

The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

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In the fine traditions of modifying Christmas songs and recapping the events of the previous year – we present,

"The 12 months of Our Saviour's – 2011

On the 1st month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – the return of all the usual "stuff"

(e.g. bible studies, Kid's clubs/leagues, Faith Development, Sunday Forums, Senior Socials, LivelyLutherans, choir/band rehearsals....)

On the 2nd month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Two special meetings

(the Annual Meeting and the Missional Leadership Academy Seminar.)

On the 3rd month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Three big events

(Ash Wednesday Service, pictures for Church Directory, and Rummage Sale.)

On the 4th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Four "Easter" events

(the Eggcellent Adventure, Holy Week Services, Seder Meal, the delivering of the Easter Food Boxes.)

On the 5th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Five acknowledgements

(High School Graduates, Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Mother's Day Bake Sale, New Members, Handbell/Chime Worship Service.)

On the 6th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Six summer things

(a 'new' Church Council, Wild Wednesdays, Vacation Bible School, Adult Vacation Bible School, Father's Day Bake Sale, learned a new liturgy.)

On the 7th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Seven more gatherings

(Zumba Classes, Women's Half Day Bible Study Retreat, Simplified Senior Socials, Unveiling of the Walk of Thanks, Ladies' Night Out, replaced the tiles on the dome, introduced the new Roadrunner format.)

On the 8th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Eight invitations

(to join the Chancel Choir, to join the Handbell Choir, to save the date for the Harvest Fest, to attend the Senior Socials, to attend the Faith Development Ice Cream Social and Orientation, to pick up the new OSLC pictorial directories, join the New Women's Prayer Group, to attend the OSLC Open House.)

On the 9th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Nine autumn thoughts

(Remembering Sept. 11, Sunday School started, Sunday/Wednesday Bible Study started, Lively Lutherans started, Senior Socials continues, Faith Development started, Kid's Club started, Chancel Choir/ Handbell Choir started, and a not so cut-throat silent action was held at the Harvest Fest.)

On the 10th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Ten things appearing

(Stewardship Grapevines (everywhere), Football parking, New Members Orientation, Knit-Ins, Serendipity Crafters, Women of OSLC met for Ben's Bells, Women of the ELCA Synod Convention, Consecration Sunday, OSLC Congregational Picnic (included music, games, food, and laughing), Trunk or Treat!

On the 11th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Eleven thoughts continuing

(MLA Team meeting, Thanksgiving Food Boxes, Project Hospitality, Tucson Crop Walk, College Group Serve Day, Senior Socials, Lively Lutherans, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Prayer Group, Thanksgiving Eve Service.)

On the 12th month of last year Our Saviour's shared with me – Twelve fantastic things

(the results of the 2012 Stewardship Campaign, a new Habitat home for the Dawayee family, Breakfast with Santa, Parents Day Out Babysitting, the Angel Tree, poinsettias for the Sanctuary Altar, the continuing Men's Bible Study, a Choral Service of Lessons and Carols, Advent Services, a Christmas Eve services, Christmas Day Service, and *the Birth of the Christ Child*.)

“Home By Another Way”

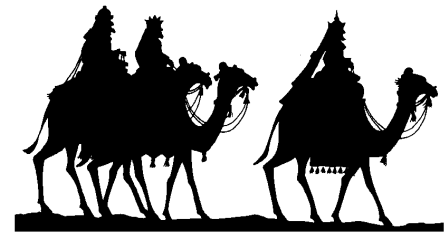
I have always been intrigued by the story of the magi. As a child, I was fascinated by the three wisemen with their colorful robes and fantastic gifts. As an adult, I was drawn to the star-guided journey which spoke to me of the journey of faith. Lately it's the last verse of the story that draws my attention, the verse that indicates they returned home by another way.

The reason given for this alternate route is that the magi were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod. The king wanted to know the babe's whereabouts so that he could kill him. However, it also has occurred to me that their itinerary changed because they were changed. Having been to the manger and knelt before the Christ Child, they could not return home and resume life as if nothing had happened.

