



A Multi-Campus Ministry

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## Our Savior's Newsletter

August 2020

### EAST MESA CAMPUS

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Dwight Walth - Choir & Bell Ministry

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### Secretaries

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### CHURCH COUNCIL

**President** - Janice Cunningham

**Vice President** - Mike Kraklow

**Secretary** - Barbara Reurink

**Co-Treasurers** - Karen Howard and  
Cindy Reichert

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Susan Drane, Administration

Richard Falk, Missions

Leonard Schroeder, Evangelism

Suzy Cavoto

Ron Rock

Cindy Reichert

Robert Kolafa

### COORDINATING COMMITTEES

Mike Kraklow, East Mesa

Janice Cunningham, Gold Canyon

### EAST MESA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**M-Th:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Friday:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

### GOLD CANYON OFFICE HOURS

As we read the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, we see how God wrestles with humanity and how humanity wrestles with God. In the case of Jacob, it happens quite literally. As one looks around, one can see wrestling everywhere: in society, in education, in cities, in council meetings, in families making decisions, in one's own mind.

Remember that when one wrestles with God, God is at work to shape the life and mind of Christ in each one of us. Wrestling is not a bad thing. It develops muscles, endurance, and character. Not all of these metaphors are figurative. Romans 5:1-5 reminds us:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also **boast in our sufferings**, knowing that **suffering produces endurance**,<sup>4</sup> and **endurance produces character**, and **character produces hope**,<sup>5</sup> and **hope does not disappoint us**, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through **the Holy Spirit that has been given to us** (emphasis mine).

Please know that you are not the only one wrestling these days. Know that God is at work in you, that God's will might be done in and through you. God has also gifted us with one another, on the same team, the body of Christ. We support, carry, even tag-off when necessary. We practice who we are. We will get through this... together.

Let this reminder encourage you in all of the areas in which you wrestle these days!

Your tag-team partner,  
Pastor Bill Rindy

## **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ABBREVIATED COUNCIL MINUTES**

July 21, 2020

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Barb Reurink, Janice Cunningham, Cindy Reichert, John Malmberg, Susan Drane, Suzy Cavoto, Robert Kolafa, Leonard Schroeder, Richard Falk

ABSENT: Ron Rock, Karen Howard

STAFF: Pastor Bill Rindy, Pastor Tina Mills, Dave Reurink and Kim McCracken

CALL TO ORDER: (7:00 PM) by Janice Cunningham

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Mills gave the prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Suzy Cavoto moved to approve the agenda and second by Leonard Schroeder. MC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Leonard Schroeder moved to accept the June 16, 2020 minutes and was seconded by Suzy Cavoto. MC

STAFF REPORTS:

Pastor Rindy: 1. All are working within a new rhythm – a good team of volunteers. 2. Several people have expressed thanks for the telephone worship ministry. 3. Thanked the Council for his vacation time. 4. There **have been some deaths and the new “normal” for performing funerals and memorial services.**

Pastor Mills: 1. The leader for the Grief Group has left the congregation. Looking at how to continue with this. 2. People appreciating the phone worship. 3. The phone calling ministry is very appreciated. 4. Synod news- Churches are handling reopening differently.

Kim McCracken: 1. Continuing to email families in groups and singly. 2. Recording Sunday School lesson and putting on Facebook. 3. Meeting with youth weekly on Sundays – **study on discipleship.** 4. **Friday evenings going to youth's homes for dinner and games.** 5. **Campformation didn't happen and now planning for next year.** 6. **Doing WELCA study for Sarah Circle** which will meet on July 27 @ 6:30pm. 7. VBS was held via Zoom for 10 children.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Cindy Reichert gave the Treasurer's report. Richard Falk moved to **accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Barb Reurink. MC**

EAST MESA CAMPUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE: No report.

GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Written report.

