

The Roadrunner

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Missional Leadership Academy Team Moves Forward

The MLA (Missional Leadership Academy) team has been busy digesting the flood of enthusiastic input that it received during and following the August 28th and Oct 2nd Adult Forums. On August 28th the team presented its proposal for moving Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC) forward through the development of a Ministry Roadmap based on the visioning work that was done over the summer. With participant concurrence the Team engaged the Neighborhood Associations (NAs) surrounding OSLC to test the feasibility of a missional/outreach based focus that has developed out of the visioning effort. On October 2nd the team reported back that the 3 largest NAs around OSLC, Sam Hughes, Blenman Elam, and Jefferson, have been contacted and the areas of common interest identified which would be fruitful for joint development in the future. The attendees agreed on the development of an OSLC Ministry Roadmap based on the recently developed OSLC Missional Visioning.

The MLA team invites congregation members to attend a Tuesday, November 8th, meeting in the Patio room to begin the Roadmap development process. Members who are interested in developing and growing outreach oriented ministries, working with the NAs around OSLC, and refining the focus of our existing ministries are encouraged to attend the meeting or contact the MLA team about their interest.

Your MLA Team - Kent Pflibsen, Pastor Marilyn, Scott Koenig, Quentin Peterson, Sherwood Glover, and Allison Frye

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A Beautiful Morning

It was one of those crisp and clear Autumn mornings here in Arizona. I said to one of our faithful worshippers, "What a beautiful morning!" He replied, "Pastor Marilyn, every morning I wake up and open my eyes is a beautiful morning." How true, I thought. God lavishes us with so many blessings, not least of which is the blessing of life itself.

One of our prayers in worship begins: "Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love." I think about that phrase "with joy and thanksgiving." It makes sense, doesn't it? I mean, it's hard to be grumpy and grateful at the same time. When we approach life with an attitude of gratitude, we discover what it means to have a joyful heart. Isn't that what Our Lord desires for us? Jesus concludes his teaching on the vine and branches by saying, "I have said these things to you that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."

This month we celebrate not only Thanksgiving but also the feast of All Saints. Remember the worshipper who said to me "Pastor Marilyn, every morning I wake up is a beautiful morning." The following Sunday he commented at the door: "I've been thinking about what I said. And I need to add, 'Of course, if I don't wake up on this earth, that's not bad either.'" How true again! As people of faith, our joy is not just for our life here on earth but for our life forever with God! Either way, it's a beautiful morning!

Blessings,
Pastor Marilyn



Council Corner

By Ginny Phillips, Council Secretary

Our Church Staff with the Council members helped organized a lovely Harvest Festival this past September. Many people turned out and enjoyed the food and the music played live by our Celebrations Band. We are pleased to announce that \$2,200 was raised at the silent auction that was held during the Festival. Thank you to all who attended, helped, and participated in the Festival.

The security patrols on our church campus are having a significant impact in reducing the amount of damage being done to the church property. These patrols will continue.

Please save the date of our next Annual Meeting, Sunday February 12, 2010. It is important for as many of us to attend as possible. This is an opportunity to provide input for the direction of the church for the next year and to show your support.

The Council approved many fund raisers for the Youth and children of our church. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to serve and help. Kris Wedemeier, as usual, is always hard at work finding creative ways to involve our youth in the growth of our church while providing them many opportunities to deepen their faith and build a community of Christian friends and mentors.

Our attendance at church services continues to slowly drop. Let's all do our best to bring our friends and neighbors to our church and provide them with a positive and faith filled experience.

Please remember to keep our Pastor, Church Staff and Council Members in your prayers. Keep praying for the strengthening and positive growth of our congregation.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday November 23, 2011

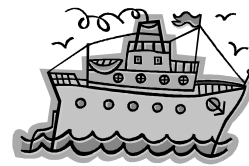
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come and Worship!