What about us? We have been to Bethlehem this Christmas season. And now as we begin the year 2012, will it just be the same old, same old, or will we live differently? Will we be so overwhelmed by our work and to-do-lists that we'll take no time to pray and be attentive to God? Or will we see our work as a way to share our gifts and follow God's call? Will our mealtimes be times when each family member grabs a plate and rushes off to some other activity? Even worse, will the table be the site of squabbling and put downs? Or will the table be a place to enjoy the company of family and friends? Will we give into the negativity and cynicism that too often characterizes an election year? Or will we get involved in the political process and cast our vote as an expression of hope? Will we participate in worship, Bible study, and service opportunities at about the same level we did last year? Or will we step up our involvement? The more we give of ourselves, the more we become aware of God's blessings in our lives.

The wisemen returned home by another way. May we be so wise!

Blessings,
Pastor Marilyn



Council Corner

By Ginny Phillips, Council Secretary

Welcome to 2012!! If the year of 2011 is any indication of what will be happening at Our Saviour's during 2012, roll up your sleeves, clear your calendars and be ready for all of the activities to come.

We have installed Noreen Walters as our new Director of Music. As her duties expand, we are looking forward to more music opportunities in the church, especially for children in the community. The youth are planning some innovative fund raisers to help our youth earn money to go to Workcamp this year. If our nursery play ground has not yet been improved by removing the pebble rocks and wooden fence, this is soon to happen. The plan is to install a soft ground covering so the play surface will be safer for our children up through the age of 3 years. The MLA is quickly progressing with their plans to incorporate the needs of our local community with some projects that we participate in together. We will continue to look for more ways that our church leadership can be shared among participants and congregational leaders. We would like to include our ministry recipients in our activities more than ever before. It is important that we continue to adapt to the needs of our church and our community to stay vital and start growing again. Please let us know of any idea you have and any concerns that may be developing. Open communication is one of the most important parts of our plans to move forward. That cannot happen without everyone's honesty and participation. Please ask God to continue to bless our church, our pastor, our staff and our council members in your prayers.

Aboard the StewardShip

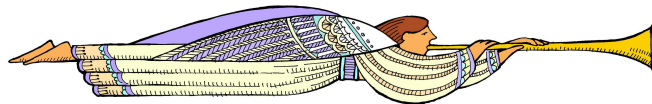
By Betsy Boorse, StewardShip Team

I received the December, 2011 newsletter from a small, rural church in Pennsylvania. The first page was a message from their relatively new pastor. He was talking about Christmas expectations, both as a child when he was expecting and received the Lego set he wanted so much and adult expectations. I shared the final paragraph of his message with those in attendance at the Chancel Choir Christmas gathering and the message is worth repeating.

Pastor Ollikainen writes "What are your expectations for this Christmas? What are your expectations of life, for your relationship with God? Where do you look to have these expectations filled? Our deepest expectations, the things we desire and need the most in life are not found under a Christmas tree. The one thing we need more than anything else comes to us on a starry night in an out of the way manger. If you approach the manger seeking riches, you will only find poverty. If you approach it seeking comfort, you will only find hard ground, straw and the smell of animals. If you are seeking traditional family values and morality, you will find a teenage, unwed mother of an illegitimate child. If what you seek is to escape suffering, you will only discover the blood, sweat, tears and cries of child birth. But if new life is your expectation, if it is hope for which you search, if it is the presence and power of God you seek, then look carefully underneath the poverty, amid the straw, behind the animals and past a mother's cry and you will find the Christ Child. You will find Immanuel, God with us, who enters our broken world and embraces us to make us whole and new."

What power can be found in his words! While Christmas Day has passed, these words ring true for us as we list our "expectations" or our resolutions for the New Year, both for us personally and as a congregation. Powerful things are happening at Our Saviour's. God's grace and the Holy Spirit can be found here. May a resolution and expectation for all of us be a closer walk with our Lord and to "kneel more" as one of our choral anthems recommends. All other resolutions are encompassed: Lose weight – read the Bible instead of that second donut; Exercise – take that morning or evening walk in the desert, just you and Jesus; Make your fortune – God's blessings are far beyond earthly worth (but hey, if He should bless you in Vegas or with a winning lottery ticket, don't forget to thank Him with a tithe!)

