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Tell me about your Faith? OR What are your Passions?

Thoughts from Scott Koenig, Council President:

According to Rev. Peter Marty, Sr. pastor St. Paul Lutheran in Davenport, IA, radio host, and writer; when people are asked to talk about their faith, they often revert to speaking about what they *believe*. They may search for the perfect answer and start reciting an excerpt from the Apostles Creed or something to that effect. He thinks a better way to discover someone's faith is to ask them what they love. "What are you passionate about?"

For me personally, my passions are much easier to talk about, so I'll share them with you:

I love Tucson.

I find peace hiking the trails of Arizona, especially those in the Grand Canyon.

I relish the opportunity to help people decide what's best for their lives.

I cherish my family.

I bleed Cardinal Red and Navy Blue and love everything about the U of A.

I wouldn't be the same without Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.



This is all demonstrated in how and with whom I spend my time and where I spend my money.

What about OUR church? What if we asked the same questions? "Tell me about Our Saviour's Lutheran Church's faith." We could recite our mission statement, quote John 3:16, or sing *Jesus Loves Me*. None of these would be wrong. But what if we answered the question: "What is Our Saviour's Lutheran Church passionate about?"

I'd imagine some of the answers would be:

Worshipping our Lord through music.

Educating everyone about Jesus' love and word.

Spending time with fellow Christians and those who need to know Christ.



But don't let me answer those questions. Come share and hear for yourself how WE spend our money, our time, and who we spend it with.

Please join the conversation at this year's Annual Meeting on February 12th. I ask you to be passionate in making a commitment to one or more of the following:

Attend the lunch at 12:30 p.m. and stay for the meeting at 1 p.m. in the Activity Building.

Invite someone to join you, and if they can't come tell them what happened.

Watch a DVD or webcast of the meeting after it takes place.

Your faith is calling! What's your passion?



“The Wonder of Worship”

"To worship is to quicken the conscience in the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God and, to devote the will to the purpose of God." William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-44

Have you seen the new item on our announcement page, "What's in the Hymnal?" A congregation member is writing a blurb each week on the great resources in our hymnal. Many of you purchased hymnals for our Sanctuary and more recently for Koch Chapel. What a great gift! All this nudged me into writing a series of Pastor Columns on the wonder of worship. In future newsletters we'll look at the basic elements of worship. This time I simply want to uplift the fundamental importance of worship.

Why do you worship? Why do I worship? I suppose we could offer many different answers. Yet, I think the one answer we all share is that we are responding to God's invitation. From the very first altar in Genesis to the very last "Amen" in Revelation, God invites us into a relationship. As Martin Copenhaver points out in his book *To Begin at the Beginning*, when we give flowers to a loved one, it's not a burden but a joy. The burden would be if we couldn't give them or our beloved rejected them. The Good News is that God graciously invites and receives our humble gift of devotion in worship.

God also blesses us with gifts in worship. Through worship we find the strength we need for the week ahead, the peace that God alone can give, a sense of direction for our life, and the assurance of God's love. I've heard a number of you say, "Worship gives me the focus I need for the week ahead." When we gather together in the presence of God, we receive bread for the journey and hope for the future.

See you in worship!
Pastor Marilyn

Council Corner

Submitted with Christ's help by Ginny Phillips, Council Secretary

We as a council are very happy to encourage everyone to attend this year's Annual Congregational Meeting. So many positive events have occurred and will be occurring in our church. This meeting is a marvelous opportunity to review, learn, and celebrate what has been happening and will be happening. This meeting will be more than reading reports and reviewing the budget, making motions and voting on them. Come and join us on Sunday, February 12th, so we can celebrate our achievements and our uniqueness as a congregation and a family of worshippers.

We have so many things to be appreciative of this year. The budget process is always a challenging one and involves the hard work of so many people. The positive attitude and dedication of those who were involved this year made the process easier. Thank you to all who contributed to that process. Our income for 2012 will face a 3.7 per cent decrease but this is an incredible accomplishment considering the current state of our local, national, and world economy. We continue to be grateful for our staff members who work daily at conserving our resources so the money that does come in is wisely and conservatively used.

Budget put aside, we as a congregation are so rich in spirit, faith and in people. Just look at all who step forward to help us so frequently. The list of Volunteer Ministries and opportunities is very long. Please see the Annual Report for a more complete list, and prepare to be amazed. We are all so grateful to God and his Blessed Son who help and guide us. We continue to pray for that guidance and love so we can continue to grow in faith, reach out in love and serve.

