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The People of Love**

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## Pastor's Column



### **"We Are the Church Together"**

There are some children's songs of faith that have wonderful theology:

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

renowned theologian Karl Barth, who wrote volumes upon volumes of systematic theology, was once asked to sum up his understanding of the Christian faith. He responded "Jesus loves me, this I know."

Another song that we should all sing in this multi-colored world declares:

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

One of my favorites has to do with the church:

The church is not a building. The church is not a steeple.

The church is not a resting place. The church is a people.

I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together.

As we move forward with our visioning process, there are opportunities for all of us to pray for God's guidance and share where we believe God is calling our congregation to grow and serve in His name. On August 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a bulletin insert where you can jot down your thoughts. On August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> at the 10:10 hour you are invited to forums where we'll be doing some initial brain-storming, green-lighting, and God-dreaming.

We envision for the future but we also carry out God's work here and now. There are opportunities for all of us to get involved in hands-on ministries. Look at the Help Wanted ads in our bulletin announcements and volunteer to share your skills, talents, and interests. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> our worship services will recognize our many volunteers and our Ministries Fair will showcase the many ways we can make a difference.

Our congregation struggles with financial hurdles in these difficult economic times. Yet God can bring good even out of challenging times. There are opportunities for all of us, no matter what our income level, to get real about what we

believe and grow in our giving. Read the stewardship invitations in our bulletin announcements and act on them.

God has entrusted his work to our hands. I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together!

Blessings,  
Pastor Marilyn

## Church News

### Let your Light Shine!

The Council is charting a Mind Map to show OSLC's ministries and outreach activities. Mind Map is an interactive computer tool we will use to illustrate how we like our Mission statement. Please join us on the quest to light our path. We will have easels with paper and pens posted around the OSLC campus for your input. We look forward to your input on Sundays August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Activity Building at the Ministries Fair and on the Patio on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>.

*See you there!*

### Picnic in the Park

We're having a picnic! After a hiatus of YEARS, the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church picnic extravaganza is happening again! Save the date of **September 26, 2010**. We'll tell you the exact time and place in the September Roadrunner.

Please share any ideas you have for the picnic with Gloria Alvillar:galvill1@mac.com

Now start thinking about all the friends you will invite!



## Acolyte & Greeter Schedules

### August 2010

#### Acolytes:

- August 1** 8:45: Annalia Sanders, Jon Wedemeier  
11:15: Willem Moss, Jarod Peck
- August 8** 8:45: Clarice Bales, Katie Peterson, George Saphir  
11:15: Alexis Mohler, Delia Mohler
- August 15** 8:45: Otto Krueger, Stephen Larson, Sofia Ochoa  
11:15: Kodie Frye, Gloriana Moss
- August 22** 8:45: Jonathan Havenhill, Laurence Wolf  
11:15: Taran DeVinney, Evan Williams
- August 29** 8:45: Cassy/Marcus New, Kaela Wedemeier  
11:15: Emily Havenhill, Gloriana Moss



#### Greeters:

- August 1** 8:45: Julia Olsen-Peterson, Jerah/Tom Tyree and family  
11:15: Nancy Johnson
- August 8** 8:45: Gloria Matson,  
11:15: Taran DeVinney, J.D. McNett
- August 15** 8:45: Ric Fetter, Kris Hansen/John Hudson  
11:15: Therese Arnett, Mary Enemark
- August 22** 8:45: Mel Riise, Andrea Kent and family  
11:15: Alexis and Delia Mohler, Tara and Dave Harper
- August 29** 8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Debbie/Matt Krueger and family  
11:15: Tina Neil, Andrea Wilson



# Christian Education

Sunday Morning Forums 10:10 A.M. Koch Chapel

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> - SPECIAL VISIONING FORUMS**

Sunday Morning Class 10:10 am

*The Bible Study will be starting in September.*

**See you there!**



Weekly Bible Studies

**Tuesday - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m.** (Chuck Jonaitis)

**Patio Room**

We are now studying the book of **Romans**. Please consider joining us in this venture. Each week is facilitated by a volunteer. See you there!