May the peace and blessings of this Christmas season surround you all throughout the year. Thank you all for your continued support of OSLC and your encouragement of the StewardSHIP team.



2012 Stewardship Commitments

To date we have received 152 commitments totaling \$376,152. In comparison for the 2011 Stewardship Campaign we received 155 commitments totaling \$364,413 at year's end. On behalf of the StewardSHIP Committee we thank all of you who have made commitments to support the ministries of Our Saviour's for 2012. Additionally we want to recognize and thank those who, while not declaring a written commitment, do make and fulfill a pledge from their heart. These "heart pledges" continue to provide added support for Our Saviour's ministries. We would be remiss if we did not also recognize and thank those who under-gird our many ministries with their time and talents.

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

As we begin a new and busy 2012, *a special thank you* is extended to ALL OSLC volunteers who so generously and faithfully give of their time and talents to the following ministries:

Worship, music and Sunday morning ministries:

Greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants, acolytes, Chancel Choir, 12 Measures of Interest band, adult handbell/tone chime choir, recorders, solo and ensemble instrumentalists and vocalists;

Altar service and liturgical arts, sound techs, van drivers, nursery volunteers;

Sunday morning prayer ministers, blood pressure monitors, bread bakers, Sunday school teachers (and superintendent) and Sunday forum/Bible study leaders, Little League leaders; Sunday luncheon cooks, Seder Meal/Lent/Advent/special lunch/dinner volunteers, and funeral reception volunteers;

Weekday, prayer, leading and planning, outreach, care, children's, youth, college age, women's and men's ministries:

Office volunteers, money counters, bulletin and Roadrunner printers and assemblers, special mailings volunteers, bulletin boards, church librarian, pew custodians and banner changers;

Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study leaders, W/ELCA and circle leaders;

Wednesdays Together (formerly Options) and special event kitchen volunteers, teachers for Faith Development and Adult Enrichment classes, and Kids Club leaders;

Thursday and Saturday morning work crews;

Archives committee, videographers and photographers;

Prayer chain, Friday morning Women's Prayer Group;

Church Council, Missional Leadership Academy, Mutual Ministry and Personnel Teams, Finance, Stewardship and Endowment Committees, Property Committee, Community Outreach and Global Missions/World Hunger Teams, Care Team, Adult Forum Team, and Youth and Children's Ministries;

Casa Maria, Donation pick-ups and deliveries, Fair Trade Sales, CropWalk, OSLC liaisons to Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Community Services, Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless and TIHAN; Primavera Cooks, Project Hospitality, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes; Christmas Angel Tree; quilters, knitters and crafters; women's outreach;

Lively Lutheran leaders, care givers, drivers (for doctor's appointments/church functions), Eucharistic ministers, Senior Social volunteers;

Vacation Bible School leaders, Children's, Youth and College leaders, Youth Serve and Work Campers.

If you would like to give of your time and talents in 2012, please contact Kathy Oksol, 327-6521, koksol@lutherantucson.org. If you are already giving of your time and talents, well done, and thank you, good and faithful servant!

Events at Our Saviour's

Lively Lutherans - will attend a matinee movie at a local theater on **Monday, January 23** followed by a discussion at the church led by Pastor Arnie. Catered refreshments will be provided. Watch the January Sunday Announcement Inserts for more information.

The Senior Social "*Winter Wonderland*" will take place on **January 18** in Koch Chapel from 1–3 p.m. Please join us for snacks, games, and friendship. If you have a favorite Winter poem, please share it with us. Communion will be offered. If you need a ride, call Kathy Oksol (327-6521.) The next Senior Social will be on February 25, 2012.