EVANGELISM: No report

MISSIONS: **Mission of the month is the Leaf Fund. (Pastor's fund)**

ADMINISTRATION: No report

FACILITIES: Cleaning service coming in one day a week at East Mesa. Dave will have them come in before reopening to strip and re wax the kitchen floor. Waiting on monsoon to see if there are any roof leaks. If there are not any leaks he will replace ceiling tiles. Weeds need to be sprayed. Weeds are coming up in cracks in the parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS: The reopening committee will meet on Tuesday, July 28 @4pm. Robert Kolafa and Dave Reurink were asked to attend this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL ACTION: It is with deep sadness and great appreciation for his service that the Church Council accepts the resignation of Mike Kraklow. Moved by Suzy Cavoto and second by Robert Kolafa.

The East Mesa Coordinating Committee will meet to recommend a new Council representative to be approved by the **Church Council. The Church Council will then appoint this person to fulfill Mike Kraklow's term.**

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ABBREVIATED COUNCIL MINUTES

July 21, 2020

7:00 pm  
(continued)

Zoom Meeting

Elections will be held in February – positions to fill are Susan Drane, Richard Falk. The East Mesa Coordinating Committee representative is appointed.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:21pm

Pastor Rindy led the closing prayer.

UPCOMING MEETING: August 18, 2020 @ 7pm

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GOLD CANYON COORDINATING COMMITTEE

July 7, 2020

Attending: Janice Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Leonard Schroeder, Suzy Cavoto, John Malmberg, Karen Howard, Mike Johnson, Ruth Parker, Mike Johnson, Susan Drane

Staff: Pr. Tina Mills, Kim McCracken

Absent: Richard Falk, Mike Kraklow, Kitty Daniels, Dave Reurink, Pr. Bill Rindy

Pastor Tina opened the meeting with prayer.

Our facilities have been closed since March 17<sup>th</sup>. We have not been holding face to face meetings. This was our fourth monthly meeting done through Zoom. Because there was no Agenda a casual conversation was held.

Pr. Bill is on vacation. A general discussion was held and the following items were reviewed:

- **The recording equipment has been installed at the Gold Canyon campus. Service was recorded at both campuses** this past weekend. Everyone was encouraged to go online to watch the Gold Canyon service if they have not yet done that. We are looking for volunteers to operate the equipment. Kim suggested that her daughter, Sarah be contacted. She has experience with audio visual equipment. Mike Johnson volunteered, as did Robert Cunningham. Janice will contact Sue Wright to see if she is interested.
- **Kim sent a written report which is attached.**
- **The Swanson house has sold and closed. We netted over \$191,000. The funds will be distributed as follows:** Sixty thousand dollars was placed into the reserve fund; forty thousand dollars was sent through the Legacy Fund and applied directly to the principal on the mortgage; expenses incurred during the sale of the house were returned to the General Fund. The Council voted to send two thousand dollars to the Synod; forty thousand dollars will be sent through the Legacy Fund and applied directly to the principal on the mortgage in August; in October the Council will review our finances to see how much of the remaining funds can be applied to mortgage.
- **With the increase of COVID-19** and the absence of new guidance from Governor Ducey or Bishop Hutterer there is no plan to reopen any time soon. We are still ready to reopen with 10 days notice.
- **Mike Johnson had attended a worship service at Spirit of Hope on July 5<sup>th</sup>.** They served communion in disposable sets that included both the wafer and the wine. Masks were required and they did social distance. There was no public congregating and no printed material. They did take attendance so notifications could be made if someone got ill.
- **Leonard commented that perhaps we could have people start collecting aluminum cans to raise money for the Youth.** Weeds need to be sprayed. Robert will contact Dave to see if we have a contract for anyone to take care of weeds.
- **Pr. Tina reminded all of us to be extra careful with our health. Her brother and all of his family in Yuma are COVID-19 positive.** Please keep them in your prayers.