# Youth Education News

## **YOUTH LEADERS!**

We will be having an Orientation, Training, and Fun time on Saturday, **August 14<sup>th</sup>**, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Meet in the Activity Building! Lunch will be provided! If you are interested in serving in our Youth Ministries please contact Kris Wedemeier: [krisw@oslc.psemail.com](mailto:krisw@oslc.psemail.com)

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL! YOUTH GROUP! - It's all beginning!**

**Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:10 a.m. in the Activity Building!**

You can meet your teachers & youth leaders!

Parents can fill out some paperwork! Join us at 10:45 a.m. for a presentation to learn more about the curriculum, programs, and people.

**Sunday School Classes begin on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Questions??? Please contact Kris Wedemeier: [krisw@oslc.psemail.com](mailto:krisw@oslc.psemail.com) or call the church office (327 - 6521.)



## **Faith Development Ice Cream Sundae Social and Orientation**

**Wednesday, August 25, Activity Building**

6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social

7:00 p.m. Parent meeting/student orientation

All new and returning students and their parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Faith Development is OSLC's confirmation program for youth in grades 3 – 8. Faith Development classes meet on Wednesday evenings with classes **beginning September 8.**

# Council Corner

Opening our church council meetings with sharing God at work in each of our lives has been wonderful. It is very heartwarming and enlightening to see how council members encounter God on a day to day basis.

Financially we as a church continue to struggle. The Stewardship committee, Asher Havenhill, Mary Lou Forier and Mike Jones are all working on ideas to increase our income. Several innovative ideas are in the works. One that has been acted on is putting addressed and stamped envelopes on the cars that use our South Parking in the summer for free. Included with the envelope is a cleverly worded note giving them an opportunity to donate some monies for the free summer of parking. They were also invited to park there on Sundays and join us in our church services. We invite everyone to share ideas with council members or Stewardship members to keep this momentum rolling.

Three members have been invited to join the Mutual Ministry Committee. Once that committee is in place, Pastor Marilyn will arrange for Terri Traaen from Synod to meet with both the Mutual Ministry Team and our Personnel Committee to help them continue with their mission to serve our church.

One idea that Pastor Marilyn brought back from the Synod annual meeting was to see if anyone in the congregation would like to put together a video that would highlight an activity, a ministry, or a service of our church to be shown at next year's annual Synod meeting. Anyone out there ready to have some fun with their video producing skills?

Gloria Alvillar and her committee are busy planning a congregational picnic to be held on September 26, 2010 in the afternoon. Be sure to save the date.

People are now being interviewed for the new Assistant to the Pastor position. Hopefully soon after the Roadrunner is published that position will be filled.

Council members will be leading the 10:10 Sunday forums on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be brainstorming ideas for our church visioning process. We will have a PowerPoint presentation and be writing down ideas offered so we can continue to move forward with our visioning process.

As a result of generous donations from a member of our congregation, Pastor Marilyn is getting ready to submit our application for the Synod's Missional Leadership Academy.

Mary Lou Forier is organizing a Talk and Tour of our church to be held on some Sundays at 10:30 am. This will include a tour of little known spots around the church. Do you know where the banners are stored? Ever wonder if we have an attic? Is there a way up to the Bell Tower?

Trudy Boyum has suggested that we as a council encourage everyone to bring out our old name tags and start wearing them again on Sundays. The council strongly endorsed this idea. This will be advertised in Sunday's bulletin. For those of us who cannot find our old name tags, a new way of getting another one will be presented in Sunday's bulletin as well.

Brent Borchers is organizing a new work group to meet on some Saturdays to work around the church.

There will be a new membership orientation class on August 28, 2010. If you know of anyone who is interested, please encourage them to attend.

These are just a few examples of the ideas, new meetings, and energy that is flurrying around our church campus these days. Quite a lot of activity for the middle of our long hot summer in Tucson!!!! Let's all continue to roll up our sleeves and join in with these activities. There are more great ideas out there and we are excited to learn what they are.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's name,  
Ginny Phillips, council secretary.