OSLC Business Fair! Sunday, **January 22** during the 10:10 hours, in the Activity Building. For OSLC members and friends. Where do you work, what do you do? Meet our teachers, nurses, lawyers, small business owners, employees of Raytheon or the U of A, etc. Tables will be set up according to business/profession. Business cards, brochures, samples all welcome! Sign up on the patio or church office if you would like to participate.

Project Hospitality continues. OSLC has joined with the Salvation Army and other Tucson churches to provide shelter and food for the homeless through the end of February. OSLC will be hosting 6 homeless men in the Activity Building on each of the following three Monday nights: **Jan. 9, Jan. 23, and Feb. 27.** Volunteers are asked to host dinners for 10 – 12 people (6 guests, 2 overnight hosts, and the cooks), stay the night, provide warm breakfasts and sack lunches to go. If you would like more information, and/or are interested in volunteering in any way on any one of our host nights, we welcome your call! Please 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 **February 25, 2012!** And we're collecting treasures! We have plenty of room now. We need all kinds of items! Tax receipts are available. Feel free to drop off your items or if you need a pick up or have questions, please call Kris Wedemeier at 327-6521 or email: kwedemeier@lutherantucson.org.

You Might Want to Know...

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

Band Members Branch Out!

Eric Cross, Bill DeVinney, and Ken Lamberton, from '12 Measures of Interest' (the Celebrations' Band) will be performing with "The Rogue Theatre" in the play *The New Electric Ballroom* by Edna Welsh. The dates are Feb 23, 24, 25 and 26, Mar 1, 2, 3, 4, and Mar 8, 9, 10, 11. All Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are in the evening at 7 p.m. and the Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. at The Rogue Theatre located at 300 E University.

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 January, 2012

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OUR WORSHIP TIMES

7:45am—Chapel Communion

8:45am—Traditions

10:10am—Education & Fellowship

11:15am— Celebrations Contemporary

*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.*

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.

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

Jan. 8- "*Christianity in the New Russia.*" Led by Carol Garrard.

Jan. 15 - "*Tai Chi Play*" Led by Heather Chalon, MPH. This is an ancient self-healing process about fostering wellness in body, mind and spirit. Come and hear about a program for better balance and mobility, managing pain or discomfort, and relaxed sleep. Heather Chalon is a health educator who specializes in enjoyable self-care techniques. Anyone young or old can benefit.

Jan. 22 - *No Forum*. Business Fair in the Activity Building

Jan. 29 - *TBA*

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 Mark. 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 (Jan. 11, 18 and 25)

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

January Faith Development Classes (for youth in grades 3-8)

Prayer (Grades 3-5, Ellie Johnson, AB5)

What Lutherans Believe (Grades 6-8, Kris Wedemeier, 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.)

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.

Christian Education - Additional Opportunities cont.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the calendar and the Youth Page for dates & times

Acolytes:

- Jan. 1 8:45: Grace and Sally Ryan, Annalia Sanders
11:15: Kodie Frye
- Jan. 8 8:45: Otto Krueger, Stephen Larson, George Saphir
11:15: Alexis/Delia Mohler
- Jan. 15 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan/Noah Pupach
11:15: Jacob Porter
- Jan. 22 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan/Noah Pupach
11:15: Kyleigh D'Anna-Havenhill
- Jan. 29 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan/Noah Pupach
11:15: Kodie Frye



Greeters:

- Jan. 1 7:45: no 7:45 worship service
8:45: Julia Olsen-Peterson, Isobel Barnhill, Gerry Meyer
11:15: Eleanore Johnson, Frye family
- Jan. 8 7:45: Arch Brown
8:45: Gloria Matson, Maggie/Loren Keldahl
11:15: Tina Neil
- Jan 15 7:45: Sue/Ron Ressler
8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Pupach family
11:15: Therese Arnett, Mary Enemark
- Jan 22 7:45: Angela/Brent Borchers
8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Pupach family
11:15: Therese Arnett, Mary Enemark
- Jan 29 7:45: Gayle Anderson/Daniel Maus
8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Pupach family
11:15: Therese Arnett, Mary Enemark

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 ~ January 10, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room (Contact: Shirley Springborn, 498-1722)

Rebecca ~ January 11, , 1:00 p.m., Patio Room (Contact: Gene Knorr, 325-7143)

Circle of Friends ~ January 17, 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 January 17, 2012. Please join us for another year of fun.