Aboard the StewardShip

By Betsy Boorse, StewardShip Team

Courage, leadership, wisdom, compassion, love, and opportunity. What on earth do these have to do with a February stewardship article? Let's look at what's happening in February. We have Ground Hog Day. We can experience 6 more weeks of winter or anticipate an early spring. We celebrate President's Day, the combined holiday celebrating the birth of two remarkable Presidents; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Presidents who showed courage, leadership, and wisdom far beyond that of many others. We celebrate Valentine's Day with compassion and love.

Also during February this year we observe Ash Wednesday. On this day we roll into one extraordinary event a time of commemoration of the temptation of our Lord and the preparation for His ministry while we remember human mortality. Jesus exemplifies, but goes far beyond, the courage, leadership and wisdom of either Washington or Lincoln. The humanity of Jesus' love and compassion is far greater than any love St. Valentine showed for his people, knowing what was in store for him on the cross. But what about Ground Hog Day? The Bible tells us in the 23rd Psalm that we are led to green pastures and clear water, but more importantly, we are led through the valley of the shadow of death. The 6 weeks of winter of the soul become the early longed-for spring. But just like in the movie Ground Hog Day, we are given the blessing of a new day – one we can live exactly like the day before or realize we can do things differently, hopefully for the good with Jesus by our side.

February in Tucson is far different weather-wise than February in many areas of the country. However, February is a wonderful time for the Christian to reflect on the many gifts we have been given, especially the most blessed gift of God's son, Jesus Christ. May we all find and experience the courage, leadership, wisdom, compassion and love of our Lord and the opportunity to share these gifts and blessings with others. Happy February!

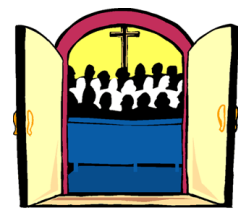
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 12, 1 p.m. in the Activity Building



Potluck Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

7:45 worshipers – please bring a dessert
8:45 worshipers – please bring a main dish
11:15 worshipers – please bring a side dish



One Body, Many Gifts (Romans 12:5) Thank you for Serving at Our Saviour's

"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" – the OSLC mission statement which is included at the top of every Council Agenda and Minutes. Thank you to our current congregational council members: Scott Koenig, President, Julia Olsen-Peterson, Vice President, Ginny Phillips, Secretary, Tina Neil, Treasurer, Sandy Hansen, Mike Jones, David Schmersal, Lyle Trotter and Herb Waesch. They, together with Pr. Marilyn and Susan O'Brien, meet on a monthly basis, generally the 3rd Tuesday of every month, to address items on the council agenda.

Agenda items include financial/endowment reports, staff/ministry reports, attendance reports, presentations by guests, and any other church business which may come up that is relevant at the time. The council makes available to the congregation in a timely manner the agenda and minutes (look for the big white binder on the table in the church library) and highlights council action in the "Council Corner" in the Roadrunner. Thank you again to our council members for the time and talents that each of them share as they are called to act on the business of the church.

Lenten Worship Schedule

February 22 - Ash Wednesday



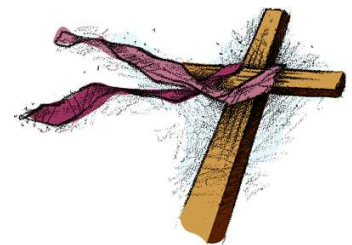
Communion Services - 12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Let us begin our Lenten Journey together sharing in God's word.

Mid-Week Services:

The Wednesdays in Lent (February 29 - March 28)

12:00 p.m. - Traditional Service - Koch Chapel
Followed by a potluck lunch

6:30 p.m. - Traditional Service - Koch Chapel
Soup dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Building



Events at Our Saviour's & in the Community

Lively Lutherans - Feb. 1 a trip to the *Amerind Foundation Museum and the Singing Winds Bookstore*. Cost is \$5 and we will leave from the Church slightly before 9 a.m. Church vans and carpooling available.

March 18 there will be an *Afternoon Tea* at the home of Isobell Barnhill. Please bring goodies to go with a variety of teas. There will be more information in the March Roadrunner.

The Senior Social "*Celebrations of the Heart*" will take place on **February 15** in Koch Chapel from 1–3 p.m. Come share your love of the Lord and your love of each other. Red is the color of the day. Games will be played and punch and Valentine desserts will be served. Communion will be offered. If you need a ride, call Kathy Oksol (327-6521.)