## Get To Know Your Council Members

I am honored to be a member of our church council and to be given the chance to serve as council secretary. Thank you for these opportunities. My husband and I have been members here for over 30 years. We joined when our son was three years old. It is a huge thrill to me when I am able to sit in a church pew with my son and his wife and three children, brother-in law and mother in law, and my daughter and her husband and their three children. Most of the time when this happens I have to be sure I am not dreaming.



God has blessed our family in so many ways over the years. With God's help, Our Saviour's has pulled us through as individuals and as a family for all of these years. I shudder to think where my family would be now without the love and support of this wonderful church. When I think of family, I realize that Our Saviour's has been our extended family much more than anyone else in our lives.

I see a new energy and sense of commitment here lately. I will do my level best to participate in enlarging that energy and to contribute to a sense of excitement as we continue growing and learning together as a congregation. We have seen many growth spurts and some very difficult times over the years, but in the long run, we, as a church, have been able to strengthen our ability to serve Christ, be His witness, and reach out to our community. I have no doubt that this forward progress will continue. Please feel free to call me (955-2487) or email me at [hanknginny@cox.net](mailto:hanknginny@cox.net) with your suggestions and concerns.

With great pride in our church and with great excitement about what is yet to come and with God's help, I remain yours in Christ,

Ginny Phillips



## StewardShip



It's a sticky situation. We've all been there, you know, in a sticky situation. What to say to your parents when you are returning home late? How do I broach a certain topic of conversation with someone? Rats, I stepped in gum out in the parking lot! And as I write this message, my really sticky situation is that our air conditioner has decided to quit. Even the Bible is full of sticky situations. You will recall stories of lions' dens, furnaces of fire, raging storms, and even tombs. The amazing thing to me is that no matter what the sticky situation, everyone in the Bible stories emerged strengthened and/or saved by their faith. I'm certainly not saying faith in God will save you from stepping in gum in the parking lot, but sticky situations can put us to the test and we almost always emerge stronger in some way for it.

Our Saviour's is no different. We have sticky situations as well. You will recall from the last StewardSHIP message that finances (or shortage thereof) are a major concern. Thanks to many of you who joined the stewardship team in "renewing your vow" to Our Saviour's in June, the situation looks much brighter than it did previously. Now we want to make the sticky situation look brighter still. I can hear you all saying to yourselves, "What are they up to now?" Soon you will begin seeing neon sticky notes out on the patio with various ministries looking for financial assistance and suggesting various amounts of financial support. You can take one (or more) of the sticky notes and affix them to an envelope containing your cash or check and depositing it in the offering or taking it into the cool air-conditioned office. You can even be creative and use a blank sticky note to designate your wish! What could be easier than that! For those of you who are still working on completing the ministries word search, you may find ministries you didn't even know about where your assistance would be of help. You can probably let us know about ministries WE don't even know about that can use everyone's help. The StewardSHIP team has faith that we will all emerge from our various tests stronger and more committed to our God and Our Saviour's.

This is one sticky situation everyone can enjoy and participate in because there will be lots of options - from a little help here and there to where ever your heart takes you. Consider this our opportunity to let you put a little color in your life.

Betsy Boorse

# Calendar

For the Youth News and Calendar  
Please see the links on this web page

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# Help Wanted



## **Saturday Morning Monthly Ministry**

Ever wonder how things get done around campus? Who fixes that? Who hung those cabinets? How did that hole in the wall get fixed? It happens two ways. Either the church pays for it or our volunteers get it done. Thanks to the many dedicated members of Our Saviour's (especially the crew on Tuesdays), OSLC saves thousands of dollars with the help of volunteers. But there is more we can do!

**Starting Saturday, August 7, from 7:30 a.m. to around 11 a.m.**, I am trying to organize a Saturday Morning Monthly Ministry. This month, landscaping will be on the agenda. We will need tools to cut, rake, and haul away vegetation. If you have a truck or trailer that can be used to haul trimmings to the landfill that would be great. In addition, I will also be preparing a devotion break around 9 a.m., and I will provide refreshments and donuts for this time.

