



# The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## DESERT REIGN

*A pastor's thoughts on the kingdom of God.*

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A story has the power to change us. A good story, or a sad story, or an inspiring story, hearing a story can change us. Although our attention span seems to be much shorter than it used to be, and we receive our stories in a far more visual way, our worldview is often molded by the stories that move us. Instead of the written word such as books, newspapers, hand-written letters, and even this newsletter, we receive information and hear stories in digital formats that are far more visual such as movies, television and online. We still read, but we read far less than we watch. This may lead us to the understanding that our story, in order to have value or be important, must be seen by others or be good by media standards. Our society's obsession with social media feeds that understanding, and moves the value and meaning of our story away from us, and puts it in the hands of an audience, usually an audience that isn't even present.

You are the lead actor in your own story. But so many of us are convinced that our story isn't very good, and we are not important or smart enough to be the point of our own story. Rather than knowing that we are valuable, rather than believing that we are beautiful, rather than finding meaning in the choices we have made, we have given over control of our story to a crowd of Facebook friends to "like" or "un-like" and we have allowed our media to decide whether our story is "newsworthy." But your story is a good story, even if others don't "like" it on Facebook. You are a child of God, made from the very beginning in the image of God. You are valuable, you are beautiful, and your story is worth telling.

Recently in our worship gathering we heard the story of Jacob. And at a low point in Jacob's life he was alone in the wilderness, afraid, and I would say, convinced that his story wasn't worth telling. God came to him in a dream and spoke to him, reminding him that he was not alone in his story, that God is the one who makes his story valuable, and that his story wasn't over yet.

***"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"***  
*(Gen. 28:15-16)*

We need to be reminded, God is the one who makes our story valuable, and God is the unseen

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## DESERT REIGN cont.

guide in the narrative that is our life. And God says...

***"I have called you by name, you are mine."*** (Isaiah 43:1b)

You are called by name, you are loved by God, and your story is loved by God.  
That makes your story a story worth telling.

Peaceinallplaces,<><

Pastor Jeff

## Council Corner

The Council reviewed the financial reports. Weekly giving was strong through the first half of July but beginning in Mid-July and through August it has fallen off significantly. The Council encourages members to review their giving and bring it up to date if they are behind while considering if they could give an extra gift. Overall expenses are within budget to this point of the year. The Council wishes to thank members for their diligent support of OSLC ministries!

The Council and a number of OSLC members attended and were warmly welcomed at our sister congregation, San Juan Bautista.

The Koch Chapel men's bathroom remodeling has been completed. Thanks to Pastor Jeff and Mark for completing the work!

The Grand Canyon Synod Diakonia education program began Sept 19 with two sections required due to the large response. At present there are 6 remote learning students as well as students attending on the OSLC campus.

Report respectfully submitted,  
Kent Pflibsen, OSLC Council Secretary

## *In Our Music...*

### **Soar to new heights in music!**

We set out to soar this choir season and we have taken off! Choirs are back in the rehearsal routine and spirits are good.

Our week begins with the Recorder Consort and the Handbell choir rehearsing on Monday nights. The Recorder Consort is directed by Kathie Miller and if you have an interest in this ensemble, stop by the AB café on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. and see what's happening!

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## *Music Notes cont.*

The Handbell Choir meets at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and we have a family full of ringers. This year we have these folks ringing: Dean Bell, Kent Pflibsen, Jaime Bish, Kris Hansen, Betsy Kohls, Kathie Miller, June Williams, Erika Wagoner, Hildi Williams, Kris Sanchez, Allena Knowe, and Gene Knorr. We ring three octaves of Malmark bells and we ring choir chimes too.

Midweek we have children's choir rehearsals. We rehearse with children 4 years old – 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in AB 9. This year we are expanding our music opportunities for all of our children. We are ringing choir chimes in the AB Café as part of our regular rehearsal time. We are also exploring more music making by using our ORFF instruments. We anticipate purchasing more ORFF this year, which will enable each child the chance to play more.

Thursday nights we end our rehearsal week with Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m. This ensemble is made strong because of dedicated singers who attend rehearsals, work hard, practice their parts, and clothe themselves in joy and willing hearts! Truly, this director could not be more blessed to have these fine folks singing in choir!! We are also grateful to have four amazing choral scholars who have opened their hearts to us and who share of their talents so graciously!

God is good and the Holy Spirit is present and blowing among music ensembles. There's a place for YOU! All you need to do is be open to taking that first step. Contact Susan Wilson at [swilson@lutherantucson.org](mailto:swilson@lutherantucson.org) and get ready to soar!