Save the Date - February 18. A Prayer Breakfast at Our Saviour's is currently being organized for anyone to attend. Look for more announcements in the church bulletins and February Roadrunner.

Rummage Sale! The Rummage Sale will be held **Feb. 25th**! We'll be collecting your treasures until SUNDAY, FEB. 19TH - It takes us all week to organize and price items! We're especially looking for household items, small appliances, furniture, & kitchen items! If you need a pick up or would like to help us the week of the sale or even the day of the sale please call Kris Wedemeier at 327-6521 or email: kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org.

Meeting on Human Trafficking - Sunday, Feb. 26, 2:PM at Our Saviour's. The Inter-religious Community of Tucson invites you to a FREE, timely and informative meeting on Human Trafficking with speakers Steve Kozachik, Tucson City Councilman, and Rev. Mary Jacobs, President, Christian Women's Fellowship. *A signup sheet is in the office.*

OSLC Project Hospitality continues. For the past several years, OSLC has joined with the Salvation Army and other Tucson churches to provide shelter and food for the homeless from the end of November through the end of February. OSLC will be hosting 6 homeless men in the Activity Building on Monday, **2/27-2/28**, our last PH for the season. Volunteers are asked to prepare dinner for 8 people (6 guests and 2 overnight hosts), stay the night, provide breakfast and 6 sack lunches to go. If you would like more information, and/or are interested in volunteering in any way, we welcome your call! Please call or e-mail Kathy Oksol, 327-6521, koksol@lutherantucson.org.

Tucson Chamber Artists, southern Arizona's professional chamber choir and orchestra, presents Johannes Brahms's beloved *Ein Deutches Requiem* Saturday, February 18, 7:30pm, at Catalina Foothills High School, and Sunday, February 19, 2:00pm, at Catalina United Methodist Church. For tickets: 401.2651 or www.TucsonChamberArtists.org.

Saturday Morning Live with Ken Lamberton, on February 25 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Foothills (5102 N. Craycroft Rd.) Southern Arizona author, and Our Saviour's member, Ken Lamberton walked the 200-mile length of the Santa Cruz River, exploring its history, culture, ecology, and aesthetics. He'll discuss his book *Dry River: Stories of Life, Death, and Redemption on the Santa Cruz*, at this Free event.

You Might Want to Know...

U OF A Basketball GAMES. Park at church and help our youth get to Workcamp this summer!

Endowment Committee Meetings

The Endowment Committee meets on the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November. For a grant request to be considered, an application must be received by the first day of that meeting month. Applications are available in the Church Office.

OSLC Church Calendar for February, 2012

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

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OUR WORSHIP TIMES

7:45am—Chapel Communion

8:45am—Traditions

10:10am—Education & Fellowship

11:15am— Celebrations Contemporary

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

On Sundays in addition to worship:

10:10 am— Sunday School classes for children and young adults have begun! It's never too late to register your child, just come on over to the Activity Building!

10:10 am— Sunday Forums in Koch Chapel

Feb. 5- "*The ELCA Malaria Campaign*" Bishop Steve Talmadge will be our guest speaker.

Feb. 12 - "*Business-Education Partnerships Supporting Teachers and Students.*" Dr. Julia Olsen (Director of the MASTER-IP Program at the U of A College of Education) and Jacquelyn Jackson (Executive Director of Tucson Values Teachers) will discuss the value of education to Tucson, Arizona and the nation, and how church members and others who are non-educators can get involved. We will discuss the work of both programs and how collaboration is making business-education partnerships a win-win proposition in southern Arizona.

Feb. 19 - The Funeral Consumers Alliance.

Feb. 26 - "*Darwinism vs. Intelligent Design*" by Barney Brenner, who will present his view that Intelligent Design is not merely creationism and has no particular religion promoting it. He will point out some flaws in Darwin's theory. He was a columnist for the Tucson Citizen and has written for the Arizona Daily Star. His program is recommended by one of our OSLC members.

10:10 am—Sunday Morning Bible Study

"*In the Beginning*": *A Study of Genesis 12 - 25.* Led by Pastor Marilyn. We will read and discuss the stories of Abraham and his family. Abraham is significant to three world faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam; come find out why. Also discover what these stories have to say to your own life.

Additional Opportunities

7:00am—Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets weekly in the Patio Room. Now studying the Book of Matthew. Contact Chuck Jonaitis at 825-6637 for more information.