After a few months, I would like this ministry to go out into the community and help where needed. Does a local school need some help with a wall being painted? Does a member need a fence fixed? Let's see where this goes! I am hoping about half the months we can work on campus and the other half we go out into the community.

If you are interested, please contact Brent M. Borchers by phone at (520) 235-1422 or by e-mail at [bmborchers@terracon.com](mailto:bmborchers@terracon.com).

## **Weekend Custodial Volunteers, our newest weekly volunteer ministry!**

We have begun calling on OSLC volunteers to complete some custodial chores necessary to prepare for Sunday morning worship. These chores include making/putting out the coffee/tea; checking buildings/areas on our church campus for emergency cleaning/supplies; unlocking doors/turning on lights as needed. Volunteers will be asked to do very job-specific chores to tie in with the worship service they attend. There may be some cleaning/set-ups needed to be done on Saturdays, but most of the work can be done on Sunday mornings. If you can give of your time, please call Kathy Oksol, 327-6521.

# Did You Know?

## **Thoughts about Adult VBS**

Adult VBS- hmmm, I wasn't so sure. I never attended VBS as a child (there was no such thing in Tinley Park, Illinois way back then!) although I have taught it in various congregations and always enjoyed being involved with a children's VBS. I was intrigued when Suzy and Geoffrey Swann at the 7:45 service shared that they would be there on the first day with Suzy "showing and telling" about her weaving and Geoff leading the worship, and that they have always enjoyed our adult VBS.

I didn't have to work that week and was drawn by the idea both of an Adult VBS and of learning about different speakers and presentations. I admit to a bit of trepidation - I'm not great with "new situations" and as a regular "7:45 attendee" there are many members I have yet to meet.

From the minute I walked in on Monday morning, until I left after the pot-luck lunch on Friday, I was totally enthralled and grateful that Suzy and Geoff shared with me about adult VBS. The speakers were excellent and thought-provoking (Afghanistan, Refugees, Theology changes, Personally adjusting to change, and Changes in the church) and the "Show 'n Tell" was delightful. Don Reece is a terrific artist and wood carver; Suzy is an amazingly talented spinner and weaver; Herb Waesch is an awesome oral historian; Bill Rudeen is an inspiration to everyone; and Zöe Powis' faith journey helps everyone value their relationship with God. Getting to meet and know other members of OSLC was wonderful - we kidded about who was a 7:45er, an 8:45er or an 11:15er, and appreciated the opportunity to meet one another. My heartfelt thanks to Lois Olsrud and the committee

I will definitely be in attendance next year and encourage anyone who can to attend. Thank you all!

Kris Hansen







The Thrivent Financial Saguaro Chapter Board invites all Thrivent Members and a guest to a

**Tucson Toros baseball game**  
**Friday, August 27, 2010 at Hi-Corbett Field.**

The first 600 people who bring their Thrivent postcard (which will be mailed soon to members) will receive a free ticket for the game. Tickets will be handed out at 5:30 PM, gates open at 6:00 PM and the game starts at 7 PM. Please join your Thrivent Financial Team for an evening of fun and fireworks. More information is on the church bulletin board or see Patty Sirs for questions.



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## New Members Class

### August 28, 2010



Mark your calendars! Our next New Members Class will be on **Saturday in Koch Chapel from noon to 2 p.m.** If you are interested in joining Our Saviour's or just want to know more about our church, please make plans to attend.

Please call (327-6521) or sign up in the church office. Lunch is included. The nursery is available upon request.

## CHICK FLICK / LADIES NIGHT OUT!

will return on **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m.** with JUNO and a make your own pizza night! Bring your favorite toppings or a side dish. The crust, sauce, and cheese will be provided!

Join us in the Youth Center for a fun evening and a Bible study discussion that goes with the movie. All ages of women are welcome!

If you have any questions, or want to let us know you're coming, please contact Kris Wedemeier at 327-6521 or email: [krisw@lutherantucson.org](mailto:krisw@lutherantucson.org)

## Craft Events



**WEDNESDAY**  
**Knit-In Dates**

We are on hiatus  
until the Fall.  
Happy Knitting!