Aboard the StewardShip

By Betsy Boorse, StewardShip Team



Anyone who has ever had a garden, especially here in Tucson, knows it takes a lot of work and patience to produce anything be it flowers, vegetables, or fruit. Now imagine that you are the manager of a huge growing operation. You have put in the long hours of planting, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and otherwise tending your crops and now you anticipate a huge harvest. You need workers to help you gather in your harvest or all that work will go to rot. This situation is just ripe (pardon the pun) for biblical references.

Before I get to that, however, this is were I get to tell you that your StewardSHIP Team is extremely appreciative of the responses received from you on and following Consecration Sunday. OSLC has a wonderful group of "laborers" to help with our ministry harvest. We thank you one and all.

Back to the biblical harvest references. We find almost identical wording in Matthew 9:37 and Luke 10:2 when Jesus tells his disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers (workers) are few. Further he tells them to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers. We also hear of the two sons asked by their father in Matthew 21:28 to work in the field. One said yes but never went; the other said no but eventually did.

Oh how easy it is to just sit and watch the garden. It's nice when the neighbor's fruit tree hangs over into your yard so you can pick the occasional fruit. But what a feeling when you pitch in and make it happen! You get the weary satisfaction of doing your best and seeing the fruits of your labor. We are so very blessed with the generous givers of time and talent here at OSLC. We are also very blessed with generous financial givers; unfortunately, there is still much work to do to bring in that harvest. If you have submitted your financial commitment to support our ministries in 2012, thank you. If you have not, please prayerfully consider how you are managing the gifts God our Father has bestowed on you. Are you joyfully returning the first fruits to Him? Let us all pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. Please say yes.

ThanksforGiving Food Boxes

Collecting donations for food boxes has begun! Bring your food, monetary donations to the church between now and Friday, Nov. 18. With the food and/or the money donated to purchase food, food boxes will be filled and delivered to Tucson families in need on Saturday, Nov. 19. Start your shopping now, watch for ads at local grocery stores, for the following food items:

canned/package foods	pasta/spaghetti sauce
peanut butter/jelly	stuffing mix
pancake mix/syrup/cereal	

(perishable food items, including turkeys, fresh produce will be collected/purchased the last week of the food drive)

The grocery cart on the patio is available for your donations! Thank you!

Also, thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their financial support!

Spotlight on Volunteers —One Body, Many Gifts (Romans 12:5)

Meet the Havenhills, 11:5 worshipers and much, much more! Mary and Asher Havenhill, together with their children, Emily and Jonathan, now 14 and 16 years old, joined OSLC in January of 2000. It wasn't long after that that they were actively involved in our ministries, beginning with 1st Sunday ushering at the 11:15 service.

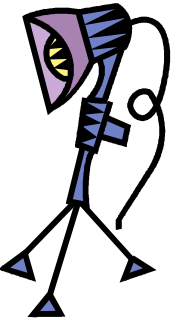
Mary also volunteered her culinary and baking talents, often cooking and baking for Sunday Morning Fellowship, Sunday Lunches, New Member Orientations, Funeral Receptions and Special Events. Within a short time, Asher was involved in the Acolyte Ministry, training all of our new acolytes, helping with the 11:15 acolytes every Sunday, and planning acolyte appreciation/recognition breakfasts.

Add to that teaching Sunday School for 2nd and 3rd graders, and assisting with communion; Asher has served on the Church Council for 2 terms, and serves on the Stewardship Team; Mary is on the Advisory Committee for a future pre-school here at OSLC; Emily and Jonathan acolyte at special worship services, and both attend Sunday school, participate in the Youth Group, and attend summer Work Camps; the family also delivers Food Boxes at Thanksgiving and Easter, and Welcome Baskets weekly to first-time visitors to OSLC; Asher also delivers sermons (he preached at our worship services on 9/25), helps out with rides to and from church, and has volunteered at OSLC - Habitat builds.