Pr. Tina closed us with a prayer.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position For All Funds as of 06/30/2020

## Assets

<b>Bank</b>	
Chase Business Checking	\$ 451,653.65
Chase PPP Loan Checking	\$ 19,549.32
ELCA Federal Credit Union	\$ 25.00
MIF Investment Acct	\$ 5,190.50
Vanguard - OSLC Endowment	\$ 608,782.92
Education Portion	\$ 8,182.45
Other Portion	\$ 2,592.33
<b>Total Vanguard - OSLC Endowment</b>	<b>\$ 619,557.70</b>
Vanguard Capital Projects	\$ 367.36
- Columbarium Niches	\$ 5,475.00
<b>Total Vanguard Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$ 5,842.36</b>
Vanguard Reserve Account	\$ 4,196.81
Petty Cash	\$ 172.94
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>\$ 1,106,188.28</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$ 2,600.00</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,226,455.05</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$6,335,243.33</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 16,836.72
Payroll Withholding & Taxes	\$ 6,645.67
Chase PPP Loan Payable	\$ 77,481.00
Property Taxes Payable	\$ (140.00)
Swanson House	\$ (556.48)
Mortgage Payable	\$ 1,773,269.86
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,873,536.77</b>

## Net Assets

<b>Restricted</b>	
Adult Education Materials Fund	\$ 2,922.53
Angel Tree Fund	\$ 998.54
Capital Projects - Vanguard	\$ 5,842.36
Chase PPP Fund	\$ (83,644.65)
CYF General Fundraisers	\$ 1,883.64
CYF Noisy Offerings	\$ 2,975.15
CYF Trunk or Treat	\$ (1,972.05)
CYF VBS	\$ 239.21
CYF Youth-Sunday School	\$ 992.80
CYF Youth Gatherings	\$ 470.67
CYF Youth Scholarships	\$ 422.15
Designated Offerings	\$ 48,800.36
EM Chapel Organ Fund	\$ 4,169.00
Endowment Fund - Vanguard	\$ 619,657.70
Family Promise Fund	\$ 3,626.47
Food Shelf Fund	\$ 1,935.00
GC Choir Fund	\$ 574.00
Gods Work Our Hands Fund	\$ 2,895.34
Holiday Flowers Fund	\$ 70.84
I-Help Fund	\$ 3,937.83
Legacy (debt reduction) Fund	\$ 43,224.60
Local Emergency Aid Fund	\$ 14,794.36
Mesa AV Project Fund	\$ (508.46)
Mesa Sign Project Fund	\$ 56.59
MIF Investments	\$ 5,190.50
Music Fund	\$ (52.50)
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 350.00
Property and Equipment	\$ 3,432,451.71
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	\$ 64,196.81
Snack Pack Fund	\$ 11,725.77
Thrivent Sponsored Events	\$ 2,908.96
Undesignated Memorials	\$ 2,642.17
WELCA Fund	\$ 119.66
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 4,193,897.06</b>
<b>Unrestricted (General)</b>	<b>\$ 267,809.50</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,461,706.56</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,335,243.33</b>

## **Children, Youth and Family Ministry Continues during Covid**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to update you as to the ministry that Children, Youth and Family has been up too during the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Although we are unable to meet physically, we do meet every Sunday at 10:30 am for Virtual Sunday School!! We read the Gospel Lesson, discuss the lesson and do a craft or activity!!! The God moment in doing Sunday school through Zoom is that this isn't just Children's Ministry, in many cases the whole family is participating!!

Sarah and I were recording weekly Faith 5 videos. We guided families on the Faith Five practice of Sharing Highs and Lows, Reading the Bible Story, talking about how it relates to our lives (I do most of the talking), Blessing one another and Praying together and for one another. It is typically posted on the Children, Youth and Family Facebook, the OSLC Youth FB pages and to the OSLC Website (when I remember). We have taken a hiatus from the videos to work on sound issues and will be resuming shortly.

