecological damage, to embrace our interconnectedness, and to immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home" (Season of Creation, 2026). Learn more at www.seasonofcreation.org.

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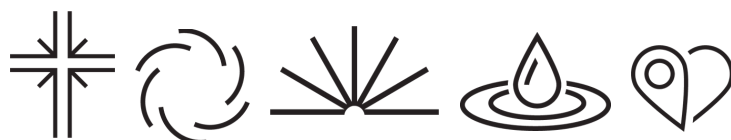
For a complete listing of all campus events, please visit our website: www.lutherantucson.org

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 11:00 AM Come and See - Patio Room 6:30 PM Spanish Class - AB Cafe	2 10:30 AM Bible Study - Pocket Room 6:00 PM LCM Dinner and Worship	3 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	4 Office Closed	5 6:30 PM LCM Parking Lot - U of A Game
6 9:00 AM Creation in Christ Sunday Worship - Sanctuary 10:15 AM House Blessing and Coffee 10:30 AM Sandwich Making	7 OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day 1:30 PM Mindful Meditation - Ramada Room	8 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 11:00 AM Come and See - Patio Room 6:30 PM Spanish Class - AB Cafe	9 9:00 AM Property 10:30 AM Bible Study - Pocket Room 6:00 PM LCM Dinner and Worship 6:30 PM Good Neighbor Coalition - AB Main	10 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	11 Office Closed	12 10:00 AM Grief Support - Ramada Room
13 9:00 AM Education Sunday Worship - Sanctuary 10:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship 10:30 AM Sandwich Making	14 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:30 PM Mindful Meditation - Ramada Room 1:30 PM Finance Team	15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study - AB Cafe 9:00 AM Quilters - AB 11:00 AM Come and See - Patio Room 6:30 PM Council - Patio Room 6:30 PM Spanish Class - AB Cafe	16 10:30AM Bible Study - Pocket Room 6:00 PM LCM Dinner and Worship	17 11:00 AM POZ Cafe 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice	18 Office Closed	19 6:30 PM LCM Parking Lot - U of A Game
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Deepen Your Faith This Fall

Chancel Choir - Thursday nights, 6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to join our choir. Experienced and new singers are invited to help us share music during worship. Talk to Aysen if you would like to learn more.

Bell Choir - Monday Nights at 6:30 PM - Starting September 14

We welcome all who are interested in ringing or just curious to see what is involved. If you have any questions, ask any current bell ringer or contact Kathie (kmmiller@hotmail.com)

Come & See - Tuesdays at 11:00 AM, begins September 1

Weekly faith formation conversations for anyone, no preparation needed. We spend time reflecting on one of the upcoming readings for Sunday and with the "Hidden Gem" reflection prepared by John Indermark.

Sunday Forums, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Throughout the fall, we will hold a variety of learning opportunities on Sunday mornings following worship. Check the bulletin or Weekly eNews for upcoming forums.
Worship Ministers

Other Weekly Events at Our Saviour's

Meditation Group, Mondays at 1:30 PM. Call Kevin 520-290-6949 for more information.
Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:00 AM, Activity Building
Spanish Class, Tuesdays, 6:30 PM – open to all levels, free
Community Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Activity Building
Lutheran Campus Ministry Dinner & Worship, Wednesdays (UA, PCC, other young adults)