Dr. Asher Havenhill, who holds a doctorate in Physics, is a systems engineer at Raytheon. With his background in geology, Asher has an extensive knowledge and collection of rocks and minerals, and has presented at the Sunday Forum and Adult VBS.

Mary has worked as pre-school teacher/daycare provider for many years and currently runs a successful daycare in her home. Through Mary's work, the family met Kyleigh D'Anna, now 12 years old. Due to her failing health, Kyleigh's mother is unable to care for her so the Havenhills are providing a home for Kyleigh which includes seeing to her spiritual growth. She was baptized at OSLC, was instructed and had her first communion last year, and continues on her faith journey in Faith Development, Sunday School, Youth Group, Work Camp, serving as an acolyte and usher, and all the other Havenhill family volunteer activities.

We can always count on the Havenhill family for just about anything! Thank you Mary, Asher, Emily, Jonathan, and Kyleigh!



Project Hospitality

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 each of the following Monday nights: 11/28; 12/19; and 1/9 (two additional nights are pending).

Volunteers will be asked to host dinners for 10 – 12 people (6 guests, 2 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.

Events at Our Saviour's

The Senior Social *Count Your Blessings* is on November 16 at 1 p.m. in Koch Chapel. All are welcome. If you need a ride please call Kathy Oksol (327-6521.)

Lively Lutherans - Scottish Program with the Seven Pipers. Join the us November 19, in the Activity Building at 4 p.m. Refreshment will be provided and there is no charge. Open to all! Sign-up in the office.

TUCSON CROP Walk 2011 - SAVE THE DATE and MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, November 13th at 2 p.m. Ramada 14 Reid Park (new Ramada location)

A total of 15 local churches (97 walkers) participated in the 2010 interfaith CROP Walk. Of the \$20,417 donated for the 2010 CROP Walk, **OSLC raised \$3,926!** Here at Our Saviour's all of the 4th Quarter envelopes & contributions for World Hunger were designated for CROP Walk and \$10 was added for each person that donated at least \$10 for World Hunger for CROP Walk 2010. A special thank you to all OSLC members who walked, donated money, and volunteered their time. The CROP Walk donations benefit our local Food Bank and Casa Maria.

Please look for the registration table to sign up or donate for **CROP Walk 2011** starting Sunday October 9th and every Sunday following until the walk. Additional information will be provided in the Sunday bulletin and a map with the new start location will be available at the registration table.

College Group Serve Day! Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m. – 2p.m. Show up and we'll be making sandwiches for people in need of a good meal!

Sunday School Teachers get together & winter curriculum! Sat. Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. in the Activity Building.

Nordic Fair, Saturday, December 3 at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Food and Crafts are made by Swedish, Danish, Norwegians, and Finnish Clubs. Entertainment is provided by Adult and Children's dance groups.

You Might Want to Know...

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.

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

Exciting News from Interfaith Community Services. The new and expanded Food Bank opened the end of October 2011. The 2,700-square-foot **Food Bank** building at 2820 W Ina Rd was completed in less than two months and well ahead of the busy holiday season when the demand for food assistance skyrockets. Currently, ICS is giving out an average of 1,000 emergency food boxes and over 12,000 supplemental food items each month.

Volunteers in the Resource Center at the Ina Rd office offers assistance with job search and resume preparation. They also pick up and deliver Mobile Meals in the Northwest area. Some emergency assistance is available for people who need help with rent, utilities and transportation.

ICS needs volunteers who live in Midtown and East Tucson to drive recipients to doctor's appointments, shopping or make friendly phone calls or visits. It is amazing how friendships develop and grow through these connections and what a great way to serve our community.

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities or services, please call ICS at 297-6049.

OSLC Church Calendar for November, 2011

<http://www.MyChurchEvents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L609J4K509J409L6I3>

Youth News

Click the link below

<http://lutherantucson.org/files/youth12.pdf>

If these links do not work in your browser, go to our website at www.lutherantucson.org/about/news for links to these pages.