Youth Group meets weekly via Zoom on Wednesday at 7:30pm. We currently have 10 youth who participate regularly. We share highs and lows, play games, talk about the world and pray. Games we have played: Scavenger Hunt, Charades, Scatagories, Pictionary and Bible Trivia. This week we will attempt Bingo!! This month began a Bible study using the Daily Discipleship from the ELCA.

We held VBS via Zoom and it went relatively well. We had registration through our website. 16 children registered. 10 children attended each day. We sent recordings to the 6 children (3 families) that participated through video only. We shared a Bible Story, had a science lesson relating to the story, did a craft together although apart and had music. There was a lot more parent participation which was a pro of virtual VBS. Thank You to all the VBS Ministry Team and Richard Wall for providing the Music and song!

Thank you for supporting Children, Youth and Family Ministry!!

God's Peace and Love,  
Kim McCracken

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### **August Mission Project Local Emergency Assistance Fund (Formerly Pastor's Local Aid Fund)**

On nearly a daily basis, people come seeking financial assistance for various needs. We first try to connect them with an agency designed to assist with their need. But many fall through the cracks.

The Local Emergency Assistance Fund (L.E.A.F.) allows us to respond on a case-by-case basis to those in need. Each family/individual is limited to assistance once per year.

If you would like to support those in need in this way, **Thank you very much!** Simply note: L.E.A.F. on your envelope or check to make this happen.

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### **The W-ELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)** will meet on the 4th Monday of the month.

If you are not a part of the Sarah Circle but would still like to attend the Bible study and discussion or would just like more information email [kimm@oslcaz.org](mailto:kimm@oslcaz.org).

# Happy Birthday

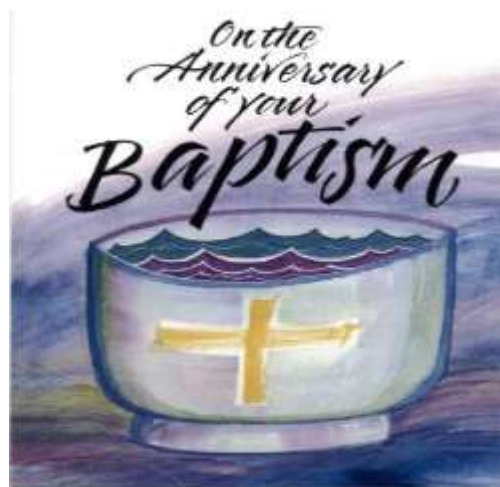
08/01	Denny Kylo	08/14	Gene Hildreth
08/01	Marcia Wilkins	08/14	Sharon Mason
08/02	Louise Sonnenburg	08/15	Duane Kilber
08/02	Debby Rindy	08/15	Myra Johnson
08/03	Lloyd Dobratz	08/16	Bobbi Bredeson
08/03	Florence Wheeler	08/16	Richard Olness
08/03	Kim Oyen	08/17	Sue Walker
08/04	Audrey Stafford	08/18	Joan Miller
08/04	Lou Krenz	08/18	Marg Ehnert
08/04	Karl Jacobsen	08/20	Carl Hillmer
08/04	Patricia Rissler	08/20	Shirlee Fuhr
08/05	James Gebeke	08/20	Gregg Walker
08/05	Arlene Mills	08/20	Keith Schuh
08/05	Ruth Beutel	08/20	Vyolet Wise
08/05	Alan Stensrud	08/21	Adrienne Bengtson
08/05	Jack Neubauer	08/22	Kay Hanson
08/05	JoAnn Peterson	08/22	Rip Davis
08/06	Carri Mortenson	08/22	Robert Kolafa
08/07	Bob Nelson	08/22	John Millard
08/07	Laura Degen	08/23	Karen Jensen
08/08	Carol Norrs	08/23	Terri Huish
08/08	Galen Casterton	08/23	John Young
08/09	Curtis Lechner	08/24	Emily Webster (Walth)
08/09	Donna Stelter	08/25	Barbara Mathews
08/09	Steve Jeffers	08/25	Don Deuel
08/09	Katie Nichols	08/25	Sharon Kaylor
08/10	Rita Wempen	08/25	Connie Berndt
08/11	Barb Gosney	08/26	Mike Garaas
08/12	Lois Aldridge	08/27	Wally Rindy
08/12	Ruth Christopherson	08/27	Linda Teske
08/12	Marilyn Baldner	08/28	Fred Ohlrogge
08/12	Jerry Hanson	08/28	Gary Lorinser
08/13	Dolores Baldry	08/28	Judy Thomas
08/13	Grant Joy	08/28	Barb Reurink
08/13	Paul Johnson	08/29	Max Horn
08/13	Becket Castle	08/29	Judy Mercier
		08/29	Ron Rock
		08/30	Leo Pfeister
		08/30	Carolyn Allen