*Susan Wilson*  
*Minister of Music*



### ***What's ahead in worship music...***

October 1	Dan Brown, Euphonium	7:30 and 9:00 a.m. worship
October 8	Children's Choir sings	9:00 a.m. worship
October 22	Handbell Choir rings David Barford, Oboe	7:30 a.m. worship 9:00 a.m. worship
October 29	Kent Pflibsen, Trombone Handbell Choir rings	7:30 and 9:00 a.m. worship 9:00 a.m. worship
November 5	Victor Grafe, Violin	9:00 a.m. worship

## Music Notes cont.

### Thank You Volunteers!

- ⇒ Dick Collins and Fred Hudson for designing, making and creating the new Music Cart for the Chancel Choir.
- ⇒ Pat Alvord for serving as choir librarian
- ⇒ Kris Sanchez for serving as the Handbell Choir helper
- ⇒ Kathie Miller for washing the acolyte and crucifer robes and for repairing them
- ⇒ Ginny and Hank Phillips for organizing the Chancel Choir robes
- ⇒ Sandy and Dean Bell for hosting the Handbell Choir dinner
- ⇒ Geoff Swann and Dick Collins for hanging the mirrors in the robe room

### Save the Date in December!

December 17 at 5:00 p.m.

"Savior of the Nations Come"

An Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival

Chancel choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choirs, Organ, Monsoon Brass, Percussion  
Holiday reception to follow



### Need some help...



Are you willing to serve with other volunteers who would organize receptions following the annual Hymn Festival in May and the Christmas Music service in December? If you'd be willing to help, please contact Susan Wilson at [swilson@lutherantucson.org](mailto:swilson@lutherantucson.org). We need folks who can make phone calls to get baked goods, folks who can set up and decorate, and folks who can clean up following receptions. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated!

## Community Outreach Events and Announcements

**Primavera Cooks**, an OSLC men's ministry, meets **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** to cook in the Activity Building kitchen. The cooks then go to the Primavera Men's Shelter to serve the dinner. Women from the church are asked to bake bundt cakes to be served for dessert. If you can help cook the meal or bake a bundt cake please contact Mike Bonura at [bostmike@comcast.net](mailto:bostmike@comcast.net).

**Casa Maria Soup Kitchen** will take place on Saturday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Mobile Meals of Tucson.** Every Friday OSLC delivers meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Patty Sirls at 520-235-3527.

## Community Outreach Events and Announcements cont.

**ICS Food Bank Article** The food **item** of the month **canned spaghetti sauce**. Please place all donations including children's books and personal hygiene products in the ICS box that is on the patio on Sundays. Thanks for generously supporting the Food Bank.

### **Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group and Arts Program**

The Arts Program for persons with dementia continues to meet at Our Saviour's in the Activity Building. The program will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. This month's meeting date is **October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Our Alzheimer/Dementia caregiver support group will continue to meet at that same time and date as the arts program meets in the Activity Building. Questions about the caregiver support group can be addressed by calling the Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter at 800-272-3000. Please contact Ginny Phillips at 520-955-2487 with any questions, concerns or ideas.

## Events at Our Saviour's & in the Community

**Celebration.** Join us in celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism of Jill Hughes & Sally Ryan on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. worship.

**Trunk or Treat!** Is on Saturday, October 21, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the North Parking Lot and the Activity Building.

**U of A Football Games !** You can support our youth by parking at church for the home U of A games! Tell your friends and family, spread the word!

**Spanish Class.** Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Patio Room led by Pastor Mateo Chavez.

**Explore "Ballet Plus" Dance Class** at Our Saviour's has begun in the Activity Building. New-comers are welcome 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. and continuing students will meet 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. All adults are welcome.. Call Ms. Ellie at 520-881-7117 to register for these free classes.

**Concert.** Grammy-nominated True Concord presents an all-British program, *Music of the Royals*, October 12-15. The program spans 500 years with music by Byrd, Handel, Britten, Rutter and even the Beatles. More information can be found at: [www.TrueConcord.org](http://www.TrueConcord.org) or by calling 520-401-2651.

**Action Steps for Mass Incarceration Study Group** Members from Our Saviour's, and other churches have been exploring actions that could be taken in response to our collective studies of "The New Jim Crow" by Michele Alexander. We have joined with Second Chance of Tucson to organize a Habitat for Humanity event on Saturday, November 4 which will involve members from our faith communities and people with criminal histories. If you would like to find out more about this "no-experience-needed" event, please contact Glenn Schrader ([glschraderdc@aol.com](mailto:glschraderdc@aol.com) or 647-9863).

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## OSLC Church Calendar for October, 2017

Please go to our website at [www.lutherantucson.org](http://www.lutherantucson.org) - the Posts in the Publication box on the front page for the link.