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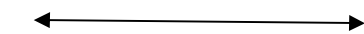
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OUR WORSHIP TIMES

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.

Christian Education at OSLC

On Sundays in addition to worship:

10:10 am— Sunday School classes for children and young adults! 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

Nov. 6 - "*The Triad of Resilience - Faith, Hope and Love.*" In these challenging times, how can we continue to increase our reservoir of resilience? Our faith gives us a tremendous capacity for resilience. Come, and join Cheryl Austin explore this topic - What can we learn from the Saints? From each others' lives? Cheryl Austin has her Masters of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary and is a member of our OSLC community.

Nov. 13 - "*Luther and the Comfort of Faith*" led by Dr. Susan Karant-Nunn, , Director of Medieval and Reformation Studies at the U. of A. It is always a joy to welcome Dr. Susan Karant-Nunn back at the forum. Each presentation gives us new insights into the Reformation and a deeper appreciation of Martin Luther and his teachings.

Nov. 20 - "*Our Library*". Have you read "All the Beasts in the Garden"? If not, find out, share your summer reading and hear Gene Knoor enlighten us about the church library's collection.

Nov. 27 - "*Anthony's Foundation - Help for the Homeless.*"

10:10 am—Sunday Morning Bible Study

"In the Beginning": A Study of Genesis 1-11, Led by Pastor Marilyn. This fall we'll study the first eleven chapters of the first book of the Bible. We'll read those wonderful stories of the creation of the cosmos, the Garden of Eden, Cain & Abel, the Flood, the Tower of Babel and much more! Come join us. Make a new beginning in your own faith journey and enjoy new and growing friendships in Christ!

Additional Opportunities

7:00am—Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets weekly in the Patio Room

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

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm — Wednesdays Together (formerly Options) (Nov. 2, 9, 16)

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 (AB Rm8); Faith Development and Adult Class

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

Apostle's Creed (Grades 3-5, AB5, Inga Davidson)

Jr. High Bible (Grades 6-8, AB7, Kent Pflibsen)

Adult Class: Nov. 2 & 9 - "What Color is God?" We explore the relationship between colors and God. Bring an inexpensive watercolor box and brush to build a color wheel. Paper will be provided.

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.

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 for dates & times.

Angel Tree is coming!

Each star on the Angel Tree represents a child from a local welfare to work housing development. Children who live at Greenwood were asked their Christmas wish list, which is what you will find on each star! Each gift needs to be wrapped and labeled with the child's name, their number & letter. Gifts should be returned by December 18th to either the Patio or church office. Please consider granting a Christmas wish to a child in need this Christmas.

Notes and Notices

Our sympathy is extended to Roy Larson and family on the death of Carol Larson. Carol died in Tucson on August 19, 2011. Her service was held at Our Saviour's on August 26, 2011.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Florence Howe who passed away in Tucson on October 11, 2011. Her service was held on October 24, 2011 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Glen and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and well wishes we received during Glen's recent pacemaker "procedure." Thank God and all of you, he received a clean bill of health. Now he is ready to 'run a marathon' - ha ha. Gratefully, Shirley and Glen Marker

On behalf of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW), please extend my gratitude to the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for their generous donation. We rely on donations such as yours to assist the agency in minimizing the impact of operating expenses, thus ensuring that 90% of every dollar donated to LSS-SW directly funds services in the community. We are proud to be the social service arm of the Lutheran Church as we work in partnership. God's Blessings - Charles E. Monroe

Dear Navajo Mission Friends and Supporters: We have so much to be thankful for here in Rock Point! The efforts that are part of our vision of connecting diverse cultures and communities, while offering a place for the spiritual formation of all who visit, live, and go to school here at the Mission. We especially want to thank you for your gift, and to let you know we consider you a Mission Partner in all of our endeavors to provide effective ministry here among the Navajo people. Grace and Peace, The Rev. Dr. Lynn Hubbard