# Wishing You a Happy Anniversary!



08/01 Braaten, Marjorie & Odell  
 08/03 Swenson, Ron & Margaret  
 08/03 Backus, Lane & Julie  
 08/03 Werpy, Michael & Bonnie  
 08/04 Welch, Jennifer & Howard  
 08/04 Kilber, Joyce & Duane  
 08/10 Keech, Sharon & Gary  
 08/10 Dalton, Tammy & Mike  
 08/11 Jennings, Mike & Michele  
 08/12 Hess, Pat & Gordie  
 08/12 Buckentin, Delia & Joel  
 08/12 Vollrath, Suzanne & John  
 08/13 Galstad, Carol & Karl  
 08/14 Almen, Sally & Lowell  
 08/14 Priola, Karen & Rich  
 08/15 Zimmerman, Janelle & Don  
 08/17 Peterson, Marilyn & Bill  
 08/17 Casterton, Bonnie & Galen  
 08/19 Larson, Dennis & Shirley  
 08/20 Fuhr, Hugh & Shirlee  
 08/20 Reichman, Jan & Jim  
 08/21 Walker, Sue & Gregg  
 08/22 Hildreth, Gale & Gene  
 08/22 Perala, Oj & Norma  
 08/22 Finnegan, Gloria & Jerry  
 08/23 Wise, Jane & Stan  
 08/23 Wren, Char & Fran  
 08/24 Cavoto, Suzy & Peter  
 08/25 Wagner, Jeff & Cheri  
 08/26 DuFour, Barb & Gary  
 08/26 Mercier, Judy & Bob  
 08/28 Olness, Jackie & Richard  
 08/28 Bartlemay, Lisa & Bob  
 08/29 Scheie, Mary & Carl  
 08/31 Deuel, Anita & Don

8/25/2002	Keiran	Rader
8/3/2003	Dallon Rae	Kemper
8/3/2008	Jennifer Lynne	Burden
8/28/2011	Lillie	Holmes
8/18/2013	Cambria	Coughlin
8/3/2014	Lexie	Graf
8/3/2014	Talon	Graf
8/14/2016	Evan	Munguia
8/13/2017	Lilian	Sbresny
8/12/2018	Hailey	Carr
8/16/2019	Aaliyah	Janz





# August 2020

## Campuses Closed - Ministry Continues

While the activities listed on our calendar are suspended indefinitely, we are leaving up the calendar on our website to remind you that life will again resemble what we have known as "normal." However, we serve a God who is making all things new, who never leaves us nor forsakes us, so there will be a new "normal" one day soon. Please pray for the ministries represented on our calendar as we long for the day when we can serve God and neighbor face-to-face.



### Mission Items

**FOOD SHELF: Oatmeal/Cereal**  
(Donate to your local Food Bank)

**PROJECT: Local Emergency Assistance Fund**  
Mail financial contributions to  
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	Saturday Service 4:00pm

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