11:00 am — Wednesday Bible Study See the description for the Sunday Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm — Wednesdays Together (Feb. 1, 8 and 15)

6:00 pm— Potluck dinner. Bring a side, main dish or dessert. Please join us for dinner even if you are unable to bring a dish to share.

6:30 to 7:30 p. – Kids Club (AB7) and Faith Development

Faith Development

Faith Stories (Grades 3-5, Quentin Peterson, et.al., AB5)

10 Commandments (Grades 6-8, Laurie Emery, AB7)

Gods' Pals —is a chance for moms of babies and preschoolers to come together to share, learn, play and hang out with each other. God's Pals meets one Saturday morning each month at 9am until noon.

Play Group (under 4 yrs. old) Meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery. Please call Gretchen for info. (269-9017.)

Parent's Day Out (ages 6 months thru 3 years old) Meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 9 a.m. in the Nursery. Call Gretchen (269-9017.)

Christian Education - Additional Opportunities cont.

Little League— This is our Youth Group for Kindergarteners, 1st & 2nd graders! We meet every Weds. at 6:45 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m. ~ bring the whole family!) and once a month on weekends! This group focuses on building friendships and having fun in a Christian environment.

Middle League— This is our Youth Group for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders! We meet every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m. ~ bring the whole family!) and once a month on week ends! This group focuses on building friendships, fun, and games in a Christian environment.

Junior League—This is our Youth Group for 6th, 7th & 8th graders! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for Faith Development (dinner is at 6 p.m.~bring the whole family!) and twice a month on week ends! This group's Leadership Team plans events based on service to the community, fun activities on and off site, and active lessons & discussions about our faith.

Senior League— This is our Youth Group for high schoolers! We meet on weekends with some type of event such as: home repair, fun events, Bible study, summer trips, and service projects.

College Group— Composed of people 18 through 25 years old, this group is for Young Adults. Some go to the UofA, some attend Pima Community College and some work! So whether you're in college full-time, part-time, or just college-aged, you're welcome to join. Meets every Sunday on the Patio after every service! Bible Study & Discussion at 10:10 a.m. For more information, contact the Church Office.

Check the calendar and the Youth Page for dates & times.

Acolytes and Greeters, February, 2012

Acolytes:

- Feb. 5 8:45: Leilana/Maliyah Pye, Annalia Sanders
 11:15: Jacob Porter
- Feb. 12 8:45: Otto Krueger, Stephen Larson, George Saphir
 11:15: Alexis/Delia Mohler
- Feb. 19 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan/Noah Pupach
 11:15: Evan Williams
- Feb. 26 8:45: Erika Cook, Grace/Sally Ryan
 11:15: Kyleigh D'Anna-Havenhill

Greeters:

- Feb. 5 7:45: Susan/Don Peters
 8:45: Julia Olsen-Peterson, Gerry Meyer, Lana Shiel
 11:15: Eleanore Johnson
- Feb.12 7:45: Dawn Agar
 8:45: Gloria Matson, David/Isaac Schmursal
 11:15: J.D. McNett, Tina Neil
- Feb. 19 7:45: Sue/Ron Ressler
 8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Seth Hepler, Hunter Rios
 11:15: Mary Enemark
- Feb. 26 7:45: Angela/Brent Borchers
 8:45: Mel Riise, Maggie/Loren Keldahl
 11:15: Tara/Dave Harper

The New Flower Chart for 2012...

is in the Sanctuary (to the left of the main entrance doors.
 - To reserve a bouquet(s) for the altars in the Sanctuary and/or Koch Chapel fill out the form, put it and your payment (\$10 per bouquet) in an envelope (both are in the rack to the left of the chart) and place it in the offering plate or return it to the office.

Please sign up to beautify the Altar and acknowledge a special person, date, or event.



Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets on Fridays at 7:30am. We are meeting at the home of Ginny Phillips and will follow a small group study guide for forming this group. Enriching our prayer life is the purpose and our goal is to provide an opportunity for women to come together in prayer and support. We hope an early start will allow women in the workforce an opportunity to join in! For location or more information, contact Ginny at 955-2487.

OSLC CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Hannah Lydia ~ February 14, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room (Contact: Shirley Springborn, 498-1722)

Rebecca ~ will not meet this month (Contact: Gene Knorr, 325-7143)

Circle of Friends ~ February 21, 7:00 p.m., Activity Building (Contact: Kathy Oksol, 327-6521)

Circles meet for fellowship and Bible/book study.

All women are welcome! Choose the day and time that works best for you!