Acolyte and Greeter Schedules Nov., 2011

Acolytes:

- Nov. 6 8:45: Erika Cook, James Hughes, George Saphir
11:15: Jacob Porter
Nov. 13 8:45: Otto Krueger, Stephen Larson, Laurence Wolf
11:15: Alexis/Delia Mohler
Nov. 20 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan/Noah Pupach
11:15: Evan Williams
Nov. 27 8:45: Katie Peterson, Leilana/Maliyah Pye
11:15: Kyleigh D'Anna-Havenhill

Greeters:

- Nov. 6 7:45: Susan/Don Peters
8:45: Julia Olsen-Peterson, Gerry Meyer, Lana Shiel
11:15: Eleanore Johnson, Capanna family
Nov. 13 7:45: LaVerne Walsh
8:45: Gloria Matson, David/Isaac Schmersal
11:15: J.D. McNett, Tina Neil
Nov. 20 7:45: Sue/Ron Ressler
8:45: Gloria Alvillar, Seth Hepler, Hunter Rios
11:15: Therese Arnett, Mary Enemark
Nov. 27 7:45: Angela/Brent Borchers
8:45: Mel Riise, Krueger family
11:15: Tara/Dave Harper, Alexis/Delia Mohler

Joyful,

Joyful

We Adore

Thee.

God of Glory,

Lord of Love!

Women's Ministry

OSLC Circle Schedule

Hannah Lydia ~ November 8, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room

(Contact: tba)

Rebecca ~ November 9, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room

(Contact: Gene Knorr, 325-7143)

Circle of Friends ~ November 15, 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.)

Quilters will be meeting on November 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Activity Building. Come and Enjoy!

Knit-Ins are starting up on November 2at 1 p.m. and November 16 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 November 18. We will be meeting in the Activity Bldg. in room 1 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.

Women of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod Convention

Friday, Nov. 4, 3 p.m. – Sunday, Nov. 6, noon
Sheraton Hotel, 5151 E. Grant Rd., Tucson, 85712
Theme: Renew Our Steadfast Spirit; Theme Verse: Isaiah 40:31
For registration info, please contact Laura Krueger (623) 374-2152.

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.

Men's Ministry

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

Fourteenth Musical Potpourri Concert to Benefit TIHAN

Sunday November 13, 2011, 3 p.m.
Lutheran Church of the Foothills 5102 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ.
Meet the Musicians at the reception following the concert.
Tickets \$12, Children under 10 free. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.
Contact Beth Daum at daum5735@yahoo.com for more information.

Come hear Crystal Stark and her unique vocal style, Reveille Men's Chorus and the Jazz All Stars.

Ladies' Night Out ~ Chick Flick

We will be showing "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" and sharing Greek food for dinner! Bring a new or your favorite Greek dish to share!

Join us on

Friday, November 11
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: krisw@oslcpsemail.com.



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From My Perch—Peckings from Lydia, the church cockatiel

Twick or Tweet? What fun we had last month! September ended with the Harvest Fest, Consecration Sunday ended with a church picnic and October ended with Trunk or Treat – events designed to encourage you to invite people to attend.

You may not have thought about it much, but believe it or not, people love personal invitations to events like the many we hold here at Our Saviour's. Ahhh. The power of a personal invitation. In a recent issue of Outreach Magazine that was lining the bottom of my cage, I read that more than 80% of people invited to attend a church by a friend responded positively. By my bird brain calculations, if every one of the average 350 weekly attendees of our church asked someone to attend, we could increase our congregation by 280 people! Wow! Now that's evangelism!



You saw them last year for the first time and you'll be seeing them again soon for Thanksgiving and Christmas—invitation cards. Pick one or two up and hand them to someone you think might like to join us in worship on Thanksgiving or Christmas Eve. Don't keep them as souvenirs! Squawk! Pass them along and let's see our congregation grow this winter as we bring new people into the fold of Our Saviour's.