**QUILTERS**

We are on hiatus  
until the Fall.  
Keep Quilting!



# Women of the ELCA



## August OSLC Circle Schedule

Look for the Women's Ministry table at the Ministries Fair.

Circle meetings will be starting up in September

- Lydia Circle** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room
- Rebecca Circle** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room
- Circle of Friends** meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Activity Building

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## Counting (and Sharing) our Blessings

Our annual *Women's Tea and Treasures* has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Activity Building**. This year's treasure will be collecting school items for Prince Elementary. We will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations to purchase school supplies to give to the school. Watch for further announcements in the church bulletins and the September Roadrunner.

***All women are invited to attend.***



## Notes and Notices



The Sign-up for Altar Flowers is in the Church Narthex  
or call the Church Office

## Thank You:

To My OSLC Family,

Thanks for your visits, thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls and well wishes. I am on the mend and hope to be back to worship with you soon. May God continue to shower you with His blessings.

Angie Grandison

Church,

Maggie is a great role model for young people. I'm so glad God blessed me by sending this mission group to my home. I am 70 yrs. old. I have had a major heart attack and was air lifted to Indianapolis 70 mi away. It also made my diabetes go into "Brittle," the worst kind. My husband has Alzheimer's. God Is Good.

In Christian Love,

Connie Artmeier

*(This thank you was sent to Maggie Bell, a Senior League Workcamper, and to the church.)*

## Sympathy To:

Our sympathy is extended to Fred Bernlohr on the recent death of his wife, Mary. Mary died in Hideaway Hills, OH on Friday, July 2, 2010.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Joyce Larson who passed away on June 18, 2010 in Phoenix. Her memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 in the main sanctuary.



**Sunday Announcement Insert:**

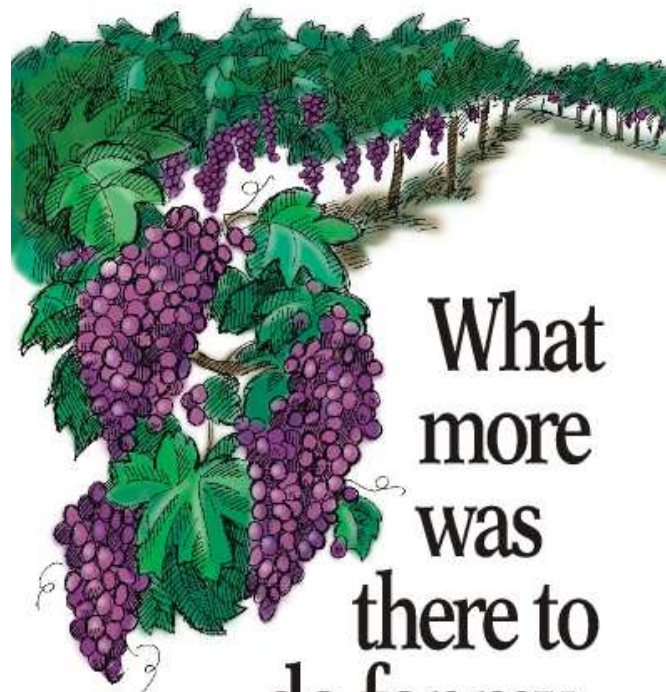
Monday 5pm prior to Sunday

**Roadrunner:** By the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior (i.e. submit by August 15 for Sept.)



**Need A Ride?**

We have a team of friendly, safe and reliable church van drivers to bring you to church if you live within a five mile radius of OSLC. Call Kathy Oksol if you or someone you know needs a ride. 327-6521



What  
more  
was  
there to  
do for my  
vineyard...?

Isaiah 5:4

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### Our Sunday Services

7:45 a.m. Chapel Communion

8:45 a.m. Traditions

11:15 a.m. Celebrations

10:10 a.m. Education  
&  
Fellowship

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### Our Mission Statement

In the Spirit of Jesus,  
we share our gifts  
with our community  
and world, and invite  
all to join us on the  
journey of faith.



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