Knit-Ins are on January 4 at 1 p.m. and January 18 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 January 20. We will be meeting in the Activity Bldg. Room 8 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

Chef for a Day at Ronald McDonald House. Saturday, Jan. 7, 9 a.m. to noon. OSLC women who are interested in planning, preparing and serving a morning brunch for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House, please sign up in the Church Office. We will meet ahead to plan and prepare a menu. Helping hands will be needed on the morning brunch is served. If you are interested, please call or e-mail Kathy Oksol, 327-6521, koksol@lutherantucson.org.

Girl's Night Out. This is a monthly event where we'll gather to share a themed potluck meal, watch a "chick flick" & chat! Join us on Friday, **January 13** at 6 p.m.! Meet 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, in the Activity Building, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Watch for details in upcoming Sunday bulletin announcements.

Our Saviour's Orientation

January 29 during the 10:10 hour

If you are a first-time visitor, a frequent/regular visitor, a winter visitor, or even an OSLC member, and would like to learn or be reminded of what Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and the Lutheran faith are all about, please come to the next Orientation scheduled for Sunday in the Patio Room.

Notes and Notices

The Our Saviour's Lutheran Church picnic on October 23, 2012 was deemed a success by many people. Several thank you letters were received from congregation members thanking everyone involved in putting the event together. It was truly a group effort. A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their financial support! Thank you also to the "Banjo Blasters" who were incredible and we will never forget the polished "Chordinary Guys" barbershop quartet who came all the way from Green Valley. Rod and Betsy Boorse organized fun games for people of all ages and I can't remember laughing as much as I did during the rope pull that almost was. Thanks for all the wonderful food and the help setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Let me know if you can volunteer for next year! - *Gloria Alvillar*

A huge THANK YOU goes to all those who made the Christmas Reception December 18th such a huge success. Special thanks go to the planners (Betty Skudder, Ellie Johnson, Marilyn Dale, and LuAnn Dale) and to all those who helped put the event together on Saturday and Sunday (Betty, Ellie, Marilyn, LuAnn, and Mert Ingvaldstad, Sharon Pearson, Bobby Wyatt, Melissa Bales, Audrey Sander, Pat Schriefer, Susan O'Brien, and Bob Burke.) Then there were all of the members who brought goodies for the tables and good hearts to the party. - *Sharron Riise*

Dear Friends, Many thanks to Our Saviour's Outreach Team and Church Council for the wonderful gift to Lutheran Campus Ministry - ELCA! The students are finishing up finals this week and then we'll be enjoying a Christmas break. We are excited about the upcoming semester, especially our planned study trip to Palestine/Israel over Spring Break in March. It is a joy to be in partnership in ministry with you. God's strength to your Ministry! Advent and Christmas Peace - Pastor Ron Rude

Did you know that you can read the Roadrunner on the internet?

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home page at**

www.lutherantucson.org

Select "About" and then "News"

You'll find links to Announcements and our Calendar, too!

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From My Perch—Peckings from Lydia, the church cockatiel

Chirpy New Year! Have you made resolutions for the New Year? I've thought about resolving not to peck Susan when she tries to put me back in my cage, but where's the fun in that? I hope you're thinking about resolving to volunteer at OSLC one time during this new year.

It really takes a village to run a church and we are so blessed to have many willing hands to carry out the unbelievable amount of duties here. But there's always a need for more! Kathy Oksol is our Volunteer Coordinator and she does a wonderful job connecting people with volunteer opportunities based on interests and skills. Whether you want to do physical work around the campus, help with shuttling people to church on Sundays, being a part of the Altar Team or would like to call a shut-in once a week, Kathy can find just the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of others.



Volunteering your time and talent is a wonderful thing to do and it'll make you feel great! As Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote: *Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.*

So, if you're making that list, please add "volunteering at OSLC." We can certainly put you to work and you'll feel great!