Gather (formerly **Lutheran Woman Today**) magazine, \$12 annual subscription rate; award winning articles and Bible Study in every issue. Sept. – May, 2011-2012, Bible Study theme: To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark. To subscribe please see the back issues in office or contact Kathy Oksol (520-327-6521.)

CRAFTS

Quilters will be meeting on February 14, 2012. All are welcome!

Knit-Ins are on February 1 at 1 p.m. and February 15 at 9:30 p.m. at Virginia Hecht's. For directions call 327-2109.

OSLC Serendipity Crafters. You're invited to join all Crafters for an evening of fun on February 17. We will be meeting in the Main Room of the Activity Building at 6 p.m. You may bring whatever you want to work on or just come and see what others are doing. There will be snacks to share, but you are asked to bring your own drinks. If you have questions please call Andrea Wilson, 546-1535, or email turtlesister3@hotmail.com.

EVENTS

Women's Outreach – the next Chef for a Day at Ronald McDonald's House is set for Saturday, February 18, 4 - 7 p.m. OSLC women are invited to plan, prepare and serve dinner for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Please sign up in the church office or contact Kathy, 327-6521 or koksol@lutherantucson.org. Thank you to Kris Rees, Corky Ronstadt and Audrey Sander for their time and talents as Chefs for a Day at the Ronald McDonald House, Saturday, Jan. 7, cooking and serving brunch for 20!

Ladies Night Out! Meet with other women of all ages to share a themed potluck meal, watch a "chick flick" & chat! Join us on Friday, **February 10th** at 6 p.m. in the Youth Center! If you have any questions, or want to let us know you're coming please contact Kris Wedemeier at 327-6521 or email: kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org

Women's Morning Gathering formerly Women's Day Apart. Scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4, has been **suspended** due to conflicts with program dates and speakers' schedules.

Did You Know?

The church offices used to be on a series of small apartments that faced Norris Street on the east end of our campus.



Notes and Notices

Congratulations to Ken Lamberton. His book, *Dry River: Stories of Life, Death, and Redemption on the Santa Cruz*, was mentioned as one of the Southwest Books of the Year 2011 by the Pima County Public Library.

Congratulations to Carrie Belle Kent who Affirmed her Baptism on January 8, 2012 at the 7:45 a.m. Chapel Service.

Paige Cross, Rayne White, and Darik Cross were Baptized on January 8, 2012 at the 11:15 a.m. Celebrations Service. Pastor Marilyn officiated and on the same day Eric Cross preached at the Service.

Dear Our Saviour's Family, Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and help during my recovery from the broken shoulder bone I got from tripping on my dog's leash!! This happened the week before Thanksgiving. Recovery has been a long haul, and I still have a ways to go, however with patience and prayers, I will get thru this. Again, "thank you" and God bless you all. Love & Prayers, *Bev Oskvarek*.

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gift to the ELCA Missionary Sponsorship. Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever. Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, helps nearly 250 missionaries in 48 countries to preach, teach, heal, build, and seek peace alongside global neighbors. Yours in Christ, *Pastor Twila Schock*, Director, Missionary Sponsorship and Global Appeals.

Dear Friends. On behalf of the children, our staff, and the community of Rock Point. I want to personally thank you for your kindness, generosity, and support to the Navajo Lutheran Mission: without a congregation like yours, our ministry to the Navajo people would not exist. God bless you and your congregation. *Pastor Lynn Hubbard*, Executive Director, Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission.



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From My Perch—*Peckings from Lydia, the church cockatiel*

When February arrives, my heart is all a twitter--the month of cupid and hearts and flowers! Love is in the air and I've been checking out the handsome cockatiel that lives in the mirror in my cage. But in the meantime...

The office has been getting ready for our Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 12 in the Sanctuary. Now, you might think this is just a boring meeting where everyone sits around and listens to a lot of talk about expenses and budgets and the like, but you would be surprised to find that's just not true! There are exciting presentations planned and you're bound to learn a lot about Our Saviour's beyond the Sunday experience. You'll find interesting reports and updates in the printed Annual Report to the Congregation which can be picked up on the patio this month. And it's always good to know how your money is being spent in the furtherance of our church and its mission. (However, I will report that I did not see a budget line for the feeding and care of church cockatiels!)



I think it would be a good idea for you to be sure to mark the date and time on your calendar now and plan to attend this once a year get together. There's an abundance of information available to those who are present. I promise you won't be disappointed. Chirp!