*In the **Spirit of Jesus**, we grow in faith **through** worship and education  
nurturing and serving **God's Community**.*

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**OUR WORSHIP TIMES**

7:30am—Chapel Communion

9am—Traditions

10:15am—Education & Fellowship

This newsletter is published by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Do you have some news you would like to share with the congregation? Don't keep it a secret! Call the office or drop us an email and room-permitting, we'll try to get it in the Roadrunner for all to share!

Please read this Roadrunner and pass it on to someone you think might be interested in attending one of our many activities or joining us for worship.

Deadline for submission of articles or other information is the 15th of next month. For the Sunday Announcement page, the deadline is 5pm Tuesday prior to Sunday.

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## Christian Education at OSLC

### ***Sundays in the Activity Building:***

#### ***10:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study : The Narrative Lectionary***

Pastor Jeff is leading us in study and discussion of the Narrative Lectionary through October 8. The class will be on break from Sunday, October 15 through Sunday, November 12 for a special series of Adult Forum presentations on the Reformation. Members of the class will then lead our discussions through Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Please join us in this narrative journey through the breadth and variety of Scripture. All are welcome.

#### ***10:15 a.m. - Sunday Forum: 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Reformation Roots Continues! "Who is the Church?"***

As late as 1519, Luther was still not anticipating or advocating for a split in the Christian church. The history of the Reformation shows that ultimately many splits occurred over the next 500 years, and some started immediately. Join us for discussions and DVD presentations about the start of the Protestant denominations and the response of the Roman Catholic Church.

October 15: Swiss Reformation: Zwingli and Calvin

October 22: English Reformation: Politics and Religion

October 29: ***SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY!***

November 5: Roman Catholic Reformation: Spirituality and the Council of Trent

November 12: Prof. Ute Lotz-Heumann, UA Heiko Oberman Professor and Division Director for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies: *"What Happened After Luther? The Confessional Age in Germany and Europe"*



After his death in 1546, Luther could not be sure that his work of Reformation would survive. However, after two wars between Charles V and the Lutheran princes of the Empire, the Peace of Augsburg of 1555 secured the existence of the Lutheran church in Germany. This lecture will explore the political and theological developments of the so-called "confessional age" between 1555 and the beginnings of the Thirty Years' War in 1618.

### ***Additional Opportunities***

7 a.m. - *Tuesday Men's Bible Study* meets weekly in the Patio Room. All men of Our Saviour's come join us for a spiritual lift. Questions - please contact Dean Bell at 520-850-4135 .

10:30 a.m. - *Wednesday Bible Study*. A lay led Bible class meets in the Activity Building. All are welcome.

## Reformation 500 Bookstore Coming to Our Saviour's

To mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, Augsburg Fortress Press is inviting you to learn more about Luther and other reformers through their writings which sparked a world-changing renewal in the church. **From October 15 to November 12**, there will be a book display at Our Saviour's of suggested titles on which you can receive a 50% discount and free shipping. All orders must be placed through the church by November 13 (Glenn Schrader will be submitting the orders – see him for other details also). Our Saviour's will receive 20 books free for our library also!

## Women's Ministry

### CRAFTS



**Quilters** will meet on **October 17<sup>th</sup>** Contact: Kathie Miller, [kmmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:kmmiller@hotmail.com) for further information.

**Knit - Crochet.** Join us on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** and **18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 p.m. to make warm garments for the homeless and needy, and shawls for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will gladly share our skills with beginners.



### EVENTS



**Ladies Night Out** will be showing a movie and sharing food for dinner! Bring a dish to share! Come join us! Friday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 6 p.m. in the Activity Building.

## WHAT IS VIA DE CRISTO?

Via de Cristo is a three day course/retreat intended for lay people from every walk of life, for people who live strong and active lives in Christ, and also for those who seek to be renewed and strengthened in their relationship with Christ and the people around them. Via de Cristo is for Christians who seek more joy, purpose, and meaning in their faith. It is for those who desire to grow in their faith and learn more about prayer, Bible study, and sharing their faith with others.

Via de Cristo is open to married couples and single men and women. In the case of married individuals, both husband and wife are encouraged to attend a Via de Cristo weekend to strengthen their relationship as one in Christ Jesus.

The next Via de Cristo weekend will be held at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church on **October 12-15, 2017**. There is no cost to participants to attend the weekend.. Your Via de Cristo weekend will be a gift from God, for you alone.

Please keep an open mind and heart and prayerfully consider attending a Via de Cristo weekend. To learn more about Via de Cristo you can visit the web site at:

(<http://www.soazviadecristo.org/>) or Kathy DeVinney ([kmdrainbow@aol.com](mailto:kmdrainbow@aol.com)) (who has experienced this type of three day retreat.)

## Notes and Notices

**Thanks** to everyone for your kindnesses, good wishes, cards, meals and support after my two surgeries on 6/26 and 9/11/17. Hank and I have been grateful and privileged members of OSLC for many years and have always felt like OSLC is our home in so many ways. Thanks for providing a safe, loving and healing place to worship and heal. With lots of love and hugs, Ginny Phillips

**Donation option:** Please scan the image you see here using your smart phone or tablet to *donate directly to Our Saviour's*. Thank you!



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 21, 5 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.



This is a FREE community event planned by the Children's Ministry Team involving the whole congregation!

The evening includes:

Trunks Full of Candy

Jumping Castle

Games

Chili Cook Off & other foods sponsored by our youth as a workcamp fundraiser!

Music



Please consider decorating your trunk and passing out candy, leading a game, donating candy or just come to see all of the costumes! ! If you would like to join the team in planning this awesome event, have questions, or want to sign up, please contact Kris Wedemeier (327-6521 or [kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org](mailto:kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org))!

We'll also be on the Patio in October collecting names & goodies!



**TUCSON CROP Walk 2017** Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. The Tucson CROP Walk 2017 will be using the same route for the fifth year in a row. The walk will start at First United Methodist Church 915 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Registration will start at 1:30 p.m. and the walk at 2:00 p.m. The Tucson CROP Walk 2016 was a great success and the walk raised \$22,661 with 20 churches and 187 walkers participating. Our Saviours Lutheran Church raised **\$1,391** and had nine church walkers. Our Saviours did **not** reach its goal of **\$2,500** for CROP Walk 2016!! Let's set a **CROP WALK 2017** goal of **\$2,000**. The CROP Walk donations benefit our local Food Bank and Casa Maria. Please look for the registration table to sign-up to walk or donate for **CROP Walk 2017** starting Sunday October 8, 2017 and every Sunday following until the walk. Maps for the walk route can be picked up at the registration table. Additional information will be provided in the Sunday bulletin and the on-line newsletter.



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# Youth News

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** Oct. 4, 18, and 25, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner, choirs, youth group, faith development, book study for adults!

**KIDS CLUB** A fun time for all youth! Every Wednesday in October (Except Oct. 11) 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.



**JUNIOR LEAGUE** (6th, 7th & 8th graders) FAITH DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS RETREAT! Fri., Oct. 6, 5 p.m. - Sun. Oct. 8, 11 a.m. Cost is \$25

**SENIOR LEAGUE** (high school youth) OUT TO LUNCH! Sun., Oct. 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. bring \$\$ for lunch. Meet at the Youth Center & we'll decide where to go!



**JUNIOR LEAGUE** (6th, 7th & 8th graders) & **SR. LEAGUE** (High School):

- YOUTH SERVE (Youth serving in the community) BINGO at the VA! Sat., Oct. 14, 1-4 p.m.
- TUCSON AREA CHURCHES - HUMANS VS ZOMBIES NIGHT! Fri. Oct. 13, 5 p.m. Bring your nerf gun! Cost is \$15 for food etc.



- SUPER YOUTH GROUP BOWLING! Sun., Oct. 22, 2 - 6 p.m. \$25 Meet at church and we'll head over together.

- TRUNK OR TREAT WORKCAMPER FUNDRAISER CHILI DINNER! Sat., Oct. 21, 4 - 8:30 p.m. Bring a pot of chili AND cornbread or dessert. We need workers in the kitchen.

- WINTER RETREAT!! Jan., 5 - 7, 5 p.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$150.00. Sign up now for an awesome retreat in the mountains! Workcampers need to attend this retreat!

**TRUNK OR TREAT!** Sat., Oct. 21, 5 - 7:30 P.M. ~ FREE CANDY & GAMES! Invite your friends & neighbors!

**QUESTIONS? Wanna Sign Up?**

Contact Kris 520-327-6521/[kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org](mailto:kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org)  
Facebook: Our Saviour's Kids or Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Activity Building



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## **News From the Office** . By Theresa Lehrling, Parish Administrator

Happy October to all!!! So excited to announce that our Youth Center has a new AC YAY!! Thank you to everyone for their patience while our Youth Center was awaiting cool air! 😊 The office is getting busier and busier as we head into one of our busiest seasons. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who help us get through each day! You are all greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank everyone that made food donations for ICS. We have also received some donations to send off to Lutheran Disaster Relief and that is wonderful – THANK YOU! We recently had our landscaping done and the campus grounds are looking great! It is exciting to have Wednesday Nights and Children's Choir start up again and see all the smiling faces on Wednesdays. Please encourage your children to participate as each Wednesday is filled with learning, fellowship, and friendship! May everyone have a happy and safe Halloween and be sure to mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on October 21<sup>st</sup>! 🎃